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## SDG India Index by NITI Ayog

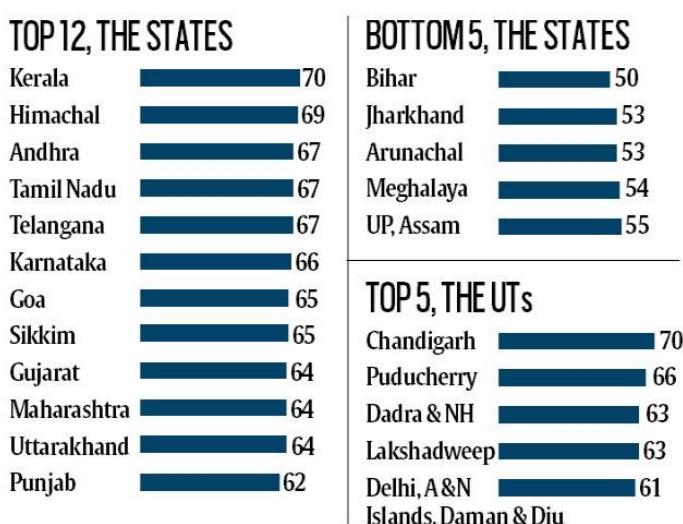
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### Why in News

**NITI Aayog** has released the **second edition of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) India Index (SDG Index 2.0)**.

- The index documents the **progress made by India's States and Union Territories** towards achieving the **2030 SDG targets**.
- The Index spans 16 out of 17 SDGs which marks an **improvement over the 2018 Index**, which covered only 13 goals.
- The SDG India Index has been developed **in collaboration** with the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), the United Nations, and the Global Green Growth Institute.
- The year **2020 will be the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary** of the adoption of SDGs by 193 countries at the UN General Assembly.

### Key Points



### Methodology Followed

- A **composite score** for SDG Index (2019) was computed in the **range of 0-100** for each State/UT based on its aggregate performance across 16 SDGs.  
The **higher the score** of a State/UT, the **closer** it is towards **achieving the 2030 national targets**.
- States /UTs are classified based on the SDG India Index Score as follows:
  - **Aspirant:** 0–49
  - **Performer:** 50–64
  - **Front Runner:** 65–99
  - **Achiever:** 100

## National Analysis

- India's composite **score improved** from 57 in 2018 to 60 in 2019-20 with major success **in water and sanitation, power and industry**.  
However, **nutrition and gender equality continue to be problem areas** for India, requiring a more focused approach from the government
- The ranks of **14 states have dropped** in the index **compared to 2018**.
- All states and union territories **except for Delhi** have scored **above 65**.

## State/UT Wise Analysis

- **States:**
  - **Kerala** has the **top rank** with a score of **70** followed by **Himachal Pradesh with 69 points**. Further, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Telangana shared the third spot with each state scoring 67 on the Index.
  - **Bihar** has emerged as the **worst performer** with the **lowest score of 50**. Jharkhand, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya and Uttar Pradesh are also some of the worst-performing states on the index.
  - **Uttar Pradesh** has shown **maximum improvement** followed by Odisha and Sikkim.
- **Union Territories:**  
**Chandigarh** has **topped** the list with the score of 70 followed by **Puducherry with 66**.

## GOAL-WISE TOP STATE/UTs

**Goal 1: No Poverty**  
Tamil Nadu, Jammu & Kashmir, and Ladakh



**Goal 2: Zero Hunger**  
Goa and Chandigarh



**Goal 3: Good Health and Well-being**  
Kerala and Puducherry



**Goal 4: Quality Education**  
Himachal Pradesh and Chandigarh



**Goal 5: Gender Equality**  
Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, and Ladakh



**Goal 6: Clean Water and Sanitation**  
Andhra Pradesh and Chandigarh



**Goal 7: Affordable and Clean Energy**  
Sikkim and Puducherry



**Goal 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth**  
Telangana and Chandigarh



**Goal 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure**  
Kerala, Gujarat, Daman and Diu, Delhi and Dadra and Nagar Haveli



**Goal 10: Reduced Inequality**  
Telangana and Andaman and Nicobar Islands



**Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities**  
Himachal Pradesh, Goa and Chandigarh



**Goal 12: Sustainable Consumption and Production**  
Nagaland and Chandigarh



**Goal 13: Climate Action**  
Karnataka and Lakshadweep



**Goal 14: Life Below Water**  
Karnataka



**Goal 15: Life on Land**  
Sikkim, Manipur, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Lakshadweep



**Goal 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions**  
Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh and Puducherry



**Source:** TH