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Recently, the NITI Aayog launched an initiative with BYJU'S (an edutech giant) to provide free access to tech-driven learning programmes to children from India's 112 aspirational districts.

Key Points

- Students of Classes 6-12 in government schools across 112 'Aspirational Districts (AD)' will get free access to the company's "premium learning resources".
- ADs are the districts which are affected by poor socio-economic indicators. They are aspirational in the context, that improvement in these districts can lead to the overall improvement in human development in India.
- BYJU'S will also provide "free" coaching classes to over 3,000 "meritorious" students of Classes 11 and 12, offered by Aakash Institute, for engineering and medical entrance examinations.
- It aims to make the supplemental learning resources available to children in the government schools in the Aspirational Districts on a pro-bono basis (without charge or very less fees).
- It is also aimed to improve the online education system in India and mitigate the digital divide in education.