NITI Aayog to Launch SDG India Index & Dashboard 2019–20

Syllabus subtopic: Statutory, regulatory and various quasi-judicial bodies

Prelims and Mains focus: About the SDG India Index and its significance; NITI Aayog

Context: NITI Aayog will launch the second edition of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) India Index.

What is SDG India Index?

- It documents the progress made by India’s States and Union Territories towards implementing the 2030 SDG targets.
- The SDG India Index and Dashboard 2019–20 have been developed in collaboration with the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), the United Nations in India, and the Global Green Growth Institute.
- NITI Aayog has the mandate of overseeing the adoption and monitoring of SDGs in the country, at the national and sub-national level.
- The SDG India Index, whose first edition was launched in December 2018, was the first tool developed by any large country to monitor the progress towards achieving SDGs at the sub-national level.
- The SDG India Index and Dashboard 2019 tracks the progress of and ranks all States and UTs on 100 indicators drawn from MoSPI’s National Indicator Framework, comprising 306 indicators. It indicates where the country and its States and UTs currently are on SDG implementation, and charts the distance to be travelled to reach the SDG targets. The Index covers 16 out of 17 SDGs and a qualitative assessment on Goal 17. This marks an improvement over the 2018 Index, which covered only 13 goals.
About NITI Aayog

- Government of India replaced the old planning commission started in 1950 with a new institution called NITI Aayog on 1 January 2015.
- It works under the **chairmanship of Prime Minister**.
- NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India) seeks to provide a critical directional and strategic input into the development process. It focuses on co-operative federalism.
Objectives of #NITIaayog

- fostering COOPERATIVE FEDERALISM, active involvement of states
- formulation of plans at VILLAGE-level, aggregation at higher levels
- SPECIAL ATTENTION to sections at risk of not benefitting adequately from economic progress
- economic policy that incorporates NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS
- feedback for constant INNOVATIVE IMPROVEMENTS
- partnerships with national and international THINK TANKS
- creating a KNOWLEDGE, INNOVATION & ENTREPRENEURIAL support system
- platform for RESOLUTION of inter-sectoral & inter-departmental issues
- state-of-the-art resource center for RESEARCH on good governance
- focus on TECHNOLOGY upgradation and CAPACITY BUILDING

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