## Kerala again tops NITI Aayog's SDG ranking; Bihar worst performer



Kerala has retained the top rank in the NITI Aayog's SDG India Index 2020-21, while Bihar has been adjudged the worst performer, according to a report released on Thursday.

The Index for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) evaluates progress of states and Union Territories on social, economic and environmental parameters. Kerala retained its rank as the top state with a score of 75.

Both Himachal Pradesh and Tamil Nadu took the second spot with a score of 74. However, in the 16 SDGs, different states topped on different parameters.

## HOW THEY STACK UP Top-ranked state on different parameters

ZERO HUNGER: TN, Delhi

NO POVERTY: Kerala, Chandigarh

GOOD HEALTH & WELL BEING: Gujarat, Delhi

QUALITY EDUCATION: Kerala, Chandigarh

GENDER EQUALITY: Chhattisgarh, A&N Islands

CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION: Goa and Lakshwadeep

AFFORDABLE & CLEAN ENERGY: AP, Goa, Haryana, HP, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Mizoram, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, TN, Telengana, Uttarakhand, UP, A&N, Chandigarh, Delhi, J&K and Ladakh

DECENT WORK AND ECO GROWTH: HP, Chandigarh

INDUSTRY, INNOVATION & INFRA:

Gujarat, Delhi

REDUCED INEQUALITY: Meghalaya,

Chandigarh

SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES:

Punjab & Chandigarh

RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND

PRODUCTION: Tripura, J&K and Ladakh

CLIMATE ACTION: Odisha, A&N

LIFE BELOW WATER: Odisha

LIFE IN LAND: Arunachal Pradesh,

Chandigarh

PEACE, JUSTICE & STRONG INSTITUTIONS: Uttarakhand, Puducherry

Kerala