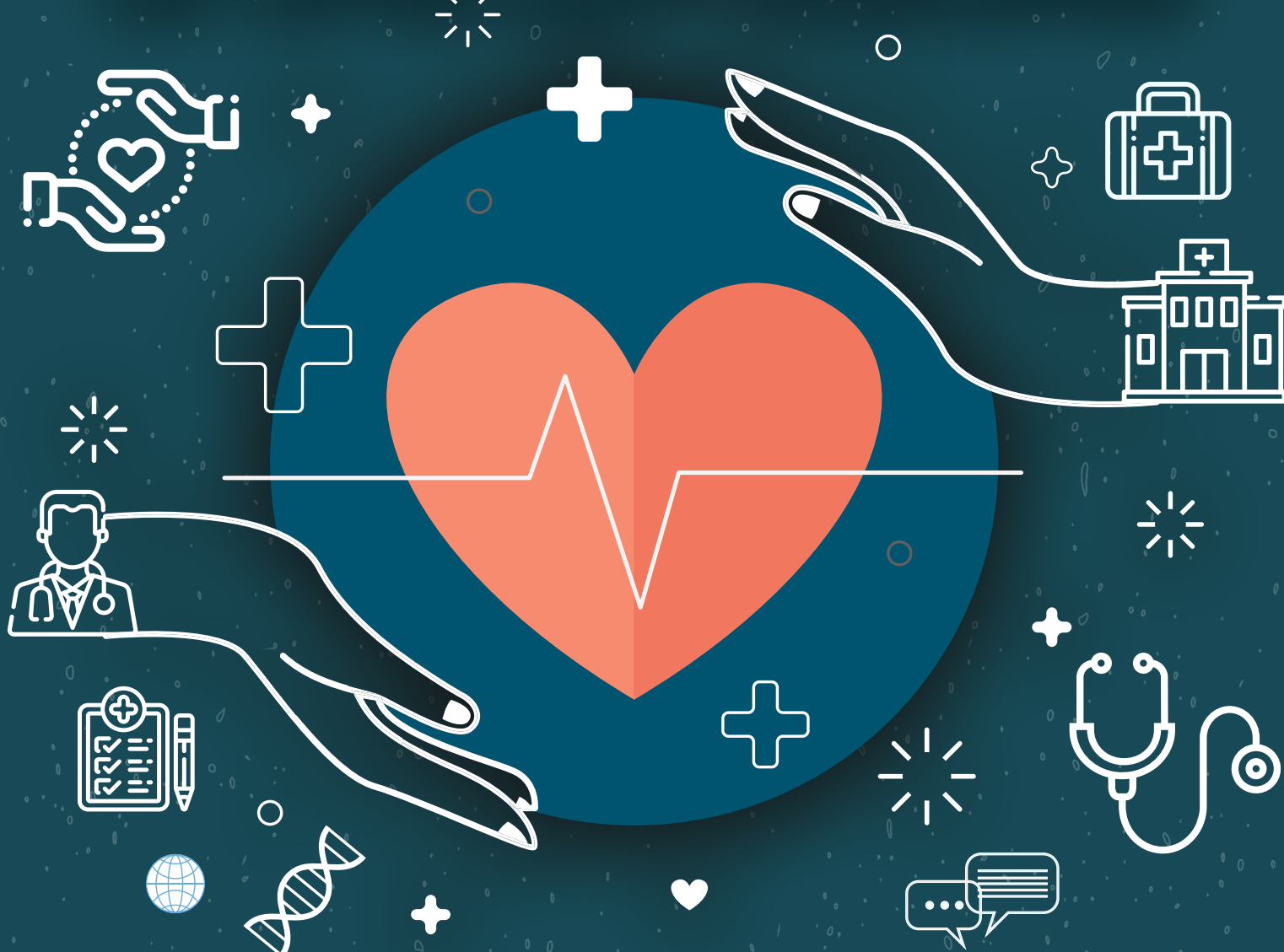


NITI AAYOG'S HEALTH INDEX



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The government think - tank NITI Aayog has released the second edition of its **"Health Index"** titled **'Healthy States Progressive India'**.

OBJECTIVE

To promote **"a co-operative and competitive spirit"** amongst the States and Uts to rapidly bring about transformative action in achieving the desired health outcomes.

KEY FEATURES

The health index is a composite measure of states and union territories based on **23 health indicators** with focus areas **mortality rate, total fertility rate & sex ratio**, among other parameters.

Measures the "overall performance" and "incremental improvement" in the states and UTs over a two year period - **2015-16 (Base Year) to 2017-18 (Reference Year)**.

States and UTs are grouped in **three categories** to ensure comparability among similar entities, namely 21 Larger States, 8 Smaller States, and 7 Uts.

KEY STAKEHOLDERS

The NITI Aayog prepared the report in collaboration with the **MoHFW** (The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare) and with technical assistance from the **World Bank**.

KEY REVELATIONS

Kerala has topped the index on "overall health performance" followed by **Andhra Pradesh** and **Maharashtra**, whereas **Uttar Pradesh** remains the least performing state.

Haryana, Rajasthan and **Jharkhand** have improved in terms of "incremental performance".

Better-performing States like **Tamil Nadu** dropped from third position to ninth position, while **Punjab** dropped from second position to the fifth.

Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Uttarakhand and **Bihar** (at the bottom) have shown no improvement in health status. The primary reason for poor performance in Bihar was **total fertility rate** and decline in **sex ratio** where as **Uttarakhand's** score decreased mainly because of deterioration in **neo-natal mortality rate & under-five mortality rate**. In **Odisha** and **Madhya Pradesh** TB treatment success rate was poor.

OVERALL PERFORMANCE IN REFERENCE YEAR

Categorization	Aspirants (Index score <43.74) Lowest One-Third	Achievers (Index score btw 43.74 - 58.88) Middle One-Third	Front-runners (Index score >58.88) Top One-Third
Larger States	Rajasthan, Uttarakhand Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh	West Bengal, Haryana Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand Assam	Kerala, Andhra Pradesh Maharashtra, Gujarat Punjab, Himachal Pradesh Jammu and Kashmir Karnataka, Tamil Nadu Telangana
Smaller States	Sikkim, Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland	Manipur, Meghalaya Goa	Mizoram
UTs	Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Daman and Diu	Lakshadweep, Puducherry Delhi	Chandigarh Dadra and Nagar Haveli

INCREMENTAL PERFORMANCE FROM BASE TO REFERENCE YEAR

Categorization	Not Improved	Least Improved	Moderately Improved	Most Improved
Larger States	West Bengal, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Kerala	Gujarat Chhattisgarh Himachal Pradesh	Telangana, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Jammu and Kashmir	Haryana, Assam Rajasthan, Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh
Smaller States	Meghalaya, Sikkim Goa, Arunachal Pradesh	Nagaland, Mizoram	Tripura, Manipur	—
UTs	Delhi, Andaman and Nicobar Lakshadweep	—	Puducherry	Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Chandigarh, Daman and Diu

