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ISSUING BODY
Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN)
FREQUENCY
Annual
INDIA'S RANK
109 / 166
TOP PERFORMER
Finland
KEY FINDINGS

- India scored 63.99 out of 100, ranking 109th out of 166 countries
- Finland topped the index with a score of 86.4, followed by Sweden (85.7) and Denmark (85.0)
- BRICS nations showed faster-than-average SDG progress since 2015
- At the current pace, the world will not achieve the SDGs by 2030
- Only 16% of the SDG targets are on track globally at the midpoint (2023)
- Climate action (SDG 13) and Life Below Water (SDG 14) show the weakest global progress

ABOUT THE INDEX

The SDG Index is the centrepiece of the annual Sustainable Development Report, published by the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN). The report provides a global assessment of how countries are progressing toward achieving all 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted by UN member states in September 2015 under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The SDG Index score ranges from 0 to 100, where 100 indicates full achievement of all 17 SDGs. Countries are assessed using a traffic-light dashboard system:

- **Green** — SDG achieved
- **Yellow** — challenges remain
- **Orange** — significant challenges
- **Red** — major challenges

The 2024 edition was written by independent experts at the **SDG Transformation Center**, an initiative of the SDSN, and was released ahead of the UN Summit of the Future.

INDIA'S PERFORMANCE

India ranked **109th out of 166 countries** with an SDG Index score of **63.99**. India is classified in the “yellow zone” on the SDG dashboard, indicating that considerable challenges remain across most goals.

India performs relatively well on:

- **SDG 13 (Climate Action)** – low per-capita emissions, renewable energy expansion
- **SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation)** – progress under Jal Jeevan Mission

India faces major challenges on:

- **SDG 2 (Zero Hunger)** – malnutrition, stunting, food insecurity
- **SDG 3 (Good Health)** – healthcare access, maternal and child mortality
- **SDG 5 (Gender Equality)** – women’s labour force participation, gender-based violence
- **SDG 16 (Peace, Justice)** – rule of law, institutional accountability

Regional / BRICS Comparison

COUNTRY	SDG RANK	SDG SCORE
Brazil	62nd	71.2
China	68th	70.2
Russia	65th	70.8
South Africa	108th	64.0
India	109th	64.0

KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF LATEST EDITION

- Finland leads with a score of 86.4, followed by Sweden (85.7) and Denmark (85.0) – Nordic countries dominate the top ranks
- Germany (4th, 83.4) and France (5th, 82.8) round out the top five
- At the current rate, the world will not achieve the SDGs by the 2030 deadline
- Only 16% of SDG targets are on track globally as of the midpoint assessment
- SDG 13 (Climate Action) and SDG 14 (Life Below Water) show the weakest global progress
- Low-income countries face the largest SDG financing gaps, estimated at \$4 trillion annually

UPSC RELEVANCE

SDG Index issuing body, India's rank and score, total SDGs (17), top country, 2030 deadline, adoption year (2015) **Mains GS-2:** *India's SDG challenges, NITI Aayog SDG India Index, localising SDGs, welfare scheme mapping to SDGs* **Mains GS-3:** *Sustainable development, inclusive growth, climate action, clean energy transition, SDG financing* **Interview:** *"India ranks 109th on the SDG Index despite multiple welfare schemes. Where is the implementation gap?"*

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