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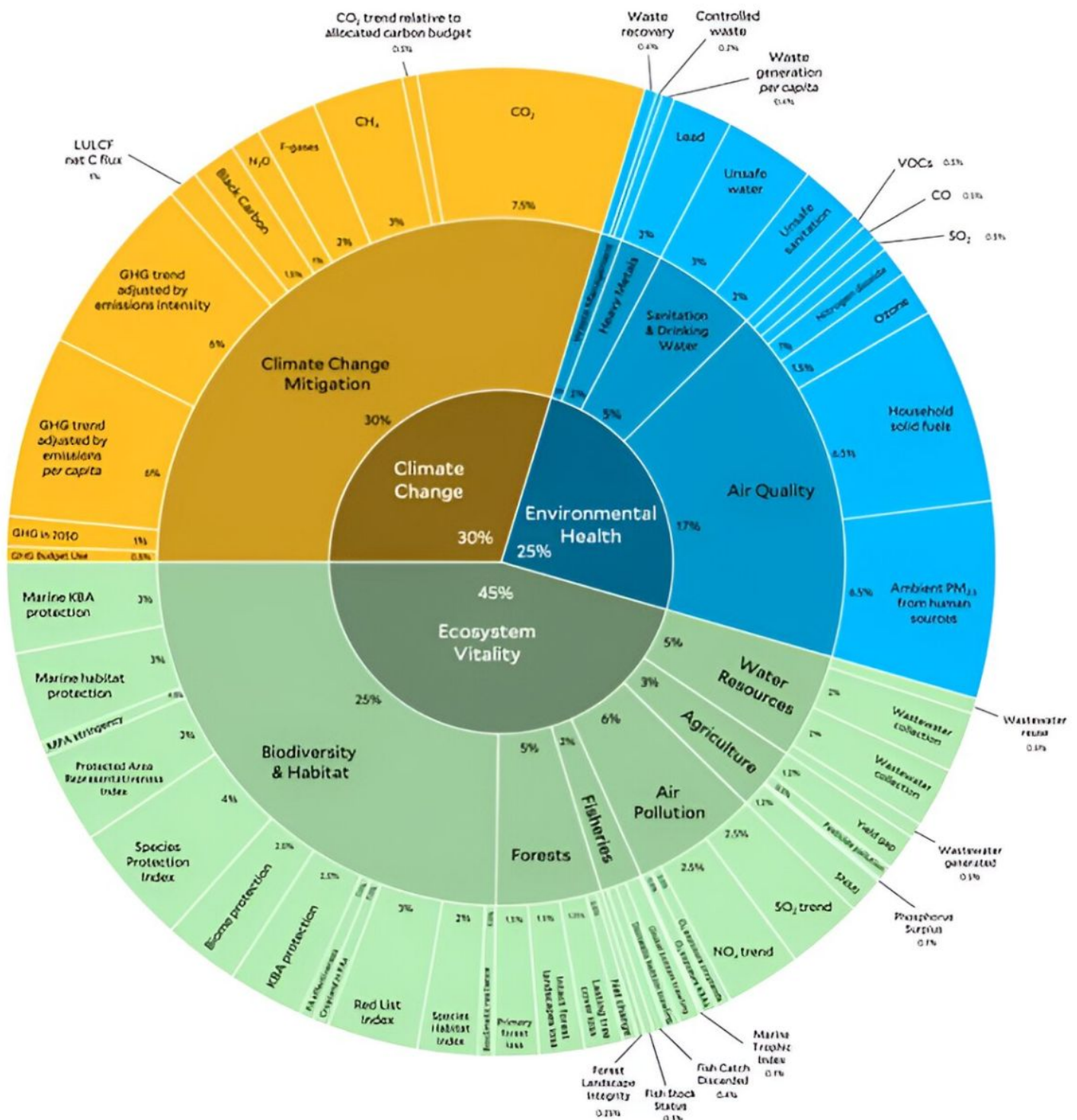
The 2024 Environmental Performance Index (EPI) was released by the Yale Center for Environmental Law & Policy and the Center for International Earth Science Information Network (CIESIN).



[Ref: muscatdaily]

About EPI 2024:

- The EPI ranks **180 countries** on their environmental performance using **58 indicators** across **11 issue categories**.
- These categories include climate change performance, air and water quality, biodiversity, and ecosystem vitality.
- It provides a comprehensive assessment of how nations are performing on a global scale towards established environmental policy targets.
- The EPI aims to help countries identify effective policies for **sustainable environmental outcomes?**



[Ref: Yale University]

Key Findings on India:

- India ranks **168th globally**, showcasing considerable challenges in improving its environmental health and ecosystem vitality.
- Key issues highlighted for India include poor air quality, with a specific mention of high **PM_{2.5} exposure** and significant challenges in managing **solid waste and sanitation**.
- Despite these challenges, there are positive indicators such as a relatively high rank in the

Species Habitat Index.

- The overall score and ranks suggest that while there are areas of strength, India faces significant environmental challenges that require concerted policy attention and action?.