

How are the principles followed by NITI different from erstwhile Planning Commission? (250 words).

Erstwhile Planning Commission & NITI Nayog has same objective i.e. to make plans but approach & principles of both the bodies are different.

① Think Tank :-

NITI is govt's think tank where most of the plans ~~are~~ & policies are discussed. Further, any issue raised by states is also discussed.

Planning Commission was entrusted in formulating 5 Year Plans. It was a centralised system of planning.

② Cooperative Federalism :-

In NITI, the states & Centre sit together & design plans & policies which enunciate Cooperative Federalism.

Prior to NITI, NDC had cooperative federalism spirit where 5 Year Plans were approved.

③ Competitive Spirit :-

NITI launches no. of indices on various issues & ranks the states on the basis of their efforts. It increases competitive

spirit among states to do better.

In Planning Commission, competitive federalism was assessed by projected growth in formulation of plans.

④ Strategic Disinvestment :-

In recent years, NITI has recommended govt. to disinvest the sick PSUs due to which their efficiency could be enhanced by privatising them. Further, the money obtained from disinvestment can be used in several welfare schemes.

Planning Commission emphasised more on giving inputs to PSUs rather than disinvesting them.

⑤ Monitoring Policies :-

NITI always carries out pilot projects before actually implementing them to assess their feasibility. Also, feedbacks can ~~also~~ be collected via these projects to further improve them.

Commission monitored through states / central agencies responsible. But monitoring work was less.

⑥ Open Body :-

NITI always invites experts from several fields to give their opinions. Some part-time members are also appointed to give valuable suggestions.

Commission always had Secretaries experts in their fields having experiences to formulate plans. No such experts were invited.

Thus, we can conclude that NITI has been entrusted ~~to~~ with bigger tasks. It has also given a new spirit to planning. More has to be done by NITI to make plans successful.

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