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Does India Achieve Agenda 2030 Targets: A Multiple Lens Analysis

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Abstract: The study compares three most prominent methods to measure Sustainable Development Goals performance at the country and state-level. By using indicator approach and statistical weight method, performance of State and Union Territories was assessed towards Sustainable Development. The study results suggest a strong discrepancy in existing methods, depending on the chosen indicators and methods applied, states can receive substantially different relative evaluations. The differential results highlight the constraints and opportunities for States/UTs that are lagged behind the national targets. Out of 36 States/UTs 14 are show relatively decline social status compare to 2018 in 2019.Our findings suggest that several SDG indicators could be refined in term of their wording, and their underlying objective could be further clarified. The findings also point out potential pitfalls in interpreting progress on the SDGs, since different evaluation methods can lead to different conclusions. Lack of progress in attaining any one of these latter goals, such as climate action may on its own be sufficient to constrain future progress towards all other SDGs.

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