

INDIA OPPOSES ENVIRONMENTAL INDEX RANKING

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India has objected to a report, called the Environmental Performance Index (EPI), 2022, that places the country last on a list of 180 countries on managing climate change, environmental health, and ecosystem vitality. The report is prepared by researchers at the Yale and Columbia universities.

“High-scoring countries exhibit long-standing and continuing investments in policies that protect environmental health, preserve biodiversity and habitat, conserve natural resources, and decouple greenhouse gas emissions from economic growth,” the report said. India scored low across a range of issues with “deteriorating air quality and rapidly rising greenhouse gas emissions” posing major challenges, the report said.

In a detailed rebuttal, the Union Environment Ministry said the use of “biased metrics and biased weights” caused India’s low rank as it didn’t account for the fact that India had one of the lowest emission trajectories.

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