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News

Gone to waste: How India is drowning in garbage

Travelling from central Delhi towards Ghazipur in the city's east, the first warning that you get of the approaching landfill is the sight of circling birds of prey. The mound of waste itself becomes visible much before one is assaulted by its stench. Smoke rises steadily from the pile, as the decomposing waste generates highly combustible methane gas. None of this bothers 10-year-old Jeevan and 12-year-old Devender as they make their way to the top. For years, the two have spent much of their time at the Ghazipur landfill — picking, sorting and selling waste. Without the protection of gloves or masks, the boys, like most ragpickers working at dumping sites across India, are vulnerable to infections and illnesses. "Often we cut ourselves on bits of discarded glass or metal," says Jeevan. But they show no animosity towards the waste that helps them earn a living. Not just the ragpickers, most of those living and working in the neighbourhood have made peace with the trash. [Readmore...](#)

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Delhi's forest area disappearing very fast, HC told

The Delhi High Court was on Wednesday told that the forest areas in the national capital were "disappearing very fast" due to rampant encroachment. A division bench of Justice B.D. Ahmed and Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva was further informed by amicus curiae Kailash Vasudev, who was assisting the court in a suo moto case on air pollution in city that Delhi is left with green cover of 20.8 percent while the master plan 2021 requires it to be 30 percent. "Forest areas in capital were disappearing very fast due to rampant encroachment. One of the reasons was there is no demarcation on land and secondly there is lack of political and bureaucratic will," said Vasudev. The bench asked for a survey of actual area forest area in the capital and posted the matter for further hearing after three weeks. During the hearing, the court also directed the Delhi Traffic Police to challan people driving in wrong carriage way for dangerous driving under Section 279 of Indian Penal Code. It directed the special commissioner of police (traffic) to personally look into the compliance of the court's directions on regulating vehicular movement on roads and carriage way. [Readmore...](#)

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Clean Ganga: NGT appoints panel to look into grossly polluting units

The National Green Tribunal has set up a committee to look into the grossly polluting industries located along the banks of Ganga and inform it about the quantum of sewage discharged by them in the river. A bench headed by NGT Chairperson Justice Swatanter Kumar constituted the panel comprising member secretary of Central Pollution Control Board, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand Pollution Control Board, CEO of UP Jal Nigam, Director of Environment Ministry and a professor from IIT-Roorkee. "The committee shall submit report on actual effluent discharge from each drain that joins Ganga and measure load on points where Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) are sought to be constructed under Phase-I B of the judgement (Haridwar to Kanpur)," the bench said while warning that if the directions are not complied with, it would impose heavy costs. The green panel also asked the UP pollution control board to inform it about the industrial units of tannery, paper and pulp, textile, located along the banks of Ganga, to submit their stand before it. It asked the committee to look into the issue of dead bodies of humans and animals being dumped into the river and submit its report within three weeks. [Read more..](#)

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Chhattisgarh govt issue notices to 19 infra projects for violating environment norms

Chhattisgarh government has issued notices to 19 townships and infrastructure projects in the state for allegedly violating environment norms. Necessary directives were issued in this regard after a meeting of senior officials at the Mantralaya here on Tuesday. Following the directives, notices were issued to 19 township projects in Raipur, said Aman Singh, chief of Chhattisgarh Environment Conservation Board (CECB), who chaired the meeting. "The building and infrastructure projects, townships and area development projects will have to get environment clearance before commencement of construction," he said. [Read more...](#)

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Environment ministry to cut clearance red tape

NEW DELHI: In its effort to sync environmental goals with the Centre's agenda of improving 'ease of doing business', the environment ministry will come out with a fresh classification of industries by early next week. Under the new classification, 241 industries will be classified under four categories — Red, Orange, Green and White (a new class) — based on their air-, water and soil- polluting potential. It is expected that the move will help deal with red tape. Though the first three categories have been in existence for long, the categorisations were made mainly on the basis of the size of an industry and consumption of resources. The pollution due to emission and effluents, and its impact on health, was not considered primary criteria. [Read more..](#)

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Air pollution kills millions in China - report

Washington - Air pollution kills more than 5.5 million people around the world each year, with over half of those deaths occurring in fast-growing China and India, researchers say. And the number of premature deaths will continue to climb in the years ahead unless more aggressive measures against pollution are adopted, scientists warned the American Association for the Advancement of Science conference in the US capital. [Read more...](#)

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