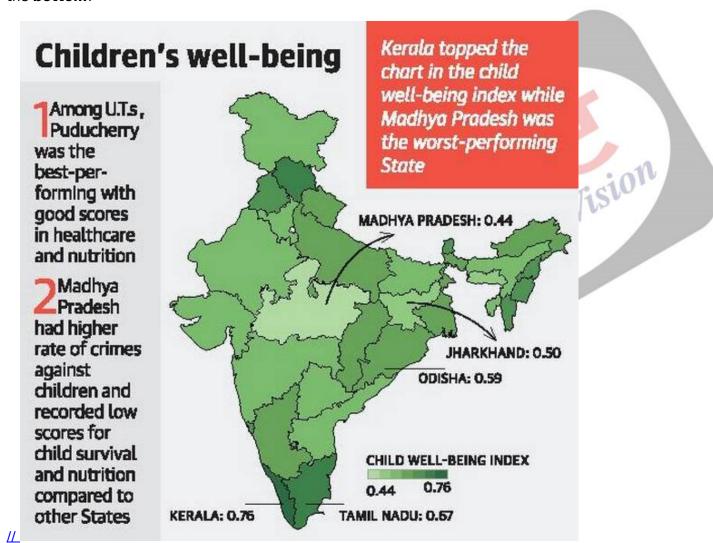


India's Child well-being Index Report

According to the recently released **Child's Well-Being Index Report,** "Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Himachal Pradesh & Puducherry **topped** the charts, while Meghalaya, Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh featured at the **bottom**."



Child well-being Index Report

- The report is the collaborated work of a research institute *IFMR LEAD* & an NGO *World Vision India.*
- The <u>NITI Aayog</u> cited the report as crucial & significant in securing the rights of children and achieving the goal of child well-being, using a composite Child well-being Index.
- Child well-being Index is the tool to comprehensively measure & track children's well-being.
- The index is computed on the basis of **3 dimensions** (that include, healthy individual development, positive relationships, and protective contexts) & **24 indicators**.

Insights from the Report

- The report provides insights on varied dimensions such as health, nutrition, education, sanitation, and child protection.
- It *highlights* the multi-dimensional approach to measure child well-being index. It goes **beyond measuring income poverty** & targets the **holistic development** of the children.
- One of the primary objectives of the report was to *inspire* academic and policy conversations on the under-researched theme of child well-being in India.

Way Forward

- Children are the future of our nation, if neglected, they will exacerbate the burden of poverty and inequality. So, the burden lies on the shoulders of all concerned stakeholders to **prioritize and invest** in the well-being of our children.
- States need to look at their respective scores on the dimensions of child well-being and need to prepare specific plans of action for priority areas of intervention.
- The report hopes to **trigger policy level changes**, seek better budgetary allocations and initiate discussions with all stakeholders, which can help in enhancing the quality of life of all children in the country.

The Vision

Some of the key indicators that need to be studied in the future include mobile usage, digital access, financial literacy, mental health and quality of relationships between parents/peers and children.

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