



Environment Performance Index

Why in News?

In the recently released [Environment Performance Index-2022](#), India was at the bottom among 180.

// ENVIRONMENT PERFORMANCE INDEX

NEIGHBOURHOOD: WHERE INDIA STANDS

Afghanistan	81	Pakistan	176
Sri Lanka	132	Bangladesh	177
China	160	India	180
Nepal	162		



TOP 5: Denmark, UK, Finland, Malta, Sweden

SOME KEY INDICATORS, AND INDIA

■ Biodiversity	179	■ Green House Gas emissions	171
■ Protected Areas	177	■ Biodiversity habitat index	170
■ Species Protection Index	175	■ PM 2.5	174
■ Air Quality	179	■ Waste management	151
■ Climate Policy	165		
■ Ecosystem vitality	178		

What is the Environment Performance Index?

▪ About:

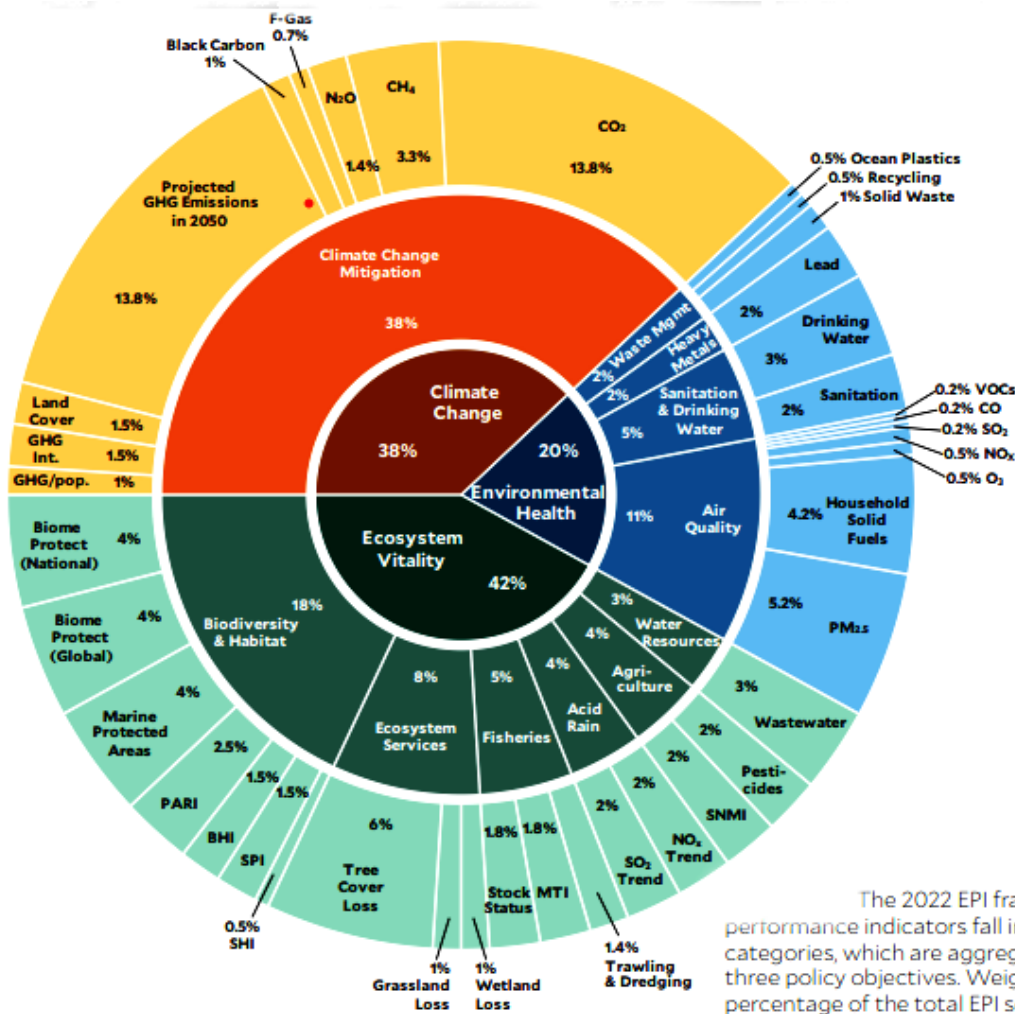
- The **Environment Performance Index (EPI)** is an international ranking system that

measures **environmental health and sustainability of countries.**

- The EPI, a biennial index, was started in 2002 as Environmental Sustainability Index by the [World Economic Forum](#) in collaboration with the **Yale Center for Environmental Law and Policy** and the **Columbia University Center for International Earth Science Information Network.**

▪ **Framework:**

- The 2022 EPI leverages **40 performance indicators grouped into 11 issue categories.**
- These issue categories are in turn aggregated into 3 policy objectives:
 - **Environmental Health**
 - **Ecosystem Vitality**
 - **Climate Change.**
- These indicators provide a gauge at a national scale of how close countries are establishing environmental policy targets.
- The EPI team transforms the raw environmental data into indicators that place countries **on a 0-100 scale from worst to best performance.**



What are the Key Highlights?

- Denmark **tops the 2022 rankings** — an achievement rooted in strong performance across nearly all issues tracked by the EPI, with notable leadership in efforts to promote a clean energy future and sustainable agriculture.
- The **United Kingdom and Finland place 2nd and 3rd**, both earning high scores for slashing greenhouse gas emissions in recent years.
- The United States places 20th out of 22 wealthy democracies in the Global West and 43rd overall.
- With a **paltry score of 18.9, India's 180th ranking comes after Pakistan, Bangladesh, Vietnam and Myanmar.**

- India has also scored **low on rule of law, control of corruption and government effectiveness**, according to EPI.
- India was ranked **168th in EPI-2020**, with a score of 27.6.
- In EPI-2020, Denmark has been ranked first in environmental health and sustainability.
- **Significance of EPI:**
 - EPI enables decision-makers to recognize the drivers of top-tier performance.
 - Analysis of the EPI data demonstrates that financial resources, **good governance**, **human development**, and regulatory quality matter for elevating a country's sustainability.
 - Highlighting these connections, the EPI helps to promote **sustainable development** in support of a more environmentally secure and equitable future

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