



Social Progress Index 2022

Why in News?

Recently, the Social Progress Index (SPI) for States and Districts of India was released by the **Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM)**.

- The SPI was compiled by the Institute for Competitiveness and Social Progress Imperative.
- The report also dwells on **India's performance (ranked 110 out of 169 nations) based on the global SPI 2022** that is brought out by Social Progress Imperative since 2013.

What is EAC-PM?

- It is an **independent body constituted to give advice on economic and related issues to the Prime Minister**.
- EAC-PM is **responsible for analysing and advising the Prime Minister** on any issue of macroeconomic importance that the Prime Minister refers to.
- These could be either suo-motu or on reference from the Prime Minister or anyone else.
- They also include attending to any other task as may be desired by the Prime Minister from time to time.

What is SPI all about?

- **About:**



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➤ SPI assessed states and districts based on **12** components

➤ These components are spread across three critical dimensions of social progress - basic human needs, foundations of wellbeing, and opportunity

➤ The index used a framework comprising **89** indicators at the state level and **49** at the district level

➤ Based on the SPI scores, states and districts have been ranked under six tiers of social progress

➤ As per the Index, AP has not completed even **30 per cent** of sanctioned households under the PMAY scheme

➤ Puducherry has the highest SPI score of **65.99** in the country

➤ Lakshadweep and Goa closely followed it with scores of **65.89** and **65.53**, respectively

➤ Jharkhand and Bihar scored the lowest, **43.95** and **44.47**, respectively

➤ In the 'basic human needs' component, Goa, Puducherry, Lakshadweep, and Chandigarh are the top four states

➤ Mizoram, Himachal Pradesh, Ladakh, and Goa emerged as the best-performing states for the 'foundations of wellbeing'

➤ Tamil Nadu scored the highest in the 'opportunity' dimension

➤ Three aspirational districts of Andhra Pradesh - Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram and Kadapa - beat the national averages in terms of 'human needs and opportunity'



- SPI is a **comprehensive tool that can serve as a holistic measure** of a country's social progress at the national and sub-national levels.
- The report aims to **provide a systematic account of the social progress made at all levels in the country.**
- The **index uses an extensive framework comprising 89 indicators** at the state level and 49 at the district level.
- **Assessment Components:**
 - The index **assesses states and districts based on 12 components** across three critical dimensions of social progress:
 - **Basic Human Needs:** It **assesses the performance of states and districts in terms of Nutrition and Basic Medical Care**, Water and Sanitation, Personal Safety and Shelter.
 - **Foundations of Wellbeing:** It **evaluates the progress made by the country across the components of Access to Basic Knowledge**, Access to Information and Communication, Health and Wellness, and Environmental Quality
 - **Opportunity:** It **focuses on Personal Rights, Personal Freedom and Choice**, Inclusiveness, and Access to Advanced Education.

What are the Findings of the Index?

- **Highest SPI Score:** Puducherry
- **Lowest SPI Score:** Jharkhand and Bihar
- **Basic Human Needs:** Goa, Puducherry, Lakshadweep, and Chandigarh are the top four states with the best performance in water, sanitation and shelter.
- **Foundations of Wellbeing:** Mizoram, Himachal Pradesh, Ladakh, and Goa have emerged as the best-performing states for the Foundations of Wellbeing.
 - For **Environmental Quality**, Mizoram, Nagaland, and Meghalaya are the top three states.
- **Opportunity:** Tamil Nadu has achieved the highest component score for Opportunity dimension.
- **Top Best Performing Districts:** Aizawl (Mizoram), Solan (Himachal Pradesh) and Shimla (Himachal Pradesh) have emerged as the top three best-performing districts.

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