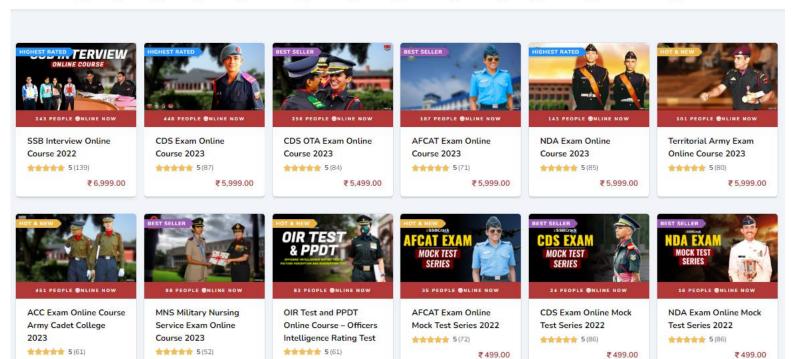


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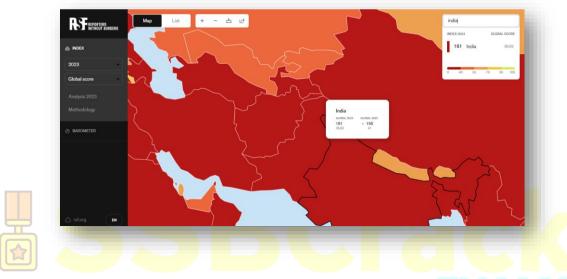
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# **World Press Freedom Index 2023**

# Why In The News?

Recently Global Media Watchdog Reporters Without Borders (RSF), Released
The Report Where In India Has Slipped To The 161st Position Out Of 180
Countries In The 2023 World Press Freedom Index.



# **Reporters Without Borders (RWB):**

- Reporters Without Borders (RWB) Is An International Non-Profit Organisation
   Governed By Principles Of Democratic Governance.
- Founded In 1985 In Montpellier By Four Journalists, RSF Is At The Forefront Of The Defence And Promotion Of Freedom Of Information.
- Recognized As A Public Interest Organisation In France Since 1995, RSF Has
  Consultative Status With The United Nations, UNESCO, The Council Of Europe,
  And The International Organization Of Francophonie (OIF).

### **Their Presence:**

- 134 Correspondents Around The World.
- 6 International Sections (Germany, Austria, Spain, Finland, Sweden, Switzerland).
- 1 International Headquarter (Paris).
- 7 Offices (London, Brussels, Tunis, Washington Dc, Rio De Janeiro, Dakar, Taipei).

### What Do They Do?

- Reporter Without Borders (RWB) Works In All Terrains, From The Office Of The UN Secretary-General To The Valleys Of Afghanistan.
- Their Work Covers A Range Of Activities: Field Interventions, Advocacy, And Major Initiatives To Change The Course Of International Law.
- Their Action In Key Points:
- Inform About The Press Freedom Situation Throughout The World By Communicating, Every Day And In 5 Languages, On Abuses Committed Against Journalists And On All Forms Of Censorship.
- Annual World Press Freedom Index Measures The State Of Press Freedom In 180 Countries.



#### **Initiatives:**

- Support Multiple Initiatives To Obtain The Unblocking Of Censored Websites, Support Online Media, And Provide Guarantees For Freedom Of Opinion And Expression In The Global Space For Information And Communication.
- Call On Citizens And Leaders Through Direct Action As Part Of Our Major Mobilization Campaigns.
- Call On Governments, International Organizations, And Decision-Makers To Denounce Any Attack On The Freedom Of Information.
- Formulate Legal Recommendations To States And Act For The Adoption Of More Protective Standards.
- Insure Journalists On Missions In High-Risk Areas And Lend Helmets And Bulletproof Vests.
- Assist Them With Legal Action When They Are Victims Of Abuse, And Assist Reporters Forced To Flee With Asylum Applications.

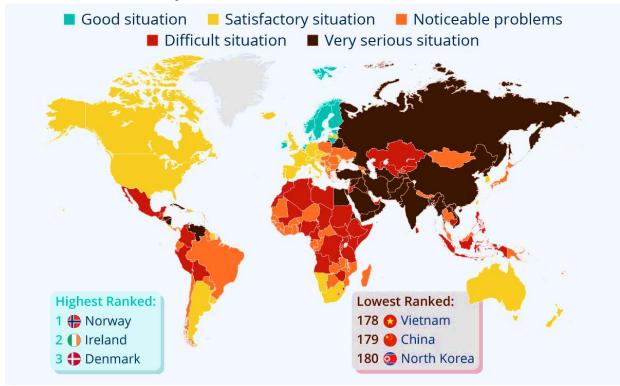
 Train Journalists In Their Physical And Digital Safety And Support Local Organizations Defending Freedom Of Information, In Order To Increase Their Influence And Their Intervention Capacities.

#### **Success Till Now:**

- The Launch Of Campaigns With International Repercussions, Such As The Call For A Boycott Of The Beijing Olympics In 2008.
- Sami Al-Haj, Hervé Ghesquière, Stéphane Taponier And Even Joff Wolf: These Great Names In Journalism Were Released Following The Mobilization Of RSF.
- Significant Advances In International Law, Such As The Partnership For Information And Democracy, Which Now Has 43 Signatory Countries.
- Assistance To More Than 12,000 Journalists In The Field Over The Past Five Years.
- Concrete Protocols And Indicators For Credible And Reliable Information In A Technological Context Where Manipulative Content Proliferates.

#### What Is World Press Freedom Index?

The World Press Freedom Index Is Based On Five Different Factors That Are
 Used To Calculate Scores And Rank Countries. These Five Sub-indicators Include
 The Political Indicator, Economic Indicator, Legislative Indicator, Social
 Indicator, And Security Indicator.





### **How Did India Score?**



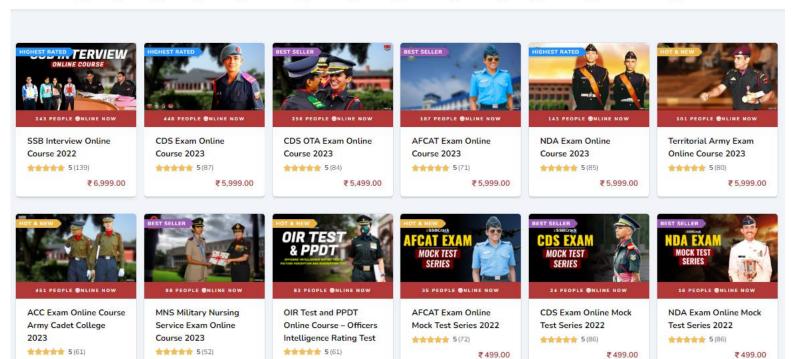
## **New Developments:**

- India's Performance In The World Press Freedom Index Is Also Poor Compared To Other Countries In South Asia. Bangladesh Ranks Slightly Worse Than India At 163, While Pakistan Ranks Ahead Of India At 150.
- Surprisingly, Even Afghanistan, Where The Taliban Government Is Known To Restrict Independent Journalism, Has A Better Ranking Than India, At 152.
   Bhutan Has A Much Better Ranking At 90, While Sri Lanka Is Ranked At 135.



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