Governing Council of NITI Aayog

***Prelims**: Polity and Governance| Constitutional Bodies | Current events of national and international importance.*

Why in news?

Recently 10th Governing Council Meeting of NITI Aayog is held on 24th May 2025 at New Delhi.

- **Governing Council of NITI Aayog –** The **Governing Council** is the apex body for cooperative federalism and policy coordination between Centre and states.
- Composition
  - Prime Minister (Chairman)
  - Chief Ministers of all States and Union Territories (UTs),
  - Lieutenant Governors of UTs,
  - Union Ministers,
  - Vice Chairman and senior officials of NITI Aayog.
- **Functions** – To discuss national development priorities, multi-state issues and reviews policy implementation.

10th Governing Council Meet (May 2025)

- **Venue –** Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
- **Theme - "Viksit Rajya for Viksit Bharat @2047"**
- **Objectives**:
  - To prepare state wise **long-term, inclusive vision documents** that align with **national priorities** but **tailored to local contexts**.
  - To ensure **grassroots transformation** for people-centric development.
  - To review and implement the recommendations from the **4th National Conference of Chief Secretaries**.

The 4th National Conference of Chief Secretaries (Dec 2024) focused on "Promoting Entrepreneurship, Employment and Skilling – Leveraging the Demographic Dividend.

Strategic Priorities for States

- **Human development** – Health, education, and nutrition.
- **Sustainable growth** – Green energy, climate resilience, and circular economy.
- **Governance reforms** – ICT-based monitoring, accountability, and real-time project evaluation.

- **Economic drivers** – Localized manufacturing, digital economy, MSMEs.
- **Technology & data** – Emphasis on **data-driven governance** and **outcome-based planning**.

Quick Facts

• **NITI Aayog –** National Institution for Transforming India
• NITI Aayog Policy think tank of the Government of India
• **Formed On** – 1st January 2015 by replacing erstwhile Planning Commission (1950–2014).
• **Composition**
- **Chairperson** – Prime Minister
- **Vice chairperson** - Shri Suman Bery
- **CEO** - B. V. R. Subrahmanyam
- **Full time members** – Appointed by PM
- **Ex-Officio members –** Minister of Finance, Defence, Home Affairs, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
• **Key Bodies within NITI Aayog**
- Governing Council
- Regional Councils
- Team India Hub
- Knowledge and Innovation Hub

Reference

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