



## News

**Five Indoor plants to fight air pollution**

Air is everywhere and so is pollution. Our comfy homes or offices too aren't restricted from the air pollutions. Indoor pollutants such as carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, pesticide, disinfectants (phenols), and radon contribute to health problems such as allergies, headaches, fatigue, respiratory disorders and also cancer. Besides, daily indoor activities such as cooking, using deodorants, sprays, furniture polish, and dusting can decline the air quality further. Planting a few indoor plants is a much safer option to cleanse the air at home instead of using air purifiers. Occasional sunlight, little water and the right kind of soil are all it takes to keep these plants happy. In return, they have so much to offer and a healthy, green plant in a fancy pot is ideal for home decor too!.....[Read more...](#)

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**Environment ministry rejects global reports claiming 1.2 million deaths in India due to pollution**

Union minister Harsh Vardhan has discredited the recent global reports claiming over one million deaths in India due to air pollution, saying such studies are only aimed at "causing panic". The minister of environment, forest and climate change is contesting the Lok Sabha polls from Chandni Chowk constituency in the national capital. In an interview to PTI, the BJP leader said his government is working hard to tackle the problem of pollution and has been supporting the AAP-led Delhi government in this direction. "We are doing our best to handle air pollution. The number of (achhe din) good days are consistently going up and bad days coming down," he said. "Regarding the high-profile data of millions of deaths, I do not agree with that because pollution can cause.....[Read more...](#)

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**Bengaluru Driver Turns Bus into Mini-garden, Leaves Netizens Rooting For Him**

A bus driver from Karnataka is drawing praise for his efforts to spread awareness among people about the importance of keeping the environment green. Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation's (BMTC) driver Narayanappa has kept plants in the bus he drives between Kaval Bylasandra and Yeswanthpur in the city, news agency ANI reported. Narayanappa said that he started the green drive a few years ago to create awareness about the environment. "I have been doing it for last 3-4 yrs to create awareness about keeping the environment green." Many were inspired by the bus driver's efforts for a green environment. "When each citizen does his bit we will see a visible change. Congratulations!!" wrote Ratna Prabha, former Chief Secretary of.....[Read more...](#)

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**Delhi hit by rare summer air pollution alert**

New Delhi suffered a rare summer air pollution alert Monday as dust storms and heat over northern India took smog to hazardous levels. The world's most polluted capital city is blanketed in a toxic smog of car fumes, agricultural smoke and factory waste most winters, but it is less severe in summer months. On Monday, the Indian government's air quality index hit "very poor" with PM 2.5 particles, the most harmful, at 154 micrograms per cubic metre, five times the normal safe level. Clouds of dust swirled around the streets and many people brought out masks generally used in winter. "Right now we are in the thunderstorm season. High speed winds are raising a lot of dust but we think it is only transient and will change in a day or two, when it rains," V.K. Soni,.....[Read more...](#)

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**Climate change may make trees live fast and die young**

Everyone from governments to oil companies is looking at tree-planting as a way to counter global warming, but this strategy could be less effective than we thought. In a warming world with growing levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, researchers have hypothesised that trees will grow faster. But this isn't necessarily a good thing. Faster-growing trees may live shorter lives, reducing the amount of time they lock carbon away for. Now data is beginning to suggest that this is the case. Ulf Büntgen of the University of Cambridge and his colleagues have looked at tree ring records going back 2,000 years, and found that the longest-lived trees were those with the slowest growth rates. "We find that if a tree grows fast in its initial stage, there is a high probability.....[Read more...](#)

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