Short Note on World Happiness Rankings 2018

Institute of Objective Studies (IOS), New Delhi has been picking important Indicators/Indices for showing the Country-wise scenario as one page of its calendars. Therefore, for IOS Calendar 2018, IOS has picked up **World Happiness Rankings** (from **World Happiness Report 2017**, as the 3rd page of the calendar 2018 - copy attached) **developed by the United Nation.** At the time of printing of IOS calendar for the year 2018, the County-wise data on **World Happiness Rankings** was available till the year 2017. But now the data is available for the year 2018 and in **World Happiness Rankings** <u>India has slipped 11 places to 133 in 2018 being 122 for the year 2017</u>, so it shows a Indians are getting unhappier by the year.

The Happiness Index includes the following variables:-

- 1. GDP per capita
- 2. Social Support
- 3. Healthy Life Expectancy
- 4. Freedom to make Life Choices
- 5. Generosity, and
- 6. Perceptions of Corruption

India, which dropped four places in the 2017 World Happiness Report, fell a further 11 places in the 2018 report. It now ranks a low 133 on the list of 156 countries monitored by the United Nations' Sustainable Development Solutions Network for its annual 'joy' report.

By comparison, terror-ravaged Pakistan, which was already 'happier' than India in the 2017 rankings, is shown as being even happier in the 2018 rankings. It's on number 75, up five spots from last year.

Not just Pakistan, all of India's immediate neighbours are more joyful than Indians, despite many of them not being nearly as well-off economically or even socially. Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, and Sri Lanka are all ahead of India in the Happiness rankings. Even state-controlled China is happier than India.

The World Happiness Report published yesterday put Finland at the top among 156 countries ranked by happiness levels, based on factors such as life expectancy, social support and corruption.

Indians, it appears, are getting unhappier by the year, while their not-so-well-off neighbours in Pakistan are becoming more joyful, shows the latest United Nations ranking of the world's happiest countries.

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