

What is the National Multidimensional Poverty Index?

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Key Findings of Multidimensional Poverty Index

- It claims that **about 13.5 crore people** came out of multidimensional poverty during the period, assessed by identifying.
- It said that **rural areas witnessed the fastest decline in poverty** from 32.59% to 19.28%, primarily due to decrease in the number of multidimensionally poor in States such as Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, and Rajasthan. Delhi, Kerala, Goa and Tamil Nadu have the least number of people facing multidimensional poverty
- Along with the Union Territories. Bihar, Jharkhand, Meghalaya, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh top the chart where the percentage of total population who are multidimensionally poor is high.
- Multidimensional **poverty in urban areas**, during the same period, **saw a decrease** from 8.65% to 5.27%.
- **Uttar Pradesh** registered the **largest decline** in number of poor with 3.43 crore people escaping multidimensional poverty.
- Between 2015-16 and 2019-21, the MPI value has nearly halved from 0.117 to 0.066 and the intensity of poverty has reduced from 47% to 44%.

Key facts about National Multidimensional Poverty Index

- It is prepared based on the **latest National Family Health Survey of 2019-21** and is the second edition of the National Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI).
- Totally **12 parameters of health, education and standard of living** are examined in the report.
- These include nutrition, child and adolescent mortality, maternal health, years of schooling, school attendance, cooking fuel, sanitation, drinking water, electricity, housing, assets, and bank accounts.
- The report follows the Alkire-Foster **methodology** developed by its technical partners — the **Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative** (OPHI) and **United Nations Development Programme** (UNDP).

Q1) What is the United Nations Development Programme?

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is the United Nations' global development network. It was established in 1965 and works in more than 170 countries and territories to eradicate poverty, reduce inequality, and promote sustainable development.

Source: [Niti Aayog report claims decrease in multidimensional poverty](#)

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