

Chandigarh tops school education index, Meghalaya comes last - Report

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Context

- Chandigarh has been adjudged the **best performer in school education** for the academic year 2023-24, while **Meghalaya appears in the lowest rung** of the Performance Grading Index (PGI) 2.0 report released by the Union Education Ministry on Wednesday.
- The States are graded on a wide range of indicators, including learning outcomes and quality, access, infrastructure, equity, governance processes, and teacher education and training, for a total of 1,000 points.
- None of the States feature in the top scoring range of 761-1,000, which suggests that there is huge scope for improvement, Ministry officials said.
- The report shows that **24 States and Union Territories improved their scores** in 2023-24 from the previous year's, while the remaining **12 States and Union Territories saw declining scores**
- Chandigarh achieved a score of **719**, and is the **sole State to reach Grade Prachesta-1**, for scores between 701 to 760.

Performance Grading Index (PGI)

- The annual Performance Grading Index (PGI) released by the Union government ranks the performance of States and Union Territories in school education
- The Performance Grading Index (PGI) is a tool to provide insights on the status of school education in States and UTs including key levers that drive their performance and critical areas for improvement.
- The Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL) under Ministry of Education has designed the PGI to catalyse transformational change in the field of school education.

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