



World Press Freedom

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- On the World Press Freedom Day (WPFD) (3rd May),
- The World Press Freedom Index 2023 was published by Reporters Without Borders (RSF).
- India ranked 161st among the 180 countries with a score of 36.62. In 2022, India's rank was 150.

What is World Press Freedom Day?

About:

- The day was proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in 1993, following the recommendation of UNESCO's General Conference in 1991.
- The day also marks the 1991 Windhoek Declaration (adopted by UNESCO).
- To raise public awareness of the value of press freedom, the importance of protecting journalists' rights, and the importance of encouraging independent, free media.

Theme for 2023:

 'Shaping a Future of Rights: Freedom of Expression as a Driver for All Other Human Rights'





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Key Highlights of the World Press Freedom Index 2023

Ranking of Countries: Top and Worst Performers:

- Norway,
 Ireland and Denmark occupied the top three positions.
- Vietnam, China and North
 Korea were at the bottom on the list.

India's Neighbours:

- **Sri Lanka** also made significant improvement on the index, ranking 135th this year as against 146th in 2022.
- **Pakistan** is ranked at 150th position.
- The situation has gone from 'problematic' to 'very bad' in three other countries: Tajikistan (down 1 at 153rd), India (down 11 at 161st) and Turkey (down 16 at 165th).

What is the World Press Freedom Index? **About:**

- It has been published every year since 2002 by Reporters Without Borders or Reporters Sans Frontieres (RSF).
- RSF is an independent NGO based in Paris that has consultative status with the United Nations, UNESCO, the Council of Europe, and the International Organisation of the Francophonie (OIF).
- OIF is a 54 french speaking nations collective.

What about the Freedom of Press in India?

- The Constitution, the supreme law of the land, guarantees freedom of speech and expression under Article 19, which deals with 'Protection of certain rights regarding freedom of speech, etc.
- Freedom of press is not expressly protected by the **Indian legal system** but it is impliedly protected under **article 19(1) (a) of the constitution**, which states "All citizens shall have the right to freedom of speech and expression".
- In 1950, the Supreme Court in Romesh Thappar v. State of Madras observed that freedom of the press lay at the foundation of all democratic organisations.
- However, Freedom of press is also not absolute. It faces certain restrictions under Article 19(2)

OVERALL RANKING

161/180

Where India stands now

India's position in '22

150/180

HOW NEIGHBOURS FARE

Bhutan — 90

Sri Lanka - 135

Pakistan - 150

Afghanistan - 152

Bangladesh - 163

IN SECURITY INDICATOR

172/180

Only China, Mexico, Iran, Pakistan, Syria, Yemen, Ukraine & Myanmar below India



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