

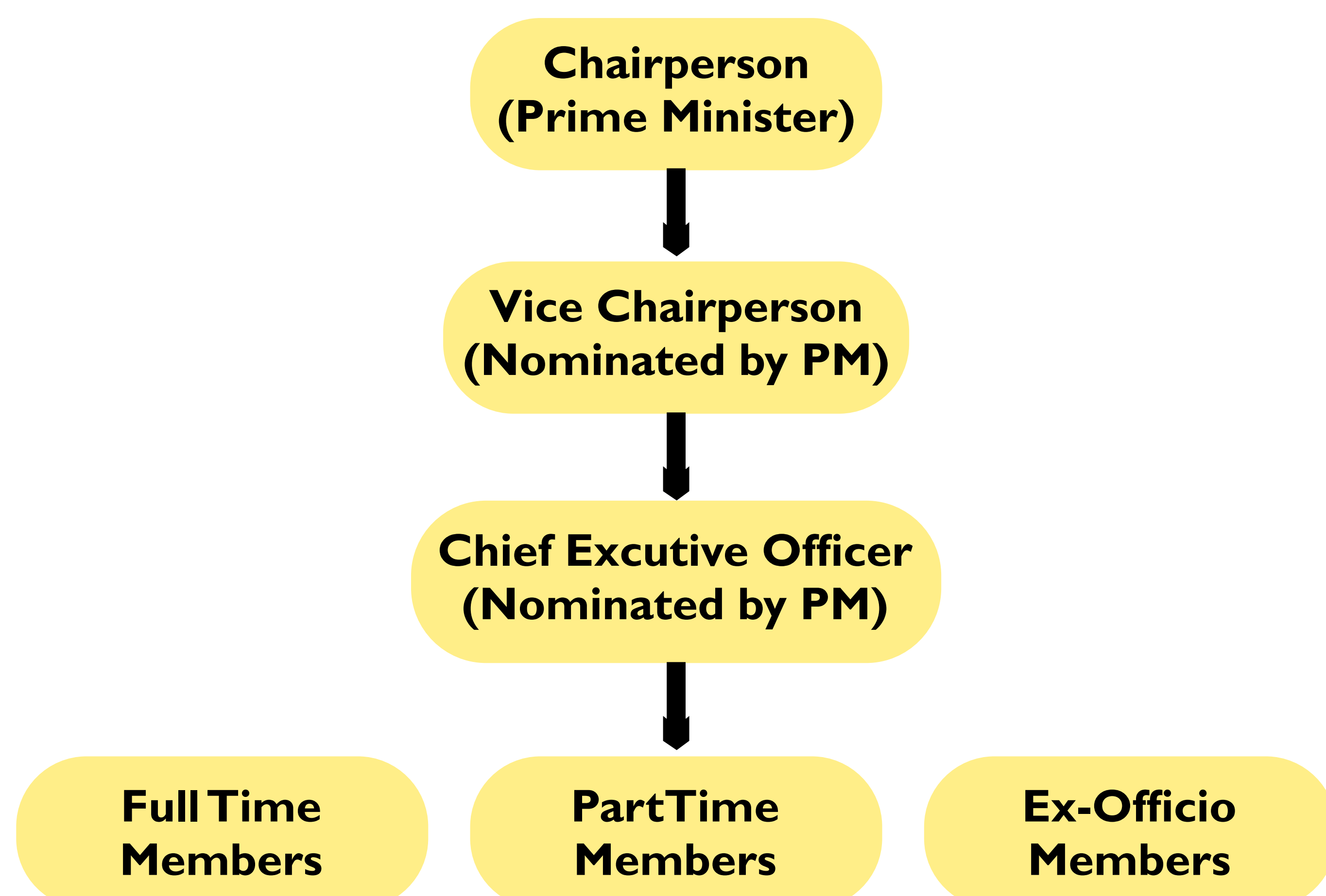
## Industry Sector Profile

### Brief History

NITI Aayog, also known as National Institution for Transforming India, is the apex public policy think tank of the Government of India, and the nodal agency tasked with catalyzing economic development, and fostering cooperative federalism through the involvement of State Governments of India in the policy-making process.



### Organizational Structure



### Brief Description about NITI Aayog

NITI Aayog serves as an advisory Think Tank to the Government of India. It gives relevant advice to the centre and state governments as well as to the Union Territories and plays an important role in designing the strategies for the long term policies and programmes put forth by the government of India.

### Challenges faced

- Previously, I had only read about surveying but during my Internship I got a chance to Interview the SMO, MO and ASHA working in a CHC.
- Attending meetings with top level bureaucrats and being a part of regards discussions entailing what could be the future of the Nation which taught me how to think "out of the box" but in a more feasible and practical manner.
- Organizing the NDAP launch event at Vigyan Bhawan which included co-ordination with various high-level bureaucrats, officials at NITI Aayog and independent policy Think Tanks from across the country.

### Suggestions

- There was no fixed entry and exit timings for the Interns, which tended to create confusion. This can be regularized.
- More frequent interactions between NITI Aayog officials, study partners (In this case PGIMER, Chandigarh) and the company providing AI/Technological solutions.
- Regular feedback sessions by NITI Aayog with the ground level officials, enabling timely modifications.

Stream: MBA Hospital and Health Management Name of Faculty  
Mentor: S.P Chattopadhyay  
Name of the Industry Mentor: Saurabh Thukral

### Mission

NITI Aayog apart from designing strategic and long-term policies, also provides relevant technical advice to the Centre, States, and Union Territories.

### Vision

NITI's vision is multifold. The most important objectives include fostering cooperative federalism with the States on a continuous basis, recognizing that strong States make a strong nation and developing mechanisms to formulate credible plans at the village level and aggregate these progressively at higher levels of government.

### Internship Objectives

I worked at NITI Aayog under the Data Management and Analysis, and Frontier Technologies Vertical. The project I was part of was Integration of an Artificial Intelligence Platform for Screening of Diabetic Retinopathy in Public Health Facilities: A Pilot Study from India.

### Usefulness of Internship

- Interacted with government Health functionaries at the Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Level and understand their views on how to make the public health delivery system more efficient.
- Understood perceptions of Patients regarding Diabetic Retinopathy (DR) and advocated the pressing need for Early Diagnosis of DR.
- Interacted with an International Healthcare AI company (ARTPARK) and understood their proposal of using AI and Technology for Diagnosis of Diabetic Retinopathy.
- Submitted a detailed report about my learnings and findings of the field visit to Moga, Punjab.
- Offered specific recommendations to NITI Aayog Policy Makers regarding gaps and interventions for smoother performance of the DR Pilot Project.

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### Learning and Value Additions

Proposal Writing   Research Analysis   Literature Review

### SWOT ANALYSIS

