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USER MANUAL

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1. DESCRIPTION OF THE STATES ECONOMIC FORUM:

As States play a crucial role in shaping India's development and are responsible for a considerable share of government spending and borrowings, it is extremely important to keep track of their macro and fiscal health. In this context, NITI Aayog and NCAER have joined hands to provide a comprehensive repository of State-level research reports, data, papers, and commentary to:

- (i) Facilitate an understanding of macro, fiscal, demographic, and socio-economic trends;
- (ii) Help benchmark the data of each State against that of other States and the national figures;
- (iii) Make the data available in an accessible and user-friendly format; and
- (iv) Help policymakers, researchers, and others interested in alluding to the data for informed debates and discussions.

The detailed reports and data have been made available for 28 States of the country, viz., Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, and West Bengal.

Visiting the Forum homepage, the users can click on the four tabs provided at the top of the page to navigate to the relevant content in the four components around which the content of the Forum is organised.



A detailed site map of the Forum is provided in Annexure 1 and the complete list of variables included in the analysis and database is provided in Annexure 2.

The four major components of the Forum work are summarised below.

1.1. State Reports

The State reports summarise the macro and fiscal landscapes of 28 States. Each report is structured around the following sections:

- a. Demography and Employment;
- b. Economic Structure and Sectoral Composition;
- c. Socio-economic Indicators (Education and Health);
- d. Fiscal Indicators;
- e. Devolution to the States from the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Finance Commissions; and
- f. Fiscal Rules of the State.

Each section has two components: (i) A Summary Table that provides the latest values of the variables, their decadal changes, all-India benchmarks, and data sources, and (ii) Charts that analyse long-term trends. The variables have been analysed as per the availability of data and benchmarked against the national average or a median State, wherever possible.

State Reports

State ▼ [Download All](#)

A Macro and Fiscal Landscape of the State of Gujarat

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A Macro and Fiscal Landscape of the State of West Bengal

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1.2. Data Repository

The Data Repository functions as a data portal, offering direct access to the complete database. The data set and variables are categorised across five verticals and their respective acronyms as follows: Demography (DD); Economic Structure (ES); Fiscal (FD); Health (HD), and Education (ED). Users can select variables across the major groups by any combination of States and years to customise their dataset. The selected data can be downloaded in Excel for further analysis.



Data Repository

This Data Repository is intended to make the data available in an accessible format to interested users for all or specific variables included in the database of a particular state or 28 states of the country. These variables are categorized across five domains, distinguished by their respective acronyms.

- Demography (DD)
- Economic Structure (ES)
- Fiscal (FD)
- Health (HD)
- Education (ED)

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1.3. State Fiscal and Economic Dashboard

The dashboard offers a simple, visually balanced, and user-friendly interface that helps end-users to access a wide range of State-level public databases of India. These dashboards, designed in Tableau, offer graphical representations of key economic variables over time and provide quick access to raw

data through a data appendix or additional information through summary tables. The Dashboards feature data for all the 28 Indian States.



State Fiscal and Economic Dashboard

The State Fiscal and Economic Dashboard provides a graphic representation of demographic, economic, socio-economic, and fiscal indicators benchmarked against other states and national numbers.



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1.4. Research and Commentary

The research and commentary section draws on extensive research on State finances and critical aspects of fiscal policy and financial management at the State and national levels. It includes select works on topics ranging from India's debt scenarios and fiscal health, State-level growth, horizontal devolution, and fiscal rules, to cite a few. Additionally, easy access is also available here to the reports of the previous Finance Commissions.

Research & Commentary

Papers

The State of the States: Federal Finance in India
Barry Eichengreen and Poonam Gupta Paper

India's Debt Dilemma
Barry Eichengreen and Poonam Gupta Paper

A policy paper on horizontal devolution (Forthcoming)

Op-Eds

Op-Eds 21 Feb 2025
Road to Viksit Bharat: Need to Fix States' Finances to Unleash Development
Poonam Gupta
India's public debt, at about 80 percent of GDP, is disproportionately high for its per capita income. Yet committed constituencies...

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Odisha's Breakout Moment is here!
Poonam Gupta
Odisha, India's eleventh largest state by population and fourteenth largest by size of economy, has come a long way during...

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What can Bihar, with per-capita income 30% of national average, do to shed its low-income status?
Poonam Gupta
Bihar's economy has grown faster than the national economy, but it remains India's poorest state in terms of per-capita income....

Op-Eds 08 Feb 2024
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Finance Commission Reports

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2. ACCESSING AND NAVIGATING THE STATES ECONOMIC FORUM

The States' Economic Forum can be accessed [here](#). After logging in, users can easily navigate through the platform to access various State Reports, State Fiscal and Economic Dashboards, Data Repositories, and Research and Commentary pieces. Each section is designed to enable intuitive navigation.

Clicking on the tab for State reports, users reach a filter allowing them to select one or multiple State(s). Users can also download the specific State reports in PDF format by selecting the desired State. Further, they have the option to download all the reports together in a zipped file. These State reports also provide

links which allow users to navigate to the Data repository, dashboards, and the Research and Commentary Section.

For easy and effective navigation, the user manual for the State Fiscal and Economic Dashboard and Data Repository can be accessed and downloaded by clicking the  icon within the dashboards and the data repository. The user manual for the dashboards and repository describes these components, provides step-by-step navigation instructions, explains the data download processes, and provides site maps for each of the above. It also offers troubleshooting tips and information on data updates and frequency. For detailed information on the list of variables included within the State Fiscal and Economic Dashboards, and the Data Repository, users can refer to the Variables Directory downloadable from the  icon within the Data Repository. The directory specifies the list of all the variables, their sources, the definitions, the period for which the data is included, and the period when the data was last updated.

Clicking on the tab for Research and Commentary, users can access research papers and opinion articles on the States, as well as Finance Commission Reports. Users can choose to download the papers, select and view a specific op-ed, or download the Finance Commission reports in PDF format, one at a time.

3. DATA UPDATE

The data for State Reports, the Data Repository, and Dashboards will be updated annually for the next three years, with updates occurring every July. The most current data for each of these components is expected to be available for users at that time. We recommend that users should check the platform regularly for the latest updates and ensure that they are working with the most recent data.

4. CONTACT SUPPORT

For any queries or issues related to the Forum, State Reports, Dashboards, Data Repository, Research and Commentary, please feel free to reach out to our support team. Users can send their questions or concerns to stateseconforum@ncaer.org. We are committed to providing timely assistance, and resolution of all queries within 36 hours.

Our support team is available to help you with:

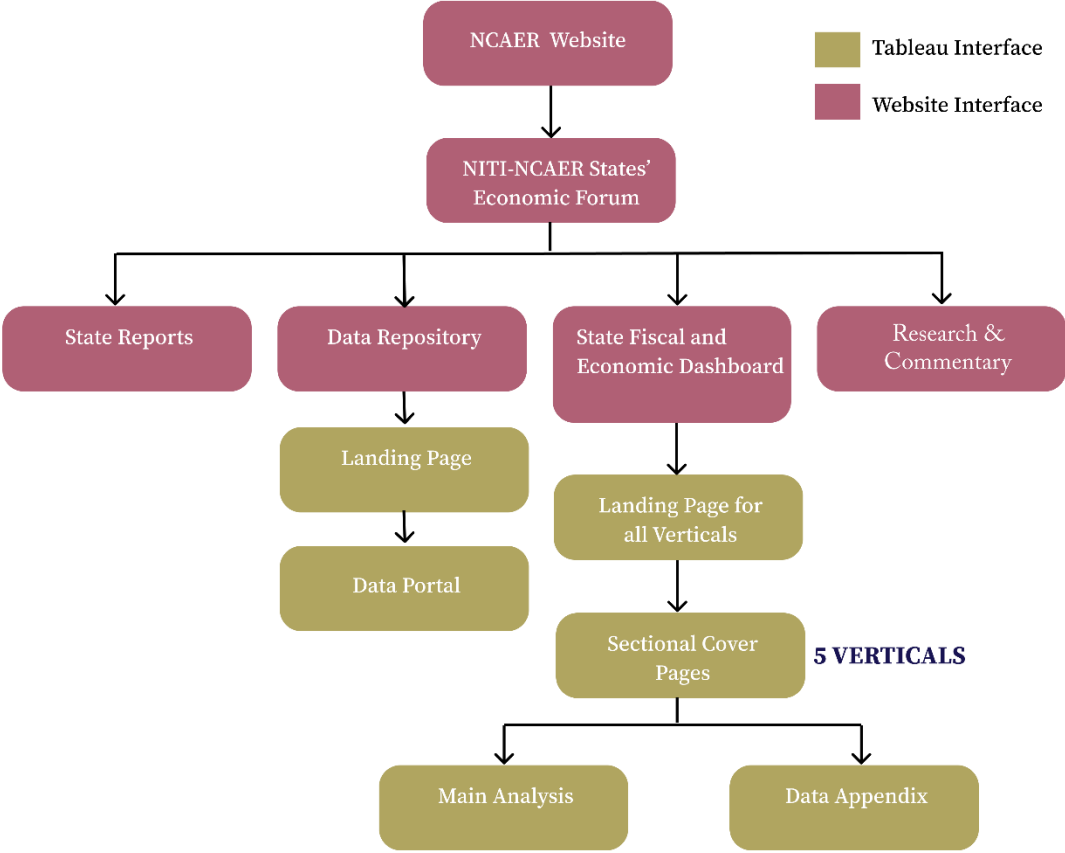
- Troubleshooting issues;
- Clarifications on State Reports, dashboard features and repository features;
- Clarification questions related to data;
- Assistance with data access or downloads; and
- General inquiries about the Forum.

We encourage the users to reach out for any help they may need, as we strive to ensure a smooth experience with our platform.

5. CAVEAT ON ACCESSIBILITY

Please note that the dashboards are optimised for use on devices with an iOS operating system. However, users may encounter access issues if certain settings on their devices are modified or installed with extra plug-ins. Users may have to disable cookies, cross-site tracking and/or ad-block software for some browsers like Safari.

Annexure 1 - Site Map



Annexure 2 – Summarized List of Variables¹

S. No.	Variable Name	Time Period for which Data Is Included
DEMOGRAPHY		
1.	Area (sq. km)	2011
2.	Forest Cover (sq. km)	1987 to 2023
3.	Population (thousands), Population Share (%)	Census Years 1951 to 2011; Projection Years 2012 to 2036
4.	Population Growth Rate (%)	2012 to 2036
5.	Population Density (Persons per sq. km)	Census Years 1951 to 2011; Projection Years 2012 to 2036 (every 5 years)
6.	Dependency Ratio (%)	Census Years 1951 to 2011; Projection Years 2012 to 2036 (every 5 years)
7.	Urbanisation rate (%)	Census Years 1951 to 2011; Projection Years 2012 to 2036
8.	Urban Population (%)	Census Years 1951 to 2011; Projection Years 2012 to 2036
9.	Rural Population (%)	Census Years 1951 to 2011; Projection Years 2012 to 2036
10.	Sex Ratio (Census)	1981 to 2011
11.	Sex Ratio (NFHS)	NFHS I-V: 1992-93, 1998-99, 2005-06, 2015-16, 2019-21
12.	Unemployment Rate (%)	2017-18 to 2023-24
13.	Labour Force Participation Rate, 15 years and above (%)	2017-18 to 2023-24
14.	Share of Female Workers in Employment (%)	2017-18 to 2023-24
15.	Share of Worker in Industry; Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing; Services sectors and the sub-sectors within Industry and Services (%)	2017-18 to 2023-24
16.	SDG Index	2018-19 to 2023-24
17.	MPI	2018-19 & 2023-24
ECONOMIC STRUCTURE		
1.	Nominal/Real Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP)	1990-91 to 2023-24
2.	State Nominal/Real Per Capita Income	1990-91 to 2023-24
3.	Nominal/Real Gross State Value Added (GSVA)	1990-91 to 2023-24
4.	GSVA from Agricultural Sector (Nominal and Real)	1990-91 to 2023-24

¹ A comprehensive data appendix can also be found in the [Data Repository](#).

S. No.	Variable Name	Time Period for which Data Is Included
5.	GSVA from Industry Sector and Its Sub-components (Nominal and Real)	1990-91 to 2023-24
6.	GSVA from Service Sector and Its Sub-components (Nominal and Real)	1990-91 to 2023-24
7.	Annual, 5-Year and Decadal Growth Rates (%)	1991-92 to 2023-24
8.	Sectoral Contribution to GSDP (Nominal Prices, %)	1990-91 to 2023-24
9.	Consumer Price Index	2011-12 to 2023-24
10.	Inflation Rate (%)	2012-13 to 2023-24
11.	State-level Exports	1990-91 to 2023-24
12.	FDI inflows, State-wise	2020-21 to 2023-24
13.	Share of Domestic Tourist Visits (% of Total Visits)	2013 to 2012
14.	Share of Foreign Tourist Visits (% of Total Visits)	2013 till 2022
15.	Connect, Harness, Innovate, Protect, and Sustain Score (CHIPS)	2024
FISCAL INDICATORS		
1.	Fiscal Deficit (Absolute Figures & as % GSDP)	1990-91 to 2023-24
2.	Primary Deficit (Absolute Figures & as % GSDP)	1990-91 to 2023-24
3.	Revenue Surplus/Deficit (Absolute Figures & as % GSDP)	1990-91 to 2023-24
4.	Revenue Receipts (Absolute Figures & as % GSDP)	1990-91 to 2023-24
5.	Sub-Components of Revenue Receipts (Absolute Figures & as % of total Revenue Receipts)	1990-91 to 2023-24
6.	Sub-components of Own Tax Revenue (Absolute Figures & as % of Total Revenue Receipts & GSDP)	1990-91 to 2023-24
7.	Sub-components of Own Non-Tax Revenue: (Absolute Figures & as % of Total Revenue Receipts & GSDP)	1990-91 to 2023-24
8.	Transfers from the Centre and Its Sub-components (Absolute Figures & as % GSDP)	1990-91 to 2023-24
9.	Capital Receipts & Sub-components of Capital Receipts (Crore & as % Total Receipt)	1990-91 to 2023-24
10.	Total Expenditure (Absolute Figures & as % GSDP)	1990-91 to 2023-24

S. No.	Variable Name	Time Period for which Data Is Included
11	Sub-components of Total Expenditure (Absolute Figures & as % of GSDP)	1990-91 to 2023-24
12	Sub-components of Total Expenditure on Economic Services (Absolute Figures & as % of GSDP)	1990-91 to 2023-24
13.	Sub-components of Total Expenditure on Social Services (Absolute Figures & as % of GSDP)	1990-91 to 2023-24
14.	Sub-components of Total Expenditure on General Services (Absolute Figures & as % of GSDP)	1990-91 to 2023-24
15.	Revenue Expenditure (Absolute Figures & as % GSDP)	1990-91 to 2023-24
16.	Sub-components of revenue expenditure (Absolute Figures & as % of Revenue Expenditure)	1990-91 to 2023-24
17.	Interest Payments (As % of Total Revenue Expenditure)	1990-91 to 2023-24
18.	Buoyancy of Revenue Expenditure with GSDP - Ratio	1990-91 to 2023-24
19.	Capital Expenditure (Absolute Figures & as % GSDP)	1990-91 to 2023-24
20.	Sub-components of Capital Expenditure (As % of GSDP & as % of Total Expenditure)	1990-91 to 2023-24
21.	Sub-components of Capital Outlay (As % of Total Expenditure and GSDP)	1990-91 to 2023-24
22.	Subsidies (As % of Total Expenditure and Revenue Expenditure)	1990-91 to 2023-24
23.	Committed Expenditure (As % of Revenue & Total Expenditure)	1990-91 to 2023-24
24.	Buoyancy of RevEx with GSDP	1991-92 to 2023-24
25.	Social Sector Expenditure (As % of Total Expenditure)	1990-91 to 2023-24
26.	Health Expenditure (As % of Total Expenditure)	1990-91 to 2023-24
27.	Education Expenditure (As % of Total Expenditure)	1990-91 to 2023-24
28.	Per Capita Social Sector Expenditure (Absolute Figures)	1990-91 to 2023-24
29.	Per Capita Health Expenditure (Absolute Figures)	1990-91 to 2023-24
30.	Per Capita Education Expenditure (Absolute Figures)	1990-91 to 2023-24
31.	Public Debt (Absolute figures & as %	1990-91 to 2023-24

S. No.	Variable Name	Time Period for which Data Is Included
	GSDP)	
32.	Sub-components of Total Public Debt (As % of Total Public Debt and GSDP)	1990-91 to 2023-24
33.	Contingent Liabilities (Absolute Figures & as % GSDP)	1990-91 to 2021-22
34.	Off-Budget Borrowings (Absolute Figures & as % GSDP)	2021-22 and 2023-24
35.	Statement of Receipts and Disbursement under Public Account	1990-91 to 2023-24
36.	Latest State Finance Commission Constituted (Year)	The year of availability differs by States
37.	State's Share of Recommended and Released to Recommended Grant under FC (%)	11 th to 15 th Finance Commission
38.	Aggregate Technical & Commercial (AT&C) Losses (%)	2009-10 to 2023-24
HEALTH INDICATORS		
1.	Life Expectancy (Years)	1998 to 2021
2.	Infant Mortality Rate (Deaths per 1000 live births)	SRS:2004 to 2021 NFHS I-V: 1992-93, 1998-99,2005-06, 2015-16, 2019-21
3.	Total Fertility Rate (Children per woman)	NFHS I-V: 1992-93, 1998-99,2005-06, 2015-16, 2019-21
4.	Children Fully Immunised (%)	NFHS I-V: 1992-93, 1998-99,2005-06, 2015-16, 2019-21
5.	Households with Access to Improved Drinking Water Source (%)	NFHS I-V: 1992-93, 1998-99,2005-06, 2015-16, 2019-21
6.	Households with Access to Electricity (%)	NFHS I-V: 1992-93, 1998-99,2005-06, 2015-16, 2019-21
7.	Households with Access to Sanitation Facilities (%)	NFHS I-V: 1992-93, 1998-99,2005-06, 2015-16, 2019-21
8.	Under-five Mortality Rate (%)	NFHS I-V: 1992-93, 1998-99,2005-06, 2015-16, 2019-21
9.	Underweight Children (%)	NFHS I-V: 1992-93, 1998-99,2005-06, 2015-16, 2019-21
10.	Stunting among Children (%)	NFHS I-V: 1992-93, 1998-99,2005-06, 2015-16, 2019-21
11.	Anaemia among Children (%)	NFHS I-V: 1992-93, 1998-99,2005-06, 2015-16, 2019-21
12.	Anaemia among Women (%)	NFHS I-V: 1992-93, 1998-99,2005-06, 2015-16, 2019-21
13.	Healthcare Workers per Person	The year of availability differs by States
14.	Healthcare Centres per Person	The year of availability differs by States

S. No.	Variable Name	Time Period for which Data Is Included
EDUCATION INDICATORS		
1.	Literacy Rate (%)	1951 to 2011
2.	Gross Enrolment Ratio (%)	2013-14 to 2023-24
3.	School Drop-out Rates (%)	2013-14 to 2023-24
4.	Repetition Rate (%)	2013-14 to 2023-24
5.	Promotion Rate (%)	2013-14 to 2023-24
6.	Transition Rate (%)	2013-14 to 2023-24
7.	Percentage of Students Passing Class X and XII (Science) Examinations	Class X: 2013-14 to 2015-16 Class XII: 2012-13 to 2014-15
8.	Pupil-Teacher Ratio (Primary)	2002-03 to 2016-17
9.	Gender Parity Index (Age Group 18-23 Years)	2010-11 to 2021-22
10.	Number of Colleges per 100,000 Population in the (Age Group 18-23 Years)	2010-11 to 2021-22
11.	Learning Outcomes by Groups (Average Score)	2017, 2021