

WORLD HAPPINESS REPORT



What is the World Happiness Report?

- ✓ The World Happiness Report ranks 149 countries by how happy their citizens perceive themselves to be.
- ✓ It is different from the Human Development Report (HDR) which focuses on three dimensions – healthy life, knowledge and standard of living.

Findings

- ✓ Unemployment during the pandemic is associated with a 12% decline in life satisfaction and a 9% increase in negative effect.
- ✓ The rankings are based on polling (Gallup World Poll) which looks at six variables:

Gross Domestic Product Per Capita (Purchasing Power Parity).

Social Support

Healthy life expectancy at birth

Freedom to make life choices

Generosity

Perceptions of corruption

- ✓ Respondents are asked to rate their own current lives on a 0-10 scale.

Top Performers

- ✓ Finland has been ranked as the happiest country in the world for the fourth consecutive year.
- ✓ Followed by Iceland, Denmark, Switzerland, The Netherlands, Sweden, Germany and Norway.

Worst Performers

- ✓ Afghanistan (149) is the unhappy country.
- ✓ Followed by Zimbabwe (148), Rwanda (147), Botswana (146) and Lesotho (145).

India

- ✓ India has been ranked 139, out of 149 countries evaluated.
- ✓ In 2020, India was ranked 144 out of 156 countries surveyed.