

Public Affairs Index-2020

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In news:

Public Affairs Index-2020 has been released by the Public Affairs Centre (PAC).

More information:

- In the annual report the States are ranked on governance performance based on a composite index in the context of sustainable development defined by the **three pillars of equity, growth and sustainability**.

Large state category –

- Four southern States – **Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka stood in the first four ranks**
- Uttar Pradesh, Odisha and Bihar were at the bottom of the ranking.

Small State category-

- **Goa ranked first followed by Meghalaya and Himachal Pradesh.**
- The worst performers were Manipur, Delhi and Uttarakhand.

Union Territories –

- **Chandigarh emerged at the top in the category followed by Puducherry and Lakshadweep.**
- Dadar and Nagar Haveli, Andaman, Jammu and Kashmir and Nicobar were the worst performers.

PAC:

- The Public Affairs Centre (PAC) is a not-for-profit research think tank situated in Bengaluru, Karnataka.

- It works at improving the quality of governance in India.
- It is **headed by former ISRO chairman K. Kasturirangan.**
- The institute conducts research activities in **two major fields, public policy and participatory governance.**
- It works under **four different research groups,**

(a) Public Policy Research Group

(b) Environmental Governance Group

(c) Citizen Action Support Group

(d) Participatory Governance Research Group

- The Institute publishes **Citizen Report Cards (CRC)**, research studies to improve public services, work on electoral transparency, public works quality monitoring tools and approaches, and audits of the Right to Information Act and the MGNREGA in India.