

Centre for Innovation in Public Systems (CIPS)

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In News: Recently, the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog, CIPS announced collaboration to reinforce the innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem in India by developing a database of innovations in public systems for improving public services, amongst other things

About CIPS

- **Establishment:** The Centre for Innovations in Public Systems was set up in 2010 with funding from Govt. of India at Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI), Hyderabad in terms of the recommendations of the 13th Finance Commission.
- CIPS is autonomous body
- **Mandate:** To actively promote and disseminate among States those practices which have enhanced service delivery, increased efficiency and ensured cost reduction.
- **CIPS Mission :** The mission of the Centre for Innovations and Good Practices in Public Systems (CIPS) is to help create a climate and nurture a culture for accelerating and diffusing innovation in public systems.
- **The Advisory Council:** Comprising all the Chief Secretaries of State Governments/UTs apart from Central Government Representatives and Independent Experts, monitor the implementation of CIPS work programme.
- **The Steering Committee:** Headed by Director General, ASCI provides the forum for giving shape and driving the work programme of the Centre.

CIPS Objectives

- Identify, recognise and promote innovations in public

systems in the area of management of people, process (cost and quality), systems (technology) and services, across various states to improve the well-being of the common people.

- Catalyse and trigger lateral learning for initiating action research projects, macro level changes and innovations in the policies and practices across states.
- Provide a range of learning opportunities and services to various stakeholders for building capacity through training programmes, conferences, seminars, surveys, publications and development of a national catalogue/database of innovations in public systems for improving public services.
- Facilitate sharing of international experiences and exposure to best practices in governance of public systems.

Functions Of CIPS

- Scout, scan and track different innovations at the state as well as at the national level that have positively impacted public service delivery, increased efficiency and led to cost reduction.
- Create a public domain inventory of innovations in public systems, government departments for the purpose of knowledge management and diffusion of innovations.
- Facilitate emergence of ecosystems that are hospitable to cost-effective innovative ideas, provide empowerment and freedom, and encourage risk-taking experiments for promoting innovations.
- Act as a platform for sharing and disseminating knowledge of new ventures and best practices in administration.
- Help in developing policies for incentives (reward & recognition) to accelerate the process of innovation and cross-fertilization of ideas for opening up new lines of inquiry for sustainable change and transformation in

public systems.

- Design relevant training programmes in partnership with the State Governments for developing an innovative mindset for creating new solutions on an ongoing basis.
- Facilitate pursuit of diagnostic studies to identify possible barriers that block innovation and also factors that facilitate innovations in public systems.
- Facilitate provision of social venture capital/innovation promotion fund and crucial balancing investment for new ideas and last mile investments in the administration.
- Honour outstanding innovations in public systems through a scheme of annual awards so as to incentivise the innovators in public systems/state departments.