

## UPSC 2021 Preparation

### Corruption Perception Index

The Corruption Perceptions Index is released by the Transparency International annually. The latest edition is the Corruption Perceptions Index 2019 which was released in January 2020. The index includes the ranks of the 180 countries or territories based on the perceived levels of public sector corruption. The findings of international indices are important for the [IAS Exam](#) preparation.

#### Corruption Perceptions Index - Why in the news?

- Corruption Perceptions Index 2019 was released at the [World Economic Forum 2020](#).
- India's rank in the Corruption Perceptions Index 2019 is 80 among 180 countries. It scored 41 out of 100.
- Corruption Perceptions Index 2020 expected to be released in January 2021.

#### Corruption Perception Index - Facts for UPSC Prelims

Released by?	Transparency International
When is it released?	It is annually released (once a year.)
When was the Corruption Perceptions Index released for the first time?	1995
Definition of Corruption by CPI	The misuse of public power for private benefit
How many countries are ranked?	180 countries
How is corruption evaluated?	Transparency International undertakes multiple surveys and assessments from different international organizations including the <a href="#">World Bank</a>

#### Ranks in Corruption Perceptions Index 2019

The countries are scored between 0 (Most Corrupt country in the world) and 100 (Least Corrupt Nation in the world). As per the recent index, the facts are as follows:

1. **Most Corrupt Country** - Somalia (It Scored 9 out 100; and ranked at the bottom - 180)
2. **Least Corrupt Country** - Denmark (It scored 87 out 100; and ranked at the top - 1)

The list of the **countries that ranked at the top** of Corruption Perceptions Index 2019:

1. Denmark
2. New Zealand
3. Finland
4. Singapore
5. Sweden
6. Switzerland
7. Norway
8. Netherlands
9. Germany
10. Luxembourg

The bottom **10 countries which scored the least** as per the corruption perceptions index and are perceived to be the most corrupt countries are:

1. Libya (Rank - 168)
2. North Korea ( Rank - 172)
3. Afghanistan (Rank - 173)
4. Equatorial Guinea (Rank - 173)
5. Sudan (Rank - 173)
6. Venezuela (Rank - 173)
7. Yemen (Rank - 177)
8. Syria (Rank - 178)
9. South Sudan (Rank - 179)
10. Somalia (Rank - 180)

### **Ranks of some vibrant Economic Powers in Corruption Perceptions Index 2019**

1. China - 41
2. Indonesia - 40
3. Vietnam - 37
4. Philippines - 34
5. USA - 23
6. United Kingdom - 12
7. Japan - 20

Also, get the [list of international organizations' reports](#) from the linked article.

### **Key Findings of Corruption Perceptions Index 2019**

1. Little to no improvement in tackling corruption:
  1. Since the last eight years, Only 22 countries have shown significant improvement in their scores under CPI.
  2. Greece, Guyana and Estonia are among the countries that improved their performance.
  3. Canada, Australia and Nicaragua are among the countries to face a slip in their scores.
  4. Around 137 countries showed little to no improvement.
2. As per the CPI 2019, More corruption is seen in the countries “where big money can flow freely into electoral campaigns and where governments listen only to the voices of wealthy or well-connected individuals.”
3. Two out three countries scored below 50 out of 100.
4. 43 is the average score.
5. The major recommendations to tackle corruption are:
  1. Managing conflicts of interests
  2. Controlling political financing
  3. Strengthening electoral integrity
  4. Regulating lobbying activities
  5. Tackling preferential treatments
  6. Empowering citizens
  7. Reinforcing checks and balances

Also, get India's ranks in other global indices from below:

- [World Press Freedom Index](#)
- [Global Slavery Index](#)
- [World Risk Index](#)

### India's Rankings in Corruption Perceptions Index [Year-Wise]

The performance of India in Transparency International's Corruption Perceptions Index over the years is tabled below:

#### Global Corruption Perceptions Index - India's Rankings

Year	India's Rank
2019	80
2018	78
2017	81
2016	79
2015	76
2014	85
2013	94
2012	94
2011	93
2010	87

Read about [Global Indices and India's Rankings](#) in the linked article.

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