
2. World Happiness Report

Why in News?

- The UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network has recently released the World Happiness Report 2023 which ranks countries on happiness

Highlights

- The World Happiness Report has been released annually around March 20th as part of the International Day of Happiness celebration.
- The report ranks global happiness basis survey data from people in over 150 countries.
- This year, the report ranked 136 countries.
- The ranking uses six key factors to measure happiness — social support, income, health, freedom, generosity, and absence of corruption.
- Besides ranking the countries, the report also looks at the state of the world in 2023.
- For the sixth year in a row, Finland has been crowned as the happiest nation, Denmark is at number two, followed by Iceland at number three.
- Unlike previous years, where the same countries tend to appear in the top 20, there's a new entrant this year — Lithuania (at the 20th spot).
- The UN SDSN was launched under the auspices of the UN Secretary-General.
- SDSN promotes integrated approaches to implement the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, through education, research, policy analysis, and global cooperation.