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### **News:** Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI)

➤ Recently, the 2023 Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) 2023 has been released by Transparency International showing that most countries have made little to no progress in tackling public sector corruption.

# **Corruption Perception Index**

- ➤ Corruption Perception Index is released by Transparency International, a Berlin based International NGO.
- The index ranks 180 countries and territories by the perceived level of public sector corruption according to experts and business people.
- ➤ It uses a scale of zero (highly corrupt) to 100 (very clean).

# **Key Highlights of the Corruption Perception Index (CPI) 2023**

### **Serious Corruption Globally**

- ➤ Over two-thirds of countries score below 50 out of 100, which strongly indicates that they have serious Corruption problems.
- ➤ The global average score is stuck at only 43, while the vast majority of countries have made no progress or declined in the last decade.

## **Global Highlights of CPI 2023**

- ➤ Top Three Countries: Denmark with a score of 90 tops the index for the sixth consecutive year, with Finland and New Zealand following closely with scores of 87 and 85, respectively.
- ➤ Due to well-functioning justice systems, these countries are also among the top scorers in the Rule of Law Index.
- ➤ Bottom Spots: Somalia, Venezuela, Syria, South Sudan and Yemen, with their scores 11, 13, 13, 13 respectively, take the bottom spots in the index.
- ➤ They are all affected by protracted crises, mostly armed conflicts.

#### **India's Rank and Score**

- ➤ India was ranked 93 out of 180 countries on the CPI 2023.
- ➤ The overall score for India in 2023 was 39, a slight decrease from 40 in 2022.
- ➤ In 2022, India was ranked 85.