

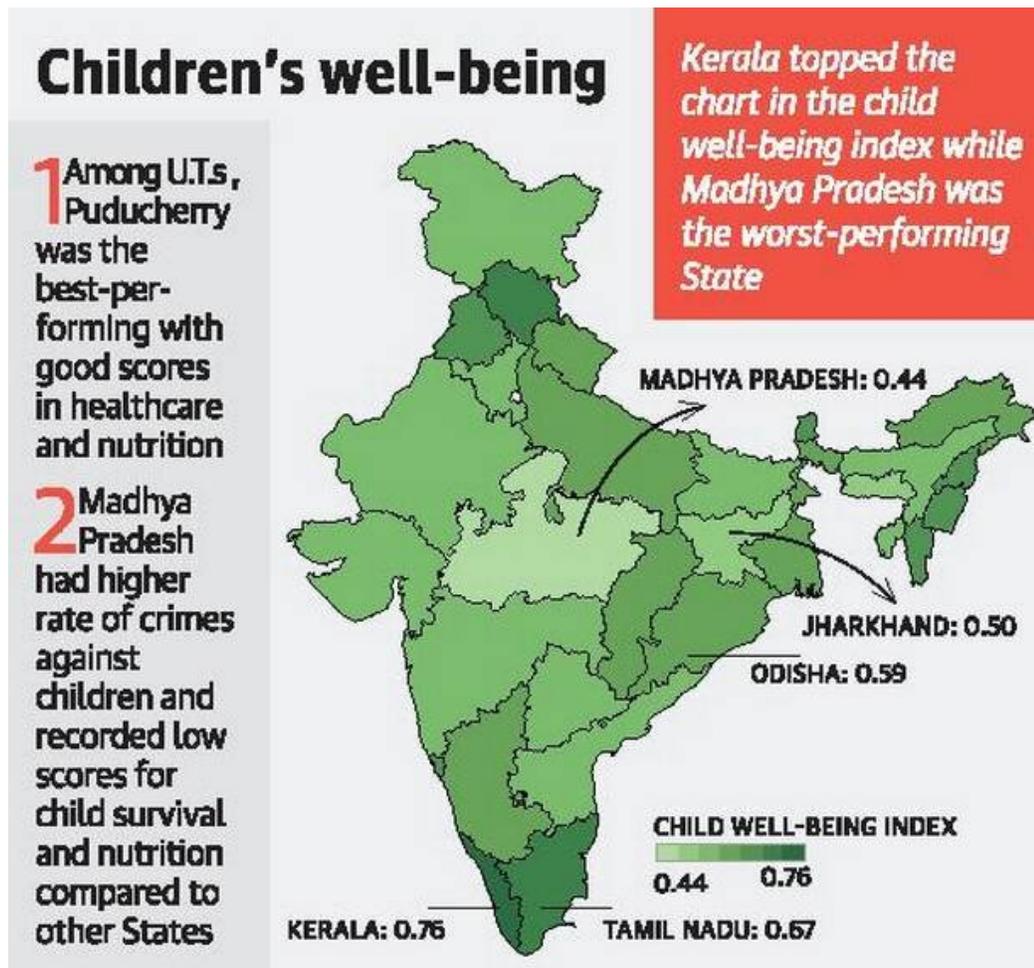


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India's Child well-being Index Report

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According to the recently released **Child's Well-Being Index Report**, "Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Himachal Pradesh & Puducherry **topped** the charts, while Meghalaya, Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh featured at the **bottom**."



Child well-being Index Report

- The report is the collaborated work of a research institute **IFMR LEAD** & an NGO **World Vision India**.

- The **NITI Aayog** cited the report as crucial & significant in **securing the rights** of children and achieving the goal of child well-being, using a **composite Child well-being Index**.
- **Child well-being Index** is the tool to comprehensively **measure & track** children's well-being.
- The index is computed on the basis of **3 dimensions** (that include, healthy individual development, positive relationships, and protective contexts) & **24 indicators**.

Insights from the Report

- The report provides insights on varied dimensions such as **health, nutrition, education, sanitation, and child protection**.
- It *highlights* the multi-dimensional approach to measure child well-being index. It goes **beyond measuring income poverty** & targets the **holistic development** of the children.
- One of the primary objectives of the report was to *inspire* academic and policy conversations on the under-researched theme of child well-being in India.

Way Forward

- Children are the future of our nation, if neglected, they will exacerbate the burden of poverty and inequality. So, the burden lies on the shoulders of all concerned stakeholders to **prioritize and invest** in the well-being of our children.
- States need to look at their respective scores on the dimensions of child well-being and need to **prepare specific plans of action** for priority areas of intervention.
- The report hopes to **trigger policy level changes**, seek better budgetary allocations and initiate discussions with all stakeholders, which can help in enhancing the quality of life of all children in the country.
- Some of the key indicators that need to be studied in the future include mobile usage, digital access, financial literacy, mental health and quality of relationships between parents/peers and children.

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