

# Climate Change Performance Index -2020

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- **India, for the first time, ranked among the top 10** in this year's Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI). The Index measures the emissions, renewable energy share and climate policies of 57 countries and the European Union. It was presented at the climate summit in Madrid

## Performance of India

- India was ranked **9th in the Index**
- As per the index the current levels of per capita emissions and energy use are still comparatively low and, along with ambitious 2030 targets, result in high ratings for the GHG Emissions and Energy Use categories.
- While the country receives an **overall medium rating in the Renewable Energy category, India's 2030** renewable energy target is rated very high for its well-below 2°C compatibility.
- National experts commend the government for strong policies to support the expansion of renewable energy, which is needed to meet the ambitious targets as recent renewable energy capacity additions are below the level required.
- Despite an overall high rating for its Climate Policy performance, experts point out that the government has yet to develop a roadmap for the phase-out of fossil fuel subsidies that would consequently reduce the country's high dependence on coal.

## Performance of the countries around the world

- No country performs well enough in all index categories to achieve an overall very high rating in the index.

Therefore, once again the first three ranks remain empty.

- In this year's index, Sweden leads the ranking on rank 4, followed by Denmark (5) and Morocco (6).
- The bottom five in this year's CCPI are Islamic Republic of Iran (57), Republic of Korea (58), Chinese Taipei (59), Saudi Arabia (60) and the United States (61), rated low or very low across almost all categories.
- While only two G20 countries, the UK (7th) and India (9th), are ranked in the "high" category, eight G20 countries are remaining in the worst category of the index ("very low").
- About the Climate Change Performance Index, developed by Germanwatch and New Climate Institute:
  - Published annually since 2005, the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) tracks countries' efforts to combat climate change.
  - As an independent monitoring tool, it aims to enhance transparency in international climate politics and enables comparison of climate protection efforts and progress made by individual countries.
  - The Climate Change Performance Index by Germanwatch and New Climate Institute published together with the Climate Action Network (CAN) is a ranking of the 57 countries (new: Chile) and the EU, collectively responsible for about 90% of global GHG emissions. The four categories assessed are:
    - GHG Emissions (40%)
    - Renewable Energy (20%)
    - Energy Use (20%) and
    - Climate Policy (20%).
- The latter is based on expert assessments by NGOs and think tanks from the respective countries.
- Within the categories GHG Emissions, Renewable Energy and Energy Use the CCPI also evaluates to what extent the respective countries are taking adequate action to be on track towards the global Paris-goal of limiting

global warming to well below 2°C.

- Therefore, the CCPI is an important tool to enhance transparency in international climate politics and enables comparison of climate protection efforts and progress made by individual countries.