

# Karnataka Tops 3rd Innovation Index

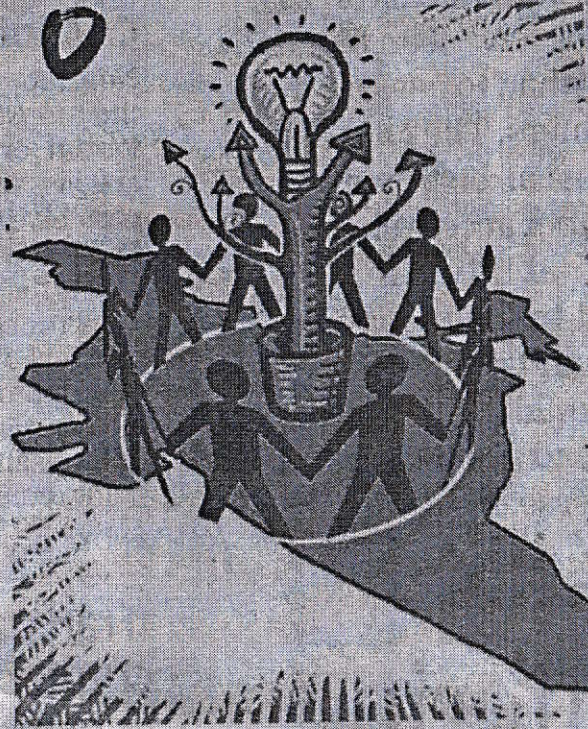
Telangana & Haryana in top 3; Chhattisgarh, Odisha & Bihar rank at the bottom among major states

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New Delhi: Karnataka, Telangana and Haryana have emerged as the top three states among 17 major states in Niti Aayog's third innovation index. The India Innovation Index 2021, released by Niti Aayog vice chairman Suman Bery on Thursday, examines innovation capacities and ecosystems at the sub-national level.

The index has been developed on the lines of the Global Innovation Index, an annual ranking of countries. States and Union Territories were divided into 17 major states, 10 Northeast and hill states, and nine union territories and city states, for effectively comparing their performance.

Among UTs, Chandigarh topped the chart, while in the Northeast and hill states category, Manipur occupied the top spot. Karnataka topped the index for the



third year in a row, with a score of 18.01. Chhattisgarh, Odisha and Bihar have been ranked at the bottom of the index among major states. Chhattisgarh scored the least at 10.97.

Average score for the major states' category was 14.02 while the overall index score was 14.56. According to the index, Karnataka's high score can be attributed to its

peak performance in attracting foreign direct investment (FDI) and a large number of venture capital deals.

Uttar Pradesh and Haryana have registered significant gains in promoting an innovative business environment with a large base of internet subscribers and a safe ecosystem for further investment in the region, it said.

The average score of Northeast and hill states category was 14.41, the index said, adding that Manipur with a score of 19.37 topped the list and Nagaland with a score of 11 was at the bottom. While Manipur scored best in the knowledge workers and safety and legal environment pillars, Uttarakhand had the second highest score due to the state government's high R&D investment.

The average innovation score of the nine union territories and city states is 15.74, higher than the national average.

Speaking at the event, Niti Aayog CEO Parameswaran Iyer said he would like to reaffirm the Aayog's continued commitment to monitoring the state of innovation in India through the India Innovation Index. "We strive to improve the innovation ecosystem across the nation in partnership with states and other stakeholders," he said.