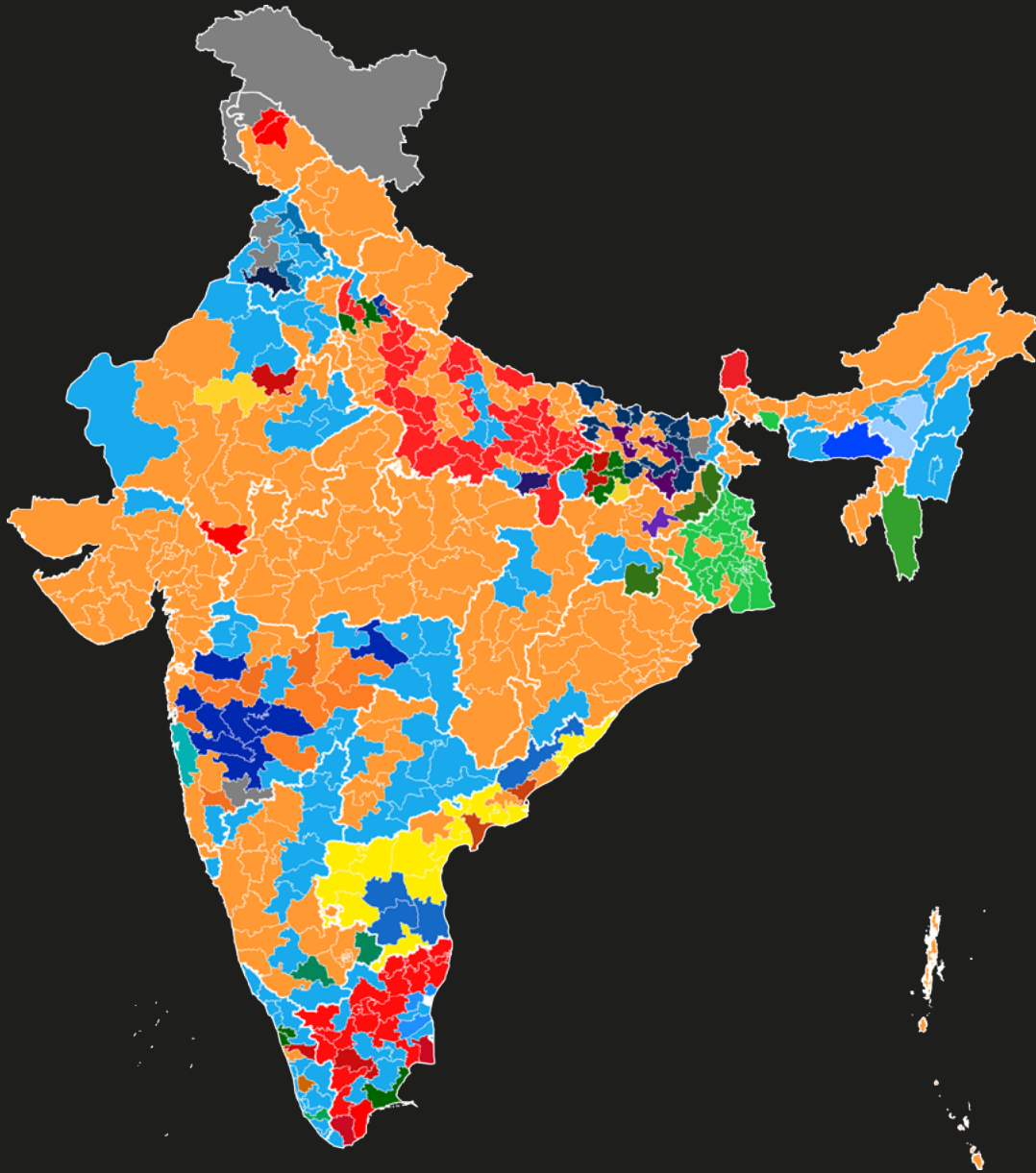


# PANDEMIC MAP 2024



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Friends,

As the 2024 general elections have drawn to a close, we present the pandemic map (2024) to look at generic data and see how these factors may have impacted the election results. We have mapped the unemployment rate, COVID-19 deaths, and poverty index across all states and Union territories as indicators to look into death, debt, and distress.

The pandemic was one of the most crucial and talked-about events of all parties during the elections. It is worth noting that, amidst the raging two waves of the pandemic, atrocities against minorities and people being left to fend for themselves were seen in many different states. The absence of a welfare state was also an unfortunate reality.

At a time when citizens were struggling to sustain themselves in the absence of adequate and prompt relief measures, the then Union government's misplaced priorities were on full display as the Central Vista project progressed and \$2.8 billion was spent on the same.

The people's mandate in the 2024 elections is clear, as a major shift was witnessed in the election results. The change in vote share is a clear indicator that the citizens of India have had enough of the dictatorial government that was in place for 10 years. The National Democratic Alliance (NDA) suffered major setbacks in its strongholds, such as Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, etc.

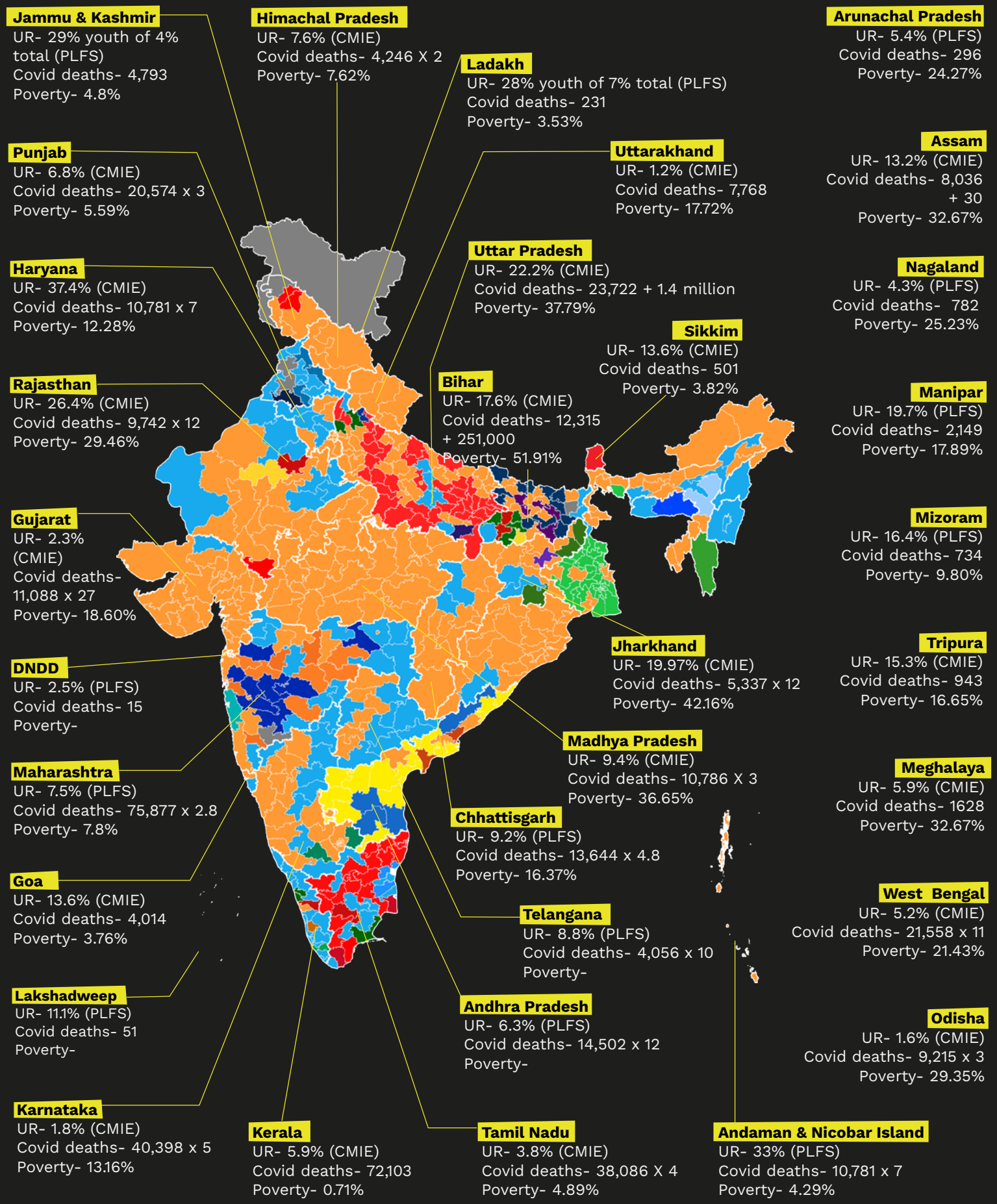
The first map exclusively mentions the data for the above-mentioned three indicators during the pandemic period (2020 - 2023). The purpose of the first map is to superimpose key data points from the pandemic such as the unemployment rate, COVID-19 deaths, and poverty index on the Lok Sabha 2024 election result map.

The second map highlights key laws, such as the farm laws, facts, and agendas during the pandemic that influenced a shift in vote share. Other laws, such as environmental clearances and excessive privatisation, were also enacted during this time. Although these details have not been extensively explored, please write to us if you can provide finer information to create a more holistic map where we can present how various laws and movements affected the voting pattern in greater detail.

In the Annexure, additional information regarding Covid mismanagement, poverty, other policies implemented etc with references can be found.

# Pandemic Map

UR- Unemployment Rate | Covid Deaths- Official deaths + Estimated excess | Poverty- % of population living in poverty



# Pandemic Map

This map superimposes the changes in the ruling party's seats in 2024 compared to 2019, reflecting the impact of government laws and actions as well as ongoing people's movements.

Percentage of people living in poverty has reduced primarily in lok sabha constituency of Udhampur.

Massive protests to demand Statehood and Sixth Schedule against increasing industrial setups in the region.

The implementation of farm laws in September 2020 caused farmers distress which resulted in protests across the State of Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan for months

Uttarakhand authorities failed to act against Ramdev's Patanjali Ayurved's Coronil which claimed to treat Covid and their misleading ads

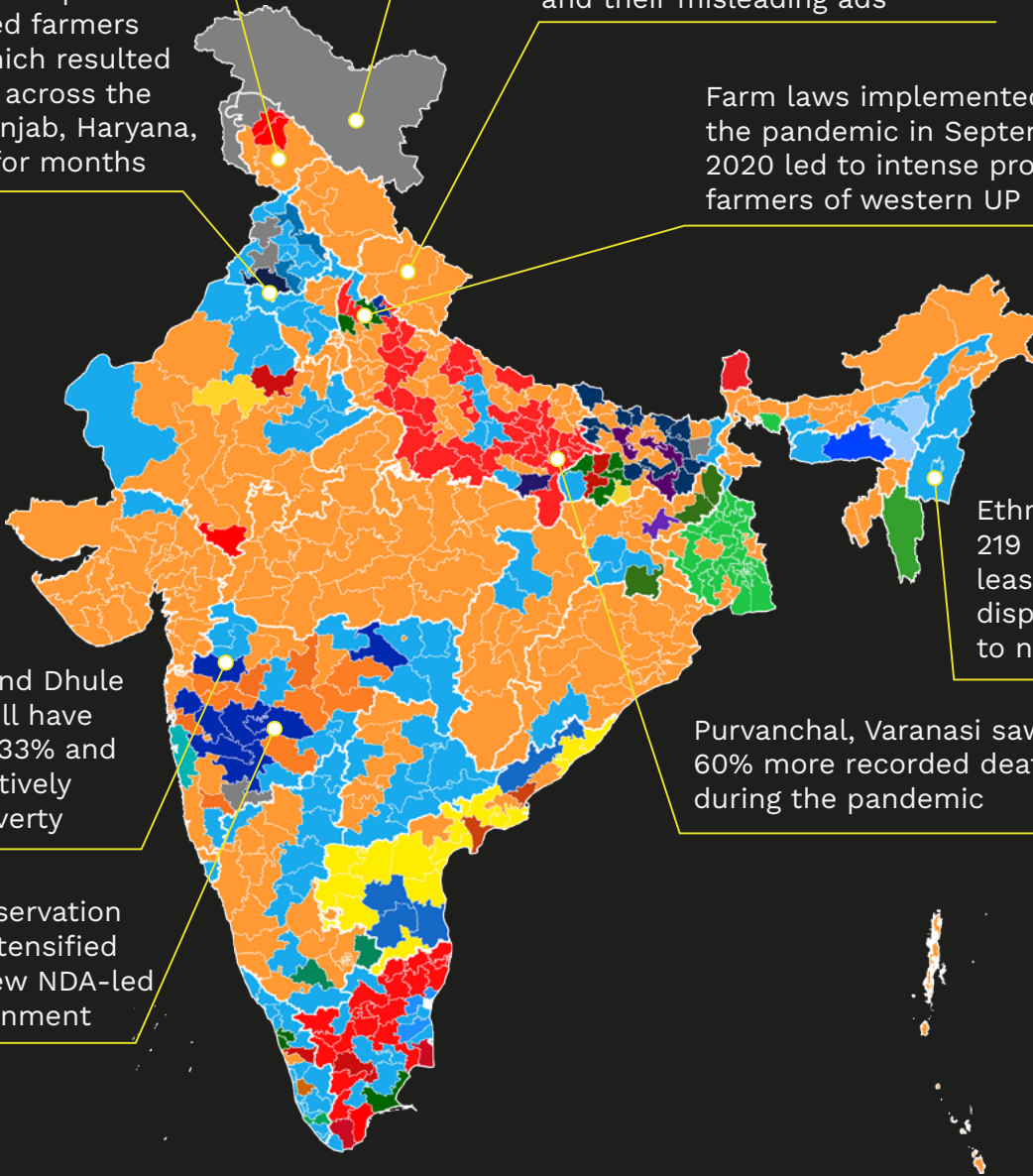
Farm laws implemented amidst the pandemic in September 2020 led to intense protests by farmers of western UP

Nadurbar and Dhule districts still have more than 33% and 21% respectively living in poverty

Ethnic violence (2023)- 219 people died and at least 60,000 people being displaced and others fled to neighbouring states

Purvanchal, Varanasi saw 60% more recorded deaths during the pandemic

Maratha reservation protests intensified with the new NDA-led state government



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# Annexure

## Andhra Pradesh

- ◆ Unemployment rate - 20.5% in April 2020 and 6.15% in September - December 2022 (CMIE)
- ◆ Official Covid death toll - 14,733. Covid-19 excess deaths are 12 times the official tally
- ◆ Suspensions on New Land Tilling Act - 2023

## Arunachal Pradesh

- ◆ Official Covid death toll - 296
- ◆ Shortage of food in rural AP during the lockdown
- ◆ Niti Aayog's Poverty Index - 13.76% poor population in 2021

## Assam

- ◆ Unemployment rate - 11.1% in April 2020 and 13.2% in November 2022 (CMIE)
- ◆ Official Covid death toll - 8,036. Excess deaths 30 times the official Covid death toll (2020)
- ◆ CM Himanta Biswa ordered officials to not release the monthly salary of unvaccinated (Covid) Anganwadi (2021) workers
- ◆ One Covid vaccination death in Lakhimpur (2021)
- ◆ Niti Aayog's Poverty Index - 19.35% poor population in 2021

## Bihar

- ◆ Unemployment rate - 46.6% in April 2020 and 17.6% in March 2023 (CMIE)
- ◆ Official Covid death recorded - 12,315. Reports suggest Covid-19 excess deaths are 251k
- ◆ Underreporting of Covid deaths
- ◆ 15 ASHA workers died during Covid

second wave (July 2021)

- ◆ 78 doctors died of Covid-19 during the second wave (May 2021)
- ◆ Niti Aayog's Poverty Index - 33.76% poor population in 2021

## Chhattisgarh

- ◆ Unemployment rate - 8.8% in 2019, 16.1 in 2020, and 19.2% in 2021 (PLFS)
- ◆ Official Covid death toll - 14,196. Excess deaths are 4.8 times Covid-19 toll
- ◆ Congress-led government under Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel faced accusations of major corruption scandals. Allegations included the Mahadev App scam, transfer industry issues, the coal levy scam, the liquor scandal, and CGPSC fraud.
- ◆ The Maoist encounter death toll rose to 118 in 2024
- ◆ Niti Aayog's Poverty Index - The overall poverty percentage in 2021 was 16.37%. However, 30% of the Bastar division districts were living in poverty.

## Goa

- ◆ Unemployment rate - 13.3% in April 2020 and 13.6% in November 2022 (CMIE)
- ◆ Official Covid death toll - 4,014
- ◆ 5.3% deaths due to Covid in 2020
- ◆ 13 Covid-19 patients died due to medical oxygen shortage in 2021
- ◆ Niti Aayog's Poverty Index - 0.84% poor population in 2021
- ◆ [Also affected by cyclone Tauktae in 2021]

## Gujarat

- ◆ Unemployment rate - 13.6% in May 2020 and 2.3% in December 2022 (CMIE)
- ◆ Official Covid death recorded - 11,088. As per media reports, Covid toll undercounted by 27 times
- ◆ Niti Aayog's Poverty Index - 11.66% poor population in 2021

## Haryana

- ◆ Unemployment rate - 43.2% in April 2020, 37.3% in August 2022, and 37.4% in December 2023 (CMIE)
- ◆ Official Covid death recorded - 10,781. Covid excess deaths are seven times the official tally as per reports
- ◆ One Covid-19 death every hour (December 2020)
- ◆ Eight patients died due to oxygen shortage during the pandemic (April 2021)
- ◆ Khori Gaon forced eviction without rehabilitation (2021)
- ◆ Niti Aayog's Poverty Index - 7.07% poor population in 2021
- ◆ Farmers of the state affected by erratic monsoons and the implementation of farm laws

## Himachal Pradesh

- ◆ Unemployment rate - 28.2% in May 2020 and 7.6% in December 2022 (CMIE)
- ◆ Official Covid death toll - 4,246. As per reports, Covid excess deaths are twice the official toll
- ◆ Niti Aayog's Poverty Index - 4.93% poor population in 2021
- ◆ [Also affected by flood and landslides in August 2023]

## Jharkhand

- ◆ Unemployment rate - 59.2% in May 2020 and 19.97% in March 2023
- ◆ 200 people evicted in Jamshedpur in March 2021
- ◆ Covid excess death toll is 12 times more than the official tally of 5,337
- ◆ Three deaths in 10 days post Covid vaccination (March 2021)
- ◆ Niti Aayog's Poverty Index - 28.81% poor population in 2021

## Karnataka

- ◆ Unemployment rate - 29.8% in April 2020 and 1.8% in November 2022 (CMIE)
- ◆ Official Covid death toll - 40,398. As per reports, Covid excess deaths are five times the official toll (2021)
- ◆ 28 doctors died in the second wave due to Covid. Their families haven't received insurance relief from the government
- ◆ Niti Aayog's Poverty Index - 7.58% poor population in 2021

## Kerala

- ◆ Unemployment rate - 26.5% in May 2020 and 5.9% in November 2022 (CMIE)
- ◆ Official Covid death toll - 72,103
- ◆ Two Covid vaccination deaths (2021)
- ◆ Niti Aayog's Poverty Index - 0.55% poor population in 2021

## Madhya Pradesh

- ◆ Unemployment rate - 27.5% in May 2020 (CMIE) and 9.4% in March 2022
- ◆ Official Covid-19 death toll 10,786
- ◆ Rejected compensation for 78% front line workers who died during Covid
- ◆ 30 students received Covid vaccination with the same syringe
- ◆ Two fully vaccinated Covid deaths in a week (November 2021)
- ◆ Niti Aayog's Poverty Index - 20.63% poor population in 2021

## Maharashtra

- ◆ Unemployment rate - 35.6% in April 2020 (PLFS)
- ◆ Official Covid death toll - 1,48,590. Excess deaths are 2.8 times the official tally
- ◆ Farmer suicides: In 2023, 1,088 farmers ended their lives in eight districts of the Marathwada region, and 1,439 in the Vidarbha region, as per a report from the Relief and Rehabilitation Department

- ◆ **Maratha reservation** protests intensified with the new NDA-led state government
- ◆ The increase in onion excise duty by **40%** and a temporary export ban reduced the profits of agrarian communities
- ◆ Niti Aayog's Poverty Index - 7.8% in 2019-21. However, Nadurbar and Dhule districts still have more than 33% and 21% respectively living in poverty as per MPI data.

## Manipur

- ◆ Unemployment rate - 19.7% in 2022 - 2023 (PLFS)
- ◆ Official Covid death toll - 2,149
- ◆ Niti Aayog's Poverty Index - 8.10% poor population in 2021
- ◆ **Ethnic violence (2023)**. 219 people died and at least 60,000 people being displaced and others fled to neighbouring states

## Meghalaya

- ◆ Unemployment rate - **5.9%** in May 2020 (CMIE)
- ◆ Official Covid death toll - 1,628
- ◆ Niti Aayog's Poverty Index - 27.79% poor population in 2021

## Mizoram

- ◆ **Unemployment rate** - 10% in April 2020 (CMIE)
- ◆ 11.9% and the youth women unemployment rate - 16.4% from July 2022 - June 2023 (PLFS).
- ◆ Official Covid death toll - 734
- ◆ Niti Aayog's Poverty Index - 5.30% poor population in 2021

## Nagaland

- ◆ Unemployment rate - **9.7%** (June 2021 - July 2022) and 4.3% (June 2022 - July 2023 (PLFS))

- ◆ Official Covid death toll - 782
- ◆ Niti Aayog's Poverty Index - 15.43% poor population in 2021

## Odisha

- ◆ Unemployment rate - 23.8% in April 2020 and 1.6% in November 2022 (CMIE)
- ◆ Official Covid death toll - 9,215. **20,035 excess Covid deaths** in 2020
- ◆ **People from Adivasi-dominated** districts struggled to access healthcare during Covid-19
- ◆ Niti Aayog's Poverty Index - 15.68% poor population in 2021

## Punjab

- ◆ Unemployment rate - **33.6%** in May 2020 and **6.8%** - January 2023 (CMIE)
- ◆ Official Covid death recorded - 20,574. Reports suggest **COVID-19 excess deaths** are three times the official tally
- ◆ Niti Aayog's Poverty Index - 4.75% poor population in 2021
- ◆ Farm laws implemented amidst the pandemic in September 2020 led to intense protests by farmers

## Rajasthan

- ◆ Unemployment rate - **14.1%** in May 2020 and **26.4%** in March 2023 (according to CMIE)
- ◆ Official Covid death recorded - 9,742. Reports suggest **COVID-19 excess deaths** are five times the official tally
- ◆ Niti Aayog's Poverty Index - 15.31% poor population in 2021
- ◆ 10.77% of people living below the Multidimensional Poverty Index (2021-2022)
- ◆ Farm laws implemented amidst the pandemic in September 2020 led to intense protests by farmers

## Sikkim

- ◆ Unemployment rate - 24.5% in May 2020 and 13.6% in March 2023 (CMIE)
- ◆ Official Covid death toll - 501
- ◆ Niti Aayog's Poverty Index - 2.60% poor population in 2021

## Tamil Nadu

- ◆ Unemployment rate - 49.8% in April 2020 and 3.8% in November 2022 (CMIE)
- ◆ Official Covid death toll - 38,086. As per reports, Covid excess deaths are four times the official toll (2021)
- ◆ 81 incidents of caste-based atrocities were reported during the lockdown (2020)
- ◆ Introduced bill in the Assembly that aimed to extend working hours from eight to 12 hours by relaxing existing labour laws without cabinet consultation
- ◆ Niti Aayog's Poverty Index - 2.60% poor population in 2021

## Telangana

- ◆ Unemployment - 25% in April 2020. 6.6% in March 2022 (PLFS)
- ◆ Official Covid death toll - 4,111. Excess deaths are ten times the official toll
- ◆ Acute water shortage as reservoirs dry up
- ◆ Niti Aayog's Poverty Index - 5.88% poor population in 2021

## Tripura

- ◆ Unemployment rate - 15.3% in May 2020 (CMIE)
- ◆ Official Covid death toll - 943
- ◆ 844 doctor vacancies unfilled during the first wave of the pandemic

## Uttarakhand

- ◆ Unemployment rate - 8% in May 2020 and 1.2% in November 2022 (CMIE)

- ◆ Official Covid death toll - 7,768
- ◆ Uttarakhand authorities failed to act against Ramdev's Patanjali Ayurved's Coronil which claimed to treat Covid and their misleading ads
- ◆ The launch of Coronil was attended by then Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan
- ◆ Niti Aayog's Poverty Index - 9.67% poor population in 2021

## Uttar Pradesh

- ◆ Unemployment rate - 21.5% in April 2020 and 22.2% - June 2022 (CMIE)
- ◆ High COVID-19 death rates
- ◆ Recorded death - 23,722. Reports suggest 1.4 million COVID-19 excess deaths (January 2020 - August 2021)
- ◆ Western UP had a higher death rate than Delhi in June 2020. 9.23% death rate in Meerut and 7.25% in Agra, as per reports
- ◆ Purvanchal, Varanasi saw 60% more recorded deaths during the pandemic
- ◆ Migrant labourers sprayed with disinfectants in Bareilly (March 2020)
- ◆ Forced evictions of forest-dwelling communities in Manikpur, Chandauli etc amidst the pandemic
- ◆ 37 doctors died due to Covid-19 in the second wave
- ◆ Niti Aayog's Poverty Index - 22.93% poor population in 2021
- ◆ Farm laws implemented amidst the pandemic in September 2020 led to intense protests by farmers

## West Bengal

- ◆ Unemployment rate - 17.4% in May 2020 and 5.2% in June 2022 (CMIE)
- ◆ Official Covid death toll - 21,558. As per reports, Covid excess deaths are eleven times the official toll
- ◆ 43 doctors died of Covid-19 in second wave
- ◆ Niti Aayog's Poverty Index - 11.89% poor population in 2021



## Andaman & Nicobar Islands

- ◆ Unemployment rate - 33% July 2022 - June 2023 (PLFS)
- ◆ Official Covid death toll - 129
- ◆ Niti Aayog's Poverty Index - The MPI headcount was 2.30% in 2019 - 2021
- ◆ Great Nicobar's vulnerable tribal group, Shompen, cast their vote for the first time in 2024. The estimated population of Shompen as per the 2011 Census data is 229
- ◆ Great Nicobar Project clearances violate constitutional mandate. The project will be harmful to the region's Indigenous population
- ◆ Centre says that tribes will not be evicted as a part of the project

## Chandigarh

- ◆ Unemployment rate - 5.6% across all ages in 2022-23 (PLFS)
- ◆ Official Covid death toll - 1,185
- ◆ Niti Aayog's Poverty Index - 3.52% poor population in 2019-21

## Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu

- ◆ Unemployment rate - 2.5% across all ages in 2022 - 2023 (PLFS)
- ◆ Official Covid death toll - 4
- ◆ Niti Aayog's Poverty Index - 9.21% poor population in 2021

## Delhi

- ◆ Unemployment rate - 3.1% in January - March, 2024
- ◆ Official Covid death toll - 26,677. Covid excess deaths are two times the official tally
- ◆ RT-PCR prices and hospital treatment prices were either unregulated or capping orders were violated with no penalty in place during the pandemic

- ◆ Forceful evictions amidst the pandemic including Khori Gaon eviction
- ◆ Niti Aayog's Poverty Index - 3.43% poor population in 2021
- ◆ Ahead of elections in Delhi, ECI approves 2,423 advertisement applications sent by all political parties. BJP submitted the highest number of advertisements

## Jammu and Kashmir

- ◆ Official Covid deaths toll - 4,793
- ◆ Unemployment rate: 18.3% in July 2020 - June 2021 and 4% in 2022 - 2023 (PLFS)
- ◆ Niti Aayog's Poverty Index - 4.80% poor population in 2021

## Ladakh

- ◆ Unemployment rate - 26.5% in July 2022 - June 2023 (PLFS)
- ◆ Official Covid death toll - 231
- ◆ Niti Aayog's Poverty Index - 3.53% poor population in 2021
- ◆ Massive protests demanding statehood and Sixth Schedule against increasing industrial setups

## Lakshadweep

- ◆ Unemployment rate - 11.1% across all ages in 2022 - 2023 (PLFS)
- ◆ Official Covid death toll - 52
- ◆ The Lakshadweep administration issued eviction notices to several residents and is forcefully taking over coastal land measuring 1.23 acre to pave way for a Gujarat-based firm's tent city company
- ◆ Niti Aayog's Poverty Index - 1.11% poor population in 2021

## Puducherry

- ◆ Unemployment rate - 75.8% in April 2020 (CMIE) and 5.6% across all ages in 2022 - 23 (PLFS)
- ◆ Official Covid death toll - 1,982