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TODAY'S IMPORTANT CURRENT AFFAIRS

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TODAY'S DROPS OF NEWS:

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POLITY	NITI Aayog suggests reduced 'core' grant support for state S&T bodies.
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POLITY

In news: NITI Aayog suggests reduced 'core' grant support for state S&T bodies.

NITI Aayog or the National Institution for Transforming India, established on January 1, 2015, is the policy think tank of the Indian government, replacing

the Planning Commission. It focuses on inclusive development, cooperative federalism, and sustainable growth. The organization is led by the Prime Minister and members include state representatives and experts. established through a Union cabinet resolution, replacing the erstwhile Planning Commission, thus it a non-constitutional body and not a statutory body.

Mandate:

- It has a **twin mandate**:
- To oversee the **adoption and monitoring of the SDGs** in the country; and
- Promote **competitive and cooperative federalism** among States and UTs.

Composition:

- **Chairperson:** Prime Minister (PM) of India.
- **Governing Council:**
- PM of India;
- Chief Ministers (CMs) of all the States and UTs with legislature;
- Lt. Governors of other UTs;
- Ex-Officio Members (include maximum 4 members of Union Council of Ministers nominated by the PM);
- Vice Chairperson, NITI Aayog (appointed by the PM);
- Full-Time Members, NITI Aayog; and
- Special Invitees (include experts, specialists and practitioners with relevant domain knowledge nominated by the PM).

NITI Aayog Hubs:

- Team India Hub acts as interface between States and Centre.
- Knowledge and Innovation Hub builds the think-tank acumen of NITI Aayog.
- The Aayog planned to come out with three documents — 3-year action agenda, 7-year medium-term strategy paper and 15-year vision document.

NITI Aayog Pillars:

NITI Aayog's operations are built upon seven foundational pillars defining its governance approach: Pro-People Orientation, Proactivity, Participation, Empowerment, Inclusivity, Equality and Transparency.

Pro-People Orientation: Policies are designed to reflect societal and individual aspirations, ensuring an equitable approach that caters to diverse demographic needs.

Proactivity: Adopting a forward-looking stance, NITI Aayog responds swiftly to emerging challenges and citizen needs, aiming for timely intervention and solutions.

Participation: Upholding India's democratic ethos, NITI Aayog promotes public involvement in policymaking through consultations and community engagement, fostering inclusivity in decision-making.

Empowerment: Prioritizing empowerment, particularly of women, youth, and marginalised communities, NITI Aayog fosters equal opportunities in education, employment, and leadership.

Inclusivity: Committed to inclusive development, NITI Aayog ensures equal access and opportunities, focusing on disadvantaged groups, rural communities, and farmers.

Equality: With equality as a foundation, NITI Aayog seeks to create an environment where youth and underrepresented groups can realize their full potential.

Transparency: Transparency is integral, as NITI Aayog promotes accountability through open data initiatives and regular reporting, enhancing trust in governance.

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