

Niti Aayog rankings: UP now 'frontrunner' state

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Lucknow: In a significant stride, Uttar Pradesh has improved its position to the 'frontrunner' from 'performer' category with a total score of 67 in NITI Aayog's Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) India Index 2023-24, released on Friday.

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With this year's score, not only has UP entered the league of 'Frontrunner' states, who have a score of 65 to 99,

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but has also recorded the highest jump in terms of points from 2018, with an increase of 25. It is currently 4 points below the national average of 71.

UP now leads all states in the SDG 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy) index, achieving a perfect score of 100, thus being marked as an Achiever state in this index.

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