### Panchayat Development Index (PDI)

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Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) has recently released a report on **Panchayat Development Index** (PDI).

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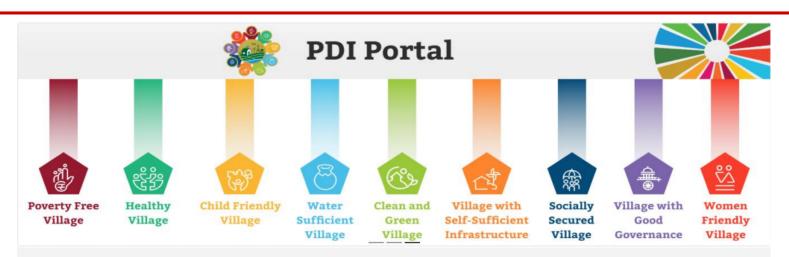


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### About the Panchayat Development Index (PDI):

- The PDI is a **multi-domain** and **multi-sectoral index** that aims to assess and measure the progress of Grassroots level Institutions in achieving localized SDGs (**Sustainable Development Goals**).
- It is essential for **performance evaluation** and progress assessment in rural areas towards **SDG 2030**.
- It considers **factors** such as- Infrastructure, Health and Education, Economic Indicators, Social Indicators, Governance and Administration and Environmental Sustainability.
- Thematic scores are calculated across 9 themes of localized SDGs in the preparation of PDI.
- These themes serve as a **framework** for assessing and comparing progress at the Panchayat level.
- It is calculated based on 577 Local Indicators, 144 Local Targets, and 642 unique data points, which monitor the progress at the grassroots level.
- Baseline data from PDI assists in setting **local targets** and **actionable points** for evidence-based **Panchayat Development Plans**, aiming for improved performance.

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### About Localization of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):

- Ministry of Panchayati Raj is leading the localization of SDGs to achieve the Agenda of Sustainable Development by **2030**.
- The localization process involves adopting 9 Themes for rural development.



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### About Revamped Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA):



- The RGSA is a **Centrally Sponsored Scheme** that aims to incentivize **best-performing Panchayats** through the **NPA** (National Panchayats Award).
  - NPA assesses Panchayats based on their performance in attaining SDGs, fostering positive competition among Panchayats.
- It is implemented by the Union Ministry of Panchayati Raj.
- It will be implemented from 2022 to 2026 (co-terminus with XV Finance Commission period).

#### Funding pattern:

- Central and State Share- 60:40
- Central and State Share in north-east and hilly region- 90:10