



# QS World Future Skills Index 2025

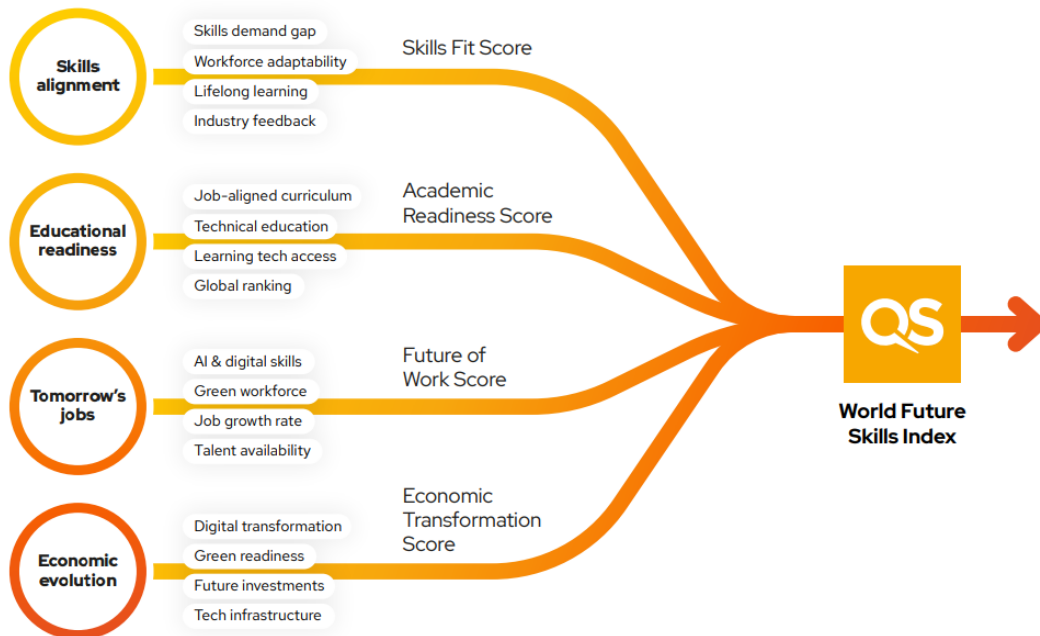
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## Why in News?

India ranks **25<sup>th</sup> in the QS World Future Skills Index 2025**, positioning it as a **"future skills contender."** The index evaluates how well countries are prepared to meet the evolving demands of the global job market

## What is the QS World Future Skills Index?

- **About:** The QS World Future Skills Index, developed by [Quacquarelli Symonds \(QS\)](#), ranks countries on their readiness to meet evolving global job market demands emphasizing **innovation, sustainability, and talent development**.
- **Indicators:** The Index uses four indicators to measure a country's preparedness to thrive in an increasingly skills-driven global economy.
  - **Skills Fit:** Measures how well a country's education systems align with **employer demands**.
  - **Academic Readiness:** Reflects the capacity of higher education systems to equip students with **relevant skills for future jobs**, particularly in emerging fields such as [Artificial Intelligence \(AI\)](#), **digital technologies**, and [green industries](#).
  - **Economic Transformation:** Assesses a country's adaptability to economic changes by examining the interplay between **education, workforce skills, and industrial growth**, with a focus on productivity, innovation, and sustainability.
  - **Future of Work:** Assesses a country's preparedness for future jobs, focusing on adaptability to technological and industrial changes.

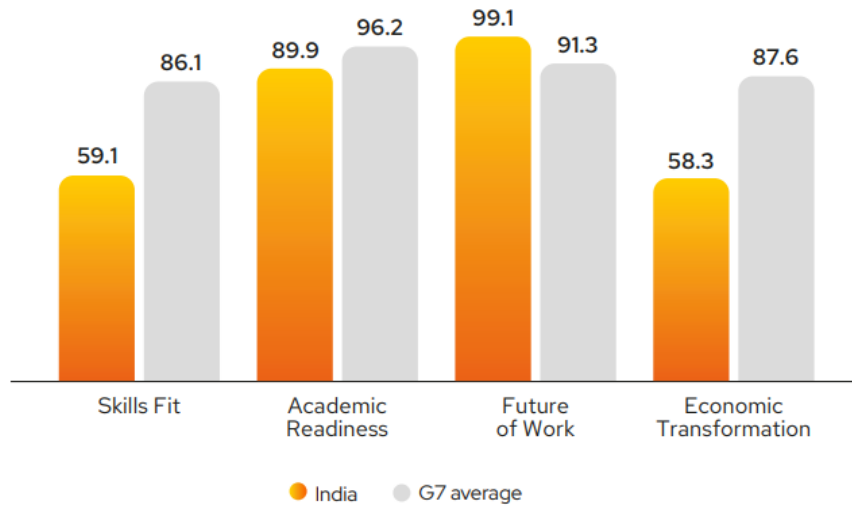


## How Has India Performed in the QS World Future Skills Index 2025?

- **Future of Work:** India ranked **2<sup>nd</sup> globally**, behind the US, **for preparedness in future-focused skills** like AI, digital technologies, and green industries.
  - This reflects **India's demand-driven readiness** for emerging job roles.
- **Academic Readiness:** India **ranked 26<sup>th</sup>**, showcasing moderate alignment between higher education and the demands of the future job market. Emphasis on innovation and adaptability is noted but needs strengthening.
- **Skills Fit:** India **ranks 37<sup>th</sup>**, the lowest among the top 30 countries. This highlights significant **gaps between the workforce's skills and employer demands**, reflecting challenges within India's higher education system in adapting to the evolving needs of the job market.
- **Economic Transformation:** India ranked **40<sup>th</sup>**, highlighting the challenges in innovation and aligning economic strategies with workforce adaptability.

Overall score: **76.6/100**

**QS World Future Skills Index**  
India performance vs G7 average



## India's Initiatives Related to Future Skills Development

- [Industrial Training Institutes](#)
- [Green Skill Development Programme](#)
- [Thematic Hubs \(T-Hubs\)](#)
- [Skill Council for Green Jobs \(SCGJ\)](#)
- [Skill India Mission](#)
- [Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana](#)
- [SANKALP Scheme](#)
- [Skills Strengthening for Industrial Value Enhancement \(STRIVE\)](#)

Read more: [Future of Jobs Report 2025](#)

## UPSC Civil Services Examination, Previous Year Questions (PYQs)

### Prelims

**Q. The Global Competitiveness Report is published by the (2019)**

- (a) International Monetary Fund
- (b) United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
- (c) World Economic Forum
- (d) World Bank

**Ans: (c)**

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