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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.

Core demand of the question

- Mention the core strategies of the Aspirational Districts Programme
- Explain how convergence, collaboration, and competition are meant to make it succeed

Revision summary

The 2018 Aspirational Districts Programme targets 115 lagging districts with a short live indicator list.

Core strategy is saturation of existing schemes plus a Union prabhari and a public dashboard.

Convergence means one district plan across health, school, and livelihood missions.

Collaboration is Centre-state-district teams and local frontline workers.

Competition is **delta ranking** on improvement, which must be guarded against fake data.

Flow diagram

115 aspirational districts -> Health education agri skill infra

Health education agri skill infra -> Convergence of schemes

Health education agri skill infra -> Collaboration Centre state district

Health education agri skill infra -> Competition delta ranks

Convergence of schemes -> Transformation

Collaboration Centre state district -> Transformation

Competition delta ranks -> Transformation

Conclusion

- Keep the delta idea, fund the last-mile worker, and do not let LWE or hill logistics become an excuse for missing the same health and school floor as the rest of India.

Aspirational Districts rest on focused indicators, prabhari officers, scheme saturation, and a public dashboard. Convergence joins schemes on one plan, collaboration joins Centre-state-district teams, and competition through delta ranks supplies the spur. Success is better human-development numbers, not a new office name.

Facts & figures

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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