



# Global Risks Report 2025

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## Why in News?

The **World Economic Forum (WEF)** released the **20th [Global Risks Report 2025](#)**.

**Note: Global Risks Report** is an **annual** report published by the **WEF**. It presents an analysis of the **most pressing global risks** anticipated over **short-term (2 years)** and **long-term (10 years)** periods.

- Global risk is the **potential** for an event to **significantly harm global [GDP](#), population, or natural resources**.

## What are Key Findings of the Global Risks Report 2025?

- Top Risks for India:** The report highlighted the **top five risks** for India include [water supply shortages](#), **misinformation and disinformation**, **erosion of human rights** and [civic freedoms](#), [pollution](#) (air, water, and soil), and **labour and talent shortages**.
- Top Global Risks:**
  - Immediate Risks (Next 2 years):** [Misinformation and disinformation](#), [Extreme weather events](#), and State based armed conflict.
  - Long-Term Risks (Next 10 Years):** [Extreme weather events](#), Biodiversity loss and ecosystem collapse and Critical changes to earth systems.

| Risk categories | 2 years                                           | 10 years                                                 |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Economic        | 1 <sup>st</sup> Misinformation and disinformation | 1 <sup>st</sup> Extreme weather events                   |
| Environmental   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Extreme weather events            | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Biodiversity loss and ecosystem collapse |
| Geopolitical    | 3 <sup>rd</sup> State-based armed conflict        | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Critical change to Earth systems         |
| Societal        | 4 <sup>th</sup> Societal polarization             | 4 <sup>th</sup> Natural resource shortages               |
| Technological   | 5 <sup>th</sup> Cyber espionage and warfare       | 5 <sup>th</sup> Misinformation and disinformation        |

- Geopolitical Bridges:** India and Gulf countries are emerging as **key multilateral alternatives** amid rising US-China rivalry, **bridging the West and East** to reduce tensions and promote cooperation.
- Trade Protectionism:** **Inflation Reduction Act, 2022** of US and [Make in India](#) in India highlights the growing trend of **gloeconomic confrontation** and [trade protectionism](#).
  - Non-tariff barriers**, such as [subsidies](#) and [industrial policy](#), are emerging as key drivers of **protectionism**.
- Multilateral Solutions:** **Rising geopolitical tensions**, the **fracturing of global trust**, and the **climate crisis** need **multilateral solutions** for achieving cooperation across borders.

## World Economic Forum (WEF)

- **About:** WEF is an international organization for **public-private cooperation**, headquartered in **Geneva, Switzerland**.
  - It engages global leaders to shape agendas across **industries, regions, and globally**.
- **Foundation:** It was founded by **Klaus Schwab in 1971** as the **European Management Forum**. WEF emphasizes long-term benefits for all stakeholders, **not just short-term profits** for shareholders.
- **Evolution:** In **1973**, the WEF expanded its focus to **economic and social issues**. It introduced membership for the world's **leading 1,000 companies in 1975**.
  - In **1987**, it became the **World Economic Forum**, broadening its role as a platform for dialogue. It was recognized as an international organization in 2015.
- **Major Reports:** WEF publishes key reports, including the [Global Competitiveness Index](#), [Global Gender Gap Index](#), [Energy Transition Index](#), [Global Risk Report](#), and [Global Travel and Tourism Competitiveness Index](#).

## UPSC Civil Services Examination, Previous Year Questions (PYQs)

### Prelims

**Q. The Global Competitiveness Report is published by the (2019)**

- (a) International Monetary Fund
- (b) United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
- (c) World Economic Forum
- (d) World Bank

**Ans: (c)**

**Q. Which of the following gives 'Global Gender Gap Index' ranking to the countries of the world? (2017)**

- (a) World Economic Forum
- (b) UN Human Rights Council
- (c) UN Women
- (d) World Health Organization

**Ans: (a)**