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The National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog) is the premier policy Think Tank of India which is engaged in a number of transformational initiatives as a catalyst and an accelerator of change across sectors in partnership with Central Ministries and the State Governments.

2. One of the flagship initiatives under the aegis of the NITI Aayog is the Aspirational Districts Programme (ADP). The program was launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister in June, 2018 and is aimed to transform the 112 least developed districts of the country. The programme facilitates convergence (of Central & State Schemes), enables Collaboration (of Central 'Prabhari' Officers & District Collectors), and encourages competition among districts to improve upon key developmental indicators through the monthly ranking of the delta in achievement. As a part of the delta ranking process, there are 5 key socio-economic themes namely, Health & Nutrition, Education, Agriculture & Water Resources, Financial Inclusion & Skill Development and Infrastructure. The Districts are ranked on a monthly basis and the top performing districts are awarded grant funding for achieving a higher delta rank.

3. The programme is supported by a Project Management Unit (PMU) which appraises and screens projects which are developed by the district teams and also provides technical and non-technical handholding support. To meet the requirements of the PMU (ADP), NITI Aayog is now seeking the services of 4 Consultants (Grade – II).

4. NITI Aayog is looking for young, talented, innovative and dynamic Professionals who desire to be a part of the team that is scripting the exciting transformation story which is unfolding in India today. Details of the same is given in the table below:

1	Name of position	Consultant – Grade II (Aspirational Districts Programme)
2	Number of positions	4 (Four)
3	Method of recruitment	Contract Based through Open Market
4	Age Limit	Candidates should be below 50 years of age as on the date of advertisement.
5	Period of Contract	For a period of 2 years.
6	Remuneration (per month)	Rs 1,45,000/- to Rs. 2,65,000/- (Consolidated inclusive of all)
7	Education qualification	<u>Essential</u> Master's Degree in Public Health/Education/Agriculture/Water/Rural Development/Economics/Science or related field or BE/B.Tech or 2 Years PG Diploma in Management or possessing any Professional Degree earned after a study of 4 years or more acquired after 10+2.

		<u>Desirable</u> Persons with M.Phil., M.Tech. M.S., Ph.D, additional qualifications, field experience, published papers and extensive post qualification experience in the relevant field would be preferred.
8	Experience	Minimum 8 (eight) to 15 (fifteen) years' experience relevant to the job description. Preference will be given to persons with work experience in project formulation, appraisal, execution, monitoring and evaluation, policy analysis, implementation of programmes relating to health, education, agriculture, water, infrastructure, livelihoods, financial inclusion, rural development etc. Candidates should also have demonstrated experience relating to leading teams, managing projects, as well as conducting stakeholder engagement. <u>The experience of internship/training will not be considered.</u>
9	Job description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To Assist NITI Aayog in the implementation of the Aspirational Districts Programme • Coordinate activities with various stakeholders • Support the functioning of the Project Management Unit • Support the Aspirational District Vertical in addressing policy issues to make the programme more efficient • To assist senior officers in any other work assigned from time to time

The terms and conditions of engagement of the Consultant (Grade-I) positions will be according to the NITI Guidelines O.M. no. A-12013/02/2015-Adm. I(B) dated 29.07.2020. The guidelines are placed on NITI Aayog's website www.niti.gov.in. Further it is mentioned that the no. of Consultants (Grade –II) positions may vary and are tentative.

Note: The applications of the candidates may be shared with other Ministries/Departments for their utilization, if required.

Submission of Applications: Eligible candidates may apply online on the link to be provided on the website of NITI Aayog within 30 days from the date of publication of the advertisement in the Newspaper. **Applications are to be submitted online only.**