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NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India) has replaced 65-year-old planning commission. Photo: Mint

New Delhi: Former planning commission secretary **Sindhushree Khullar** was on Saturday appointed as chief executive officer of the newly formed NITI Aayog. Khullar, a retired IAS officer, has been appointed on contract basis for a period of one year from 1 January 2015, an order issued by the Department of Personnel and Training.

Khullar, a 1975 batch UT cadre IAS officer, had taken over as secretary planning commission in April 2012.

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Economist Bibek Debroy and former defence research and development organisation (DRDO) chief V.K. Saraswat have already been appointed as full-time members by Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** who is the chairman of the body.

Union ministers **Rajnath Singh**, **Arun Jaitley**, Suresh Prabhu and Radha Mohan Singh have been appointed as ex-officio members while **Nitin Gadkari**, **Smriti Zubin Irani** and Thaawar Chand Gehlot are the special invitees.

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