

SDG India index 2020-21

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In news- The third edition of the SDG India Index and Dashboard 2020–21 was released by NITI Aayog recently.

About the index-

- The report is titled, '**SDG India Index and Dashboard 2020–21: Partnerships in the Decade of Action**'.
- It is designed and **developed by NITI Aayog with extensive consultations with the primary stakeholders** – the States and Union Territories, UN agencies led by United Nations in India, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) and the key Union Ministries.
- 13 Goals with 62 indicators were covered in its first edition in 2018, whereas the third edition covers **16 Goals on 115 quantitative indicators that** are aligned to MoSPI's National Indicator Framework (NIF) with a **qualitative assessment on Goal 17**.



- The SDG India Index computes **goal-wise scores on the 16 SDGs** for each State and Union Territory.
- These scores range between 0–100, and if a State/UT achieves a score of 100, it signifies it has achieved the 2030 targets.
- The **higher the score of a State/UT, the greater the distance to target achieved**.

States and Union Territories are classified as below based on

their SDG India Index score:

- **Aspirant:** 0–49
 - **Performer:** 50–64
 - **Front-Runner:** 65–99
 - **Achiever:** 100
- In 2020-21, the country's **overall SDG score improved by 6 points**, from **60 in 2019 to 66 in 2020–21**.
 - This positive stride is largely driven by exemplary country-wide performance in **Goal 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation) and Goal 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy)**, where the composite Goal scores are 83 and 92, respectively.

Top-5 States	75	Kerala
	74	Himachal Pradesh, Tamil Nadu
	72	Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Karnataka, Uttarakhand
	71	Sikkim
	70	Maharashtra
Bottom-5 States	61	Chhattisgarh, Nagaland, Odisha
	60	Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh
	57	Assam
	56	Jharkhand
	52	Bihar

- While in 2019, ten States/UTs belonged to the category of Front-Runners (score in the range 65–99, including both) twelve more States/UTs found themselves in this category in 2020–21.
- **Uttarakhand, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Mizoram, Punjab, Haryana, Tripura, Delhi, Lakshadweep, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh** graduated to the **category of Front-Runners** (scores between 65 and 99, including both).