

CHAPTER 9

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Though the State has prepared vision document for achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the State budget was not aligned to SDGs. Maharashtra has achieved targets set under SDG-3 related to reducing the maternal mortality rates, under five-year mortality rate, neo-natal mortality rate and successful treatment of tuberculosis patients. However, other targets like immunisation of children in age group 12-23 months, percentage of institutional deliveries out of total deliveries, percentage of births attended by skilled health personnel were yet to be achieved. Further, Maharashtra has performed better than All India SDG-3 scores in all the years.

9.1 Introduction

The United Nations General Assembly in 2015 adopted Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for the world to be achieved by 2030. One of the goals, SDG-3, pertains to “Good Health and Well-Being,” to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all.

Government of India (GoI) entrusted (September 2015) NITI Aayog⁸² with the responsibility of coordinating and overseeing the implementation of the 2030 Agenda of SDGs.

Planning Department (PD), GoM was the nodal department for the implementation of SDGs in Maharashtra. Besides, the SDG-Implementation and Coordination Centre (SDG-ICC) under the Directorate of Economics and Statistics of PD, GoM was established (December 2020) for monitoring the implementation of SDG-3.

9.2 Performance of the State pertaining to SDG-3

SDG India Index Report by NITI Aayog stipulates a mechanism⁸³ with the objective of measuring the progress of SDGs and develop competitiveness among States and Union Territories (UTs). Based on the results of the SDG India Index, States and UTs have been classified into four categories: Achiever, Front runner, Performer and Aspirant, where the 'Achiever' category represents the highest rank, and the 'Aspirant' category represents the lowest rank.

The performance of Maharashtra relating to SDG-3 in the SDG India Index and Dashboard Reports for the years 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 are shown in **Table 9.1**.

⁸² National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog) is the policy think tank of the Government of India, providing both directional and policy inputs.

⁸³ As per NITI Aayog Releases SDG India Index: Baseline Report 2018 (21 December 2018) Aspirant: 0-49; Performer: 50-64; Front Runner: 65-99; Achiever: 100.

Table 9.1: SDG-3 score of India vis-a-vis SDG-3 score of Maharashtra

Sr. No.	Report	Composite SDG Score of India	Composite SDG Score of Maharashtra	SDG-3 Score of India	SDG-3 Score of Maharashtra
1	SDG India Index 1.0 ⁸⁴ (2018)	57 (Performer)	64 (Performer)	52 (Performer)	60 (Performer)
2	SDG India Index 2.0 ⁸⁵ (2019-20)	60 (Performer)	64 (Performer)	61 (Performer)	76 (Front Runner)
3	SDG India Index 3.0 ⁸⁶ (2020-21)	66 (Front Runner)	70 (Front Runner)	74 (Front Runner)	83 (Front Runner)

As seen from **Table 9.1**, the SDG-3 score of Maharashtra has shown a steady improvement over the period 2018-19 to 2020-2021. Further, Maharashtra has performed better than All India SDG-3 scores in all the years. The district-wise performance could not be ascertained as district-wise SDG Index Report was not prepared in the State.

9.3 Key steps for adoption of Sustainable Development Goals

The progress of implementation of SDGs in six steps *i.e.*, establishment of unit/cell center on SDGs, mapping of department/schemes, formulation of vision/roadmap/strategy on SDGs, alignment of budget with SDGs, constitution of monitoring framework and consultations/ orientations/training revealed the following:

- The Government of Maharashtra has prepared the “Maharashtra Vision 2030”, a vision document for achieving the SDGs.
- The mapping of department/schemes, the constitution of monitoring framework and consultations/ orientations/training has been done in the State
- The State budget was not aligned to SDGs.

Recommendation 20: Government may consider alignment of State health budget to SDG-3.

9.4 Achievement of Targets under SDG-3

The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), Government of India had developed National Indicator Framework (NIF) for each SDGs to assist the Government in monitoring and tracking the progress of SDGs at national level. There are 41 indicators in NIF developed for SDG-3,

⁸⁴ SDG India Index 1.0: The first version of the Index *i.e.*, SDG India Index Baseline Report, 2018 (SDG India Index 1.0) was released in December 2018. The Index tracks the progress of all the States and UTs on a set of 62 indicators covering 13 SDGs (leaving out Goals 12, 13, 14 and 17, mainly because of paucity of data). As per the Report, Maharashtra has been ranked as 'Performer' with 64 composite score in SDG India Index 1.0.

⁸⁵ SDG India Index 2.0: It is the second version of the Index which builds upon its first version. It was launched in December 2019. The Index has been constructed using 100 indicators that cover 54 targets across 16 goals barring Goal 17 due to the fact that the data for SDG 17 are not available. As per the Report, Maharashtra has been ranked as “Performer” on Composite SDG India Index 2.0 with the Index Score of 64.

⁸⁶ SDG India Index 3.0: SDG India Index 3.0 launched in June, 2021 in which Maharashtra improved its overall SDG score from 64 in 2019-20 to 70 in 2020-21, improving its position in the Front runner category.

which are to be achieved by 2030. In Maharashtra, for SDG-3, PHD, GoM is the nodal department while Home (Transport) Department, Finance Department, Environment Department and Medical Education and Drugs Department are the other departments concerned for the achievement of the targets under SDG-3. The performance at the State level and national level against 41 indicators of SDG-3 as of December 2023 is detailed in **Appendix 9.1** and performance at the State level is summarised in **Table 9.2**.

Table 9.2: Achievements vis-à-vis the SDG-3 indicators

Sr. No.	Particulars	Achievements
1	16 indicators	Targets not fixed
2	25 indicators	Targets fixed
2a	4 indicators	Targets achieved
2b	11 indicators	Targets not achieved but above the national average
2c	1 indicator	Target not achieved and below the national average
2d	9 indicators	Achievements not available

Source: Information furnished by Commissioner, Health Services, Mumbai

As seen from **Table 9.2**, out of 25 indicators for which targets were fixed by GoI, targets were achieved in respect of four indicators (16 *per cent*), in 12 indicators (48 *per cent*) targets were not achieved while in the remaining nine indicators (36 *per cent*) the data of achievement was not available.



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