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News: World Press Freedom

- On the occasion of the World Press Freedom Day Conference on 3rd May 2024, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) released a new report indicating a rise in violence against environmental journalists worldwide.

World Press Freedom Index

- World Press Freedom Index was published by **Reporters without Borders**. Latest **Rank of India was 161st** out of 180 countries with a score of 36.62. **Previous year the rank acquired by India was 150.**
- Top performing countries are **Norway, Ireland and Denmark**.
- Worst performing countries are **Vietnam, China and North Korea**.

India's Neighbours

- Sri Lanka made significant improvement on the index, **ranking 135th** this year as against 146th in 2022.
- **Pakistan is ranked at 150th** position.

- The situation has gone from ‘problematic’ to ‘very bad’ in three other countries: Tajikistan (down 1 at 153rd), India (down 11 at 161st) and Turkey (down 16 at 165th).