

# World Press Freedom index, 2021

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**In News:** India retains 142 of 180 spots, remaining “one of the world’s most dangerous countries” for journalists in World Press Freedom index, 2021.

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- The latest index released ranks 180 countries.
- Topped by Norway followed by Finland and Denmark.
- Eritrea is at the bottom.
- China is ranked 177.
- North Korea at 179 and Turkmenistan at 178.
- India is ranked 142, same as last year, after it had consistently slid down from 133 in 2016.
- In the South Asian neighbourhood
  - Nepal is at 106,
  - Sri Lanka at 127,
  - Myanmar (before the coup) at 140,
  - Pakistan at 145,
  - Bangladesh at 152.

## World Press Freedom Index

- Reporters Sans Frontieres (RSF), or Reporters Without Borders, has published it every year since 2002.
- RSF is a non-governmental organisation based in Paris that has consultative status with the UN, UNESCO, the Council of Europe, and the International Organization of the Francophonie (OIF).
- OIF is a group of 54 French-speaking countries.
- The Index ranks 180 countries and regions based on the amount of press freedom they have.
- Pluralism, media freedom, media climate and self-censorship, legislative process, accountability, and the

efficiency of the infrastructure supporting news and information production are among the criteria.