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News: Network Readiness Index (NRI)

- Recently, **India has climbed 11 positions to rank 49th in the Network Readiness Index (NRI) 2024, up from 60th in 2023.** This reflects a noteworthy advancement in its digital infrastructure and capabilities.

Network Readiness Index (NRI)

- Network Readiness Index (NRI) is **published by the Portulans Institute and it evaluates 133 economies using 54 variables across four key pillars namely Technology, People, Governance, and Impact.**

India's Achievements

- India's **score improved from 49.93 in 2023 to 53.63 in 2024,** indicating substantial progress in various digital metrics and innovations.

India secured global rankings across key sectors

- **1st rank globally:** AI scientific publications, AI talent concentration, ICT services exports.
- **2nd rank globally:** Fiber to the Premises (FTTH) Internet subscriptions, mobile broadband traffic, and international internet bandwidth.

- **3rd rank globally:** Domestic market scale.
- **4th rank globally:** Annual telecom investments.

Telecom Advancements

- India's **telecom sector has grown significantly, with tele-density at 84.69%, wireless connections at 119 crore, and internet subscribers rising from 25.1 crore to 94.4 crore.**
- The **launch of 5G services in 2022** boosted India's mobile broadband speed ranking from 118th to 15th with the Bharat 6G Vision positioning India as a **future telecom leader.**