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‘OPERATION SINDOOR’

- **Indian Armed Forces on Wednesday launched ‘Operation Sindoor’**, a series of precision strikes on terrorist camps located in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK). The **operation comes in the wake of the Pahalgam terror attack**, which claimed the lives of 25 Indian nationals and one Nepali citizen, triggering widespread outrage and demands for decisive action.



- **Nine Terror Sites Targeted:** Precision and Restraint Emphasized
- According to a formal release by the Press Information Bureau (PIB), the strikes targeted a total of nine locations believed to house active terrorist infrastructure involved in planning and executing attacks against India. These include:
 - A former Lashkar-e-Taiba base near Muzaffarabad in PoK
 - A Jaish-e-Mohammad-linked seminary in Bahawalpur, Punjab Province
 - A key infiltration hub in Kotli, PoK

OPERATION SINDOOR

List of nine terrorist sites targeted under Operation Sindoor in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir

1. Markaz Subhan Allah, **Bahawalpur - JeM**
2. Markaz Taiba, **Muridke - LeT**
3. Sarjal, **Tehra Kalan - JeM**
4. Mehmoona Joya, **Sialkot - HM**
5. Markaz Ahle Hadith, **Barnala - LeT**
6. Markaz Abbas, **Kotli - JeM**
7. Maskar Raheel Shahid, **Kotli - HM**
8. Shawai Nalla Camp, **Muzaffarabad - LeT**
9. Syedna Bilal Camp, **Muzaffarabad - JeM**

- The operation was launched following days of high-level meetings between Prime Minister Narendra Modi, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, and the top brass of the Indian Armed Forces, including:
 - Navy Chief Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi
 - Air Force Chief Air Chief Marshal A P Singh
 - Defence Secretary R K Singh

- **Several airports in northern part of the country** are closed for commercial operations after Indian Armed Forces launched airstrikes in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir.
- In a social media post, SpiceJet claimed that airports in Dharamshala, Leh, Jammu, Srinagar, and Amritsar are closed until further notice. Indigo has also advised its passengers to check the flight status from these airports.

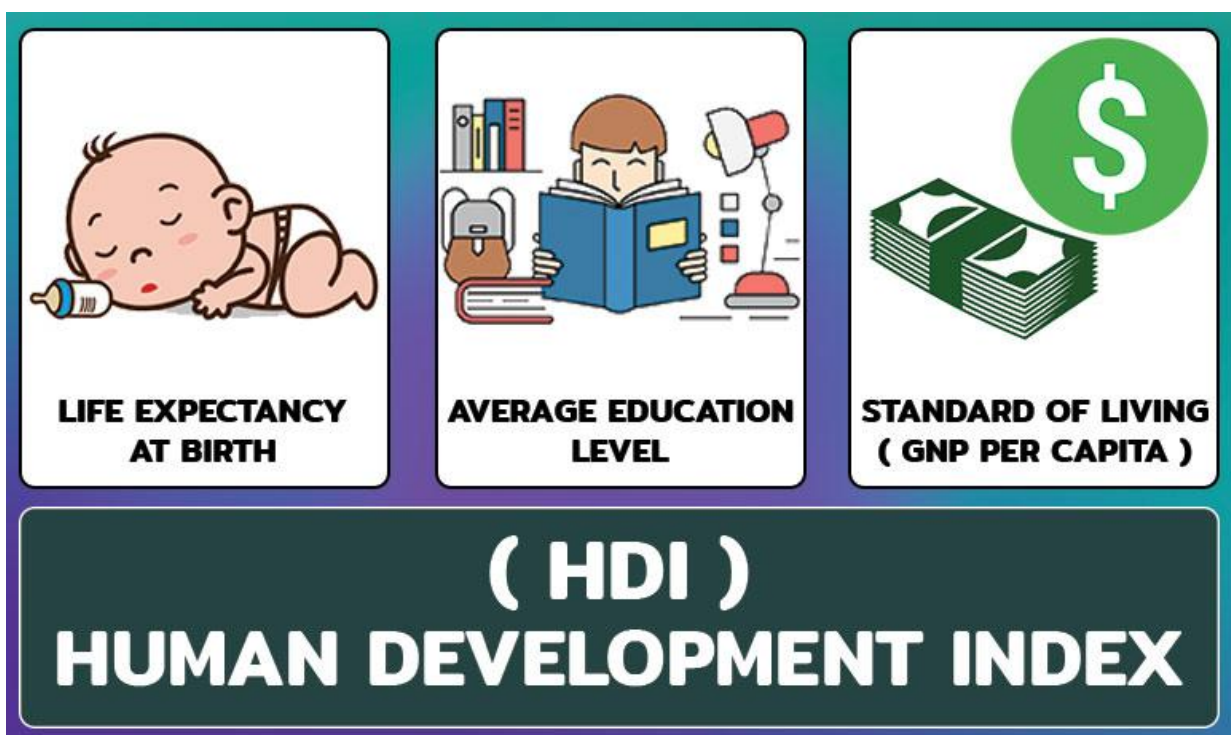


India's Progress In Human Development Index

- **India improved its rank to 130 out of 193 countries** on the Human Development Index (HDI) in 2023, according to the UNDP Human Development Report 2025. This marks a three-place rise from its 2022 rank of 133. India also demonstrated notable improvement in **reducing gender inequality**, climbing from 108 (out of 166 countries) in 2022 to 102 out of 193 countries in 2023 on the Gender Inequality Index (GII).
- The theme of the Human Development Report **"A matter of choice: People and possibilities in the age of AI"**.

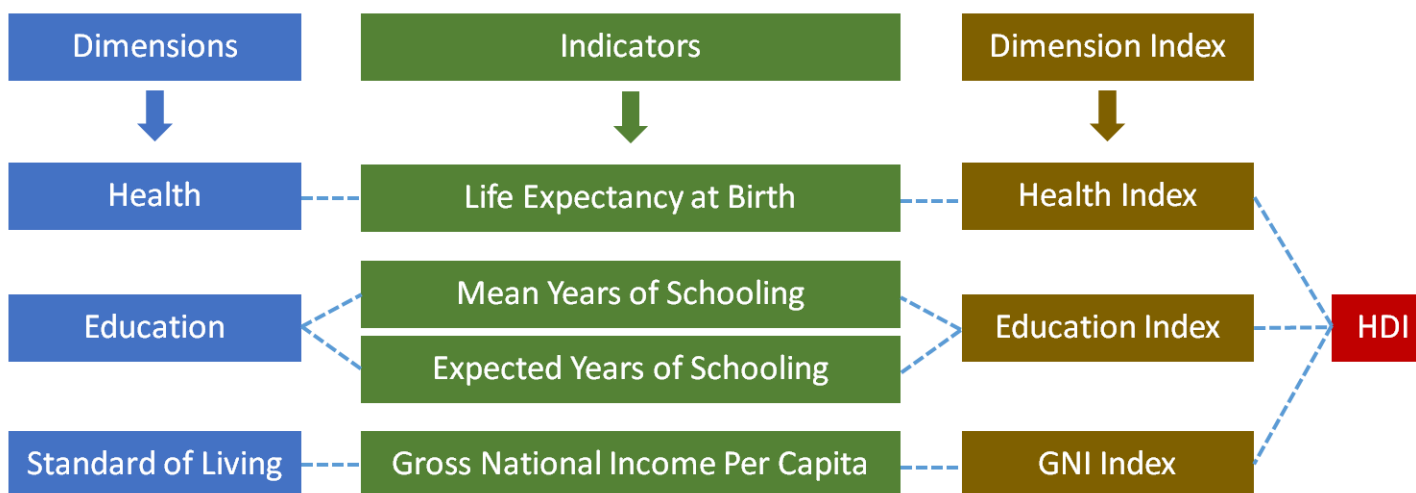


- Despite this progress, **India scored 0.874 on the Gender Development Index (GDI)**, placing it among Group 5 countries which are considered to have low success in closing the gender gap. **On the HDI front, with a value of 0.685**, India remains in the medium human development category, but is inching closer to the threshold of high human development, set at 0.700. India's HDI value has increased by over 53% since 1990, outpacing global and South Asian averages. The improvement is attributed to economic growth and targeted social protection and welfare programs.



- India's **life expectancy at birth** rose from **71.7 years in 2022 to 72 years** in 2023, the highest since the index's inception. In 1990, it stood at 58.6 years, signaling a robust recovery from the pandemic. **Key national health schemes** like the National Rural Health Mission, Ayushman Bharat, Janani Suraksha Yojana, and Poshan Abhiyaan have played crucial roles in improving health outcomes.

HDI Dimensions and Indicators



- In terms of education, expected years of schooling** have remained stable at about 13 years, while mean years of schooling rose marginally from 6.6 to 6.9 years. Initiatives such as the Right to Education Act, Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan, and the National Education Policy 2020 have been central to these gains.
- On the economic front, Gross National Income (GNI)** per capita increased to \$9,047 in 2023 from \$8,475 in 2022 (at 2021 PPP \$). Since 1990, GNI per capita has more than quadrupled from \$2,167.22.
- Programs like MGNREGA, Jan Dhan Yojana, and digital inclusion initiatives have contributed significantly to poverty reduction, helping 135 million people escape multidimensional poverty between 2015-16 and 2019-21.

HDI Rank (2023)	Country	HDI Value (2023)
1	Iceland	0.972
2	Norway	0.970
2	Switzerland	0.970
4	Denmark	0.962
5	Germany	0.959
5	Sweden	0.959
7	Australia	0.958
8	Hong Kong, China (SAR)	0.955
8	Netherlands	0.955
10	Belgium	0.951

HDI Rank (2023)	Country	HDI Value (2023)
184	Yemen	0.470
185	Sierra Leone	0.467
186	Burkina Faso	0.459
187	Burundi	0.439
188	Mali	0.419
188	Niger	0.419
190	Chad	0.416
..	Central African Republic	0.414
192	Somalia	0.404
193	South Sudan	0.388

Telangana Hosts Miss World 2025

- The **72nd edition of the Miss World pageant** unfolds in Telangana from May 10 to 31, 2025, contestants from around the globe are arriving in Hyderabad to partake in this internationally acclaimed event. The **Government of Telangana is leveraging the opportunity** to highlight the state's tourism potential and cultural heritage on a global scale.

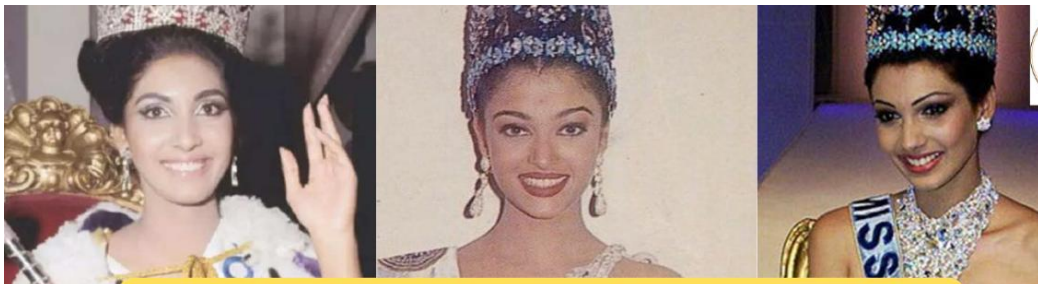


- The **Miss World 2025 pageant is being hosted in Telangana**, India, for the first time. With over 120 contestants and live broadcasts in more than 150 countries, the event is being strategically used to boost the state's international visibility, tourism, and investment appeal.
- **Objectives**
 - Promote Telangana as a Multidimensional Tourism Hub
 - Increase foreign tourist arrivals, which stood at 1.55 lakh in 2024
 - Showcase Telangana's cultural heritage, historical sites, and UNESCO landmarks
 - Attract global investments in tourism, culture, and hospitality sectors
- **Contestants will visit**
 - Ramappa Temple (Warangal) – A UNESCO World Heritage Site
 - Heritage monuments from the Nizam era in Hyderabad
 - Other eco-tourism and spiritual sites across Telangana

- Miss World Is Oldest Existing International Beauty Pageant. It Was Created In **United Kingdom By Eric Morley In 1951**. Current Miss World Is **Krystyna Pyszková Of Czech Republic**, Crowned On 9 March 2024 In Mumbai, India.



- **India Has Six Miss World Winners:** Reita Faria (1966), Aishwarya Rai (1994), Diana Hayden (1997), Yukta Mookhey (1999), Priyanka Chopra (2000), And Manushi Chhillar (2017).



MISS WORLD FROM INDIA



Bharat Telecom 2025

- Union Minister for Communications and Development of North Eastern Region, **Jyotiraditya Scindia**, inaugurated the **22nd edition of Bharat Telecom** in New Delhi on 6 May 2025. **Bharat Telecom is an annual event** that aims to present India as a provider of world-class telecom solutions.
- The Bharat Telecom Expo is organised by **the Telecom Equipment and Services Export Promotion Council (TEPC)** in partnership with the Department of Telecommunications (DoT).



- The **Telecom Equipment and Services Export Promotion Council** is under the Union **Ministry of Commerce and Industry**. The Department of Telecommunications comes under the Union **Ministry of Communications and Information Technology**.
- The **Bharat Telecom Expo has been conceived** as an international business expo and a reverse buyer-seller meet. It provides a platform for the Indian telecom industry to meet the global leaders in the entire telecom value chain.

- **More than 130 foreign delegates from over 35 countries**, representing government bodies and private enterprises, are participating in the 22nd edition of Bharat Telecom.
- Around 80 leading Indian Telecom and Information and Communication Technology (ICT) companies are showcasing their innovative products and solutions across multiple domains in the sector.



- **Aim and Objective of the Bharat Telecom Expo**
- Showcase India's strength as a major telecom sector manufacturer and service provider to the world.
- To attract investment in the telecom sector to make India a hub for telecom manufacturing, services, and exports.
- Provide an opportunity for telecom sector companies to interact with global companies and business leaders.
- Present India as a creator, partner and trusted provider of world-class telecom solutions.



- **About Telecom Equipment and Services Export Promotion Council (TEPC)**
- The Telecom Equipment and Services Export Promotion Council (TEPC) is one of the 14 export promotion councils under the Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- It was established in 2009 under the Foreign Trade Policy.
- **Aim and function**
- The roles and functions of the TEPC are guided by the Foreign Trade Policy 2023.
- Promote and develop the export of Telecom Equipment and Services.
- Help Indian companies facilitate their exports easily.
- To position India as a leading country in the global telecom industry as a secure, reliable, state-of-the-art telecom solution provider.

Note:

- **Network Readiness Index (NRI) 2024:**
 - India has climbed 11 positions to rank 49th in the **Network Readiness Index (NRI) 2024**, up from 60th in 2023. This reflects a noteworthy advancement in its **digital infrastructure** and capabilities.
- **Global Cyber Security Index 2024:**
 - India has achieved a major milestone in **cybersecurity** by securing Tier 1 status in the 5th edition of the **Global Cybersecurity Index (GCI) 2024**, published by the **International Telecommunication Union (ITU)**.

China Clinches 14th Sudirman Cup Title

- The **2025 Sudirman Cup final was a repeat of the 2023 final**, in which China defeated South Korea. This year, the result was the same: China defeated South Korea 3-1.
- The **Chinese team defeated Japan, while South Korea** defeated Indonesia to reach the final. This was the Chinese team's 16th consecutive final. Badminton powerhouse China won the BWF Sudirman Cup for the fourth consecutive time, beating South Korea 3-1 in the final of the 19th edition of the Sudirman Cup 2025.



- It was the **14th title win for the Chinese in the Sudirman Cup's** history. Only three countries, China, Indonesia, and South Korea, have won the Sudirman Cup.
- The Indian team failed to qualify for the quarter-finals and finished 9th amongst the 16 teams participating in the tournament.
- The Sudirman Cup is a biennial mixed-team badminton competition **organised by the Badminton World Federation (BWF)**. China hosted the 19th edition of the Sudirman Cup Finals in Xiamen from 27 April to 4 May 2025. The Sudirman Cup was instituted by the BWF in 1989 in memory of the founder and President of Badminton Association of Indonesia, late Dick Sudirman.
- **Sudirman Cup is a mixed team** event held every two years. Over the years, it has become a premier championship, like the Thomas Cup for men and the Uber Cup for women.
- The **Thomas Cup and Uber Cup are held every two years** in even-numbered years. The Sudirman Cup is held in odd-numbered years.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Who was the first Indian to win the Miss World title?

- A. Aishwarya Rai
- B. Manushi Chhillar
- C. Reita Faria
- D. Diana Hayden

ANSWER: C

2. Where is the Miss World 2025 pageant being hosted

- A. New Delhi
- B. Hyderabad
- C. Telangana
- D. Mumbai

ANSWER: C

3. What is the name of the event organized to promote India's telecom sector

- A. Bharat Internet 2025
- B. Bharat Telecom 2025
- C. India Connect 2025
- D. Digital India Expo 2025

ANSWER: B

4. India improved its rank in the Network Readiness Index (NRI) 2024 to

- A. 60
- B. 49
- C. 35
- D. 55

ANSWER: B

5. Who was appointed as Yemen's new Prime Minister in May 2025

- A. Anwar Rasheed
- B. Salem Saleh Bin Braik
- C. Abdullah Mansour
- D. Ahmed Al- Mekhlafi

ANSWER: B

6. What was India's rank in the Human Development Index (HDI) 2023

- A. 133
- B. 120
- C. 130
- D. 129

ANSWER: C

7. What is the theme of the UNDP Human Development Report 2025

- A. Equality and Growth
- B. AI and Humanity
- C. Innovation for Development
- D. A matter of choice: People and possibilities in the age of AI

ANSWER: D

8. Who became Managing Director of National Film Development Corporation in 2025

- A. Ramesh Kumar
- B. Arvind Joshi
- C. Prakash Magdum
- D. Sanjay Sinha

ANSWER: C

9. Which country won the Sudirman Cup 2025

- A. Japan
- B. India
- C. South Korea
- D. China

ANSWER: D

10. Which State Is Home To India's First Artificial Intelligence (AI) Data Center Park

- A. Karnataka
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Chhattisgarh

ANSWER: D

11. Which Is The Nodal Ministry For Implementing The SVAMITVA Scheme

- A. Ministry of Urban Development
- B. Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- C. Ministry of Rural Development
- D. Ministry of Agriculture

ANSWER: B

12. Anthony Albanese Has Been Re-elected As Prime Minister Of Which Country

- A. Australia
- B. France
- C. Singapore
- D. Sweden

ANSWER: A

13. Which Indian State Has Signed MoUs With UK, Australian Universities To Set Up International University Campuses

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Gujarat
- C. Karnataka
- D. Tamil Nadu

ANSWER: A

14. Which Indian State Is Set To Host The 72nd Edition Of The Miss World Pageant

- A. Karnataka
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Telangana

ANSWER: D

15. Which Organization Successfully Conducted Maiden Flight Trials Of Stratospheric Airship Platform In Madhya Pradesh

- A. ISRO
- B. DRDO
- C. HAL
- D. BARC

ANSWER: B

16. Which State Is Set To Develop India's First Transmedia Entertainment City

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Kerala

ANSWER: B

17. Which Company Partnered With TCS To Build India's Largest Quantum Computing Hub

- A. Google
- B. Infosys
- C. IBM
- D. Microsoft

ANSWER: C

18. Lakkundi Monuments Located In

- A. Karnataka
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Gujarat
- D. Maharashtra

ANSWER: A

19. Which Railway Zone Has Partnered With Chhota Bheem To Promote Railway Safety And Raise Public Awareness

- A. Western Railway
- B. Central Railway
- C. Northern Railway
- D. Eastern Railway

ANSWER: D

20. Who Appointed As The Vice Chief Of The Air Staff Of The Indian Air Force

- A. Air Marshal Sandeep Singh
- B. Air Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria
- C. Air Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari
- D. Air Marshal Narmdeshwar Tiwari

ANSWER: D