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India ranks 8th as per Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI, 2023)

Relevance: Prelims & GS Mains III; Environment



Ranking of India

- India has been ranked **amongst top 5 countries** in the world, and the best among the G20 countries, based on its Climate Change performance.
- The **latest report of CCPI**, released at COP 27 in **November 2022**, shows **Denmark, Sweden, Chile and Morocco** as the **only four small countries** that were **ranked above India** as 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th respectively.
- **India jumps 2 spots higher**, and is now ranked 8th as per **Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI, 2023)**.
- The **first, second and third ranks** were not awarded to any country. In effect therefore, **India's rank is the best amongst all large economies**.
- The ranking given by CCPI places India as the **only G-20 country in the top 10 rank**.

About the index

- The index is **published by German Watch, New Climate Institute and Climate Action Network International** based in Germany.
- **Published annually since 2005**, the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) is an **independent monitoring tool** for tracking the climate protection performance of 59 countries and the EU.

Measurement under Index

- The CCPI aims to enhance transparency in international climate politics and enables comparison of climate protection efforts and progress made by individual countries.
- The climate protection performance of these 59 countries and EU, which together account for 92% of global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, is assessed in four categories:
 1. GHG Emissions (40% of overall score),
 2. Renewable Energy (20% of overall score),
 3. Energy Use (20% of overall score) and
 4. Climate Policy (20% of overall score).

How India scored high rank?

- India earned a high rating in the GHG Emissions and Energy Use categories, while a medium for Climate Policy and Renewable Energy.
- As per the CCPI report, India is on track to meet its 2030 emissions targets (compatible with a well-below-2°C scenario).

GI tag application for the Nicobari hodi

Relevance: Prelims

Why in news?

- The **Geographical Indications Registry** at Guindy, **Chennai**, has received an application from the **Tribal Development Council, Andaman & Nicobar Islands**, seeking the Geographical Indication (GI) tag for the **Nicobari hodi craft**.
- This is the **first application from the Union Territory** seeking a tag for one its products.
- A geographical indication (GI) is a sign used on products that have a **specific geographical origin and possess qualities or a reputation that are due to that origin**.

Nicobari Hodi

- The **hodi is the Nicobari tribe's traditional craft**. It is a **canoe**, very commonly operated in the Nicobar group of islands. **Canoe is a light, narrow boat with pointed ends and propelled with a paddle or paddles**.
- The technical skills for building a hodi are based on **indigenous knowledge inherited by the Nicobarese from their forefathers**.
- The hodi is **built using either locally available trees or from nearby islands**, and its design varies slightly from island to island.



The SC ruling on pensions for women IAF officers

Relevance: Prelims & Mains Paper I; Social Issues

Why in news?

- In an order on November 16, the **Supreme Court asked the Indian Air Force (IAF) to consider the grant of pensionary benefits to 32 Short Service Commission (SSC) women officers, who fought for 12 long years to be reinstated and granted permanent commission.**
- This is the latest in a series of legal judgements related to women officers in the armed forces, giving them equal opportunities along with their male counterparts.

What did the Court say?

- SC Bench said that, “we are of the view that these women SSC officers be considered for **grant of pensionary benefits**,” while exercising its extraordinary power under **Article 142** of the Constitution for doing complete justice in any matter pending before it.
- The officers had joined the service between 1993-1998 and were granted extensions of six and four years successively before being released from service between 2006 to 2009.

Women in Navy and IAF

- The Navy and the IAF had opened up permanent commission to women much before the Army.
- The Navy has also opened 12 branches, cadres and specialisations for women officers.
- In the IAF, Women serve in all arms and services as officers in the IAF akin to their male counterparts.
- As per a written reply in Parliament in March 2022, there are 1,640 women officers in the IAF excluding medical, dental and nursing officers. This number includes 15 fighter pilots, and 53 transport and helicopter pilots each. The fighter stream of IAF was opened for women in 2016.

Women in Army

- In a landmark judgment in the Babita Puniya case in February 2020, the Supreme Court directed that women officers in the Army be granted permanent commission (PC) as well as command postings in all services other than combat.
- Women are commissioned in 10 arms and services as officers and that permanent commission has also been granted.
- Women serve as medical doctors and dentists in the Indian armed forces. Only women serve as nurses in Military Nursing Service. Women are being inducted as jawans in Corps of Military Police since 2019.
- It has already announced that women would be inducted as Agniveers under the Agnipath scheme.