Global Liveability Index 2025

Why in news: Urbanisation and migration are rising due to the pursuit of **better economic opportunities and quality of life**.

Prelims and Mains context:

- This has led to focus on **"liveable cities"** – sustainable, inclusive, and offering essential **services, infrastructure, and personal/professional growth**.

About the Global Liveability Index 2025

- Released by the **Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)**.
- Assesses **173 cities worldwide** based on **comfort and quality of life**.
- Based on **30 indicators** grouped under five key categories: **Stability, Healthcare, Culture & Environment, Education and Infrastructure.**
- Each indicator is rated from **acceptable to intolerable** and scored on a **scale of 1 to 100**.
- Provides **category-wise and overall scores**, along with a **global ranking**.

Key Highlights

- **Global average liveability score** remained unchanged at **76.1/100**.
- **Improvements** noted in **education, healthcare, and infrastructure**.
- **Stability scores declined** (by 0.2 points) due to **geopolitical unrest, civil strife, and housing crises**.

> **Do you know?**
> - **Urbanisation** is the transformation of a society from **predominantly rural to urban**, marked by a **rising urban population** and **growth of cities and towns**.
> - It includes not only **physical expansion** but also **social**, **economic**, and **cultural transformations** of urban areas.
> - The **Indian Census** classifies urban areas into **two categories**: **Statutory Towns** and **Census Towns**.
> - **Statutory Towns** are areas with **urban local bodies** like **municipal corporations**, **municipalities**, or **municipal committees**.
> - **Census Towns** must meet **three criteria**:
>   a) **Population of at least 5,000 persons**
>   b) **Population density** of **400 persons per sq. km**
>   c) At least **75% of the male workforce** engaged in **non-agricultural activities**.

Top Performers

- **Copenhagen** ranked **1st**, surpassing **Vienna** after three years.
  - Achieved **perfect scores** in **stability, education, and infrastructure**.
- **Vienna** outperformed in **healthcare** but dropped due to **terror threats**.
- **Western Europe** dominated the rankings, followed by **Asia-Pacific**.
- **Vancouver** represented **North America** in the top ten.

Bottom Performers

- **Damascus** (Syria) remained the **least liveable city** with a score of **30.7**.
- Other low-ranking cities: **Tripoli, Dhaka, Karachi**.
- Poor performance linked to **conflict, weak infrastructure, and poor services**.

Regional Notes

- **Middle East and Africa** cities remained low but saw **marginal gains** in healthcare, education, and infrastructure.
- **Stability scores declined** in **Tehran, Taiwan, and India** due to **mounting tensions and armed conflict threats**.

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Current Affairs Course is now Live. Course will start in October 2025 1st week.

Modules will include class notes, monthly compilation, quarter compilation and annual compilation. This will help in regular revision r/t in the fag-end of preparation.

I will provide my annual compilation, like last year, on Telegram in May 1st week.

Last year I had promised 20 questions in Prelims from my notes & 28+ Questions could be answered from the same.

30 questions is my aim for 2026 prelims. To meet that, I have analyzed why I missed 5-6 C.A. questions in 2025 and I have increased my coverage accordingly.