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RESTRUCTURING OF NITI AAYOG

- As part of the restructuring of NITI Aayog, Ashok Kumar Lahiri has been appointed as the new Vice Chairman.
- Further, five full-time members have been appointed : Economist K. V. Raju, AIIMS Director M. Srinivas, Secretary of the Department of Science and Technology Abhay Karandikar, Scientist Govardhan Das.
- Former Union Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba, NITI Aayog has emerged as an important pillar in India's policy formulation, promoting cooperative federalism, and implementing reforms to encourage ease of living.
- It also functions as a platform for multi-sectoral innovation and long-term strategic thinking, as mentioned by the Prime Minister in his statement.
- The Prime Minister is the Chairperson of NITI Aayog.
- Ashok Kumar Lahiri, a BJP MLA from West Bengal, has previously served as the Chief Economic Advisor to the Government of India. He has also been a member of the 15th Finance Commission.