

India@2047: Govt's plan with focus on ease of living likely to be ready by May

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NEW DELHI: Centre is readying an action plan for India@2047, when the country will complete 100 years of independence with 10 sectoral group of secretaries being tasked to draw up a blueprint for 'future ready' India. According to the office memorandum, a copy of which is with the TOI, the sectoral groups are to develop systems, regulations and policies to leverage human capital and spirit of enterprise and promote ease of living by May this year.

The SGoSs have also been asked to work on leveraging the spirit of cooperative and competitive federalism, leverage India's market size for attracting investments, technology, manufacturing, greater share in international value chains and promote inclusive growth with balanced regional development.

Monitored by the PMO, the groups are also being asked to study models adopted by other countries. In association with NITI Aayog, the groups are also to document sector-wise share of GDP and employment, growth experience of other countries. Other priority areas to be deliberated are climate change, employment issues, research and development, future of education, skills, gender equality and new models of social security, among others.

The "Guidance note for preparation of vision document by sectoral groups of secretaries" by the cabinet secretariat on December 30, 2021 stated: "The Vision India@2047 is to be finalised by May 2022. In the intervening period, SGoSs will need to make presentations on draft sectoral visions, for which schedule will be communicated separately."

The guidance note states that the vision document envisages making best facilities available in villages and the cities, elimination of unnecessary interference by the government, and building the "world's most modern infrastructure". It also stated that while brainstorming, apart from the state governments, SGoSs are also to engage all stakeholders, including think-tanks, universities, civil society organisations, domain experts - from within and outside government.