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Important Facts For Prelims (24th April 2019)

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Press Freedom Index

- Press Freedom Index measures the **level of media freedom in 180 countries** and is being published annually by **Reporters Without Borders since 2002**.
- India **ranked 140 out of 180 in the Press freedom Index of 2019**.
- **Higher ranks and scores** indicate **lower freedom of the Press**.
- The degree of freedom is determined by compiling responses of media professionals, lawyers and sociologist to a questionnaire.
- The parameters that are evaluated include the **level of pluralism, media independence, environment and self-censorship, legal framework, transparency, and the quality of the infrastructure that supports the production of news and information**.

Rank/Country	Score
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1. Norway	7.82
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2. Finland	7.90
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3. Sweden	8.31
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4. Netherlands	8.63
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5. Denmark	9.87
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