

Deepika Padukone First Woman to Reach Top 5 in Forbes India List of Richest Indians

- **Deepika Padukone has become the first woman ever to feature in the top 5 of this list.** With Rs 112.8 crore earning—courtesy Padmaavat and her many brand endorsements—she features at the fourth position.
- As per the publication, there are **18 women on this year's list while there were 21 the previous year.** Apart from her, Alia Bhatt, Anushka Sharma, Katrina Kaif, PV Sindhu and Saina Nehwal are also included in the top 100 list.
- Bollywood actor **Salman Khan tops the list with a total earning of Rs 253.25 crore between October 1, 2017, and September 30, 2018.** He has been declared the country's highest paid celeb for the third consecutive year.
- Indian cricket captain **Virat Kohli** was placed on the second spot with total earnings of Rs 228.09 crore. Actor Akshay Kumar completed the top three with Rs 185 crore tally in the period under consideration for the list.

PM Modi most followed world leader on Instagram

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi emerged as the most popular global leader on social media platform Instagram with 14.8 million followers.**
- According to a list published by online platform **twiplomacy**, Modi is followed by Indonesian President Joko Widodo with 12.2 million followers.
- With 10 million followers, US President Donald Trump is at the third position on photo-sharing platform.
- The picture of newly married Indian cricket captain **Virat Kohli** and his wife, actress **Anushka Sharma** meeting the prime minister has become the most liked picture posted by any world leader. **The picture received 18,34,707 hearts since all three have a combined following of 55 million on Instagram.**

India ranks 108 in WEF gender gap index in 2018, Iceland holds top spot

- **India has been ranked 108th in World Economic Forum (WEF) gender gap index, same as 2017, while recording improvement in wage equality for similar work and fully closing its tertiary education gender gap for the first time.**
- **The global list was topped by Iceland having closed more than 85.8 per cent of its overall gender gap.** Iceland holds the top spot in the index for the **10th consecutive year.**
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SDG India Index 2018: Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Tamil Nadu ranked as Front Runners

- The NITI Aayog on December 21, 2018 released the **Baseline Report of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) India Index 2018**, documenting the progress made by India's States and Union Territories (UTs) towards implementation of **the 2030 SDG targets.**

- The SDG India Index was developed in collaboration with the **Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI), Global Green Growth Institute and United Nations in India.**
- The SDG India Index acts as a bridge between these mandates, aligning the SDGs with the Prime Minister's clarion call of '**Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas**', which embodies the five Ps of the global SDG movement – **People, Planet, Prosperity, Partnership and Peace.**
- India's National Development Agenda is mirrored in the SDGs. India's progress in SDGs is crucial for the world as the country is home to about 17 percent of the world population.
- **Himachal Pradesh ranked high on providing clean water and sanitation**, in reducing inequalities and preserving mountain ecosystem.
- **Kerala's topped due to its superior performance in providing good health, reducing hunger, achieving gender equality and providing quality education.**

India perceives poorly, 12th on 'misperception index'

- **According to the MORI Perils of Perception Survey 2018**, done by Ipsos India, an independent market research company, **Indians stood at 12th rank in the "misperception index"**, behind several countries like, Italy, Singapore, Hong Kong, South Korea, Chile and Argentina, among others.
- The countries which performed poorer than India **were Thailand, Mexico, Turkey, Malaysia, and Brazil, which were ranked first in five**, in that order.
- The survey was conducted during September 28-October 16 this year in 37 countries online.

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