

- Governance and International Cooperation
- National Capacity Building

History of India's Arctic Research



The Objectives of the Policy

- Strengthening national capabilities and competencies in science and exploration, climate and environmental protection, maritime and economic cooperation with the Arctic region. Institutional and human resource capacities will be strengthened within Government and academic, research and business institutions.
- **Inter-ministerial coordination** in pursuit of India's interests in the Arctic.
- **Enhancing understanding of the impact of climate change in the Arctic on India's climate, economic, and energy security.**
- Contributing better analysis, prediction, and coordinated policymaking on the implications of ice melting in the Arctic on India's economic, military and strategic interests related to global shipping routes, energy security, and exploitation of mineral wealth.
- **Studying linkages between polar regions and the Himalayas.**
- Deepen **cooperation between India and countries of the Arctic region** under various Arctic forums, drawing expertise from scientific and traditional knowledge.
- **Increase India's participation in the Arctic Council** and improve understanding of the complex governance structures in the Arctic, relevant international laws, and geopolitics of the region

12. Extinction Rebellion (XR)

- Initially, launched in the United Kingdom on October 31, 2018, as a response to a report by **the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).**
- Now, it is a global movement which seeks to “rebel”, and asks groups to “self-organise”, without the need for anyone's permission, to come up with collective action plans as long as they adhere to the group's core principles and values.
- **It is a decentralised, international and politically non-partisan movement using non-violent direct action and civil disobedience to persuade governments to act justly on the Climate and Ecological Emergency.**

The group has **“three core demands” of governments around the world.**

- It wants governments to “Tell the Truth”, to “Act Now”, and to “Go Beyond Politics” in order to confront the climate and ecological emergency that the world is faced with.

XR and India:

- The movement claims to have been inspired by 15 major civil disobedience movements around the world, including, apart from Women's Suffrage and the Arab Spring, India's struggle for Independence.
- It refers to Mahatma Gandhi's Salt March in 1930.
- XR's website says there are 19 groups in the country, including in the cities of Mumbai, Pune, Delhi, Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Kolkata, and Chennai.