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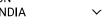
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While the prime minister remains the chairperson of the Aayog, there are no changes in the post of Vice Chairman and other full-time members.

The government on Tuesday reconstituted the NITI Aayog, increasing the number of special invitees from five to 11, including five ministers from the BJP's allies — H D Kumaraswamy (JD-S), Jitan Ram Manjhi (HAM), Rajiv Ranjan Singh (JD-U), K R Naidu (TDP) and Chirag Paswan (LJP-Ram Vilas).

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Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan has replaced his predecessor Narendra Singh Tomar as an ex-officio member. The other ex-officio members include Finance Minister <u>Nirmala Sitharaman</u>, Home Minister <u>Amit Shah</u> and Defence Minister <u>Rajnath Singh</u>.

Among the other special invitees are Union Ministers <u>Nitin Gadkari</u> (Road Transport and Highways), J P Nadda (Health), Virendra Kumar (Social Justice and

Empowerment), Jual Oram (Tribal Affairs), Annapurna Devi (Women and Child Development) and Rao Inderjit Singh (Statistics and Programme Implementation)

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Union Ministers <u>Piyush Goyal</u> and <u>Ashwini Vaishnaw</u>, who were special invier, are not on the list this time. Gadkari, Virendra Kumar and Rao Inder Singh were special invitees earlier too.



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Among the allies who have been included, Kumaraswamy has the Heavy Industries and Steel portfolio, Manjhi has Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias Lalan Singh has Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Naidu has Civil Aviation, and <u>Chirag Paswan</u> has Food Processing Industries.

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