

8th Governing Council Meeting of NITI Aayog

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Context- Recently, the Prime Minister of India has led the eighth Governing Council Meeting of NITI Aayog.

Chief Ministers and Lieutenant Governors from 19 States and 6 UTs attended the meeting.

Key Highlights

- **Theme:**
 - Viksit Bharat @ 2047: Role of Team India
- **Address of PM:**
 - In order to achieve the goal of a “Viksit Bharat (Developed India)” in 2047, the federal government and the states would need to cooperate as “Team India.”
 - NITI Aayog can assume a basic part in assisting the States with fostering their methodologies for the following 25 years and adjust something very similar to the public improvement plan.
 - In order for the nation to significantly advance toward realizing its vision for the “Amrit Kaal,” the States and Union Territories were urged to collaborate with the Aayog.
 - There is a requirement for the States and the Middle to advance “Shree Anna” in the Global Year of Millets.
 - Additionally, he deliberated on the necessity of utilizing the “Amrit Sarovar” program to promote water conservation.

What is the Governing Council of NITI Aayog?

- With the active participation of States and Union Territories, it is the premier body entrusted with developing a shared vision of national priorities and strategies.
- Inter-departmental, inter-sectoral, and federal issues can be discussed on this platform.
- It comprises:
 - The Prime Minister of India.
 - Chief Ministers of all the states and union territories with the legislature.
 - Lt Governors of other UTs.
 - Ex-Officio Members,
 - Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog,
 - Full-Time Members, NITI Aayog.
 - Special Invitees.

What is NITI Aayog?

- On January 1, 2015, a new organization known as NITI Aayog took the place of the Planning Commission. It emphasized a “Bottom-Up” approach in order to envision a vision of Maximum Governance and Minimum Government, echoing the spirit of “Cooperative Federalism.”
- It has two Center points,
 - Group India Center point goes about as a point of interaction among States and Center.
 - The NITI Aayog think-tank’s expertise is built by the Knowledge and Innovation Hub.