

## February 10<sup>th</sup> news:

### Economy:

#### Kerala tops Niti Aayog health index

Kerala topped the list of larger states on overall health performance in 'performance in health outcome index' released by Niti Aayog on 9<sup>th</sup> February

Punjab and Uttar Pradesh ranked second and third among 21 large states evaluated on the basis of various health indicators such as neonatal mortality rates, under-five mortality rate, full immunisation coverage and institutional deliveries.

Jharkhand, J&K and UP are top three ranking States in terms of annual incremental performance. The next health report on states performance will be released in June this year and district hospitals too would be ranked. Ranking of 730 district hospitals based on their performance will be taken.

Among smaller states, Mizoram ranked first followed by Manipur on overall performance, while Manipur followed by Goa were the top ranked states in annual incremental performance.

Developed by Niti Aayog, with technical assistance from the World Bank, and in consultation with the Health Ministry, the states and UTs have been ranked on their year-on-year incremental change in health outcomes as well as their overall performance with respect to each other.

- The name of the report is 'Healthy States, Progressive India'
- 21 large States evaluated on the basis of various health indicators such as neonatal mortality rates, under-five mortality rate, full immunisation coverage and institutional deliveries.
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- The health index is a weighted composite index, which for the large States, is based on indicators in three domains: health outcomes (70 per cent), governance and information (12 per cent) and key inputs and processes (18 per cent).
- Among UTs, Lakshadweep showed both the best overall performance as well as the highest annual incremental performance. The incremental measurement revealed that about one-third of the States, including the top-ranked Kerala, have registered a decline in their performance in 2016 as compared to 2015, stressing the need to pursue domain-specific, targeted interventions.
- However, the report also noted that it is a challenge for States with high index scores to even maintain their performance levels while it is much easier for States with low levels of development to notch up high incremental changes.
- Common challenges for most States and UTs include the need to focus on addressing vacancies in key staff, establishment of functional district Cardiac Care Units, quality accreditation of public health facilities and institutionalisation of Human Resources Management Information System.

- Uttar Pradesh was among the top three states to show incremental improvement in health care and family welfare during 2014-15 and 2015-16.
- The outcomes were sourced from Health Management Information Systems (HMIS), National Family Health Survey-4, and data from the health ministry.
- The states were segregated into large and small, while Union Territories were given a separate category.
- The index, in turn, will help the Centre assess the impact and reach of various social sector programmes.
- According to the index, one-third of the states had registered a decline in their performance in 2016, underlining the need for domain-specific and targeted interventions.
- For most states, the common challenges included vacancies in key staff, quality accreditation of public health facilities and institutionalisation of a human resources management information system.

#### **Environment:**

#### **South Central Railway Becomes 1st Rail Zone With 100% LED Lighting At Stations**

The South Central Railway (SCR) became the first railway zone in the country to complete 100% LED lighting at all the stations under its jurisdiction. The SCR has been on the forefront of adopting energy conservation measures. It has attained the status of becoming the first zone in the Indian Railways to complete 100% LED lighting in all the 733 stations under its jurisdiction.

Persons in news:

**Indra Nooyi:** PepsiCo Chairman and CEO Indra Nooyi has been appointed to the International Cricket Council (ICC) Board as the governing body's first independent female director. An ICC release said, Nooyi will join the Board in June this year to align with the term of the ICC Independent Chairman. The introduction of an Independent Director, who must be female, was approved by the ICC Full Council in June last year as part of wide ranging constitutional change aimed at improving the governance of the sport.