Network Readiness Index (NRI) Report 2025

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Why in News?

Recently, India improved its ranking in the Network Readiness Index (NRI) 2025 report.

- **Aim –** Assess network-based readiness and digital transformation capacity of countries.
- **Prepared by –** Portulans Institute (Washington DC, USA).
- **Coverage –** ***127 countries.***
- **Key Structure –** It consists of 4 Pillars and 53 Indicators.
  - **Pillars –** *Technology, People, Governance, and Impact.*
- **India's Performance – Rank – *45th (improved by 4 positions)***
- **Score –**
  - 2024 – 53.63/100
  - 2025 – 54.43/100
- **Key Findings –**

Category	Findings
India's Global Rankings in Key Indicators	• **1st –** Annual investment in telecommunication services, AI scientific publications, ICT services exports, E-commerce legislation • **2nd –** FTTH/Building Internet subscriptions, Mobile broadband internet traffic, International Internet bandwidth • **3rd –** Domestic market scale, Income inequality
Most Network-Ready Societies	• **1st –** United States • **2nd –** Finland • **3rd –** Singapore • **4th –** Denmark • **5th –** Sweden • Europe *dominates the global top 5 with 3 countries.*
Top Countries by Income Group in NRI 2025	• **High-Income –** United States (1), Finland (2), Singapore (3). • **Upper-Middle Income –** China (24), Malaysia (38), Thailand (44). • **Lower-Middle Income –** Vietnam (40), India (45), Philippines (66). • **Low Income –** Rwanda (87), Uganda (112), Malawi (116).

- **Findings for India –** Ranked ***2nd among lower-middle-income countries.***
- India has greater network readiness than expected for its income level.

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