



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 5th anniversary** of the adoption of SDGs by 193 countries at the UN General Assembly.

Key Points

TOP 12, THE STATES

Kerala	70
Himachal	69
Andhra	67
Tamil Nadu	67
Telangana	67
Karnataka	66
Goa	65
Sikkim	65
Gujarat	64
Maharashtra	64
Uttarakhand	64
Punjab	62

BOTTOM 5, THE STATES

Bihar	50
Jharkhand	53
Arunachal	53
Meghalaya	54
UP, Assam	55

TOP 5, THE UTs

Chandigarh	70
Puducherry	66
Dadra & NH	63
Lakshadweep	63
Delhi, A & N Islands, Daman & Diu	61

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

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