

India Becomes 3rd Most Powerful Nation in Asia

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According to the **Asia Power Index 2024**, India surpassed Japan to **become the third-largest power**, reflecting its increasing geopolitical stature. This achievement is driven by India's dynamic growth, youthful population, and expanding economy, solidifying its position as a leading force in the region.

- Key Factors Behind India's Rise:
 - **Economic Growth**: India's **strong** <u>post-pandemic recovery</u> has led to a 4.2-point increase in its Economic Capability.
 - Future Potential: India's Future Resources score increased by 8.2 points, signalling a potential demographic dividend.
 - Diplomatic Influence: India's non-aligned strategy has enabled it to navigate complex global dynamics, ranking 6th in diplomatic dialogues in 2023, showcasing its active role in multilateral forums.
- India's Role in Asia:
 - India's growing influence in Asia is driven by its resource base and strategic autonomy. With economic growth and a rising workforce, India is well-positioned to expand its role, especially in the Indo-Pacific region.
- Asia Power Index:
 - It was launched by the Lowy Institute in 2018, and assesses power dynamics across
 27 Asia-Pacific countries.
 - The **2024 edition is the most comprehensive** yet, including measures of both material capabilities and international influence.

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