

# ‘India 4th most powerful in Asia but an underachiever’

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India is the fourth most powerful country in Asia, but it exerts less influence than expected given its available resources, a report released on Friday said. The United States of America (USA) holds the most power in Asia, followed by China and Japan.

According to Australia-based think tank Lowy Institute’s 2023 Asia Power Index, the gap between India’s resources and its influence in Asia is widening.

“This analysis reveals India to be an underachiever, performing less well than would be expected based on its size and available resources. Despite a small uptick in 2022, India’s power gap has on balance deteriorated over five years, and now stands at -2.8 points,” it said.

In the index, India scored 36.3 points based on eight parameters: economic capability, military capability, resilience, future resources, economic relationships,



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defence networks, diplomatic influence and cultural influence.

The country has shown improvement in cultural influence and diplomatic influence only. On all the remaining parameters, its performance has deteriorated compared to last year.

Despite its shortcomings, in future, India will likely become more influential in terms of economy, military and demography. It is reflected in its high ranking in terms of future

resources measure, where it ranks behind just the USA and China.

“India had the greatest gains in cultural influence (+2.5 points). It lost the most points in resilience (-4.9 points). Elsewhere, it improved in diplomatic influence (+2.2 points), while trending down in economic relationships (-3.2 points), defence networks (-2.6 points), economic capability (-2.2 points), future resources (-1 point) and military capability (-0.7 points),” the report said.