India and governance Indicators

What is the issue?

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Worldwide Governance Indicators might be useful to measure the performance of Union governance.

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What are these indicators about?

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- Worldwide Governance Indicators, which is available on the World Bank's database.
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- Although the Bank and other associated institutions have the standard disclaimer that they are not accountable for what the Indicators say.
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- There are six indicators, and 214 economies are scored on each of them every year, using combinations of surveys, opinion polls, individual interviews, consultations with experts and such.
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- India's percentile rank is measured using such indicators (scoring from 0 to 100, a higher score being better)
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What does the indicators figures about India?

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- **Control of corruption** – India improved sharply from 37.0 in 2013 to 47.1 in 2016.
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- **Government effectiveness** - India's rank improved sharply from 45.2 in 2014 to 57.2 in 2016.
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- **Regulatory quality** - India's rank moved up smartly from 35.1 in 2012 to

41.3 in 2016.
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- But these scores was noticeably better in 2006 (45.1).
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- **On political stability and Absence of violence** - India’s overall rank is surprisingly poor because of divergence of scores on two different issues.
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- India seriously being poor in this indicator, there is growing right wing extremism in the nation.
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- Present government pulled it up to 17.1 in 2015, but then saw the rank dip to 14.3 in 2016 lower than in 2005 (17.5).
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- On the internal security front, the Union government clearly suffered a setback in 2016.
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- **Rule of law -** The country’s rank in 2016 (52.4) was marginally lower than in 2013 (53.1), and significantly lower than in 2006 (58.4).
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- **Voice and accountability** – In this India has dipped from a rank of 61.5 in 2013 to 58.6 in 2016.
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- It is no surprise that the Union government does not do very well.
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Source: Business standard

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