

State Mining Readiness Index

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Recently, the Ministry of Mines released the State Mining Readiness Index (SMRI).

About State Mining Readiness Index

- It serves as a **tool for benchmarking State performance** and encouraging healthy competition, accelerating the pace of **mining reforms** and sustainable resource management across India.
- **Published by:** Ministry of Mines
- The index **evaluates States on parameters** like: auction performance, early mine operationalisation, focus on exploration, and sustainable mining practices related to **non-coal minerals**.
- These indicators aim to capture the **overall readiness and efficiency of States** in facilitating **mining activity** and implementing reforms.
- Under the SMRI framework, States have been divided into three categories based on their **mineral endowment:**
 - **Category A** – States rich in mineral resources

- **Category B** – States with moderate mineral resources
- **Category C** – States with limited mineral resources

State Rankings of SMRI 2025

- **Category A:** Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Gujarat secured the top three positions.
- **Category B:** Goa, Uttar Pradesh, and Assam ranked in the top three.
- **Category C:** Punjab, Uttarakhand, and Tripura achieved the top three ranks.

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