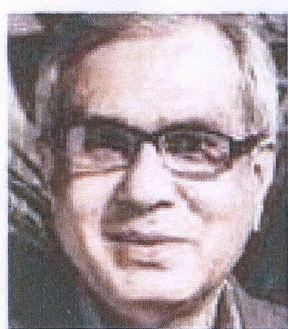


Rajiv Kumar Appointed NITI Aayog VC

New Delhi: Economist Rajiv Kumar was on Saturday appointed as new vice-chairman of NITI Aayog, days



after Arvind Panagriya resigned from the post. A senior fellow at the Centre for Policy Research, Kumar is an econ-

omist and held a number of positions in the Asian Development Bank, ministry of commerce and industries and the ministry of finance. Between 2006 and 2008, he served as a member of the Government of India's National Security Advisory Board. Kumar holds a DPhil in economics from Oxford and a PhD from Lucknow University. Before coming to CPR, he was secretary-general of FICCI. Kumar, chancellor of the the Gokhale Institute of Economics and Politics in Pune, was also founding-director of Pahle India Foundation, a non-profit research organisation that specialises in policy-oriented research and analysis. — Agencies