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**Ease of Living Index (EoLI)**  
**&**  
**Municipal Performance Index (MPI)**

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The Ease of Living Index and The Municipal Performance Index have been launched by the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA). The overall goal is to find out India's most livable and best performing cities.

The indices represent an attempt to gauge the performance of cities across India on various parameters of urban living. These provide a holistic assessment of cities based on their efforts to cultivate better quality of life, create infrastructure and address the challenges of sustainable urbanization.

**Ease of Living Index (EoLI)**

**Concept:**

The Ease of Living Index is an assessment tool for evaluation of cities based on four pillars:

- Quality of Life
- Economic Ability
- Sustainability
- Citizen Perception Survey

The first three - quality of life, economic ability and sustainability - account for 70% weightage. The citizen perception survey holds a weightage of 30%.

The Index looks at existing living conditions in cities spanning the 13 categories of

01. Education
02. Health
03. Housing and Shelter
04. WASH and SWM
05. Mobility
06. Safety and Security
07. Recreation
08. Level of Economic Development
09. Economic Opportunities
10. Environment
11. Green Spaces and Buildings
12. Energy Consumption
13. City Resilience

## **National Results of Ease of Living Index:**

MoHUA announced the release of the Ease of Living Index (EoLI) and the Municipal Performance Index (MPI) 2020 in March 2021. The rankings were announced for 111 cities which were classified in two categories, namely:

- A. More than a Million population (More than 10 Lakh) for 49 Cities
- B. Less than a Million population (Less than 10 Lakh) for 62 Cities

The top three performers in the Million+ category are Bengaluru, Pune and Ahmedabad.

The top three performers in the Less than a Million category are Shimla, Bhubaneshwar and Silvassa.

Dehradun's rank was 29 out of 62 cities in the less than Million category in Ease of Living Index.

## **Dehradun Results of Ease of Living Index:**

- Dehradun is included in the Less than a Million population category.
- There were 62 cities across the country in this category.
- No other city from Uttarakhand was considered for the rankings.
- Dehradun's overall rank was 29 out of 62 cities in the Ease of Living Index.
- The city scored 52.41 out of 100 marks in the Ease of Living Index
- In the sustainability pillar, Dehradun was ranked 15 out of 62 cities with a score of 56.93
- In the citizen perception pillar, Dehradun was ranked 33 out of 62 cities with a score of 75.30
- In the economic ability pillar, Dehradun was ranked 34 out of 62 cities with a score of 6.65
- In the quality of life pillar, Dehradun was ranked 41 out of 62 cities with a score of 49.81

## **Municipal Performance Index (MPI)**

### **Concept:**

The Municipal Performance Index was launched as an accompaniment to the Ease of Living Index. It seeks to simplify and evaluate the complexities in local governance practice and promote the ethos of transparency and accountability. It seeks to examine local government practice in municipalities across the five areas of :

- Services
- Finance
- Planning
- Technology
- Governance

The framework covers 20 varied sectors vis.

01. Education
02. Health
03. Water & Wastewater
04. SWM & Sanitation
05. Registration & Permits
06. Infrastructure
07. Revenue Management
08. Expenditure Management
09. Fiscal Responsibility
10. Fiscal Decentralization
11. Digital Governance
12. Digital Access

13. Digital Literacy
14. Plan Preparation
15. Plan Implementation
16. Plan Enforcement
17. Transparency & Accountability
18. Human Resource
19. Participation
20. Effectiveness

### **National Results of Municipal Performance Index:**

Similar to the Ease of Living Index, the assessment framework under Municipal Performance Index 2020 has classified municipalities based on their population into two categories: million plus category in which Indore has emerged as the highest ranked municipality, followed by Surat and Bhopal.

In the Less than Million category, New Delhi Municipal Council emerged as the leader, followed by Tirupati and Gandhinagar.

Dehradun performed even more poorly in this segment, scoring a rank of 47 amongst 60 cities in the less than million population category.

### **Dehradun Results of Municipal Performance Index:**

- Dehradun is included in less than a million population category.
- There were 60 cities across the country in this category.
- No other city from Uttarakhand was considered for the rankings.
- Dehradun's overall rank was 47 out of 60 cities in the Municipal Performance Index.
- The city scored 36.74 out of 100 marks in the Municipal Performance Index.
- In the planning MPI indicator, Dehradun was ranked 2nd out of 60 cities with a score of 53.73.
- In the finance MPI indicator, Dehradun was ranked 42 out of 60 cities with a score of 48.58.
- In the governance MPI indicator, Dehradun was ranked 49 out of 60 cities with a score of 31.32.
- In the services MPI indicator, Dehradun was ranked 50 out of 60 cities with a score of 38.92.
- In the technology MPI indicator, Dehradun was ranked 59 out of 60 cities with a score of 6.79.

### **Dehradun Results - Analysis and Recommendations**

The two indices represent the performance of Dehradun and compares that to other cities across India on various parameters of urban living. As is evident from the results, Dehradun has got average rankings and did not manage to find a place in the Top 10 out of 62 cities in the Ease of Living Index. In comparison to Dehradun's performance, the mountain capital city of Shimla from Himachal Pradesh bagged the first spot.

Dehradun has performed even lower on the Municipal Performance Index. It's rank of 47 out of 60 cities puts it right in the list of the bottom most cities. On four out of five indicators, it's rank is very low compared to other cities. This is most evident in the technology domain where Dehradun is ranked 59 out of 60 cities in India.

The learnings gathered from these indices can help the Government of Uttarakhand identify the gaps, tap into potential opportunities, and increase efficiency in local governance to improve lives of citizens and fulfill broader urban development outcomes. The EoLI Index is also important from the point of view of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) which is another area of concern for the city of Dehradun as well as the state of Uttarakhand. It may be recalled that Dehradun had fared poorly on another, the recently announced SDG Urban Index from Niti Aayog where Dehradun was ranked 35 out of 56 cities.

In order to make progress and improve; improved coordination amongst various agencies like MDDA, Dehradun Smart City Limited, Education and Health Depts, Nagar Nigam, Pollution Control Board, Planning Dept, RTO, Police, Jal Nigam and Jal Sansthan, UPCL, Disaster Management and all other relevant departments is crucial. Infact, one of these departments or institutions can be made the nodal authority for the city of Dehradun. Multiplicity of agencies is clearly hampering the overall progress of the city. Finally, the experience and learnings from Dehradun are crucial since these can be emulated, adopted and adapted in the other major cities and towns in Uttarakhand. It is our wish that Dehradun learn from its city peers across the country, make several appropriate changes and advance the urban development trajectory.