

Reports, Lists & Indexes

WEF ranks India 62nd on Inclusive Development Index

- The World Economic Forum on January 22, 2018 released the Inclusive Development Index, which places India at the 62nd spot among emerging economies, much behind its neighbours China and Pakistan, which are placed at 26th and 47th position respectively.
- According to the report, Norway remains world's most inclusive advanced economy, while Lithuania again tops the list of emerging economies. The report states that there is a huge decline in corruption rate in the index due to Indian Government's efforts of bringing transparency in the system.
- The Inclusive Development Index is an annual assessment economic performance of 103 countries that measures how countries perform on eleven dimensions of economic progress in addition to GDP.

India ranks 177 out of 180 in Environmental Performance Index

- India is among the bottom five countries on the Environmental Performance Index 2018, plummeting 36 points from 141 in 2016, according to a biennial report by Yale and Columbia Universities along with the World Economic Forum.
- While India is at the bottom of the list in the environmental health category, it ranks 178 out of 180 as far as air quality is concerned.
- Its overall low ranking — 177 among 180 countries — was linked to poor performance in the environment health policy and deaths due to air pollution categories.
- The report was released on the sidelines of the ongoing World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.
- It said deaths attributed to ultra-fine PM2.5 pollutants have risen over the past decade and are estimated at 1,640,113 annually in India.
- Switzerland leads the world in sustainability, followed by France, Denmark, Malta and Sweden in the EPI, which found that air quality is the leading environmental threat to public health.

India ranked 81st on Global Talent Competitiveness Index

- India has been ranked 81st on the annual global index of talent competitiveness, which was released on the first day of the 48th World Economic Forum (WEF) annual meeting in Davos, Switzerland.
- While Switzerland continues to top the list, India has improved its position from 92nd last year. In 2016, India was placed at the 89th rank. The index measures how countries grow, attract and retain talent.
- Though India has improved its position on the list, it still lags behind the other BRICS nations.
- While India was ranked the lowest in the group, China fared the best with 43rd rank, followed by Russia at 53rd, South Africa at 63rd and Brazil at 73rd position.
- India's ranking was the worst among the five BRICS countries in 2017 as well, China, on the other hand, was still ahead with 54th rank, followed by Russia at the 56th position, South Africa at 67 and Brazil at 81.

Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru make it to Emerging World Cities group: Report

- For the first time after years of no show on the global annual survey, three cities from India -- Mumbai, Delhi and Bengaluru -- have featured among the top world order as a part of the Emerging World Cities group.
- A report by JLL, titled World Cities: Mapping the Pathways to Success, shows that among the Emerging World Cities category, Delhi and Mumbai have been deemed Megahubs, while Bengaluru is high Enterprisers city.
- Large cities in emerging economies, or Megahubs, are junctions for globalisation of national economies, and are capable centres of business and retail, but fail to punch above their weight as investment destinations.
- Mumbai has been a gateway city for most international corporations looking to set up shop in the country. The city enjoys a strong presence of global BFSI, retail as well as institutional investment companies. The capital of Maharashtra has an estimated GDP of USD 310 billion and has 28 billionaires living in it.

India ranked as 6th wealthiest country in the world: Report

- A report by New World Wealth has ranked India in the sixth position in the list of wealthiest countries. It noted that India was the best-performing wealth market globally in 2017, as its total wealth increased from USD 6,584 billion in 2016 to USD 8,230 billion in 2017, registering a 25 per cent growth.
- The United States is the wealthiest country in the world with a total wealth of USD 64,584 billion.
- The report ranked China in the second place, as its total wealth in 2017 amounted to USD 24,803 billion.
- Japan follows at the third position with a total wealth of USD 19,522 billion.
- The top 5 also includes the United Kingdom at the 4th position with wealth amounting to USD 9,919 billion and Germany at the 5th position with USD 9,660 billion.
- India is ranked at the 6th position with USD 8,230 billion, followed by France at 7th with USD 6,649 billion, Canada at 8th with USD 6,393 billion, Australia at 9th with USD 6,142 billion and Italy at 10th with USD 4,276 billion.

India slips to 42nd place on EIU Democracy Index 2018; US at 21st

- India on January 31, 2018 slipped to 42nd rank on an annual Global Democracy Index, compiled by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU). India moved down from 32nd rank in 2017 and remains classified among "flawed democracies". While Norway has again topped the list, followed by Iceland and Sweden.
- The United States (ranked 21), Japan, Italy, France, Israel, Singapore, and Hong Kong have also been named among 'flawed democracies'.
- The index ranks 165 independent states and two territories on the basis of five categories: electoral process and pluralism, civil liberties, the functioning of government, political participation and political culture.
- The list ranks the countries into four broad categories -- full democracy, flawed democracy, hybrid regime and authoritarian regime.

ixigo bags 1st place in Workplace Experience Ranking for 2017

- India's leading travel search marketplace, ixigo, has been recognized as the best place to work by Workplace Experience Ranking among large startups in India.
- Culturro collaborated with BW Business World in partnership with Indian Angel Network and F6s to develop a platform to recognize the startups that contribute to the holistic growth of their employees.
- The survey was organized to evaluate the overall experience of employees at their organization.
- The productivity of the employees and their tenure in the company largely depends on their experience within the organization.

Samsung overtakes Intel as world's biggest chip maker: Study

- South Korea's Samsung has overtaken US rival Intel as the world's biggest maker of semi-conductors as sales in the sector boom, a study published by consultancy Gartner showed in January, 2018.
- Samsung Electronics "gained the most market share and took the number one position from Intel — the first time Intel has been toppled since 1992," said Gartner analyst, Andrew Norwood.
- The total global market for semi-conductors grew by 22 percent to \$419.7 billion (348 billion euros) in 2017, fuelled by growth in smartphones and other connected devices, Gartner calculated.

Gujarat tops new logistics index that flags inefficiency of states

- The logistics performance of Indian states and Union territories is "sub-par" owing to a host of inefficiencies, according to a study which also suggests measures for improvement.
- The Logistics Ease Across Different States (LEADS) index, a composite indicator to assess international trade logistics across states and Union territories, is based on a stakeholders' survey conducted by Deloitte for the ministry of commerce and industry. While Gujarat topped the first-of-its-kind index, Punjab and Andhra Pradesh took the second and third positions, respectively.

- Logistics, or the management of the flow of resources such as cargo, documents, information and funds through a range of activities and services between points of origin and destination, is a key parameter in deciding the trade competitiveness of a state or country.

WEF ranks India 30th on global manufacturing index; Japan tops list

- The World Economic Forum (WEF) has ranked India at 30th position on a global manufacturing index -- below China's 5th place but above other BRICS peers, Brazil, Russia and South Africa.
- Japan has been found to have the best structure of production in the Geneva-based WEF's first 'Readiness for the future of production report' and is followed by South Korea, Germany, Switzerland, China, Czech Republic, the US, Sweden, Austria and Ireland in the top 10.
- Among BRICS nations, Russia is ranked 35th, Brazil 41st and South Africa at 45th place.
- India has been placed in the 'Legacy' group along with Hungary, Mexico, Philippines, Russia, Thailand and Turkey, among others. China figures among 'leading countries', while Brazil and South Africa are in 'nascent' ones.

Kozhikode ranked the best station in the country by ixigo

- Railways is the most popular means of transport in India that carries a daily ridership of 25+ million from across the country. Data from leading travel marketplace ixigo suggests, around 40 percent of the highest user rated railway stations on the basis of cleanliness are in the south.
- This is followed by 20 percent in central India and 20 percent in the west.
- Kozhikode was ranked the best station in the country by travellers with a 4.4 rating out of 5 while Hazrat Nizamuddin railway station, which is one of the five main stations in Delhi, has been rated the lowest by ixigo users.
- Other stations that made it to the 'best' list include - Hubli Junction, Davangere, Dhanbad Junction, Jabalpur, Bilaspur Junction, Vadodara Junction, Rajkot Junction, Falna and Vijayawada Junction.

Total mobile subscribers base grows to 981.65 million

- The Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI), the apex industry association representing the country's major telecom, internet, technology and digital services companies, in January, 2018 released the latest telecom subscriber numbers, for the month ending December 2017.
- As per the data, India's private telecom service providers have a total of 981.65 million subscribers.
- The figures include Reliance Jio Infocomm and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam (MTNL) by the end of November 2017, reported the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI).
- Amongst the individual companies, Idea Cellular Ltd had the highest subscriptions over previous month, the report stated.
- Further, Bharti Airtel Ltd continues to hold the top position, with 29.55 percent market share, adding another half a million subscribers during December, to take its total subscriber base to 290.11 million subscribers.

Five Indian tech companies feature in 'Top 100 Global Tech Leaders List'

- Thomson Reuters Corp on 17 January 2018 published its debut 'Top 100 Global Technology Leaders' list, which was topped by Microsoft, followed by Intel Corp and Cisco Systems at the 2nd and 3rd position respectively.
- The list, which aims to identify the industry's top financially successful and organisationally sound organisations, also features American tech giants such as Apple Inc, Alphabet Inc, International Business Machines Corp and Texas Instruments Inc among its top 10.
- The other companies to feature in the Top 10 include Microchip maker Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing, German business software giant SAP and Dublin-based consultant firm Accenture.