

Chouhan tweets to hail Modi's NITI Aayog

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Bhopal: Chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Friday welcomed Narendra Modi government's decision to introduce NITI Aayog in place of Planning Commission. Chouhan appreciated Union government's move to include chief ministers of all states in the governing council of the committee.

A little after noon, Chouhan tweeted: "The constitution of 'NITI Aayog' lays foundation of a true federal structure in the development process of transforming India."

More tweets from chief minister followed: "We congratulate Prime Minister for setting the agenda for transforming India." "NITI Aayog' will go a long way in meeting developmental challenges of India." Then taking on the Congress without naming the



party, Chouhan tweeted: "The grand old withering party is criticizing the progressive initiatives of PM as they have lost touch with the expectation of common man."

Then writing in his blog, Chouhan said new dispensation would go a long way in meeting the developmental challenges of India. "India woke up to a new dawn of development based on cooperation and democratic values in

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the New Year on January 1, 2015," chief minister wrote. "This epoch-changing development has taken place in the form of the National Institute for Transforming India (NITI) replacing the Planning Commission of India."

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CM reviews Simhastha 2016 preparations

Bhopal: Chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan began New Year with intensive review of Simhastha 2016 at Mantralaya here on Tuesday.

Addressing the review meeting, Chouhan gave instructions for maintaining quality of infrastructure building works saying that quality should never be compromised. He gave instructions to start a series of global level symposia and seminars from April this year. TNN

1991. "In a democracy, states are ruled by different political parties. It was increasingly being felt that the plan panel had become a power-tool at the hands of the party ruling the Centre and served its interest by showing prejudices and aversions against states with a different ruling party."

"It is a major factor responsible for not reaching desired results of development to the masses. I have been maintaining at different forums that just as one single medicine cannot cure all dis-

eases, there cannot be a fit-for-all scheme or programme for all states. This is particularly true about centrally-sponsored schemes," Chouhan justified.

Chouhan said that the advantage with the NITI Aayog is that it makes place for comprehensive consultations with chief ministers. Its governing council includes all chief ministers and Lt Governors of Union Territories. This would give new direction and momentum to the development of states.