

## World Happiness Report 2025

## Why in News?

The world happiness report, 2025 released recently.

- **World Happiness Day -** Celebrated globally on March 20.
- Theme, 2025- "Caring and Sharing".
- **Proclaimed by -** General Assembly of the United Nations, in a resolution initiated by Bhutan in July 2012, recognizing the relevance of happiness and well-being as universal goals.
- World Happiness Report, 2025 Published by University of Oxford's Wellbeing Research Centre in partnership with Gallup, the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network.
- Rankings are based on a **3-year average** of people's life evaluations.
- The happiness score or subjective well-being is based on the national average response to the life evaluations question in the Gallup World Poll (GWP).
- The survey asks respondents to evaluate their current life as a whole using a ladder scale, with the best possible life as 10 and the worst possible life as 0.
- Indicators
  - o GDP per capita,
  - Social support,
  - Healthy life expectancy,
  - Freedom,
  - o Generosity, and
  - Perceptions of corruption.
- Top ranking countries



- U.S. Ranked in the 24 and Canada ranked in 18.
- Low Ranking Countries Sierra Leone (No. 146), Lebanon (No. 145), Malawi (No. 144) and Zimbabwe (No. 143) make up the rest of the bottom five for happiness.
  - $\circ$  **Afghanistan (No. 147)** is once again last on the list.
- India's Ranking India ranks at <u>118<sup>th</sup></u> position in 2025.
- Over the past few years, India has seen gradual progress in some social and economic

indicators.

• Rankings of South Asian Nations - Nepal secured the highest position at 92<sup>nd</sup>, Pakistan 109<sup>th</sup>, Myanmar 126<sup>th</sup>, and Sri Lanka closely followed Bangladesh at 133<sup>rd</sup>.

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