Performance Grading Index (PGI) 2.0

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Why in News?

Recently, Ministry of Education released the Performance Grading Index (PGI) 2.0 for 2025-26.

- **PGI –** It is a data-driven framework devised by the ***Union Ministry of Education.***
- To evaluate the quality and effectiveness of school education systems across Indian States, Union Territories (UTs), and Districts.

PGI Framework

- **70 indicators grouped under 6 domains –**
  - Learning Outcomes
  - Access
  - Infrastructure & Facilities
  - Equity
  - Governance Processes
  - Teacher Education and Training
- **Purpose –** Categorises States/UTs into performance bands; multiple States can fall in same grade.
- **Utility –** Identifies gaps, guides policy reforms, promotes evidence-based governance in education.

Grade Range	Score Range	Grade
91% to 100%	941-1000	Utkarsh
81% to 90%	881-940	Uttam-1
71% to 80%	821-880	Uttam-2
61% to 70%	761-820	Uttam-3
51% to 60%	701-760	Prachesta-1
41% to 50%	641-700	Prachesta-2

Grade Range	Score Range	Grade
31% to 40%	581-640	Prachesta-3
21% to 30%	521-580	Akanshi-1
11% to 20%	461-520	Akanshi-2
Up to 10%	401-460	Akanshi-3

Key Highlights

- **Chandigarh –** Top Performer (Uttam-3 grade, 761–820 points).
- **Delhi –** Placed in Prachesta-1 grade (701–760 points).
- **Meghalaya –** Score from 448 to 525.7, moved out of lowest grade.
- **Gap Reduction –** Performance difference among States reduced from 51% (2017-18) to 31.4% (2025-26).

761-820	Uttam-3	Chandigarh	1
701-760	Prachesta-1	DNH&DD, Punjab, Kerala, Delhi	4
641-700	Prachesta-2	Lakshadweep, Himachal Pradesh, Goa, Maharashtra, Odisha	5
581-640	Prachesta-3	Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Tamil Nadu, Sikkim, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Gujarat, Haryana, Telangana, Karnataka, Ladakh, Rajasthan, Puducherry, Uttarakhand	13
521-580	Akanshi-1	Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Tripura, Jharkhand, Mizoram, Manipur, Jammu and Kashmir, Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya	13

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