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*The State did not have a vision/ roadmap/ strategy for achievement of SDGs.*

*Meetings of State Level Implementation and Monitoring Committee and District Level SDG Implementation and Monitoring Committees were not being held regularly.*

*The targets set for achievement of SDGs were not achieved. Out of 20 targets set in milestone I of 2019-20 for SDG-3, four targets {Tuberculosis incidence (Per 1,00,000 population), Prevalence Rate of Leprosy (Per 10,000 population), TB cases successfully treated, Hypertension among adults (15-49 years)} could not be achieved.*

### 9.1 Introduction

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

The Government of India (GoI) entrusted (September 2015) NITI Aayog<sup>165</sup> with the responsibility of coordinating and overseeing the implementation of the 2030 Agenda of SDGs.

The GoR set up (November 2017) a State Level Implementation and Monitoring Committee<sup>166</sup> (SLI&MC) under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary, GoR for implementation of SDGs. This Committee is responsible for finalisation of State level road map, review and analysis of the progress of implementation of SDGs at regular intervals, suggesting strategy for implementation of SDGs and providing directions/suggestion to the departments. For the implementation of SDGs at the District level, District Level SDGs Implementation and Monitoring Committees (DLSIMC) were constituted<sup>167</sup>. The Planning Department, GoR was designated as the administrative department for implementation of SDGs in the State.

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166 Constituted on 07.11.17 and headed by Chief Secretary, with Principal Secretary, Planning as Member secretary, with thirteen other members from other departments.

167 Vide Administrative Reforms Department, GoR order dated 07.03.2019. The District Collector is the chairperson of DLSIMC.

### Performance of the State pertaining to SDG-3

The SDG India Index Report by NITI Aayog stipulates a mechanism<sup>168</sup> with the objective of measuring the progress of SDGs and developing 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.

The performance of Rajasthan relating to SDG-3 in the SDG India Index and Dashboard Reports 2018, 2019-20 and 2020-21 are shown in **Tables 9.1** and **9.2**:

**Table 9.1: SDG-3 scores of State**

Particulars	SDG-3 score of Rajasthan (out of 100)
SDG India Index 1.0 <sup>169</sup>	49
SDG India Index 2.0 <sup>170</sup>	58
SDG India Index 3.0 <sup>171</sup>	70

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

S. No.	Report	Composite SDG Score of India	Composite SDG Score of Rajasthan	SDG-3 Score of India	SDG-3 Score of Rajasthan
1	2018	57 (Performer)	59 (Performer)	52 (Performer)	49 (Aspirant)
2	2019-20	60 (Performer)	57 (Performer)	61 (Performer)	58 (Performer)
3	2020-21	66 (Front Runner)	60 (Performer)	74 (Front Runner)	70 (Front Runner)

As seen from Table 9.2 above, the SDG-3 score of Rajasthan has shown a steady improvement over the period 2018-2021. However, Rajasthan performed lower than All India SDG-3 scores in all the years.

168 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.

169 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, Rajasthan has been ranked as ‘Performer’ with 59 composite score in SDG India Index 1.0.

170 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 covers 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, Rajasthan has been ranked as ‘Performer’ on Composite SDG India Index 2.0 with the Index Score of 57.

171 SDG India Index 3.0: SDG India Index 3.0 launched in June 2021 in which Rajasthan improved its overall SDG score from 57 in 2019-20 to 60 in 2020-21, albeit retaining its position in the ‘Performer’ category.



## 9.2 Key steps for adoption of Sustainable Development Goals

NITI Aayog reviewed (January-February 2018) 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. As per this review, Rajasthan displayed no progress under three steps, i.e., vision/ roadmap/ strategy on SDGs, alignment of budget with SDGs and constitution of monitoring framework (as of February 2018).

The Principal Secretary, Planning Department stated (November 2023) that the alignment of SDGs with the State Government's 'Vision -2030' is in process. It was further stated that budget heads of each scheme/ programme have been mapped with the SDGs on Integrated Financial Management System.

**Recommendation 18:** *The State Government may expedite the alignment of SDGs with the State Government's Vision 2030.*

## 9.3 Monitoring of Sustainable Development Goal

As per the orders of Administrative Reforms Department, GoR (November 2017 and March 2019), the SLI&MC and DLSIMC meetings should be conducted twice in a year.

Information furnished (June 2022) by Joint Secretary, Plan, Planning Department, GoR revealed that against targeted eight, only four meetings of SLI&MC were conducted during the period 2018-19 to 2021-22.

Information regarding conduct of DLSIMC meetings furnished (June 2022) by eight test-checked Chief Medical & Health Officers (CM&HOs) during the period 2019-20 to 2021-22 revealed that against the targeted 48 meetings, only eight meetings (16.66 *per cent*) of DLSIMC were conducted. However, the Principal Secretary, Planning Department stated (November 2023) that 29 DLSIMC meetings were conducted by District Statistical Offices under the chairmanship of District Collector in the eight test-checked districts during 2019-22.

## 9.4 Achievement of Targets

In Rajasthan SDG Status Report 2019 (version 1), 20 targets were set for Milestone I of 2019-20 towards achievement of activities of SDG-3. Audit examination of progress of these 20 targets revealed that four<sup>172</sup> targets could not be achieved as per the Rajasthan SDG Status Report 2022 (version 4). Details are provided in *Appendix 9.1*.

172 Four targets: Tuberculosis incidence (Per 1,00,000 population), Prevalence Rate of Leprosy (Per 10,000 population), TB cases successfully treated, Hypertension among adults (15-49 years).

The State Government stated (January 2024) that the State reported 22 *per cent* decline in Tuberculosis incidence in 2020 from 2019. It was further stated that the GoI fixed the targets by less than two *per cent* for 2022-23 regarding National Leprosy Eradication Programme and same was achieved 1.74 *per cent*. It was also stated that due to COVID-19 less number of TB cases were treated, and now continuous monitoring is being done. For Hypertension among adults, awareness for adoption of better living prescription and screening of peoples for detection of hypertension is being regularly done. The fact remains that four targets could not be achieved.



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