NITI Aayog

"Planning commission was a master of resources w/o being a master of ideas, Niti Aayog is master of ideas w/o master of resources!"

— Amitabh Kant —

✓ NITI – 2015 – exec order – Think Tank ☑

provide – policy inputs

① Policy and Programme
- National Bamboo mission;
- declassify 17A

② Cooperative federalism
- Aspirational Districts,
- Governing council

③ MONITORING, EVALUATION
- ✓ CWMI
- ✓ NITI Darpan

④ THINK TANK, Knowledge Hubs
- ✓ AIM
- ✓ EV POLICY
- ~~3~~ INDIA @ 75

Benefits

① coordinate across state & ministries

eg Panel of Chief Min on rationalising CSS

② Cooperative federalism

eg Governing council.

(3) generate fresh ideas + dissemination
(eg) National Bamboo Mission

(4) Competitive Federalism

(5) Greater Accountability
(PC) → evaluation much later

(6) Advice States
(eg) UP on restructuring planning dept

(7) Bring in Private Expertise —
recruit young Professionals

Issues

(1) Financial
(eg) no finance power → finance min.

(2) Investments
(eg) no crore to ↑ pvt/pub investment

(3) Think Tank
(eg) lack of constructive criticism
(eg) mandate is wide & vague.

(4) Social Advancement

(5) friction with government

(6) Too dependent — on outside consultants

WAY FORWARD

(1) VIJAY KELKAR:

Give NITI resources to make grants to state for balanced dev.

(2) ODISHA CM @ governing council —

NITI play Ombudsman's —

to resolve centre-state disputes

Planning Commission ✓Research

Achievements:

(1) Diversified economic base - foundation.

(2) Research - IT, Knowledge.

(3) Directed + Diversified Development

(4) model for 3rd world nations.

(5) Launchpad for develop. econ.

failures

(1) hurdles to agri growth / many dwarfism
✗ removed

(2) Land Reforms - dismal

(3) Poor State - health, edu

(4) Benefits of State led devel - few people.

(5) ↓ in Public Investment

(6) LPG, 1990s — Δ in role of State.

"Make planning fashionable again"

① South Korean manufacturing or China's global leadership in many.

② Globalised world + tech
- → 4th IR
- → EV
- → Biotech

How principles of NITI AAYOG vs. PC

① Cooperative vs. competitive
finance

② Resource Allocation vs. ~~DO~~ think tank
financial power
Approach

③ TOP DOWN vs. Bottom up.
personnel

④ Government Officials vs. Outside expertise

PC

planning centric

NITI

diverse - innovtn, monitoring