

# Parameswaran Iyer appointed NITI Aayog's new CEO

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## Synopsis

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Parameswaran Iyer, who spearheaded the Swachh Bharat Mission, appointed as new Niti Aayog CEO

The government has named [Parameswaran Iyer](#) the next chief executive of the [NITI Aayog](#) to succeed [Amitabh Kant](#), whose term ends on June 30.

“Iyer has been appointed for a period of two years or until further orders, whichever is earlier, on the same terms and conditions as were applicable in

respect of Shri Amitabh Kant,” the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet said in a notification on Friday.

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Before joining the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation in 2016, Iyer had worked in Vietnam, China, Egypt, Lebanon and Washington for the World Bank. In 2020, Iyer resigned from the position and returned to the US to join the World Bank again.

Kant was appointed as the CEO of the NITI Aayog on February 17, 2016, for two years. Since then, he got three extensions to the term. Kant is credited with identifying a long list of public sector enterprises for disinvestment and asset monetisation.

He was instrumental in drafting the production linked incentive scheme for over a dozen sectors and the national monetisation pipeline which has laid a roadmap for the government over next six years.

During his long stint at NITI Aayog, Kant spearheaded some of the key programmes including the government's electric mobility mission, the aspirational district programme, the ease of doing business programme, the Start-up India programme and the island development programme. He was currently working on the Circular Economy across six sectors.