

■ Puducherry, Lakshadweep, Goa, Best Performers in Social Progress Index

Puducherry has been recognized as the best-performing State in the Social Progress Index (SPI) with the highest score of 65.99, attributable to its remarkable performance across components like personal freedom and choice, shelter, and water and sanitation. Lakshadweep has scored 65.89 and Goa closely follow with 65.53. Jharkhand and Bihar scored the lowest. In the SPI index compiled by the Economic Advisory Council to Prime Minister (EAC-PM) along with Institute for Competitiveness and Social Progress Imperative, Shimla in Himachal Pradesh, Solan in Himachal Pradesh, and Aizawl in Mizoram stand out as best performing districts. The index assesses States and districts based on 12 components across three critical dimensions of social progress - Basic Human Needs, Foundations of well-being, and Opportunity.