Good Governance Index 2021

For Prelims: Good Governance Day, Good Governance Index.

For Mains: Significance of Good Governance, Initiatives for Good Governance in India.

Why in News

On the occasion of the Good Governance Day (25th December), the government released the Good Governance Index 2021.

- The index was prepared by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.
- Earlier this year, India was ranked 49th in the Chandler Good Government Index (CGGI).

Key Points

- About:
  - GGI is a comprehensive and implementable framework to assess the State of Governance across the States and UTs which enables ranking of States/Districts.
  - The objective of GGI is to create a tool that can be used uniformly across the States to assess the impact of various interventions taken up by the Central and State Governments including UTs.
  - Based on the GGI Framework, the Index provides a comparative picture among the States while developing a competitive spirit for improvement.
  - The GGI 2021 says that 20 States have improved their composite GGI scores over the GGI 2019 index scores.
  - The GGI is envisaged as a biannual exercise.

- Basis of the Ranking:
  - It is based on ten sectors and 58 indicators. The sectors are
    - Agriculture and Allied Sectors
    - Commerce & Industries
    - Human Resource Development
    - Public Health
    - Public Infrastructure & Utilities
    - Economic Governance
    - Social Welfare & Development
    - Judicial & Public Security
    - Environment
    - Citizen-Centric Governance

- Ranking of the States: The Index categorises States and UTs into four categories, i.e.,
  - Other States - Group A:
    - Gujarat has topped the composite ranking in the Good Governance Index 2021 covering 10 sectors, followed by Maharashtra and Goa.
  - Other States - Group B:
• Madhya Pradesh tops the list followed by Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh.
  • North-East and Hill States:
    • Himachal Pradesh topped the list followed by Mizoram and Uttarakhand.
  • Union Territories:
    • Delhi tops the composite rank registering a 14% increase over the GGI 2019 indicators.

Other Initiatives for Good Governance:
  • National e-Governance Plan
  • Right to Information Act, 2005
  • Digital India
  • MyGov

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