



India Innovation Index, 2021

Why In News?

Uttar Pradesh has been ranked 7th in the category of 17 major states in the India Innovation Index-2021 released by **NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Suman Beri** on July 21, 2022.

Key points

- In Niti Ayog's 3rd India Innovation Index, states and union territories were classified into the category of **17 major states, 10 north-eastern and hilly states and 9 union territories and city-states** for effective comparison of their performance.
- In the category of 17 major states, Karnataka is at the top spot with 18.01 points, while Telangana (17.66 points) is second and Haryana (16.35 points) is third.
- In the category of major states, **Uttar Pradesh is at 7th position** with 14.22 points, Odisha is 16th with 11.42 points and Chhattisgarh is 17th (last) with 10.97 points.
- **Manipur topped the northeastern and hill states category** with 19.37 points. Uttarakhand (17.67 points) is at the second spot in this category, while Nagaland (11.00 points) is at the bottom. On the other hand, in the Union Territories and city-states category, Chandigarh (27.88 points) has got the top position, while Ladakh (5.91 points) has got the last position.
- It may be mentioned that the India Innovation Index prepared by NITI Aayog and the Institute of Competitiveness is a medium for evaluation and development of the country's innovation ecosystem. It puts states and Union Territories in order to showcase their innovation, so that there is healthy competition between them.
- This Innovation Index has been prepared on the lines of the Global Innovation Index. In previous versions, the analysis was done on the basis of 36 indicators, but this time 66 indicators were used. The first and second innovation indices were released in October 2019 and January 2021 respectively.

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