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Q17

**Mention core strategies for the transformation of aspirational districts in India and explain the nature of convergence, collaboration and competition for its success.**

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2018 · GS I · 15 marks · World's Physical Geography

Salient features of world's physical geography.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

Numbers move. Confirm the latest Budget, Economic Survey or census round. This sheet is for revision, not a substitute for the model answer.

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**Launch, January 2018**

**NITI Aayog's** Aspirational Districts Programme began in the same year as this question.

**115 districts**

Initial set of districts chosen as lagging on a composite of development indicators.

**Five theme areas**

Health and nutrition; education; agriculture and water; financial inclusion and skill; basic infrastructure.

**Prabhari officer**

Named Union officer paired with the district to unlock ministries and monitor progress.

**Delta ranking**

Competition on improvement from baseline, not only on absolute level of development.

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