Draft National Energy Policy

What is the issue?

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Draft National Energy Policy prepared by NITI needs alterations.

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What are the features of Draft National Energy policy?

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- It aims to create independence in the energy sector and to provide 24x7 hours power to all.
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- It Focus on energy independence through rationalisation of costs, subsidy & boost to renewable sector.
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- It aim to produce 75 GW energy from the renewable sector till 2022.
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- Emphasis on transition from the coal to clean energy for domestic use.
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- Focus on the infrastructure development ie. The projects like TAPI to development the gas pipelines.
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What are the issues with the DNEP?

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- It encapsulates well the problems and the solutions, but lacks the implementation procedures.
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- It does not define roles, responsibilities and accountability.
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- It does not provide a timeline for delivery and there is no discussion on financing.

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- There isno institutional platform for mediating vested interests and stakeholders engaged with different aspects of the energy sector.
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How the issues can be addressed?

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- Coal, oil and gas are the drivers of Indian economy and, Nation must do utmost to secure its supplies.
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- Energy policy must focus on increasing the share of renewables (solar, wind, bio) in the energy basket and on greening fossil fuels (oil and coal).
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- India should access clean technologies like carbon capture and sequestration, cellulosic biofuels and hydrogen fuel cells in a fast track.
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- India must leverage technology and innovation to render renewables affordable and accessible.
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- Niti Aayog should extend its mandate unilaterally and map each of its policy recommendations against existing institutions of governance.
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