# SOUTHERN STATES EMERGED AS LEADERS: EAC PM; ECONOMY

**NEWS:** Steady growth in west, south states; decline in Bengal: EAC-PM report

#### WHAT'S IN THE NEWS?

The per capita incomes of Maharashtra and Gujarat remained above the national average since the 1960s, with the 2023-24 data showing Gujarat at 160.7 per cent of the national average and Maharashtra at 150.7 per cent.

#### Post-Liberalisation (1991):

• Southern states saw a significant surge in per capita income, emerging as leading performers.

#### **Northern States:**

 Delhi and Haryana performed well, though Haryana's growth is concentrated around Gurugram.

#### Western States:

Maharashtra and Gujarat consistently performed well, with Gujarat showing rapid growth post-2000.

## Punjab's Decline:

 Despite early gains from the Green Revolution, Punjab's economic performance has declined, possibly due to over-reliance on agriculture.

#### Eastern States:

• Remain a concern, with West Bengal dropping from 3rd to 14th in per capita income since the 1960s.

#### **UP and Bihar:**

• Economic performances worsened, particularly after bifurcation.

### Rajasthan and Odisha:

• Improved post-liberalisation but saw minimal increases in income levels.

#### Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh:



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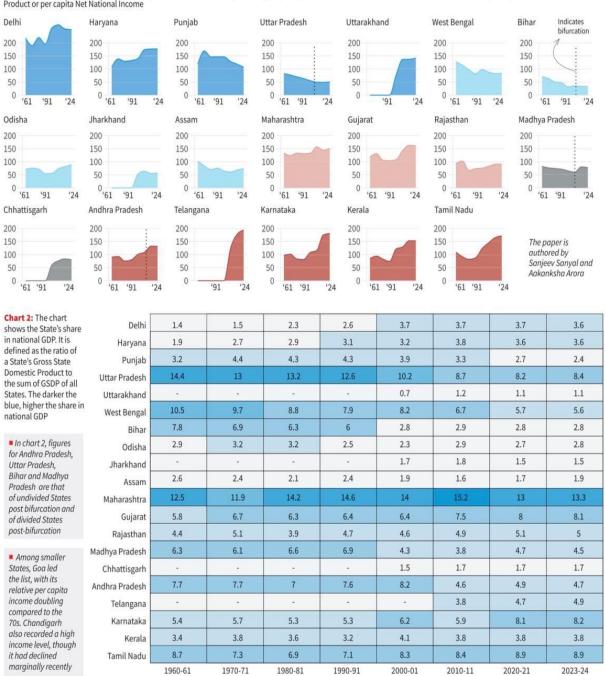
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Per capita income levels have remained consistently low.

# Rise and fall of economic fortunes

The charts are based on data sourced from the Economic Advisory Council's paper, "Relative Economic Performance of Indian States: 1960-61 to 2023-24"

Chart 1: The chart shows the relative per capita income levels. It is a percentage of per capita Net State Domestic Product of a State to the all-India per capita Net National Product or per capita Net National Income



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