

Global Innovation Index (GII) 2026

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Why in News?

The World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) has published the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2026.

- The index assesses the **innovation performance of 139 economies** and highlights the top 100 innovation clusters globally.

Global Innovation Index (GII)

- **Released by** - World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).
- **First published** - 2007.
- **2026 edition** - 19th edition.
- **Coverage** - 139 economies.
- **Purpose** - To evaluate innovation performance, analyze innovation ecosystems, and identify prominent innovation clusters.
- **Significance** - It is utilized by governments and international organizations to inform science, technology, and innovation policy development.
- **Key Indicators** - It comprises approximately 80 indicators, which are organized into two sub-indices of equal weight.

Innovation Input Sub-Index	Innovation Output Sub-Index
• Assesses the conditions that facilitate innovation. • Five pillars: 1. Institutions 2. Human capital and research 3. Infrastructure 4. Market sophistication 5. Business sophistication	• Evaluates the outcomes of innovative activities. • Two pillars: 1. Knowledge and technology outputs 2. Creative outputs
Overall GII score = Average of (Input Score + Output Score)	

GLOBAL RANKINGS - GII 2026

(Global Innovation Index)



TOP 10 MOST INNOVATIVE ECONOMIES

Rank		Economy
1		Switzerland
2		Sweden
3		United States
4		Republic of Korea (South Korea)
5		Singapore
6 - 9		Other economies
10		China



Additional Significant Rankings

- Japan is ranked 12th.
- Hong Kong, China is ranked 14th.

- Europe accounts for 14 of the 25 leading economies.
- Asia is represented by five economies in the top 25.
- Switzerland has maintained its position at the top of the Global Innovation Index (GII) for the 16th consecutive year.

INDIA'S PERFORMANCE IN GII 2026

(Global Innovation Index)

 SHANKAR
IAS PARLIAMENT



38th

Overall rank
Out of 139 economies



49th

**Innovation
inputs**



25th

**Innovation
outputs**

INDIA'S KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

1



1st

Among 36 lower-middle-income economies.

2



1st

Among 11 economies in Central and Southern Asia.

3



1st

globally in ICT services exports.

4



4th

in late-stage venture capital deals.

5



13th

in intangible asset intensity.

6



15th

in knowledge and technology outputs.

Global Innovation Clusters

- **Innovation Clusters** - It refers to geographical regions characterized by a high concentration of innovation-related activities.
- Since 2016, the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) has identified these clusters using a bottom-up approach that is not limited by administrative or political boundaries.
- **Three indicators**
 - Location of inventors listed in published patent applications.
 - Location of authors of published scientific articles.
 - Location of firms receiving venture capital (VC) investment.



Reference

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