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**News:** NITI Aayog report says 13.5cr. people lifted out of multidimensional poverty

## **National multidimensional poverty index: a progress review 2023**

- The report has been prepared based on the latest National Family Health Survey of 2019–21 and is the second edition of the National Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI).

### **Highlights from the report**

- India has registered a significant decline of 9.89 percentage points in the number of multidimensionally poor, from 24.85% in 2015 – 16 to 14.96% in 2019–21.
- The study says nearly 13.5 crore people came out of multidimensional poverty during the period, assessed by identifying “acute deprivations in health, education and standard of living” using United Nations approved parameters.
- The report said rural areas witnessed the fastest decline in poverty from 32.59% to 19.28%, mainly due to a decrease in number of multi-dimensionally poor in States such as Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, and Rajasthan.

- Delhi, Kerala, Goa, and Tamil Nadu have the least number of people facing multidimensional poverty, along with the Union Territories.
- Bihar, Jharkhand, Meghalaya, Uttar Pradesh, and Madhya Pradesh top the chart where the percentage of population which is multi-dimensionally poor is high.
- Multidimensional poverty in urban areas, during the same period, saw a decrease from 8.65% to 5.27%.
- Uttar Pradesh registered the largest decline in number of poor with 3.43 crore people escaping multidimensional poverty.