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## ■ **India Maintains 40th Position in Global Innovation Index**

India has maintained its 40th position out of 132 economies in the 2023 Global Innovation Index (GII), marking a steady climb from 81st place in 2015. The nation's commitment to innovation in response to the pandemic and the vision of Atma Nirbhar Bharat have been pivotal. Factors contributing to this progress include India's robust knowledge base, thriving startup ecosystem, and collaborative efforts from government departments, such as Science and Technology, as well as organisations like the Atal Innovation Mission. NITI Aayog has played a vital role in fostering innovation, with a focus on areas like electric vehicles, biotechnology, and alternative energy sources. The GI, which serves as a crucial policy tool for governments globally, helping them assess their innovation-driven growth.