



World Happiness Report 2023

Why in News?

Recently, the **UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network** released the **World Happiness Report 2023** which ranks countries on happiness.

What is World Happiness Report?

- Since 2012, the World Happiness Report has been **released annually around March 20th as part of the International Day of Happiness celebration.**
- The **report ranks global happiness basis survey data from people** in over 150 countries.
- This year, the report ranked 136 countries.
- The **ranking uses six key factors** to measure happiness — **social support, income, health, freedom, generosity, and absence of corruption.**
- Besides ranking the countries, the report also looks at the state of the world in 2023.

What about the Performance of the Countries?

- **Top Performers:**
 - 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.
 - Unlike previous years, where the same countries tend to appear in the top 20, there's a **new entrant this year — Lithuania (at the 20th spot).**
- **Worst Performers:**
 - **Afghanistan** was ranked as the **unhappiest nation**, followed by Lebanon, Sierra Leone, Zimbabwe, respectively.
- **India's Performance:**
 - **India ranks at 126th position out of 136 countries**, making it one of the least happy countries in the world.
 - In 2022, India ranked 136th position out of 146 countries.
 - It even **lags behind its neighbouring nations like Nepal, China, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.**

What is Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN)?

- In 2012, the UN SDSN was launched under the auspices of the **UN Secretary-General.**
- SDSN promotes integrated approaches to implement the [Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#) and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, through education, research, policy analysis, and global cooperation.

UPSC Civil Services Examination, Previous Year Question (PYQ)

Q1. Which of the following is/are the indicator/ indicators used by IFPRI to compute the Global Hunger Index Report? (2016)

1. Undernourishment
2. Child stunting
3. Child mortality

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1, 2 and 3
- (d) 1 and 3 only

Ans: (c)

Q2. Which of the following gives 'Global Gender Gap Index' ranking to the countries of the world? (2017)

- (a) World Economic Forum
- (b) UN Human Rights Council
- (c) UN Women
- (d) World Health Organization

Ans: (a)

Q3. 'Global Financial Stability Report' is prepared by the (2016)

- (a) European Central Bank
- (b) International Monetary Fund
- (c) International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
- (d) Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

Ans: (b)

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