

Important Indices

1. **Human Development Index 2022:** India's rank on the Human Development Index (HDI) has slipped from 130 in 2020 to 132 in 2022, in line with a global fall in HDI scores in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic.
2. **Climate Change Performance Index 2023:** India has been ranked amongst top 5 countries in the world, and the best among the G20 countries, based on its Climate Change performance. India jumps 2 spots higher, and is now ranked 8th as per Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI, 2023) published by German Watch, New Climate Institute and Climate Action Network International based in Germany. The latest report of CCPI, released at COP 27 in November 2022, shows Denmark, Sweden, Chile and Morocco as the only four small countries that were ranked above India as 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th respectively. The first, second and third ranks were not awarded to any country. In effect therefore, India's rank is the best amongst all large economies.
3. **Henley passport Index 2023:** India's passport on the 85th spot, moving it up two places from its position in 2022. Based on data available from the International Air Transport Association, the index ranks passports of countries, "according to the number of destinations their holders can access without a prior visa." With access to 193 countries, Japan tops the list as the world's most powerful passport, while Afghanistan is ranked last in the list, its passport giving access to only 27 countries.
4. **Global Innovation Index 2022:** It is made by the World Intellectual Property Organisation. India got the rank of 40th out of 132 countries. Theme for 2022: "What is the future of innovation-driven growth?". Switzerland is the most innovative economy in the world in 2022 - for the 12th year in a row - followed by the United States, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the Netherlands.
5. **Passport Index 2023:** India's ranking has fallen by six places in 2023, resulting in an individual ranking of 144 compared to 138 in 2022. It is made by Financial Advisory Firm Arton Capital. It is topped by UAE.
6. **Global Terrorism Index:** India ranks 13th on The Global Terrorism Index (GTI). The report shows that Afghanistan continues to be the country most affected by terrorism for the 4th year in a row, even though attacks and deaths decreased.
7. **World happiness Report:** UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network released the World Happiness Report 2023 which ranks countries on happiness. For the sixth year in a row, Finland has been crowned as the happiest nation, Denmark is at number two, followed by Iceland at number three.
8. **Global Fire Power Index 2023:** The GFP index denotes India as a Top 5 world power. For 2023, India is ranked 4 of 145 out of the countries considered for the annual GFP review. The nation holds a PwrIndx* score of 0.1025 (a score of 0.0000 is considered 'perfect').
9. **Electoral Democracy Index 2023:** India has now been ranked at the 108th spot globally for electoral democracy, far behind nations like Tanzania, Bolivia, Mexico, Singapore, and even Nigeria, which comes in at a modest 91st spot by V-Dem Institute in its Electoral Democracy Report for 2023.
10. **Farm Distress Index:** It is an early warning system based on a 21-question survey that captures the financial, economic, and emotional health status of farmers in vulnerable areas. It is developed by the Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). The index can sense imminent distress at least 3-4 months ahead of its actual occurrence. The index can incorporate high-frequency information about key agricultural parameters such as monsoon rains deviations, excessive precipitation, drought and dry seasons, temperature and soil moisture discrepancies, produce of major crops in the district, fraction of area under irrigated agriculture, depth of groundwater, unexpected frost, and promotional opportunities available to the producer

11. **Global Kids Right Index:** India's performance in the Global Indices Ranking is variable. With a ranking of 112 out of 182, India's standing in the Global Kids Right Index increased by 1 position.
12. Mumbai (127) is listed as the most costly city in India for hiring foreign workers, followed by New Delhi (155), Chennai (177), Bengaluru (178), and Hyderabad (189). Kolkata (203) and Pune (201) are the least costly Indian cities in terms of cost of living.
13. **Global Liveability Index 2022:** The European Intelligence Unit (EUI) released its Global Liveability Index Report 2022. The EUI assessed 173 locations worldwide in its Global Liveability Index 2022. The rating is based on five criteria: infrastructure, education, culture and environment, stability, and healthcare.
14. **Speed Test Global Index :** Ookla, a provider of network data and connectivity insights, published the Speedtest Global Index. Norway and Singapore are ranked first for fixed broadband speeds (209.21 Mbps) and global mobile speeds (129.40 Mbps, respectively) in the May Speedtest Global Index.
15. **Global Skills Report 2022.** An extensive analysis of skills worldwide may be found in the Coursera Global Skills Report 2022. India's overall skills competency is now ranked 68th globally, down four spots from its previous position. India is now ranked 19th in Asia.
16. IMD is committed to creating leaders who transform businesses and benefit society. India has experienced the fastest growth among the Asian economies, moving six spots from position 43 to 37, partly due to improvements in economic performance. Denmark has risen to the top of the 63-nation list from third place last year, Switzerland dropped to second place from first, and Singapore moved back up to third place from fifth.
17. The country is ranked according to its environmental performance and sustainability using the Environment Performance Assessment, a biennial index. India received a score of 18.9, placing it 180th overall in the Environmental Policy Index 2022. India is ranked lower than Pakistan, Bangladesh, Viet Nam, Myanmar (19.4), and Bangladesh (23.1). Denmark tops the list with a score of 77.9, followed by the United Kingdom (77.7) and Finland (76.5).

MCQ for Practice

Q1. Which of the following statements is incorrect?

- (a) India ranked 132 in the Human development index 2022
- (b) India ranked 40 Global Innovation Index
- (c) CSIR made Farm Distress Index
- (d) All
- (e) None

Ans. c

Q2. India's ranking has fallen by six places in 2023, resulting in an individual ranking of 144 compared to 138 in 2022. It is made by Financial Advisory Firm Arton Capital. It is topped by UAE. In the above paragraph which index is discussed?

- (a) Henley Passport Index
- (b) Passport Index
- (c) Global Climate Index
- (d) Kids Rights Index
- (e) None

Ans. b