



INDIA 60TH MOST-INNOVATIVE GLOBALLY: GII RANKINGS

India has moved up six places to the 60th spot among 130 nations on the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2017, emerging as the top-ranked economy in central and south Asia. It highlighted the continual improvement of India in terms of investment, tertiary education, quality of its publications and universities, its ICT services exports and innovation clusters. Switzerland, Sweden, the Netherlands, the US and UK retained their top spots as the most-innovative countries. The index, co-authored by Cornell University, INSEAD and World Intellectual Property Organisation, shows India's rise as an emerging innovation centre in Asia, although the country ranks far behind China which occupied the 22nd spot

TOP 10 COUNTRIES

Rank	Country	Score	Income
1	Switzerland	67.69	HI
2	Sweden	63.82	HI
3	Netherlands	63.36	HI
4	USA	61.4	HI
5	UK	60.89	HI
6	Denmark	58.7	HI
7	Singapore	58.69	HI
8	Finland	58.49	HI
9	Germany	58.39	HI
10	Ireland	58.13	HI

STATUS OF BRICS

Rank	Country	Score	Income
69	Brazil	33.10	UM
45	Russia	38.76	UM
60	India	35.47	LM
22	China	52.54	UM
57	South Africa	35.80	UM

Note: LM = Lower-middle income; UM = Upper-middle income; and HI = High income

INNOVATION QUALITY: The USA, Japan, the UK, China, and India at the top of their income groups

Measuring the quality of innovation-related input and output indicators is as essential as tracking their magnitude. To this end, three additional indicators were introduced into the GI in 2013: (1) Quality of local universities; (2) Internationalisation of local inventions; and (3) The number of citations that local research documents receive abroad. The tables below show how the scores on these three indicators add up:

HIGH-INCOME ECONOMIES

Rank	Country
1	United States of America
2	Japan
3	Switzerland

MIDDLE-INCOME ECONOMIES

Rank	Country
16	China
27	India
28	Russian Federation

OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE (ODA) TO AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH: Top five economies

	ODA (\$ mn)
Nigeria	30.3
Argentina	28.2
India	24.0
Uganda	16.9
Ethiopia	16.9

FERTILISER CONSUMPTION: Top five economies

	Share of world consumption (%)
China	30.9
India	13.4
USA	11.0
Brazil	7.3
Indonesia	2.6

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