NITI Aayog Releases SDG India Index and Dashboard 2019

NITI Aayog released the second edition of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) India Index, which comprehensively documents the progress made by India's States and Union Territories towards achieving the 2030 SDG targets.

The SDG India Index—which has been developed in collaboration with the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), United Nations in India, and Global Green Growth Institute—was launched by NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Dr Rajiv Kumar; Members Dr Ramesh Chand and Dr V K Paul; CEO Amitabh Kant; UN Resident Coordinator Dr Renata Dessallien; MoSPI Secretary and Chief Statistician of India Mr Pravin Srivastava; and NITI Aayog SDG Adviser Sanyukta Samaddar.

The SDG India Index 2.0 and the dashboard enables India to both track and encourage accelerated progress to meet the SDGs across all its States and Union Territories. India's composite score has improved from 57 in 2018 to 60 in 2019, thereby showing noticeable progress. The maximum gains been made in Goals 6 (clean water and sanitation), 9 (industry, innovation, and infrastructure) and 7 (affordable and clean energy). All three states that were in the 'Aspirant' category (with score/s in the range of 0–49)—Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Assam—have graduated to the 'Performer' category (50–64). Five states—Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Goa, and Sikkim—moved up from the 'Performer' category to the 'Front Runner' category (65–99). Kerala achieved the first rank in the composite SDG Index with a score of 70, followed by Himachal Pradesh at 69. Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and Tamil Nadu ranked at the third position with the score of 67. The biggest improvers since 2018 are UP (which has moved from the 29th position to the 23rd), Orissa (23rd to 15th), and Sikkim (15th to 7th). While Bihar improved its score from 48 in 2018 to 50 in 2019, it still has a long way to go in achieving the targets.

The SDG India Index 2019 tracks progress of all States and UTs on 100 indicators drawn from the MoSPI's National Indicator Framework (NIF). The process of selection of these indicators included multiple consultations with Union ministries/departments and States/UTs. The SDG India Index 2019 is more robust than the first edition on account of wider coverage of goals, targets, and indicators with greater alignment with the NIF. The Index spans 16 out of 17 SDGs with a qualitative assessment on Goal 17. This marks an improvement over the 2018 Index, which covered only 13 goals.

A composite score was computed in the range of 0–100 for each State/UT based on its aggregate performance across 16 SDGs, indicating the average performance of every State/UT towards achieving 16 SDGs and their respective targets. If a State/UT achieves a score of 100, it signifies it has achieved the 2030 national targets. The higher the score of a State/UT, the closer it is towards achieving the targets.

Classification criteria based on SDG India Index score is as follows:

Aspirant	0–49
Performer	50–64
Front Runner	65–99
Achiever	100

	Category	States and UTs
1	Achiever	
2	Front Runner	Andhra Pradesh, Chandigarh, Goa, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Puducherry, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Telangana
3	Performer	Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu, Delhi, Gujarat, Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Jharkhand, Lakshadweep, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, West Bengal
4	Aspirant	

Ranking of the States on the SDG India Index

States	Rank 2019
Kerala	1
Himachal Pradesh	2
Andhra Pradesh	3
Tamil Nadu	3
Telangana	3
Karnataka	6
Goa	7
Sikkim	7
Gujarat	9
Maharashtra	9
Uttarakhand	9
Punjab	12
Manipur	13
West Bengal	13
Madhya Pradesh	15
Odisha	15
Tripura	15
Haryana	18
Nagaland	18
Rajasthan	18
Chhattisgarh	21
Mizoram	21
Assam	23
Uttar Pradesh	23
Meghalaya	25

Arunachal Pradesh	26
Jharkhand	26
Bihar	28

Source: PHD Research Bureau, PHDCCI; NITI Aayog

Ranking of the Union Territories on the SDG India Index

Union Territories	Rank 2019
Chandigarh	1
Puducherry	2
Dadra and Nagar Haveli	3
Lakshadweep	3
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	5
Daman & Diu	5
Delhi	5
Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh	8

Source: PHD Research Bureau, PHDCCI; NITI Aayog

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