

Corruption Perceptions Index 2024

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India ranked **96th** in the <u>Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI)</u> for 2024, down from **93rd** in 2023, with a score of **38**, a decline from **39** in 2023.

- **CPI:** Published annually by the non-governmental organization **Transparency International** since 1995.
 - It ranks 180 countries based on perceived levels of public sector corruption, using a scale from 0 (highly corrupt) to 100 (very clean).
 - Denmark topped the CPI 2024 as the least corrupt nation, followed by Finland and Singapore. Among India's neighbors, Pakistan (135), Sri Lanka (121), and Bangladesh (149) ranked poorly, while China stood at 76.
 - While 32 countries have significantly reduced their corruption levels since 2012, 148 countries have either stagnated or worsened during the same period, highlighting the ongoing challenge.
- According to the Transparency International, Corruption hampers climate action by misusing funds meant for mitigation and adaptation, with <u>fossil-fuel</u> interests obstructing policies.
 - It also links to declining democracy, instability, and human rights violations, necessitating urgent global action.

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