

Global Food Security Index, 2021

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In news– India is ranked at 71st position in the Global Food Security Index which was released recently.

Top ranking countries-

Ireland, Australia, the UK, Finland, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Canada, Japan, France and the US shared the top rank with the overall GFS score in the range of 77.8 and 80 points on the index.

Bottom five countries are-

Malawi(109th), Sudan(110), Mozambique(111), Yemen(112) and Burundi(113).

India and its neighbours-

- **India held 71st position with an overall score of 57.2 points on the GFS Index 2021 of 113 countries, fared better than Pakistan (75th position), Sri Lanka (77th Position), Nepal (79th position) and Bangladesh (84th position).**
- **But the country is way behind China (34th position).**
- **However, Pakistan (with 52.6 points) scored better than India (50.2 points) in the category of food affordability and Sri Lanka was even better with 62.9 points in this category.**
- **In case of availability of food, quality and safety as well as protecting natural resources for food production, India scored better than Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.**
- **However, over the past 10 years, India's incremental gains in overall food security score were lagging behind**

that of Pakistan, Nepal and Bangladesh.

About Global Food Security (GFS) Index-

- The GFS Index was **designed and constructed by London-based Economist Impact and is sponsored by Corteva Agriscience.**
- It measures the underlying drivers of food security in 113 countries, **based on the factors of affordability, availability, quality and safety, and natural resources and resilience.**

It considers **58 unique food security indicators** including income and economic inequality, calling attention to systemic **gaps and actions needed to accelerate progress toward the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal of Zero Hunger by 2030.**