

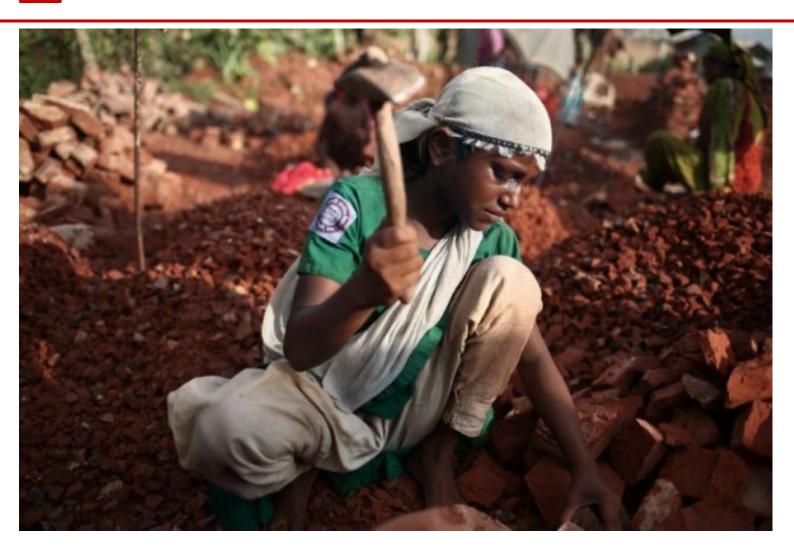
# Global Slavery Index: Where does India rank, and why are its findings contested?

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The Global Slavery Index 2023 was recently published by Walk Free, a human rights organisation.



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### What is modern slavery?

- Modern slavery refers to **situations** of **exploitation** that a person cannot **refuse** or **leave** because of **threats**, **violence**, **coercion**, **deception**, or **abuses** of power.
- Modern slavery is an umbrella term and includes a whole variety of abuses such as forced labour, forced marriage, debt bondage, sexual exploitation, human trafficking, slavery-like practices, forced or servile marriage, and the sale and exploitation of children.
- The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) **8.7** of the **United Nations** resolve to end modern slavery by **2025**.





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### What is the Global Slavery Index?

- The Global Slavery Index presents a global picture of modern slavery.
- The Global Slavery is based on data provided by the Global Estimates of Modern Slavery.
- The **Global Estimates of Modern Slavery** is produced by International Labour Organization (ILO), Walk Free, and International Organization for Migration (**IOM**).
- This is the fifth edition of the Global Slavery Index.

## What are the country-wise findings?

- The index uses parameters "prevalence of modern slavery" which refers to the incidence of modern slavery per 1000 population.
- These countries share some political, social, and economic characteristics, including limited protections for civil liberties and human rights.
- The countries hosting the maximum number of people living in modern slavery accounts for nearly two in every three people living in modern slavery and over half the world's population.
  - Six of them are G20 nations: India, China, Russia, Indonesia, Türkiye, and the US.
  - **Rest of the countries are**: North Korea, Pakistan, Russia, Nigeria, and Bangladesh.
- The UK has the strongest government response to modern slavery.



## Countries where modern slavery is

Most prevalent		Least prevalent	
#1	North Korea	#160	Switzerland
#2	Eritrea	#159	Norway
#3	Mauritania	#158	Germany
#4	Saudi Arabia	#157	Netherlands
#5	Türkiye	#156	Sweden

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## Government's taking the most and least action to address modern slavery

Most action		Least action		
#1	United Kingdom	#176	North Korea	
#2	Australia	#175	Eritrea	
#2	Netherlands	#174	Iran	
#2	Portugal	#173	Libya	
#2	USA	#172	Somalia	

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## Other key findings of the report:

- 49.6 million people are living in modern slavery globally out of which, India has 11 million.
- Among these **50 million people** 12 million are **children**, 28 million suffer from **forced labour** and 22 million from **forced marriages**.

### Why are the findings of this index contested?

- A **universal**, reliable calculation of modern slavery **isn't** possible as modern slavery has no internationally agreed definition (unlike trafficking in persons which does).
- Modern slavery has **no international legal** definition.