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Ranking No. 1 Spot: Retained by Argentina

- Argentina has retained the top spot in the FIFA international rankings for men's football teams. Spain has moved up to the 3rd position.
- After winning the Copa America for the 16th time recently, Argentina has maintained its top position.
- Meanwhile, Spain, which won the Euro Cup for the 4th time, has moved up 5 places to secure the 3rd position.

India at 124

- India has retained its 124th position in the FIFA rankings.
- Last December, India entered the top 100 for the first time, securing the 99th position.
- However, after facing a continuous decline and failing to advance to the 3rd stage of the 2026 World Cup qualifiers in June, India has now slipped to the 124th position.
- In the Asian continent, India is ranked 22nd, with Japan, Iran, and South Korea occupying the top three positions respectively.

Tamil Nadu Leads in Health, Poverty Alleviation, and Education

- According to the NITI Aayog's 2023-24 fiscal year report on 'Sustainable Development Goals,' Tamil Nadu leads in 13 goals.
- The overall score of Tamil Nadu is higher than the national average. While the national average score is 71, Tamil Nadu has scored 78.
- The United Nations has set 17 goals as sustainable development goals, including poverty alleviation, hunger eradication, health, quality education, and gender equality.
- NITI Aayog assesses the performance of states and union territories in India regarding these sustainable development goals and publishes reports.
- The report for the fiscal year 2023-24 has now been released.

Four Levels

- 0-49 points (Aspirants)
- 50-64 points (Performers)
- 65-99 points (Front Runners)
- 100 points (Achievers)
- States are given scores based on their performance. Tamil Nadu is in the Front Runners category for 13 goals.
- In 11 goals, Tamil Nadu's score is higher than the national average.
- In the 2020-21 fiscal year, Tamil Nadu's score was 74. It has now increased to 78. The national average score is 71.
- Tamil Nadu scored 100 points in the goal of affordable and clean energy.
- In poverty eradication, Tamil Nadu scored 92 points, higher than the national average of 72.

Lagging Areas

- Tamil Nadu scored 53 points in the goal of gender equality and 61 points in the goal of clean water, placing it in the 'Performers' category.
- In two goals, sustainable cities and life on land, Tamil Nadu scored below the national average.
- The national average score for sustainable cities is 83, while Tamil Nadu scored 81. In the goal of life on land, the national average score is 75, and Tamil Nadu scored 72.

Maternal and Child Health

- In Tamil Nadu, the maternal mortality rate is 54 per 100,000 live births, and the under-five mortality rate is 13 per 1,000 live births, within the limits set by the central government.
- Tamil Nadu is performing well in education. The enrolment rate in higher secondary schools is 81.5%, higher than the national average of 57.6%.
- Similarly, the college enrolment rate in Tamil Nadu is 47%, higher than the national average of 28.4%.
- In Tamil Nadu, 81.87% of rural households have access to clean drinking water. Similarly, 92.8% of households have at least one mobile phone.
- The unemployment rate is 4.8%, and the employment rate among those aged 15-59 is 62.3%.

Rajasthan Tops in Solar Power Generation

- In Tamil Nadu, solar power is available for more than 300 days, and the central government is also giving subsidies to set up a power plant for this purpose.
- Therefore, private individuals are showing interest in installing systems with a capacity of more than 1 MW at homes. According to this, 7,872 MW of electricity is generated from ground-mounted systems and 679 MW from rooftops.
- Among the states that have installed solar power generation systems, Rajasthan tops the list with 22,415 MW.
- In the second place, Gujarat with 14,358 MW. Karnataka, with 8,819 MW, is ranked 3rd.

Head of the European Commission

- Ursula von der Leyen has been re-elected as president of the European Commission, the executive arm of the European Union.
- In a vote held in the European Parliament in this regard, 401 out of a total of 720 members voted in favor of Ursula.
- Ursula von der Leyen has been the President of the European Commission since 2019.
- Ursula, who is from Germany, served as the country's defense minister in former Prime Minister Angela Merkel's cabinet from 2013 to 2019.
- It is noteworthy that she will continue as the head of the European Commission for another 5 years in the context of the 27-member European Union organization facing various problems from the war in Ukraine to climate change.

