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News

Teen wanted to give PM a green message

MYSURU: A 17-year-old student who breached PM Modi's convoy here on Saturday night wanted to give him a letter with suggestions to turn the country greener. Diploma student Vinay K, from Varkod village, 12km from here, said in the letter that planting more trees will check pollution. The letter, 'Let's plant trees and make India green and clean', said: "India is a nation with 1.21 billion population and if everyone plants saplings and nurtures them, then the green cover will increase." The envelope's cover read: "Sir, please read it." The security breach occurred when the PM's car curved when the PM's car was passing through a poorly lit Radhakrishna Avenue, near Kautilya Circle, and slowed to let people greet the PM. Vinay rushed to the car and tapped on the window in a bid to stop it. Intelligence personnel swung into action and whisked him away. After the incident, Vinay took a bus and reached home around 10 pm, only to be detained an hour later. Police traced Vinay from the bag he had abandoned at the spot. The boy's mother Sunitha told TOI he left home on Saturday, hoping to deliver the letter to the PM. [Readmore...](#)

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Odd, even and beyond: Courts carve out environmental jurisprudence

The Delhi high court on Monday declined to interfere with the Delhi administration's experiment restricting private non-commercial four-wheelers on Delhi's roads to alternate days to cut pollution. The National Green Tribunal (NGT) confirmed that Delhi's air quality has been at least 2.5 times more harmful than "prescribed limits", with all evidence pointing to a combination of man-made factors that contribute to pollution levels, including trucks, two-wheelers, diesel combustion, industries and power plants on the periphery of the national capital, garbage burning and coal tandoors. The effect of the administration's odd-even policy on overall pollution levels may be uncertain and the serious lack of last-mile public transport infrastructure to replace personal cars worrying, but the Delhi high court bench of chief justice G. Rohini and justice Jayant Nath said that the "power of judicial review cannot be extended to determine the correctness of such policy decision or to find out whether there could be more appropriate or better alternatives". [Readmore...](#)

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India steps up move to clean up Ganga

The government is trying to inject some momentum in efforts to clean up the Ganga river, going as far as to deploy an army battalion of 600 troops in one city for the operation, apart from finalising plans to modernise hundreds of "Dhobi Ghats" or open-air laundries along the river. The soldiers, from the army's ecological task force, have been stationed since last month in Allahabad, one of the biggest cities on the 2,525km-long river. Officials said the battalion, one of four that would eventually be deployed, would help plant trees while monitoring activity on the banks of the river and raising awareness among the people of the hazards of polluting the river. "Ultimately, the purpose is for the public to become pro-active. It (river cleaning) can't be the responsibility of the government alone," said Mr Sanjay Sharma, an official in the federal water resources ministry. [Read more..](#)

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China's Multipronged Green Development Target

At a recent Central Economic Work Conference, China underscored the aim of promoting green development as one of its economic targets. "Green development" means more environmentally friendly production and consumption. While somewhat fragmented in its approach to green development, China is working toward environmental improvements in several areas, including an expansion of renewable energy markets, reduction of supply-side pollution, promotion of low-impact economic development in some regions, and encouragement of green finance. China is a major player in the renewable energy market especially in the solar power sector. It has committed to generating 150 to 200 GW of electricity from solar power and 250 GW from wind energy by 2020. Renewable energy projects will be funded in part by an increased surcharge on electricity bills of 0.019 yuan per kilowatt-hour. Clean energy producers are to be given priority over coal-fired generators in selling power to distributors and large users, in a change of policy from guaranteeing operating hours for coal fired plants. [Read more...](#)

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Don't Release Funds For Clean Ganga Without Approval, Green Panel To Centre

New Delhi: Government's ambitious 'Clean Ganga' project got a jolt with the National Green Tribunal directing the Centre not to release funds for cleaning the river from Gomukh to Kanpur without its nod, chiding Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand for failing to identify the serious polluting locations. Irked at the lackadaisical approach of officials of the two states for failing to enumerate the causes for pollution and the locations affected, a bench headed by NGT Chairperson Justice Swatanter Kumar asked the Ministry of Water Resources and Ganga Rejuvenation, through National Ganga River Basin Authority (NGRBA), not to release funds to the Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand governments without its approval. It passed the direction after the officials of UP and Uttarakhand failed to satisfy the bench about the different points of pollution in the river in the two states. Noting that industrial effluents and sewage discharged by industries were the primary cause of pollution in Ganga, the Tribunal had directed the Centre to take a clear stand on creating a mechanism to clean the river. The green panel had divided the cleaning work of Ganga into different segments -- Gomukh to Haridwar, Haridwar to Kanpur, Kanpur to Uttar Pradesh border, UP border to Jharkhand border and from there to the Bay of Bengal. [Read more..](#)

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