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Q.1 What is NITI Aayog? What are the 5 key changes brought by NITI Aayog in Indian planning? [250W].

A.1 NITI Aayog is the premier policy 'Think Tank' of Government of India. NITI Aayog [National Institution for Transforming India] was established as the successor to the planning commission.

↳ NITI Aayog is an extra-constitutional and a non-statutory body. It provides relevant technical advice to the Centre and States.

↳ The new institution will be a catalyst to the developmental process; nurturing an overall enabling environment through a holistic approach.

↳ It is a knowledge hub of internal as well as external resources and a think tank offering domain knowledge to all levels of government.

↳ It is more public-participatory in nature. NITI is a "bottom-up" approach in contrast to the planning Commission.

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1. A NEW PLANNING TIMELINE

NITI Aayog has set:

- 15-year plan - for achieving social goals such as poverty reduction, improving health and sanitation.
- 7-year strategy - It will chart out policy action outlined as the "National Development Agenda".
- 3-year Action Agenda - It is being worked out to assess funding requirements.

2. UNSHACKLING AGRICULTURE

NITI has proposed major changes in the Agriculture produce marketing committee act. These changes will be one of the biggest reforms in the country.

3. MORE HOLISTIC APPROACH

NITI Aayog policies are more holistic in approach to development going beyond the limited sphere of public sector & government of India.

4. CASHLESS TRANSACTIONS

NITI Aayog has driven new initiatives to push Indians to go for digital payments. This will

help in reducing black money and middlemen in transferring subsidies.

5. DEVELOPMENT IN SOCIAL PROGRAMMES

NITI Aayog suggest of clubbing various social programmes like improving health, education & access to water & centrally sponsored schemes under Umbrella projects.

CONCLUSION

Through its commitment to a cooperative federalism, egalitarian access to opportunity & increasing use of technology NITI seeks to provide a strategic input into development process.