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News: Good Governance Index 2021

- Recently, Good Governance Index was released.

Good Governance Index 2021

- The Good Governance Index 2021 (GGI) was prepared by the **Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.**
- GGI is a comprehensive and implementable framework to **assess the State of Governance across the States and UTs which enables ranking of States/Districts.**
- The objective of GGI is to **create a tool that can be used uniformly across the States to assess the impact of various interventions taken up by the Central and State Governments including UTs.**
- Based on the GGI Framework, the Index provides a comparative picture among the States while developing a competitive spirit for improvement.
- The GGI 2021 says that **20 States have improved their composite GGI scores** over the GGI 2019 index scores.
- The GGI is envisaged as a **biannual exercise.**

- The rankings are based on 58 indicators classified under 10 sectors namely, Agriculture and Allied Sectors, Commerce & Industries, Human Resource Development, Public Health, Public Infrastructure & Utilities, Economic Governance, Social Welfare & Development, Judicial & Public Security, Environment and Citizen-Centric Governance.
- The states and UTs are ranked on 4 categories – Group A, Group B, North Eastern and Hill States and Union Territories.
- Gujarat has topped the composite ranking in the Good Governance Index 2021 Group A, followed by Maharashtra and Goa.
- Madhya Pradesh tops the Group B followed by Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh.
- Himachal Pradesh topped the group of North Eastern and Hill States followed by Mizoram and Uttarakhand.
- Delhi tops the category of Union Territories.

Earlier, Urban Governance Index and Chandler Good Governance Index were also released.

Urban Governance Index

- The Praja Foundation has released the Urban Governance Index.
- Odisha topped the list of states and Manipur and Nagaland were at the bottom.

- The states were marked between 0 and 100 based on the themes empowered City administration, elected representatives and legislative structure and empowered citizens and physical empowerment.
- In order to create the index the Praja Foundation conducted a study for three years across 40 cities and in the national capital territory.
- The ranks have been awarded to the states based on their local self-Government and grassroot democracy.
- According to the findings of the study none of the states could score 60 out of hundred.
- This indicates that the municipal bodies are lagging to provide effective governance at the local level.
- The study also said that not a single state has evolved all the 18 functions to the municipal bodies in spite of the fact that it has been 28 years after Parliament passed the constitutional amendment on municipalities.
- The 18 functions include regulation of land use, urban planning, planning for economic and social development, fire service, water supply, protection of the environment, urban Forestry, promotion of ecological aspects, etc.
- These functions aim to empower the local urban bodies and democratic decentralization of the local governance.

Chandler Good Governance Index (CGGI)

- India has been ranked 49th in the Chandler Good Government Index (CGGI), which classifies 104 countries in terms of government capabilities and outcomes.
- It is the first Good Governance Index published by Chandler Institute of Governance.
- Finland topped the CGGI list, while Venezuela was the worst ranked.
- The index is on a scale of 0 (lowest) to 1 (highest).
- The index focuses on seven pillars: leadership and foresight; robust laws and policies; strong institutions; financial stewardship; attractive marketplace; global influence and reputation; and helping people rise.
- China, Sri Lanka, Pakistan and Nepal score 40, 72, 90 and 92nd ranks respectively.
- Among BRICS nations Russia ranked 48th, Brazil ranked 67th and South Africa 70th.

News: NITI Aayog Health Index

NITI Aayog Health Index 2021

- NITI Aayog has released the Health Index 2021 recently. It's the fourth Index of such kind published annually.
- Kerala (for the fourth year in a row) has been topped at the rankings. Uttar Pradesh is the worst performing state among major states.
- The fourth round of the Health Index took into account the period 2019-20 (reference year).
- Health index is a weighted composite score incorporating 24 indicators classified under three broad domains – health outcomes, governance and information, and key inputs and processes.
- The report was divided in three parts – larger states, smaller states and union territories. Among the smaller states, Mizoram was the best performer and Nagaland was at the bottom.
- Among the union territories, Chandigarh was on top, followed by Dadra and Nagar Haveli at number 2 and Delhi at number 3. Puducherry was the worst overall performer.
- The report has been prepared in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare with technical assistance from the World Bank.