

Chapter IX
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Goal – 3

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9.1 Introduction

Sustainable Development Goal-3 seeks to ensure health and well-being for all, at every stage of life. The Goal addresses all major health priorities, including reproductive, maternal and child health; communicable, non-communicable and environmental diseases; universal health coverage; and access for all to safe, effective, quality and affordable medicines and vaccines. It also calls for more research and development, increased health financing, and strengthened capacity of all countries in health risk reduction and management.

9.2 Performance of the State under SDG-3

SDG India Index Report by NITI Aayog stipulates a mechanism⁷⁴ with the objective of measuring the progress of SDGs and develop competitiveness among States and UTs. Based on the results of the SDG India Index, States and Union Territories (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.

Performance of Gujarat relating to SDG-3 in the SDG India Index and Dashboard Reports 2018, 2019-20 and 2020-21 are shown in **Table 9.1** and **Table 9.2**:

Table 9.1: SDG-3 scores of the State

Particulars	SDG-3 score of Gujarat (out of 100)
SDG India Index ⁷⁵ 1.0	52
SDG India Index ⁷⁶ 2.0	67
SDG India Index ⁷⁷ 3.0	86

(Source: SDG India Index and Dashboard Reports 2018, 2019-20 and 2020-21)

⁷⁴ As per NITI Aayog Releases SDG India Index Baseline Report 2018 (21-December-2018)- Aspirant: 0-49; Performer: 50-64; Front Runner: 65-99 and Achiever: 100.

⁷⁵ The first version of the Index i.e. SDG India Index Baseline Report, 2018 (SDG India Index 1.0) was released in December 2018.

⁷⁶ It is the second version of the Index which builds upon its first version. It was launched in December 2019.

⁷⁷ It is third version of Index, which was launched in June 2021.

Table 9.2: Composite SDG and SDG-3 scores of State

Report	Composite SDG Score of India	Composite SDG Score of Gujarat	SDG-3 Score of India	SDG-3 Score of Gujarat
2018	57 (Performer)	64 (Performer)	52 (Performer)	52 (Performer)
2019-20	60 (Performer)	64 (Performer)	61 (Performer)	67 (Front Runner)
2020-21	66 (Front Runner)	69 (Front Runner)	74 (Front Runner)	86 (Front Runner)

(Source: SDG India Index and Dashboard Reports 2018, 2019-20 and 2020-21)

As seen from **Table 9.1** above, the SDG-3 score of Gujarat has shown improvement over the period 2018-2021. Gujarat has also performed higher than the All India Composite SDG score and SDG-3 score as shown in **Table 9.2**:

9.3 Improvement in Health Indicators

At the global level, the Sustainable Development Agenda aims to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages by 2030 as per Sustainable Development Goal (SDG-3). Good Health and Well-Being (SDG-3) aims to end preventable deaths from communicable diseases, Non-Communicable Diseases and illnesses caused by different forms of pollution.

The status of Gujarat as well as India (as per SDG India Index and Dashboard Report 2020-21) in these indicators and their targets are indicated in the given **Table 9.3**:

Table 9.3: Achievement of SDG-3 targets as per SDG Report 2020-21

Sr. No.	Indicator	Gujarat	India	Global Target by 2030
1	Maternal Mortality Ratio (per 1,00,000 live births)	75	113	70
2	Under 5 Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live birth)	31	36	25
3	Percentage of children in the age group of 9-11 months fully immunized	87	91	100
4	Total Case notification rate of Tuberculosis per 1,00,000 population	232	177	242
5	HIV incidence per 1,000 uninfected population	0.05	0.05	00
6	Suicide rate (per 1,00,000 population)	11.2	10.4	3.5
7	Death rate due to road traffic accidents (per 1,00,000 population)	10.88	11.56	5.81
8	Percentage of institutional deliveries out of the total deliveries reported	99.5	94.40	100
9	Monthly per capita out-of-pocket expenditure on health as a share of Monthly Per Capita Consumption Expenditure (MPCE)	9.50	13.00	7.83
10	Total physicians, nurses and midwives per 10,000 population	41	37	45

(Source: NITI Aayog SDG Report 2020-21)

As seen from **Table 9.3**, the performance of Gujarat was better than average achievement of India in respect of seven out of 10 indicators of SDG-3. In

one indicator (HIV incidence per 1,000 uninfected population) it was par with national average. In two indicators (i. Percentage of children in the age group of 9-11 months fully immunised, and ii. Suicide rate (per 1,00,000 population)) Gujarat is below than the average achievement of India.

Recommendation 18: State Government may take effective steps to improve the performance of the State in indicators where the State is behind the average achievement of India.



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