



NITI Aayog’s India Innovation Index 2021

Karnataka, Manipur and Chandigarh have topped in their respective categories in the third edition of NITI Aayog’s India Innovation Index.

What is the India Innovation Index?

Prepared by NITI Aayog and the Institute for Competitiveness, the India Innovation Index is a comprehensive tool for the evaluation and development of the country’s innovation ecosystem. It ranks the states and the union territories on their innovation performance to build healthy competition amongst them.

The third edition highlights the scope of innovation analysis in the country by drawing on the framework of the Global Innovation Index. The number of indicators has increased from 36 (in the India Innovation Index 2020) to 66 (in the India Innovation Index 2021). The indicators are now distributed across 16 sub-pillars, which, in turn, form seven key pillars.

While Karnataka has topped again in the ‘Major States’ category, Manipur is leading the ‘North East and Hill States’ category and Chandigarh is the top performer in the ‘Union Territories and City States’ category.

‘Innovation is the key to sustainable and inclusive growth. It can help us solve the biggest challenges of our times: bringing millions out of poverty, generating livelihood opportunities, and paving the way for an Aatmanirbhar Bharat,’ said Dr Saraswat.

India Innovation Index 2021: Overall Rankings

Major States		
States	III 2021	Rank
Karnataka	18.01	1
Telangana	17.66	2
Haryana	16.35	3
Maharashtra	16.06	4

Tamil Nadu	15.69	5
Punjab	15.35	6
Uttar Pradesh	14.22	7
Kerala	13.67	8
Andhra Pradesh	13.32	9
Jharkhand	13.10	10
West bengal	12.98	11
Rajasthan	12.88	12
Madhya Pradesh	12.74	13
Gujarat	12.41	14
Bihar	11.58	15
Odisha	11.42	16
Chhattisgarh	10.97	17
Northeastern and Hill States		
Manipur	19.37	1
Uttarakhand	17.67	2
Meghalaya	16.00	3
Arunachal Pradesh	15.46	4
Himachal Pradesh	14.62	5
Sikkim	13.85	6
Mizoram	13.41	7
Tripura	11.43	8
Assam	11.29	9
Nagaland	11.00	10
UT and City States		
Chandigarh	27.88	1
Delhi	27.00	2

Andaman and Nicobar Islands	17.29	3
Puducherry	15.88	4
Goa	14.93	5
Jammu and Kashmir	12.83	6
Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu	12.09	7
Lakshadweep	7.86	8
Ladakh	5.91	9

Source: PHD Research bureau, PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry, compiled from various sources

The contours of the India Innovation Index 2021 remain the same as last year. Similar to the previous edition, the five 'Enabler' pillars measure inputs and the two 'Performance' pillars measure output. All the indicators in the Enabler pillars cover features crucial for promoting innovation within a state/union territory. Indicators in the Performance pillars represent a nation's output in knowledge creation and competitiveness.

'Innovation is critical in promoting the country's resilience and self-reliance. The index points to the decentralization of innovation across all Indian states,' said NITI Aayog Senior Adviser Neeraj Sinha.

'The index also draws some international parallels, which will add to India's learnings and how we can be on a par with our counterparts,' said Institute for Competitiveness Chairman Dr Amit Kapoor.

The India Innovation Index 2021 is a testament to the Government of India's continued commitment to transforming the country into an innovation-driven economy.

The India Innovation Index also contributes to the Government's effort to monitor select global indices through the Global Indices to drive Reform and Growth (GIRG) mechanism, for which the NITI Aayog is the nodal organization.

Please find appended the link to access detailed report on the same

https://www.niti.gov.in/sites/default/files/2022-07/India-Innovation-Index-2021-Web-Version_21_7_22.pdf

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