State Energy and Climate Index (SECI)

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In news— NITI Aayog has launched the State Energy & Climate
Index- Round I recently.

About the State Energy & Climate Index (SECI)-

- The index aims to track the efforts made by states and UTs in the climate and energy sector.
- The index has been designed to assess and identify the scope for improving the performance of states and to help them efficiently manage their energy resources.
- The objectives of the index are:
 - Ranking the States based on their efforts towards improving energy access, energy consumption, energy efficiency, and safeguarding the environment.
 - Helping drive the agenda of affordable, accessible, efficient and clean energy transition at the State level.
 - 3. Encouraging healthy competition among the states on different dimensions of energy and climate.
- The SECI Round I ranks the states' performance on 6 parameters, namely-
 - 1. DISCOM's Performance.
 - 2. Access, Affordability and Reliability of Energy.
 - 3. Clean Energy Initiatives.
 - 4. Energy Efficiency.
 - 5. Environmental Sustainability; and
 - 6. New Initiatives.
- The parameters are further divided into 27 indicators.
- Based on the composite SECI Round I score, the states

- and UTs are categorized into three groups: Front Runners, Achievers, and Aspirants.
- The states have been categorized based on size and geographical differences as larger states, smaller states, and UTs.
- Gujarat, Kerala, and Punjab have been ranked as the top three performers in the category of larger states.
- Goa, emerged as the top-performing state in the smaller states category, followed by Tripura, and Manipur.
- Among UTs, Chandigarh, Delhi, and Daman & Diu/Dadra &
 Nagar Haveli are the top performers.
- This edition of the report reveals that some of the important data is not available at the state level.

India's energy target & consumption-

- India, the third-largest energy consumer and the thirdlargest oil importer.
- India has agendas like increasing non-fossil fuel based installed electricity capacity of the country by 2030 to 500 GW, reducing the emission intensity of its GDP by about 45 percent from 2005 levels by 2030.
- India has a flourishing diversity with 28 states and 8
 Union territories that cover a range of geographical complexities.
- The per capita energy consumption of India is one-third of the world average.
- The energy sector contributes to about 75% of the total greenhouse gas emissions of the country.

Summarized list of Global indices and India's ranking-

| Index | World Energy Trilemma Index (WETI) | Energy Transition Index (ETI) | Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index (RECAI) | Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Publishing Agency | World Energy Council | World Economic Forum (WEF) | Ernst & Young (EY) | Germanwatch e.V. |
| What it measures | Measures energy system performance in terms of Energy Security, Energy Equity, Environmental Sustainability in Country context | Checks nation's energy system information | Ranks performance of economies based on the investment made in the renewable energy sector -energy supply, renewable bechnologies, & ease of doing business | Measures country's progress towards the NDC 2030 targets and compares climate protection performance of countries |
| India's Rank | 75/127 (2021) | 87/115 (2021) | 3/40 (2021) | 10/63 (2022) |
| Best performing countries | Top 3: Sweden, Switzerland, Denmark | Top 3: Sweden, Norway, Denmark | Top 2: USA & Mainland China | Top 6: Denmark (4"), Sweden (5") Norway (6") |