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Climate change: government announces Tree Fund

To mitigate the effects of climate change, government, through the Environment ministry, is set to operationalise the 'Tree Fund'. The initiative directed at regenerating the country's forest cover and drying wetlands will also help curb greenhouse gas emissions, a major factor driving climate changes, which are threatening the country's ecosystems. "There is some evidence to suggest that climatic changes in Uganda are connected to loss of forest and tree cover. In the last two decades alone, Uganda is estimated to have lost about a quarter (1.3 million hectares) of its forest cover," according to the Advocates Coalition for development. Over the years, similar initiatives have been hampered by limited financial resources. For instance, Section 40 of the National Forestry and Tree Planting [Read more...](#)

Date: 01 December 2017**Source:** <http://observer.ug/>**The Unreal Effects of Ozone Layer Depletion**

Ozone layer depletion is probably at the top of the list of events that have the potential to wipe humanity out from the earth's surface. It is the prime cause of increasing global temperature – which at this rate does not augur well for humankind. But, thankfully, concerted efforts over the years from scientists, researchers, activists, and concerned citizens have seen governments around the world commit to controlling global warming through cutting down on greenhouse gas emissions which in itself is an excellent achievement that has slowed down the impact of an increasingly warm planet. But, even with all these gains made so far, we're still in the woods – the devastating impact of global warming is becoming an increasing reality. With the reckless abandon of how millions..... [Read more...](#)

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The air quality in Delhi-NCR improved markedly on Wednesday from "severe" to "very poor" towards the evening, with the wind speed catching up. According to the environment authority, the wind speed on Wednesday increased while light showers at some places across Delhi-NCR helped to improve the overall ambient air quality of the region. At 8 p.m. on Wednesday, the average air quality of Delhi and Delhi-NCR was "very poor" with the volume of major pollutant PM2.5, or particles with diameter less than 2.5 micrometers, 131 units in Delhi and 129 units in Delhi-NCR-- five times the safe limit. However, on Tuesday the situation was severe with at least 11 out of 21 active monitoring stations falling under "severe" and "severe plus or emergency" category, while the PM2.5 in Delhi was 254 units and in Delhi-NCR it was 261 units -- 10 times the safe limit..... [Read more...](#)

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Pregnant women who are exposed to road traffic pollution are more likely to deliver babies with low birth weight, according to a study conducted in London. Weight at the time of birth has an immediate bearing on an infant's chances of survival — those with low birth weight are more likely to develop a range of complications. "The findings suggest that air pollution from road traffic in London is adversely affecting foetal growth. The results suggest little evidence for an independent exposure-response effect of traffic related noise on birth weight outcomes," the researchers concluded in an article published in the British Medical Journal. The study was conducted by scientists from Imperial College London, King's College London and University of London. A total of 6,71,509 births [Read more...](#)

Date: 07 December 2017**Source:** <http://indianexpress.com/>**Afforestation the key to clearing Delhi's smog**

Deep forests surrounding the city complemented by emission control measures provide the complete answer to Delhi's air pollution. The city's levels of air pollution are once again as dangerous as they are unrelenting. Everyone is affected -- the rich and powerful as well as the poor and vulnerable. The new High Level Committee set up by the central government with the state Chief Secretary as a Member may soon usher in a well-organised and tangibly effective programme in an attempt to resolve this deadly problem. Delhi's air pollution problem arises from vehicular emissions, burning of cooking gas, farmers burning husk in expanded farm lands outside the city and... [Read more...](#)

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