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Chandigarh tops India in household spending, ranks among top cities on income parameter: PRICE-Tata Sons Report

Bengaluru's household income exceeded Chandigarh's by close to Rs 2 lakh annually. Despite the income gap, Chandigarh outranked Bengaluru on household consumption, placing first nationally on that metric

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Urban concentration of income

India's top 100 cities house less than 20 per cent of the country's population but generate over one-third of national income, per the report. The same set of cities accounts for 31 per cent of the total consumption nationally.

Six-city dominance in consumption

Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Kolkata, Chennai and Hyderabad together account for 46 per cent of national consumption, and nearly two-thirds of urban consumption. Delhi-NCR recorded the highest annual consumption among all cities, at approximately \$126 billion, close to the combined consumption of Mumbai and Bengaluru at \$134 billion. Delhi-NCR has around 75 lakh households, against Mumbai's 46 lakh.

Middle-income expansion

The share of middle-income households nationally, defined as those earning Rs 6-36 lakh annually, rose from 29 per cent a decade ago to 53 per cent currently. The share is projected to reach 60 per cent across the top 100 cities by 2030. Hyderabad recorded the highest share of middle-income households among cities covered.

High-income & low-income trends

Households earning above Rs 36 lakh annually rose from 3 per cent to 12 per cent of the total over the past decade, with the share projected to reach 20 per cent by 2030. Delhi, Mumbai and Pune currently lead in this category. Households earning below Rs 1.5 lakh annually are projected to fall to 0.3 per cent of the top 100 cities by 2030.