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Electricity Accessibility Ranking

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- India has climbed up to twenty-sixth position in **World Bank's** electricity accessibility ranking in the current year from 99th spot in 2014.

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- The government's rural electrification programme is proceeding swiftly, with over 13,000 villages electrified out of a total of 18,452 and is on track for completion within the targeted 1,000 days.

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- Union power minister Goyal said a person who applies for electricity connection **should be able to get electricity in 24 hours** if power infrastructure is available and in areas where there is no power infrastructure a person should expect electricity in a week.

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Narmada Seva Mission

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- Prime Minister launched the Narmada Seva Mission for the conservation of the crucial river, which is a lifeline of Madhya Pradesh.

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- He also released **Narmada Pravah** - the Mission Work Plan for the river Narmada.

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- In recent times, the Narmada has been brutally exploited, and that is what had led to the need for a **Narmada Seva Yatra** (Started: December 11, 2016 from Amarkantak. Ended: May 15, 2017).

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- **Narmada - Background:**\n

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- The source of the Narmada is Narmada Kund, located at Amarkantak on the **Amarkantak Plateau** in Madhya Pradesh.

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- It is the third longest river that flows entirely within India, after the Godavari, and the Krishna. And the fifth longest river in the Indian subcontinent.

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- It is one of the rivers in India that flows in a rift valley, flowing west between the Satpura and Vindhya ranges.

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- It flows through the states of Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Gujarat.

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- **Left Tributaries:** Burhner River, Banjar River, Sher River, Shakkar River, Dudhi River, Tawa River, Ganjal River, Chhota Tawa River, Kundi River, Goi River, Karjan River.

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- **Right Tributaries:** Hiran River, Tendoni River, Choral River, Kolar River, Man River, Uri River, Hatni River, Orsang River.

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Public Affairs Index

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- Two South Indian States - Kerala and Tamil Nadu - secured first and second rankings for the second year in a row in **public affairs index (PAI) in governance in States**.

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- The report was based on a wide range of themes such as essential infrastructure, support to human development, social protection, women and children, crime, law and order, delivery of justice, environment, transparency and accountability, fiscal management and economic freedom.

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- Punjab is the best performer among all States in the category of essential infrastructure.

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- In human development, Kerala, Maharashtra, and Punjab are top of the table.

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- Kerala, Assam and Madhya Pradesh secured top three ranks in implementation of social protection policies.

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- Tamil Nadu secured first rank in maintaining law and order, delivery of justice and environment categories and secured last rank in transparency

and accountability in the administration.

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The World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)

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- The OIE is the **intergovernmental organisation** responsible for improving animal health worldwide.

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- It is recognised as a reference organisation by the World Trade Organization (WTO) and in 2016 has a total of 180 Member Countries.

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- The OIE maintains permanent relations with 71 other international and regional organisations and has Regional and sub-regional Offices on every continent.

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- The day-to-day operation of the OIE is managed at the Headquarters situated in Paris.

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