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Union Government's NITI Aayog 2023-24 report

- Poverty Eradication
- Environmental Maintenance
- Low-cost Clean Energy
- Tamil Nadu ranks first in India in these areas!

Tamil Nadu leads in 10 indicators!

- Eradication of Hunger
- Quality Education
- Economic Growth and Better Employment Opportunities
- Public Health and Healthy Living
- Industrial Growth, Innovative Industries, and Infrastructure Facilities
- Provision of Clean Drinking Water and Wastewater Removal
- Reduction of Inequality
- Production and Consumption
- Maintaining Peace, Justice Administration, and Strong Institutions
- Gender Equality

50-member Shadow Cabinet in Odisha formed by Naveen Patnaik

- To monitor the activities of the Odisha Cabinet, Biju Janata Dal leaders have formed a 50-member shadow cabinet led by former Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik.
- Recently, the Lok Sabha elections were held simultaneously with the Odisha Legislative Assembly elections.
- In these elections, the BJP defeated Naveen Patnaik's Biju Janata Dal, which had been in power for 24 years.
- Out of a total of 147 constituencies, BJP won in 78, forming the government there for the first time. Mohan Charan Majhi assumed the role of Chief Minister.
- The Biju Janata Dal, which won 51 constituencies, took the position of the opposition.
- Naveen Patnaik, the leader of the Biju Janata Dal and former Chief Minister, was chosen as the leader of the opposition.
- The budget session of the new Legislative Assembly in Odisha is set to begin soon.
- In this context, to closely monitor the activities of the BJP cabinet, Naveen Patnaik has formed a shadow cabinet comprising 50 senior leaders from the Biju Janata Dal.
- The Biju Janata Dal has announced this shadow cabinet group, which will mainly include former ministers.
- This group will closely monitor whether the ministers are functioning properly in their departments and implementing the plans effectively.
- The reports related to this will be submitted to Naveen Patnaik.
- Naveen Patnaik, who spent most of his pre-political life in Britain, has introduced this shadow cabinet plan in Odisha for the first time, following the British model.
- Amidst criticisms that the political life of the Biju Janata Dal has ended with the election defeat, Naveen Patnaik's shadow cabinet plan has created a stir in Odisha politics.

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