

“QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ELDERLY INDEX ASSESSES WELL-BEING OF INDIA’S AGEING POPULATION”

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Key Highlights from the Report:

Category-wise Rankings of Quality of Life for Elderly Scores:

Aged States

States

Scores

Overall Ranking

Rajasthan

54.61

1

Maharashtra

53.31

2

Bihar

51.82

3

Tamil Nadu

47.93

4

Madhya Pradesh

47.11

5

Karnataka

46.92

6

Uttar Pradesh

46.80

7

Andhra Pradesh

44.37

8

West Bengal

41.01

9

Telangana

38.19

10

Relatively Aged States

States

Scores

Overall Ranking

Himachal Pradesh

61.04

1

Uttarakhand

59.47

2

Haryana

58.16

3

Odisha

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Jharkhand

53.40

5

Goa

	52.56
	6
Kerala	
	51.49
	7
Punjab	
	50.87
	8
Chhattisgarh	
	49.78
	9
Gujarat	
	49.00
	10
North-Eastern States	
States	
Scores	
Overall Ranking	
Mizoram	
	59.79
	1
Meghalaya	
	56.00
	2
Manipur	
	55.71

	3
Assam	
	53.13
	4
Sikkim	
	50.82
	5
Nagaland	
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	6
Tripura	
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Chandigarh	
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	1
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