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Amitabh Kant is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India), the policy think tank of the government of India.

Under his able leadership, NITI Aayog was instrumental in establishing Cabinet's formal approval to ₹18,100-crore Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for manufacturers of Advanced Chemistry Cell (ACC) battery storage, for achieving manufacturing capacity of 50GWh of ACC and 5GWh of 'niche' ACC in May 2021. Kant has been integral with his efforts in NITI Aayog for formulating the National Hydrogen Energy Mission (NHEM) which was officially declared by PM Narendra Modi on August 15, 2021.

A 1980-batch IAS officer of Kerala cadre, Kant has a career spanning nearly four decades. Prior to his appointment at the Niti Aayog, was Secretary in the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, where he drove the 'Ease of Doing Business' initiative. He has also worked as Chairman-Managing Director (CMD), India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC); Joint Secretary, Ministry of Tourism; Secretary – Tourism, Government of Kerala; Managing Director, Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation; District Collector, Kozhikode, and Managing Director, Matsyafed. He is credited as being the driver of programs such as 'Incredible India', 'God's Own Country' and 'Start up India.'

He has also authored a book called Branding India - An Incredible Story.

The focus should be on solar-plus-storage technology, because affordable storage technologies are the key to bringing solar energy to scale, not only in India but to the world.

Accolades

- ▶ Economic Times Policy Change Agent of the Year award
- ▶ Bloomberg TV 'Personality of the Year' award
- ▶ One Globe Award for leadership in Transforming Governance for the 21st Century, 2016
- ▶ Sir Edmund Hillary Fellowship awarded by the Prime Minister of New Zealand
- ▶ Golden Peacock Award for Leadership in Economic Transformation, 2017
- ▶ IESA Industry Excellence Awards for "Policy Pioneer of the Year", 2020