

CM directs officials to implement SDGs in mission mode at grassroots level

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He outlined the state's improved performance in schemes like Har Ghar Jal, Har Ghar Bijli, Kanya Sumangala, Poshan Abhiyan, Mukhyamantri Arogya Yojana, Mission Shakti, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Mission Kayakalp, and ODOP in achieving a good score in SDGs at the grassroots level. The state's best performance is in SDG7, which is Affordable and Clean Energy, in which it scored 100. Its worst performance, however, is in SDG 5, Gender Equality, where it scored 42 marks and is second last among states. This is also an SDG where its performance dropped since 2020-21, when it scored 50 points.

The CM highlighted the state govt's commitment to girls' education and women's safety and empowerment, talking about initiatives like Mission Shakti which, he said, created greater social awareness.

ACCELERATING GROWTH		
COMPARISON OF SDG PERFORMANCE IN 2023-24 & 2020-21		
Sustainable Development Goal	2023-24	2020-21
No poverty	37	44
Zero hunger	50	41
Good health	61	60
Quality education	54	51
Gender equality	42	58
Clean water & sanitation	92	83
Affordable & clean energy	100	100
Decent work & economic growth	60	57
Industry, innovation & infra	53	42
Reduced inequalities	66	41
Sustainable cities	82	77
Responsible consumption & production	85	79
Climate action	52	39
Life on land	70	63
Peace, justice & strong institutions	77	79

UP's performance also shows scope for improvement in SDG 1, Poverty, where it is the fourth last among states with a score of

57, SDG 3, Good Health and Well Being, where it is again fourth last, and SDG 8, Decent Work and Economic Growth, where too it is

fourth last. Improvements have been registered in SDG 10, Reduced Inequalities, where its score went up from 41 to 66, and SDG 13, Climate Action, where its score increased from 39 to 52.

The CM directed officials to implement the SDGs in mission mode at the grassroots level, saying that information about all schemes must reach gram panchayats, and their benefits should reach intended beneficiaries. He said that achieving SDG targets is a shared responsibility of every department, district, and panchayat. Yogi also stressed the importance of accurate and timely data collection, stating that true progress can only be measured with reliable data. He directed officials to prepare and publish SDG profiles for all districts, saying that data is not just a record but is the foundation of policy decisions and that inaccurate or incomplete data neither reflects the real picture nor helps in effective planning.

UP jumps to 'front runner' category in Sustainable Development Goals

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Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh has made a significant improvement in the Sustainable Development Goals.

In the 2023-24 report on SDG released by Niti Aayog, UP improved its performance by seven points, moving from the category of 'Performer' to 'Front Runner' with a score of 67. In the 2018-19 report, which is the baseline year, the state scored 42 marks and was in the 'Aspirant' category.

This is the most significant improvement by any state in SDG, said a govt official.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has called it a "landmark achievement" which was a result of "clear

As per most recent Women Economic Empowerment (WEE) index, Lucknow, Kanpur and Varanasi have emerged as cities with most conducive environment for women, while Shravasti, Sambhal, Mahoba, Balrampur and Siddharthnagar were identified for urgent intervention. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, on Tuesday, directed special drive across all districts for participation of women in economic activities, 'One District-One Product' programme and various loan schemes and asked officials to give preference to women in recruitment as home guard, teachers and in public transport system as drivers and conductors. **P 6**

policy direction, effective implementation of schemes, and active public participation".

"UP made significant progress in all areas of sustainable development over the past few years, thanks to the effective implementa-

tion of public welfare schemes run by the govt. This achievement is not just about improved scores, but reflects real change reaching the last person in society," the CM said.

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