

UP, Bihar are Niti Aayog's healthcare 'role models'

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New Delhi: Uttar Pradesh and Bihar are among the five states shortlisted by Niti Aayog for a programme to build future 'role model' states in terms of better healthcare system.

The Aayog has named Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and three others for the education sector makeover.

The other shortlisted by the Centre's think tank for health sector include Assam, Karnataka and Gujarat, while Madhya Pradesh, Odisha and Andhra Pradesh are the other three states chosen for the education sector.

For both healthcare and education, the Aayog will further shortlist three states from five by next month.

Niti Aayog had invited all states and union territories to participate in 'Sustainable Action for Transforming Hu-

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man Capital (SATH)'.

Sixteen states expressed their interest, of which 14 made their presentations to a committee headed by Niti Aayog member Bibek Debroy.

The final selection of the three states in each of the sectors is expected to be completed in July 2017 depending on the promptness of the response of governance commitments posed to them.

Under SATH, Niti Aayog and its knowledge partners will provide strategic, technical and implementation support to three states for health and education sectors.

"In both sectors, states have to commit to a time-bound focus, governance reform and delivery of outcomes for final selection of partnership," said Niti Aayog statement. "The states showcased the initiative undertaken by them so far, their willingness to accelerate improvement and justified why they should be selected for institutional support being offered by the NITI Aayog under the programme," it added.

After the final selection of the states, a programme management unit to push for efficiency and efficacy in government structure and services delivery will be available at the state level for a period of 30 months.