

## **POOR RANKING OF INDIA IN 2014 ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE INDEX: CAUSES AND REMEDIES**

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### **ABSTRACT**

Decades have passed that people all over the world started taking strong steps towards environment protection and conservation. But it was too late in India that the Government realized to take steps in this direction. The Government of India passed National Environment Policy (2006) as a response to our national commitment to a clean environment, mandated in the Constitution in Articles 48A and 51 A (g), strengthened by judicial interpretation of Article 21. Though the country's efforts in this connection are seen on documents, yet visibly the efforts have not produced fruitful results, as in the 2014 Environmental Performance Index (EPI) ranking, India came in 155<sup>th</sup> position amongst 178 countries. Such a poor rank of India compels to look into the reasons why in spite of all judicial efforts, nothing effective has been achieved so far for the cause of environment. The investigators, therefore, intend to explore the reasons behind the low performance of India in EPI Ranking. It will also highlight the causes of failure of the efforts taken by the Government. Further, some suggestions to improve the poor ranking will also be discussed.

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