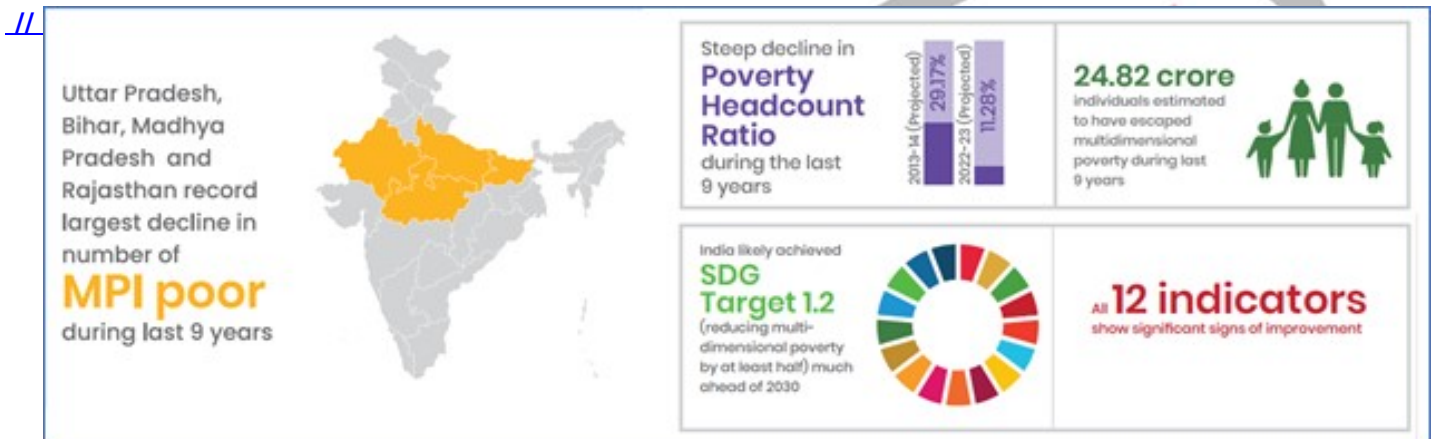# UP Lead in Pulling People Out of Poverty

Why in News?

According to '**Multidimensional Poverty in India since 2005-06'**, a paper issued by the NITI Aayog, **Uttar Pradesh** maintained its **lead** among states **in pulling the maximum number of people out** of multidimensional poverty (MDP) in the past nine years.

- The organisation flagged that **5.94 crore people in UP** had **emerged from MDP.**

Key Points

- In the paper, it had pointed out that from **37.68% in 2015-16,** the **number of multi-dimensional poor** in UP **came down to 22.95% in 2019-21.**
- In the NITI Aayog's paper, it states that in **2022-23**, this **figure is reduced to 17.40%.**
  - NITI Aayog **considered 12 indicators aligned with sustainable development goals** to measure multidimensional poverty.
- **Oxford Policy and Human Development Initiative (OPHI)** and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), also contributed to the paper.
  - According to the report, **multidimensional poverty** in India was found to have **declined from 29.17% in 2013-14 to 11.28% in 2022-23** with 24.82 crore people escaping poverty during this period.

NITI Aayog

- The **Planning Commission was replaced by a new institution – NITI Aayog** on 1st January, 2015 with emphasis on 'Bottom –Up' approach to envisage the vision of Maximum Governance, Minimum Government, echoing the spirit of 'Cooperative Federalism'.
- **It has two Hubs:**
  - Team India Hub acts as an interface between States and Centre.
  - Knowledge and Innovation Hub builds the think-tank acumen of NITI Aayog.

Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI)

- OPHI is an economic research and policy centre within the Oxford Department of International Development at the University of Oxford. **It was established in 2007.**
- It aims to build and advance a more systematic methodological and economic framework for reducing multidimensional poverty, grounded in people's experiences and values.

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