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India marks a relative drop in gender parity

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Context

- The **World Economic Forum's Global Gender Gap Report 2025** has **ranked India at 131 out of 148** countries, with a parity score of just 64.1%.
- The report released on Thursday puts **India among the lowest-ranked countries in South Asia**.
- India had ranked **129** out of 146 countries **last year**.
- The report said while the global gender gap has closed to 68.8%, marking the strongest annual advancement since the COVID-19 pandemic, **full parity remains 123 years away at current rates**.
- **Iceland** leads the rankings for the **16th year running**, followed by **Finland, Norway, the U.K. and New Zealand**.
- **Bangladesh emerged as the best performer in South Asia**, jumping 75 positions to **rank 24** globally with notable gains in "political empowerment and economic participation".
- The 19th edition of the report, which covers 148 economies, revealed both encouraging momentum and persistent structural barriers facing women worldwide.
- The Global Gender Gap Index measures gender parity across **four key dimensions: economic** participation and opportunity; **educational** attainment; **health** and survival; and **political** empowerment. The Indian economy's overall performance improved in absolute terms by 0.3 points

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