

NITI Aayog shortlisted states for transformative change in Health & Education

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In order to catalyse transformational change in key social sectors, NITI Aayog has initiated a unique and novel initiative SATH

Under recently launched program SATH (Sustainable Action for Transforming Human Capital) by NITI Aayog and its knowledge partners which will provide strategic, technical and implementation support to three states for each sector, committee comprising of NITI members was created.

They spent two days assessing and vetting presentations by 14 States for each of the two social sectors. The states showcased the initiatives undertaken by them thus far, their willingness to accelerate improvement and justified why they should be selected for the institutional support being offered by NITI Aayog under the program.

After final selection of the states, a Program Management Unit to push for efficiency and efficacy in governance structures and service delivery will be available at the state level for a period of 30 months. It is expected that these 36 months of focussed attention and support from the premier think tank will lead to a marked transformation and will also provide a model for other States to replicate and adapt.

In health sector, five States have been shortlisted as run up to the final selection of three. These are, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Assam, Karnataka and Gujarat. Similarly in Education, the shortlisted States are Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Andhra Pradesh. In both sectors, the States have to commit to a time-bound focus, governance reforms and delivery of outcomes for final selection for the partnership.