Roundtable on Measuring Progress of SDGs for Maharashtra (19 November 2026)

The International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai, in collaboration with UNICEF Maharashtra, organised a one-day Roundtable on Measuring Progress of SDGs for Maharashtra on 19 November 2026 at the IIPS campus, Deonar.

Dr. Manas Ranjan Pradhan delivered the welcome address, and Prof. Sanjay K. Mohanty, Director, IIPS, set the context. The opening session, chaired by Smt. Pally Kundu, Director General (Statistics), MoHFW, addressed the use of administrative and survey data, composite index methods, and policymakers' evidence needs. Dr. Pragya Sharma, Executive Director, NHSRC, highlighted data triangulation for District Health Plans, while Mr. Sanjay Singh, Chief, UNICEF Maharashtra, outlined UNICEF's role in accelerating SDG progress. The interim report, *Measuring the Progress of SDGs in Maharashtra*, was released.

The IIPS-UNICEF team presented an NFHS-based district-level composite index and progress trajectories on health and nutrition indicators. The presentation benchmarked Maharashtra against other states, identified leading and lagging districts by theme, and assessed progress towards the 2030 targets.

The open discussion, with Dr. Jyotsna Padiyar, Commissioner, CES, and Dr. Mitali Sethi, District Collector, Nandurbar, among others, focused on indicator selection, ground realities in low-performing districts, and the framework's role in district planning.

The closing session on the way forward was chaired by Ms. Christina Popinova, Chief of Social Policy, UNICEF India. Ms. Jennifer Yablonski, Senior Adviser on Child Poverty, UNICEF, gave the closing remarks, and Dr. Sreeja Nair, Senior Research Scientist, IIPS, proposed the vote of thanks.


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