SDG India Index: Baseline Report 2018

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The **NITI Aayog** has released the Baseline Report of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) India Index 2018, documenting the progress made by India's States and Union Territories (UTs) towards implementation of the 2030 SDG targets.

The SDG India Index was developed in collaboration with the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI), Global Green Growth Institute and United Nations in India.

- The index comprises a composite score for each State and Union Territory based on their aggregate performance across 13 of the 17 SDGs. The score, ranging between 0 and 100, denotes the average performance of the State/UT towards achieving the 13 SDGs and their respective targets.
- The aim of the index is to instil competition among States to improve their performance across social indices as the States' progress will determine India's progress towards achieving the set goals by 2030. Using the index, States will be monitored on a real-time basis.
- NITI Aayog has the twin mandate to oversee the implementation of SDGs in the country, and also promote Competitive and Cooperative Federalism among States and UTs. The SDG India Index acts as a bridge between these mandates, aligning the SDGs with the Prime Minister's clarion call of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, which embodies the five Ps of the global SDG movement — people, planet, prosperity, partnership and peace.

Highlights of the report and performance of various states:

According to the SDG India Index, the nation as a whole has a score of 58, showing the country has reached a little beyond the halfway mark in meeting the sustainable development goals adopted by India and 192 other nations in 2015.

The SDG Index Score for Sustainable Development Goals 2030 ranges between 42 and 69 for States and between 57 and 68 for UTs.

Top 3 states in terms of being on track to achieve the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDG): Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu.

Kerala and Himachal Pradesh share the top score among the states of 69.

Uttar Pradesh is at the bottom of chart with a score of 42.

Among the UTs, **Chandigarh** is the front runner with a score of 68.