Global Gender Gap Index 2025

Prelims: Current events of National and International Importance

Why in news?

World economic forum recently released the 2025th edition of Global Gender Gap Index.

- **Global Gender Gap Index** – It is an annual report to measure the extent of gender-based disparities across countries.
- The Global Gender Gap Index measures gender parity across four key dimensions: Economic Participation and Opportunity, Educational Attainment, Health and Survival, and Political Empowerment.
- **Published by –** World Economic Forum (since 2006)
- Latest Edition is 2025 (19th edition)
- **Total Countries Covered - 148**

Pillars of the Index

- **Economic Participation and Opportunity**
  - Labour force participation
  - Wage equality
  - Estimated earned income
  - Representation in leadership roles
- **Educational Attainment**
  - Literacy rate
  - Enrollment in primary, secondary, and tertiary education
- **Health and Survival**
  - Sex ratio at birth
  - Healthy life expectancy
- **Political Empowerment**
  - Women in Parliament
  - Women in ministerial roles
  - Years with a female head of state (in last 50 years)
- **Scoring System** – Score Range is 0 to 1 where 1 = Perfect Gender Parity and 0 = Complete Disparity
- **India's rank** – India ranks **131st out of 148** countries the 2025th edition of Global Gender Gap Index.
- It slipped 2 places from 129 in 2024.
- **India's parity score in 2025** - 64.1%
- **India is** the **lowest-ranked** in South Asia.
  - Bangladesh - 24
  - Nepal - 125

    - Sri Lanka - 130
    - Bhutan - 119
    - Maldives - 138
    - Pakistan - 148



- **Global Gender Parity** - 68.8% closed globally in 2025 – highest improvement since COVID-19.
- It is estimated to take **123 years** to achieve the **Full Gender Parity** globally at current pace.
- **Top 5 Countries**:
    - **Iceland** (1st for 16th year)
    - Finland
    - Norway
    - United Kingdom
    - New Zealand

Reference

The Hindu| India slips to 131st position in Global Gender Gap Index 2025

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