

(SOLUTION) Online Prelims TEST - 39 (SUBJECT WISE)

29 Correct Answer : A

Answer Justification :

Justification: Cabinet Committee on Investment and Growth Composition:

- Prime Minister.
- Shri Rajnath Singh, Minister of Defence
- Shri Amit Shah, Minister of Home Affairs.
- Shri Nitin Jairam Gadkari, Minister of Road Transport & Highways, Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
- Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister of Finance & Corporate Affairs.
- Shri Piyush Goyal, Minister of Railways & Minister of Commerce & Industry.

Q Source: <http://cabsec.nic.in/cabinetcommittees.php>

30 Correct Answer : D

Answer Justification :

Justification: The index ranks 180 countries on 32 performance indicators across 11 categories covering environmental health and ecosystem vitality.

The index is a method of quantifying and numerically marking the environmental performance of a state's policies. S1 and S2 are wrong (that would be a gigantic exercise if one were to measure ecological efficiencies, and for sure a pretty complicated one too).

This index was developed from the Pilot Environmental Performance Index, first published in 2002, and designed to supplement the environmental targets set forth in the United Nations Millennium Development Goals.

The EPI was preceded by the Environmental Sustainability Index (ESI), published between 1999 and 2005. Both indices were developed by Yale University (Yale Center for Environmental Law and Policy) and Columbia University (Center for International Earth Science Information Network) in collaboration with the World Economic Forum and the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission.

Learning: Performance of India and neighbours:

- India secured 168th rank. The country scored 27.6 out of 100 in the 2020 index.
- India's rank was 177 (with a score of 27.6 out of 100) in 2018.
- India scored below the regional average score on all five key parameters on environmental health, including air quality, sanitation and drinking water, heavy metals and waste management.
- It has also scored below the regional average on parameters related to biodiversity and ecosystem services too.
- Among South Asian countries, India was at second position (rank 106) after Pakistan on 'climate change'.
- The 11 countries lagging behind India were — Burundi, Haiti, Chad, Solomon Islands, Madagascar, Guinea, Côte d'Ivoire, Sierra Leone, Afghanistan, Myanmar and Liberia.
- All South Asian countries, except Afghanistan, were ahead of India in the ranking.

India's Ranking on different Indicators	
Overall EPI 2020	168
Health	172
Air Quality	179
Sanitary and Drinking Water	139
Heavy Metals	174
Waste Management	103
Ecosystem Vitality	150
Biodiversity	148
Ecosystem Services	93
Fisheries	35
Climate Change	106
Pollution Emissions	145
Agriculture	108
Water resources	94
Source: EPI 2020	

Q Source: <https://www.insightsonindia.com/2020/06/08/insights-daily-current-affairs-pib-summary-8-june-2020/>