Syllabus subtopic: Important International institutions, agencies and fora, their structure, mandate.

Prelims and Mains focus: About CCPI and its key findings, their significance, India’s performance in the index

News: The U.S. and Saudi Arabia are among major polluters showing “hardly any signs” of reducing their greenhouse gas production, a global assessment of countries’ emissions trajectories said at United Nations climate talks.

About CCPI

The Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) measures the emissions, renewable energy share and climate policies of 57 countries and the European Union.

Its findings:

- It found the U.S. ranks last, followed by Saudi Arabia and Australia, although several countries did report falls in emissions last year, largely due to an industry-wide fade out of coal.

- While climate performance varied greatly — even within the EU, with Sweden leading the way — the report found that none of the countries surveyed were currently on a path compatible with the Paris climate goals.

- China, the world’s largest single emitter, was found to have taken “medium action” due to its high investment in renewables.

India’s performance

- India, for the first time, ranks among the top 10 in this year’s Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) presented at the COP25 climate summit in Madrid.

- The current levels of per capita emissions and energy use in India, ranked 9th in the “high category”, are still comparatively low and, along with ambitious 2030 targets, result in high
ratings for the green house gas emissions and energy use categories, said the report.