



World Happiness Report 2022

Why in News?

Recently, the [World Happiness Report 2022](#) was published by the [United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network](#).

- This year marks the **10th anniversary of the World Happiness Report**.

What is the World Happiness Report?

- Published since 2012, the **World Happiness Report is based on two key ideas**:
 - **Happiness or life evaluation** measured through opinion surveys and
 - **Identifying key elements** that determine well-being and life evaluation across countries.
- The report **usually ranks 150 countries** based on several factors such as [real GDP per capita](#), **social support, healthy life expectancy, freedom to make life choices, generosity and perceptions of corruption**.
 - This year, the **report ranked 146 countries**.
- Every year, **each variable measures a populated-weighted average score** on a scale of 0-10 that is tracked over a period of time and further compared with other countries.
- This year, countries which **ranked in the top 10 last year, moved upwards and downwards**.

What about the Performance of the Countries?

- **Top Performers**:
 - **Finland** has been named the **world's happiest country** for the fifth year running followed by **Denmark**.
 - The biggest gains in happiness have taken place in **Serbia, Bulgaria and Romania**.
- **Worst Performers**:
 - **Afghanistan was ranked as the unhappiest nation**, followed by Lebanon, Zimbabwe, Rwanda and Botswana, respectively.
- **India's Performance**:
 - **India saw a marginal improvement** in its ranking, jumping **three spots to 136, from 139 a year ago**.

What is the Sustainable Development Solutions Network?

- The SDSN, launched in 2012, **mobilises global scientific and technological expertise** to promote practical problem solving for the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** and the **Paris Climate Agreement**.
- It was established under the **auspices of the United Nations Secretary-General**.
- The **SDSN and the Bertelsmann Stiftung** have been publishing the annual [Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\) Index & Dashboards Global Report](#) since 2016.

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The Global Competitiveness Report is published by the (2019)

- (a) International Monetary Fund
- (b) United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
- (c) World Economic Forum
- (d) World Bank

Ans: (c)

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