India's Performance in Global Indices

Why in news?

As India gears up for celebration, we take a look at how the country has fared on global indices through the years.

How about India’s performance?

Press Freedom Index 2022

- Released by- It is an **annual** publication by **Reporters without Borders** (RSF), an international non-profit organisation.
- Objective- to compare the level of press freedom enjoyed by journalists and media in 180 countries and territories in the previous calendar year.
- Parameters
    - Qualitative parameter- Based on the responses of “press freedom specialists to an RSF questionnaire
    - Quantitative parameter- A count of abuses against journalists and media outlets
- India’s rank- **150** out of 180 countries with a global score of 41
- Top rank- **Norway**
- Reason for India’s poor rank- Violence against journalists, politically partisan media, and concentration of media ownership

Environmental Performance Index (EPI) 2022

- Released by- The EPI is published **every two years** by researchers from **Yale and Columbia Universities** in the U.S.
- Parameters- The ranking uses 40 indicators with parameters related to mitigating climate change, improving environmental health, and protecting ecosystem vitality.
- India’s rank- **180** out of 180 countries with a score of 18.90
- Top rank- **Denmark**
- India’s response- The Indian government rejected the report, alleging the use of “biased metrics and biased weights” in awarding the scores.

Global Hunger Index 2021

- Released by- GHI is an annual publication prepared by NGOs **Concern Worldwide and Welthungerhilfe.**
- Indicators
    - Undernourishment
    - Child wasting
    - Child stunting
    - Child mortality

- India's rank- **101** out of 116 countries
- India's response- The report was rejected by the Indian government, saying that the methodology used in the report was "devoid of ground realities and facts".

Global Gender Gap Index 2022

- Released by- The annual Global Gender Gap Index is a part of the Global Gender Gap Report published by the World Economic Forum.
- Parameters
    - Economic participation and opportunity
    - Educational attainment
    - Health and survival
    - Political empowerment
- India's rank- **135** out of 146 countries
- Top rank- **Iceland**
- Significance- India was among the three countries where the increase in the share of women in professional and technical roles was most significant.
- In health and survival, India was among the worst global performers.

Global Climate Risk Index 2019

- Released by- It is published annually by Germany-based NGO **Germanwatch**.
- Objective- It analyses the extent to which countries have been affected by weather-related loss events like storms, floods, etc.
- India's rank- **7**
- Top affected- **Mozambique, Zimbabwe, and the Bahamas**

Corruption Perceptions Index 2021

- Released by- The annual report is published by anti-corruption watchdog **Transparency International**.
- Parameter- Perceived levels of public sector corruption
- On a scale of 0 to 100, 0 is highly corrupt, while 100 is very clean.
- India's rank- **85** out of 180 countries

Henley Passport Index 2022

- Released by- The rankings are prepared by **Henley & Partners** based on data from the International Air Transport Association.
- Objective- It is essentially a measure of how powerful a country's passport is, i.e., the number of destinations that a country's passport holder can visit without a prior visa.
- India's rank- **87**
- Indian passport-holders can access **60 visa-free** destinations around the world.
- Top rank- In **Japan**, passport-holders can access **193 visa-free** destinations.

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