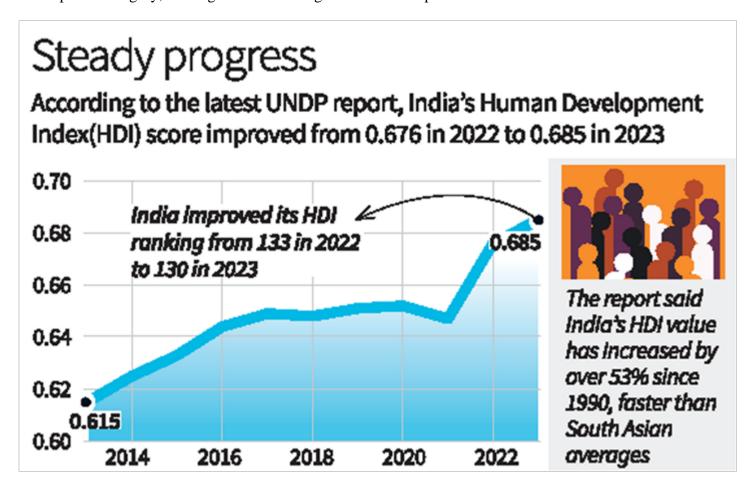


## India up three spots to 130 among 193 nations in HDI but inequality persists

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## Context

- India moved up three spots in the Human Development Index, ranking 130 out of 193 countries in 2023, shows the Human Development Report, 2025, released on Tuesday by the United Nations Development Programme.
- With the HDI value improving to 0.685 in 2023 from 0.676 in 2022, India remained in the medium human development category, moving closer to the high human development threshold of 0.700



## **HDI**

- The concept of human development was introduced by the **United Nations Development Programme** (**UNDP**) in **1990**, emphasizing the expansion of people's freedoms and capabilities.
- The Human Development Index (HDI) measures human development based on three dimensions:

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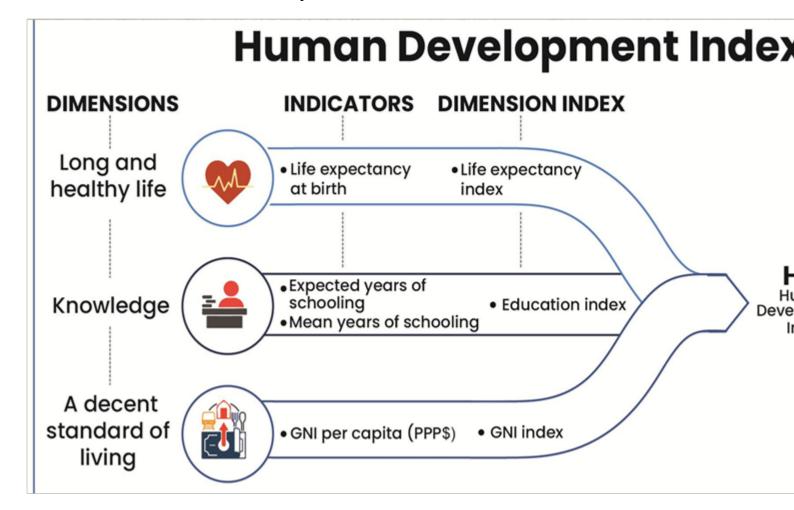
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1Health: Life expectancy at birth.

2Education: Mean years of schooling and expected years of schooling.

3Standard of Living: Gross National Income (GNI) per capita.

• India ranked 135 in 2021. It had moved up to 133 in 2022.



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