



# India Innovation Index, 2021

## Why In News?

- Chhattisgarh has been ranked last (17<sup>th</sup>) in the India Innovation Index-2021 released by NITI Aayog vice-chairman Suman Beri on July 21, 2022 in the category of 17 major states.

## Key Points

- In NITI Aayog's 3<sup>rd</sup> India Innovation Index, the states and union territories were categorized into 17 major states, 10 northeastern and hill states and 9 union territories and city-states for an effective comparison of their performance.
- In the category of 17 major states, Karnataka is at the top spot with 18.01 points, while Telangana is second with 17.66 points and Haryana is third with 16.35 points. Odisha is 16<sup>th</sup> with 11.42 points and Chhattisgarh is 17<sup>th</sup> (last) with 10.97 points.
- Manipur topped the northeastern and hill states category with 19.37 points. Uttarakhand (17.67 points) is at the second spot in this category, while Nagaland (11.00 points) is at the bottom.
- Chandigarh (27.88 marks) has topped the union territories and city-states category. In this category, Delhi (27.00 points) is at the second position, while Ladakh (5.91 points) is at the bottom.
- It is noteworthy that the India Innovation Index prepared by NITI Aayog and Competitiveness Institute is a means of evaluating and developing the country's innovation ecosystem. It ranks the states and union territories in order of their innovation performance, so that there is healthy competition among them.
- This innovation index has been prepared on the lines of Global Innovation Index. The analysis was based on 36 indicators in the previous editions, but this time used 66 indicators. The first and second innovation indexes were released in October 2019 and January 2021, respectively.