

NITI Aayog launches Sustainable Development Goals Urban Index

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Shimla tops the list of cities scoring highest on urban Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) index. Coimbatore and Chandigarh were at second and third position in the ranking of urban SDG index.

Thiruvananthapuram, Kochi, Panaji, Pune, Tiruchirapalli, Ahmedabad and Nagpur are among the list of top 10 cities.

Key Highlights

- The Niti Aayog recently launched the SDG Urban Index & Dashboard (2021-22) which ranks 56 urban areas on 77 SDG indicators across 46 targets of the SDG framework.
- A senior official said that the index and dashboard will further strengthen SDG localization and institute robust SDG monitoring at the city level. It highlights the strengths and gaps of ULB-level data, monitoring, and reporting systems.
- Out of 56 urban areas ranked in the index, 44 areas with a population of above one million. Twelve are state capitals with a population of less than a million.
- While for some indicators, “urban area” implies ULBs, in other cases, it refers to all urban areas within a district collectively. For each SDG, the urban areas are ranked on a scale of 0-100.
- Overall scores are then generated from the Goal-wise scores to measure aggregate performance of the urban area.

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