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Recently, NITI Aayog, in partnership with the Institute of Competitiveness, released the Export Preparedness Index (EPI) 2021.



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Export Preparedness Index:

- It is a **data-driven endeavour** to identify the fundamental areas critical for **sub national export promotion**.
- The EPI ranks states and UTs on **4 main pillars** including:
 - Policy
 - Business ecosystem
 - Export ecosystem
 - Export performance
- These include **11 sub-pillars** including export promotion policy, institutional framework, business environment, infrastructure, transport connectivity, access to finance, export infrastructure, trade support, R&D infrastructure, export diversification and growth orientation.

Objective:

- To **instil competition among all Indian states** to bring about favourable export-promotion policies, ease the regulatory framework.
- To **create the necessary infrastructure for exports** and assist in identifying strategic recommendations for improving export competitiveness.
- To **promote competitive federalism** and a fair contest among States/UTs.

EPI 2021:

- Most of the '**Coastal States**' are the best performers, with **Gujarat as the top-performer**.

- In the category of '**Landlocked States**', **Haryana** was the best-performing state.
- Among '**Himalayan States**' and '**Union Territories**', **Uttarakhand and Delhi** are the top-performing states respectively.
- The index has highlighted three major challenges to India's export promotion.
 - **Intra and inter regional differences** in export infrastructure
 - **Weak trade support** and growth orientation across states
 - Lack of Research & Development infrastructure to promote complex and unique exports.