

Network Readiness Index 2024

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Recently, India has climbed 11 positions to **rank 49th** in the <u>Network Readiness Index (NRI)</u> 2024, up from 60th in 2023. This reflects a noteworthy advancement in its <u>digital infrastructure</u> and capabilities.

- About: The Portulans Institute publishes the NRI, which evaluates 133 economies using 54 variables across four key pillars namely Technology, People, Governance, and Impact.
- India's Achievements:
 - India's score improved from **49.93 in 2023 to 53.63 in 2024,** indicating substantial progress in various digital metrics and innovations.
 - India secured **global rankings** across key sectors:
 - 1st rank globally: Al scientific publications, Al talent concentration, ICT services exports.
 - 2nd rank globally: <u>Fiber to the Premises (FTTH)</u> Internet subscriptions, mobile broadband traffic, international internet bandwidth.
 - 3rd rank globally: Domestic market scale.
 - 4th rank globally: Annual telecom investments.
- Telecom Advancements:
 - India's telecom sector has grown significantly, with tele-density at 84.69%, wireless connections at 119 crore, and internet subscribers rising from 25.1 crore to 94.4 crore.
 - The launch of <u>5G services</u> in <u>2022</u> boosted India's mobile broadband speed ranking from <u>118th</u> to <u>15th</u> with the <u>Bharat 6G Vision</u> positioning India as a future telecom leader.

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