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Subject- NITI Aayog as a source of information.

1.0. NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India) is the **policy think tank of the Government of India**, established on **1 January 2015**, replacing the **Planning Commission**.

2.0. NITI Aayog' website can be utilised as a source of following information in Audit processes such as Desk reviews, pilot studies, ongoing audit assignments etc: -

2.1 Key Initiatives of NITI Aayog and Their Impact on Madhya Pradesh

NITI Aayog, a policy think tank for the Indian government, has launched several initiatives to promote innovation, sustainable development, and economic growth. Many of these programs have significantly impacted Madhya Pradesh: -

2.2 Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)

The mission is a flagship program promoting innovation and entrepreneurship, focusing on youth and startups. Key initiatives under AIM include:

- i. **Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs):** These labs are established in schools for students from classes 6 to 12. ATLs foster a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship by providing tools like 3D printers and robotics kits. Madhya Pradesh has 425 operational ATLs.
- ii. **Atal Incubation Centres (AICs):** Set up in universities and R&D institutions, AICs support startups with mentorship, technical facilities, and seed capital. In Madhya Pradesh, key incubators include AIC-Aartech, AIC-RNTU Foundation, and AIC-Prestige.
- iii. **Atal Community Innovation Centres (ACICs):** These centres aim to foster innovation in underserved regions. Currently, no ACIC has been established in Madhya Pradesh.
- iv. **Atal New India Challenges (ANICs):** ANICs are national-level, grant-based challenges that support Indian startups and MSMEs in developing technology-based solutions for societal issues. Innovators in Madhya Pradesh can participate in these challenges.

2.3 Aspirational Districts Programme (ADP)

ADP accelerates development in India's most underdeveloped districts by improving socio-economic indicators. As of 2025, Madhya Pradesh has eight districts under this program: Barwani, Chhatarpur, Damoh, Guna, Khandwa (East Nimar), Rajgarh, Singrauli, and Vidisha.

2.4 Mentor India Campaign

The Campaign uses volunteer "Mentors of Change" to guide students in ATLs. While NITI Aayog's campaign focuses on schools, Madhya Pradesh has **MANTR (Mentorship Action for Nurturing, Training, and Resilience)** that extends this concept to higher technical education.

2.5 Digital India Initiatives

The **National Health Stack (NHS)** is a digital infrastructure under the broader **Digital India Initiatives** aimed at improving healthcare. In Madhya Pradesh, more than 4.07 crore Ayushman Bharat Health Accounts (ABHA IDs) have been created. The state also has a dedicated Innovation Hub that collaborates with the National Health Mission (NHM-MP) to address health challenges.

2.6 National Data and Analytics Platform (NDAP)

NDAP makes public government data accessible and user-friendly for various users, including researchers and citizens. Madhya Pradesh shares its data with the central NDAP. The state also publishes datasets on India's Open Government Data platform (data.gov.in) and uses its own platforms like the MP Geo Portal.

2.7 Shoonya

It is a nationwide campaign by NITI Aayog to accelerate the adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) in the delivery and ride-hailing sectors. This national effort is not specific to any one state, and its status in Madhya Pradesh depends on corporate partners operating there.

2.8 Methanol Economy

The Methanol Economy program promotes methanol as a clean alternative fuel to reduce India's reliance on imported crude oil. There is no state-specific report on this program for Madhya Pradesh.

2.9 Strategy for New India @75

This document serves as a roadmap for India to achieve a robust and inclusive economy. Madhya Pradesh has implemented many aspects of this strategy to drive industrial growth and improve governance.

2.10 SDG India Index

- i. The index monitors the progress of states and union territories toward the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In the 2023–24 index, Madhya Pradesh was classified as a **"Front Runner"** state with an overall score of 67, showing significant progress

- ii. **Areas of Strong Performance:** Madhya Pradesh has performed exceptionally well in **Affordable and Clean Energy** (SDG 7, score 90) and **Life on Land** (SDG 15, score 90). The state also performed outstandingly in **Responsible Consumption and Production** (SDG 12), with a score of 92.
- iii. **Areas Needing Improvement:** The state's scores are below 50 for **Gender Equality** (SDG 5), **Quality Education** (SDG 4) and **Zero Hunger** (SDG 2) also need more focused effort. The state scored 39 on **Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure** (SDG 9), indicating this is a key area for development.

2.11 e-AMRIT

The e-AMRIT portal is a "one-stop site" created by NITI Aayog to promote electric mobility in India. The Madhya Pradesh government notified its own **EV Policy 2025** to accelerate EV adoption and boost manufacturing. According to preliminary data from the India Electric Mobility Index (IEMI), Madhya Pradesh's progress is assessed within a broader national framework.

- 3.0 Apart from these initiatives, knowledge source of **368 best practices and 162 policies in Madhya Pradesh** may also be fetched from the official website of NITI Aayog.
- 4.0 Key trends and insights at State, District and Block levels have been visualised through diverse data resources containing **989 datasets** available across different sectors and contents (data catalogue) e.g. India Population Census Data, Medical Certification of Cause of Death (MCCD), Accidental Deaths & Suicides in India (ADSI), School Education Quality Index (SEQI) etc.

All AMG's are encouraged to utilise information/datasets available on NITI Aayog portal for desk review, pilot study, Audit planning, processes and products.

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