

State Ranking Index for NFSA

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In news—The Union Food and Consumer Affairs Minister has recently released the 'State Ranking Index for NFSA' 2022 during a conference of State Food Ministers on 'Food and Nutrition Security of India'.

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- The states and UTs were ranked for 2022 on the basis of **three parameters:**
 - **NFSA coverage, rightful targeting** and implementation of all provisions under the Act.
 - The **delivery platform** while considering the allocation of food grains, their movement and **last-mile delivery to fair price shops.**
 - **Nutrition initiatives** of the department.
- **The current version of the Index measures the effectiveness of NFSA implementation** majorly through operations and initiatives under TPDS (Targeted Public Distribution System).
- The **exercise of ranking** the States and UTs was **commissioned by the Food and Consumer Affairs Ministry but carried out by a third party.**
- As per the government's ranking, **Odisha is at first position with a score of 0.836, followed by Uttar Pradesh (0.797) and Andhra Pradesh (0.794).**
- **Gujarat is at fourth place**, followed by Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman Diu, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Jharkhand.
- **Among the special category States** (the Northeastern States, Himalayan States, and the Island States), **Tripura has obtained the first rank.** Himachal Pradesh and Sikkim are at the second and third positions.
- **It does not cover programs and schemes implemented by**

other ministries and departments under the NFSA.

- The **Index denotes only the efficiency of TPDS operations, it does not reflect the level of hunger**, if any or malnutrition, or both, in a particular State or union territory.
- **The findings from the exercise revealed that most States and Union Territories have fared well in digitisation, Aadhaar seeding**, and ePoS installation, which reiterates the strength and scale of the reforms.