



Bihar's Progress in Basic Indicators

Why in News?

Recently, [NITI Aayog's](#) CEO highlighted Bihar's achievements in key development areas such as education, health and governance.

Key Points

- **Performance in Education and Health:** Bihar is making notable progress in basic indicators like [education](#) and [health](#), expected to catch up with national standards in a few years.
- **Aspirational Blocks:** Improved [governance](#) and service delivery are transforming [aspirational blocks](#) into inspirational ones.
- **AI in Governance:** Bihar is the first Indian state to implement an [AI-driven decision support system for policymakers and mid-career officers](#).
- **BIPARD's Role:** The **Bihar Institute of Public Administration and Rural Development (BIPARD)** introduces three advanced labs focused on data-driven governance, simulation-based training, and collaborative policy formulation.
 - **Introduction of New Labs at BIPARD:**
 - **GenNext Lab:** This lab will leverage secure [artificial intelligence](#) to train administrators in data-driven decision-making, predictive analysis, and governance optimization.
 - **Niti Shala Lab:** An immersive learning environment using advanced simulation technologies. Trainees will engage with real-world scenarios to enhance their [governance skills](#).
 - **Viksit Chintan Kaksh:** A collaborative space for state officers to strategize and deliberate on pivotal policy decisions. Equipped with communication and data-sharing tools to drive **policy consensus and governance reforms**.

NITI Aayog

- **Background:**
 - Planning Commission was replaced by a new institution **NITI Aayog** on **1st January, 2015** with emphasis on 'Bottom -Up' approach to envisage the vision of Maximum Governance, Minimum Government, echoing the spirit of ['Cooperative Federalism'](#).
 - It has two Hubs.
 - Team India Hub acts as interface between States and Centre.
 - Knowledge and Innovation Hub builds the think-tank acumen of NITI Aayog.
- **Composition:**
 - **Chairperson:** Prime minister
 - **Vice-Chairperson:** To be appointed by Prime-Minister
 - **Governing Council:** Chief Ministers of all states and Lt. Governors of Union Territories.
 - **Regional Council:** To address specific regional issues, Comprising Chief Minister and Lt. Governors Chaired by the Prime Minister or his nominee.
 - **Ad-hoc Membership:** Two members in ex-officio capacity from leading Research institutions on a rotational.
 - **Ex-Officio membership:** Maximum four from the Union council of ministers to be nominated by the Prime Minister.

- **Chief Executive Officer:** Appointed by the Prime-minister for a fixed tenure, in the rank of Secretary to Government of India.
- **Special Invitees:** Experts, Specialists with domain knowledge nominated by the Prime Minister.
- **Objectives:**
 - To foster cooperative federalism through structured support initiatives and mechanisms with the States on a continuous basis, recognizing that strong States make a strong nation.
 - To develop mechanisms to formulate credible plans at the village level and aggregate these progressively at higher levels of government.
 - To ensure, on areas that are specifically referred to it, that the interests of national security are incorporated in economic strategy and policy.
 - To pay special attention to the sections of our society that may be at risk of not benefiting adequately from economic progress.
 - To provide advice and encourage partnerships between key stakeholders and national and international like-minded Think Tanks, as well as educational and policy research institutions.
 - To create a knowledge, innovation and entrepreneurial support system through a collaborative community of national and international experts, practitioners and other partners.
 - To offer a platform for resolution of inter-sectoral and inter-departmental issues in order to accelerate the implementation of the development agenda.
 - To maintain a state-of-the-art Resource Centre, be a repository of research on good governance and best practices in sustainable and equitable development as well as help their dissemination to stakeholders.

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