Global Environmental Think Tank Development Report, 2025

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Why in news?

The Global Environmental Think Tank Development Report 2025 was released.

- **Global Environmental Think Tank Development Report 2025** – It is a comprehensive global assessment that maps out the landscape, research capabilities, and policy impact of environmental think tanks worldwide.
- Officially unveiled in Beijing and later featured at the International Symposium of Environmental Think Tanks.
- **Launched by -** Institute for Green Innovation and Development (IGID), a science and technology think tank co-established by Zhejiang University of Technology and the Chinese Society for Environmental Sciences.

Key Findings

- **Global Scale** – The report meticulously maps 896 environmental think tanks across 97 countries, examining their institutional profiles, research outputs, policy engagement, and public influence.
- **Geographical Distribution** – The United States leads globally with 149 think tanks, followed by China with 121.
- Europe and North America remain the dominant hubs for these institutions, while Africa continues to lag behind due to a lack of direct government funding.
- **Developed vs. Developing Divide** – A key highlight of the report is the stark disparity in funding, institutional strength, and research capacity between think tanks in developed countries and those in developing regions.
- **Institutional Highlights** – The report features a global ranking of the "Top 100 Environmental Think Tanks" alongside sub-category leaders.
- **China's Rise** – China shows rapid momentum, placing eight think tanks in the global Top 100.
- Chinese institutions performed exceptionally well in specialised sub-fields, with six topping the list for Environmental Pollution Control and another six acing the Biodiversity & Ecosystems categories.
- **India's Representation** – The Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), based in New Delhi, was ranked among the world's Top 100.
- It also broke into the Top 50 globally across three vital categories –
    - Environmental Pollution Control,

    - Biodiversity & Ecosystems, and
    - Sustainable Development.
- **Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) –** It is an Indian public-interest research and advocacy organisation known for its work on air pollution, water management, climate change, waste management, sustainable urbanisation and environmental governance.

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