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India ranks 112 in the gender equality index

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New Delhi: To rate the degree of parochialism of a society, the knowledge about the status of women in that society is the most essential criterion. According to a study conducted by World Economic Forum (WEF), which said women could play a key role in rescuing the world out of economic crisis, it has been revealed that India ranks at 112th position when it comes to gender equality,

reports Sajid Wahid of Allvoices.
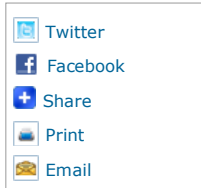
The Nordic countries of Europe remain global leaders in the campaign to close the gender equality gap. As per the WEF study, Iceland, Norway and Finland topped the gender equality gap while Pakistan, Chad and Yemen trailed in the 134-nation rankings. Phillipines (Asia) and Lesotho (Africa) were ranked among the world top 10.

The U.S. now ranks at the 19th position in this chart while France slipped to the 46 position due to it are under performance in women's political empowerment. The Philippines is the only country in Asia this year to have closed the gender gap on both education and health, and is among only eight countries in the world to have done so. After U.S. fine tuned its education patterns with women surpassing men in higher education, the country has entered the index top 20 for the first time. WEF feels that the on lower scores on labour force participation, perceived wage equality and the lower number of reported births of girls made China fall at the 61st position.

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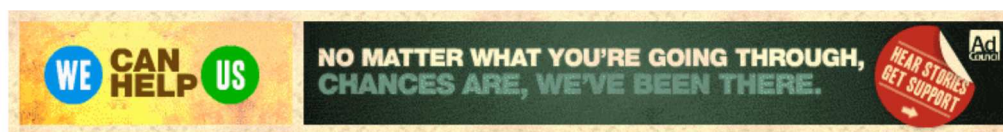
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