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The Best Indoor Plants for Your Home

We all love a good houseplant. It ties the room together, adds a hint of color to dreary spaces, and even provides oxygen. There is some scientific evidence that having plants inside your home can boost your mood and lower your blood pressure, but how do you choose which indoor plants are best for your home? Choosing the right one means understanding your own decorative needs as well as the plant's preferred growth environment. Everyone has their own tastes, allergies, and favorite color schemes, and when it comes to plants, there are also some other details that one must be aware of. Different plants thrive in different environments. Some require more light, some less light, some like it hot and humid, while others like things cooler and drier. If your house feels stuffy, there are even houseplants that are good at purifying the air.

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Source: Greenmatters

Saudi Arabia to plant 10 billion trees in the desert to reduce carbon emissions, tackle climate change

Saudi Arabia, one of the world's largest oil producers, aims to plant 10 billion trees in the coming decades as part of an ambitious campaign to reduce carbon emissions and combat pollution and land degradation. The "Saudi Green Initiative" aims to reduce the country's emissions by generating half of its energy from renewables by 2030. The move was championed by Saudi's de facto ruler Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman. Salman said that Saudi Arabia aims to reduce its carbon emissions by generating 50% of the country's energy from renewables by 2030.

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NGT asks Environment Ministry to provide SOPs to Maharashtra for providing environmental clearance

The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has directed the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) of Maharashtra to review its workings and asked the Ministry of Environment to provide standard operating procedures (SOPS) to be adopted for dealing with clearances without hurting the environment. A bench headed by NGT's Chairperson Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel gave the directions while hearing an appeal by one Tanaji B. Gambhire, preferred against the order of SEIAA, Maharashtra dated March 31, 2020, granting environmental clearance (EC) for the construction project "Ganga Altus" in Kharadi, Pune, to project proponent (PP) Goel Ganga India Private Limited.

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Boost investments in nature to combat climate, biodiversity and land degradation crises

Inger Andersen, Executive Director of the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), said biodiversity loss is already costing the global economy 10 percent of its output each year. "If we do not sufficiently finance nature-based solutions, we will impact the capacities of countries to make progress on other vital areas such as education, health and employment", she added. "If we do not save nature now, we will not be able to achieve sustainable development." The UN agency has produced the report alongside the World Economic Forum (WEF) and the Economics of Land Degradation (ELD) Initiative, hosted by German development agency GIZ in collaboration with Vivid Economics. To overcome the gap, the partners call for Governments, financial institutions and businesses to put nature at the centre of economic decision-making going forward. This requires building back more sustainably from the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as other measures, such as repurposing agricultural and fossil fuel subsidies and creating other economic and regulatory incentives.

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Chandigarh's green cover in the face of urbanisation

Green belts in Chandigarh serve an important role in controlling the micro-climate, reducing dust and leading to a much higher number of birds, squirrels and butterflies as compared to other cities. With a growing population and increasing traffic and air pollution, innovative approaches need to be adapted as Chandigarh transforms. Useful plantations instead of ornamental trees, transitioning to efficient transportation systems and encouraging citizens to use cycles or public transport for commuting are some of the ways experts suggest that Chandigarh can remain sustainable in the face of urbanisation. With Chandigarh's growing reputation as nature's paradise, every aspect of this man-made creation, originally spread over 47 blocks of 246 acres each, vindicates the visionary thinking of the early planners. Surely, Le Corbusier, Dr. M.S. Randhawa and others must be smiling

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