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World Press Freedom Day

The UN has designated May 3 as the World Press Freedom Day.

The day signifies the importance of a free media and the crucial role it plays in a democracy.

Described as its fourth pillar, a free press acts as a watchdog on the three other pillars - the executive, legislature and the judiciary. It ensures that these function in conformation and consonance with democratic principles.

India has risen to rank 151 out of 180 in the World Press Freedom Index 2025. The report, put together by Reporters Without Borders (RWB), an international non-profit organisation for democratic governance, raised alarm about economic pressure being a pressing concern for most media outlets worldwide. India ranked 159 in 2024.

World Press Freedom Day is not only an occasion to remember the role of the media and the press but it is an occasion to reiterate and recall the hard won struggles for equality of opportunity, wages and employment within the workspaces of journalists.

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