

Chapter 14

Various Publications, Reports and Indices

Publications/Reports of World Renowned Institutions

International Monetary Fund (IMF)	World Economic Outlook, Global Financial Stability Report, Fiscal Monitor (All are published twice a year in April & October).
World Bank	World Development Report 2023, International Debt Report 2022, Poverty and shared prosperity 2022, Global Economic Prospects (twice a year, in January and June), Women, Business and the Law 2023, (In September 2021, World Bank discontinued the Doing Business report)
World Trade Organization (WTO)	World trade report 2022 , World trade statistical review 2023, Goods Trade Barometer, Services Trade Barometer
United Nations conference on trade and development (UNCTAD)	World Investment Report 2023 , Trade and Development report 2022, Global Investment Trends Monitor, Technology and Innovation Report 2023
United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)	State of World Population 2023
Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) of the United Nations	Sustainable Development Goals Report 2023, World Economic Situation and Prospects 2023 , Financing for Sustainable Development Report 2023, World Social Report 2023
UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN)	Sustainable Development Report 2023 (Includes the SDG Index and Dashboards), World Happiness Report 2023 Gross National Happiness is a term coined by His Majesty the Fourth King of Bhutan, Jigme Singye Wangchuck in the 1970s. He said "Gross National Happiness is more important than Gross National Product"
United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)	Emissions Gap Report 2022 , Adaptation Gap Report 2022, Global Environment Outlook 2022, Frontiers 2022, Greening the Blue Report 2022, State of Finance for Nature 2022, Inclusive Wealth Report 2023 (includes Inclusive Wealth Index)
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)	The State of Food and Agriculture 2022, The State of Agricultural Commodity Markets 2022, The State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture 2022 (biennial report), The State of the World's Forests 2022 (biennial report), Food Price Index. Global Forest Resources Assessment (FRA) . State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2023 (annual flagship report jointly prepared by FAO, IFAD, UNICEF, WFP and WHO)
World Economic Forum	Global Gender Gap Report 2023 (includes Gender Gap Index), Global Risks Report 2023, Global Cybersecurity Outlook 2023, Fostering Effective Energy Transition 2023 (includes Energy Transition Index), State of the Connected World 2023, The Future of Jobs Report 2023
International Labour organization	World Employment and Social Outlook 2023 , Global Wage Report 2022-23, Social Dialogue Report 2022, Global Employment Trends for Youth 2022, Global Employment Policy Review 2023
Asian Development Bank	Asian Development Outlook 2023, Key Indicators for Asia and the Pacific 2022, Asian Economic Integration Report 2023, Asian Development Review (in September and March), Asia Bond Monitor (in March, June, September and November)
International Energy Agency	World energy outlook 2022 , World energy investment 2023, Renewables 2022, Global Methane Tracker 2023, Breakthrough Agenda Report 2022, Global EV Outlook 2023
International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)	World Energy Transitions Outlook 2023

International Organisation for Migration, UN migration agency	World Migration Report 2022 (every two years)
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Q.1 Prelims 2014

Which of the following organizations brings out the publication known as 'World Economic Outlook'?

- (a) The International Monetary Fund
- (b) The United Nations Development Programme
- © The World Economic Forum
- (d) The World Bank

Q.2 Prelims 2015

Which one of the following issues the "Global Economic Prospects" report periodically?

- (a) The Asian Development Bank
- (b) The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
- (c) The US Federal Reserve Bank
- (d) The World Bank

Q.3 Prelims 2016

India's ranking in the 'Ease of Doing Business Index' is sometimes seen in the news. Which of the following has declared that ranking?

- (a) Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
- (b) World Economic Forum
- (c) World Bank
- (d) World Trade Organization (WTO)

Q.4 Prelims 2016

'Global Financial Stability Report' is prepared by the

- (a) European Central Bank
- (b) International Monetary Fund
- (c) International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
- (d) Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

Q.5 Prelims 2002

"World Development Report" is an annual publication of

- (a) United Nations Development Programme
- (b) International Bank of Reconstruction and Development
- (c) World Trade Organisation
- (d) International Monetary Fund

Q.6 Prelims 2015

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- b) The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
- c) The US Federal Reserve Bank
- d) The World Bank

Q.7 Prelims 2014

Which of the following organizations brings out the publication known as 'World Economic Outlook'?

- a) The International Monetary Fund
- b) The United Nations Development Programme
- c) The World Economic Forum
- d) The World Bank

Q.8 Prelims 2019

The Global Competitiveness Report is published by the

- (a) International Monetary Fund
- (b) United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
- (c) World Economic Forum
- (d) World Bank

Other International Reports

Report Name	Released by
Nation Brands 2023	Brand Finance
2023 Global food policy report	International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)
World Air Quality Report 2023	IQAir
AR 6 Synthesis Report	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
Freedom in the World report 2023	Freedom House
World Oil Outlook 2022	OPEC
Living Planet Report 2022 (includes Living Planet Index)	World Wildlife Fund (WWF)
Greenhouse Gas Bulletin	World Meteorological Organization (WMO)
2022 Report on International Religious Freedom	U.S. Department of State
Global Forest Watch	World Resources Institute (WRI)

Various Global Index

Index	Issued by
Climate Change Performance Index 2023	GermanWatch, New Climate Institute and Climate Action Network International based in Germany
Corruption perception index 2022	Transparency international
Global Peace Index 2023	Institute for Economics and Peace
Global Terrorism Index 2023	Institute for Economics and Peace
Global Hunger Index 2022	jointly by Concern Worldwide and Welt hunger hilfe
2023 Index of Economic Freedom	The Heritage Foundation
Rule of Law Index 2022	World Justice Project
2023 International IP Index	U.S. Chamber of Commerce.
Democracy Index 2022	UK based media house The Economist' Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)
Democracy Report 2023	Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) Institute, Sweden
2023 World Press Freedom Index	Reporters Without Borders
Logistics Performance Index 2023	World Bank
Global Liveability Index 2023	The Economist Intelligence Unit
World Poverty Clock	World Data Lab in Vienna, Austria
Services Trade Restrictiveness Index	OECD
FDI Regulatory Restrictiveness index (FDI Index)	OECD
Network Readiness Index 2022	Portulans Institute, Washington DC.
Environmental Performance Index 2022	Yale University and Columbia University
Global Multidimensional Poverty Index 2023	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Oxford Poverty & Human Development Initiative (OPHI)
Global Innovation Index 2022	World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)
Global Unicorn Index 2023	Hurun Research Institute. US 1st rank, China 2nd and India 3rd
Global Slavery Index 2023	Walk Free Foundation
World Competitiveness Ranking 2023	IMD
2023 Gender Social Norms Index	UNDP

Q.9 Prelims 2018

“Rule of Law Index” is released by which of the following?

- a) Amnesty International
- b) International Court of Justice
- c) The Office of UN Commissioner for Human Rights
- d) World Justice Project

Human Development index (Human Development Report 2021-22)

Issued by	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
created by	Pakistani economist Dr Mahbub-ul-Haq created the Human Development Index in 1990. UNDP has used his concept of human development to publish the Human Development Report annually since 1990.
Composite index	Human Development Index (HDI): A composite index measuring average achievement in three basic dimensions of human development—a long and healthy life, knowledge and a decent standard of living. A composite index measuring average achievement in three basic dimensions of human development are: 1. Education (i) Mean years of schooling: Average number of years of education received by people ages 25 and older, (India- 6.7 years)

	<p>(ii) Expected years of schooling: Number of years of schooling that a child of school entrance age can expect (India- 11.9 years)</p> <p>2. Gross national income per capita in purchasing power parity terms (India- US\$ 6590)</p> <p>3. Life expectancy at birth- Number of years a newborn infant could expect to live (India- 67.2 years)</p>
Classification of countries	<p>Countries have been divided in 4 categories- If HDI index is:</p> <p>0.800 or greater - Very high human development</p> <p>0.700 to 0.799- High human development</p> <p>0.550 to 0.699 - Medium human development</p> <p>Less than 0.550- Low human development</p>
Human Development Report 2021-22	<p>Report Title- Uncertain Times, Unsettled Lives: Shaping our Future in a Transforming World.</p> <p>HDR 2021/2022 retains all the composite indices from the family of human development indices—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human Development Index (HDI), • Inequality-adjusted Human Development Index (IHDI), • Gender Development Index (GDI), • Gender Inequality Index (GII), • Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) and • Planetary pressures-adjusted Human Development Index (PHDI). <p>All these indices are part of HDR</p>
Human Development index 2021- Ranking of India and neighbours out of 191 Countries	<p>Switzerland Ranked No 1</p> <p>High Human Development</p> <p>Sri Lanka-73</p> <p>China-79</p> <p>Maldives-90</p> <p>Medium Human Development</p> <p>Bhutan-127</p> <p>Bangladesh-129</p> <p>India-132 (Last Year rank 130) (Index 0.633)</p> <p>Nepal-143</p> <p>Myanmar-149</p> <p>Low Human Development</p> <p>Pakistan-161</p> <p>Afghanistan- 180</p>

Q.10 CDS-2016

Human Development Report for each year at global level is published by
 (a) WTO (b) World Bank (c) UNDP (d) IMF

Q.11 Prelims 1997

Human Development Index comprises literacy rates, life expectancy at birth and
 (a) Gross Domestic Product per head in US dollars (b) Gross Domestic Product per head at real purchasing power
 (c) Gross National Product in US dollars (d) National Income per head in US dollars

Q.12 Prelims 2003

As per the Human Development Index given by UNDP, which one of the following sequences of South Asian countries is correct, in the order of higher to lower development?

- (a) India—Sri Lanka—Pakistan—Maldives (b) Maldives—Sri Lanka—India—Pakistan
 (c) Sri Lanka—Maldives—India—Pakistan (d) Maldives—India—Pakistan—Sri Lanka

Q.13 ES-2018

HDI is a better index of development because
 (a) GDP growth may not consider personal growth situations (b) It takes into consideration reduction of poverty
 (c) It covers income, health and education aspects of development (d) It covers promotion of growth

Q.14 CDS 2019

Who among the following has given the concept of Human Development?
 (a) Amartya Sen (b) Mahbub-ul-Haq (c) Sukhamoy Chakravarty (d) G.S.Chaddha

Q.15 CDS 2019

Which one of the following is not a dimension of the Human Development Index?
 (a) A long and healthy life (b) Knowledge (c) Access to banking and other financial provisions (d) A decent standard of living

Q.16 CAPF 2020

Which one of the following educational development indicators is currently used by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to construct Human Development Index?

- (a) Level of Literacy (b) Gross Enrolment Ratio (c) Mean Years of Schooling (d) Dropout rate

Q.17 CDS 2020

Arrange the following countries in descending order as per the Global Human Development Index, 2019

1. Germany 2. USA 3. South Africa 4. India

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) 1, 2, 3, 4 (b) 1, 3, 2, 4 (c) 3, 2, 1, 4 (d) 4, 3, 2, 1

Answers of MCQs

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
a	d	c	b	b	d	a	c	d	c	b	c	c	b	c	c	d	