



## News

**Tree Plantation: Uttar Pradesh Government Targets To Plant 22 Crore Saplings By The End Of August**

Agra: A massive greening drive is to be launched soon to curb environmental pollution in the eco-sensitive Taj Trapezium Zone of Agra spread over 10,400 sq km (square kilometre), said officials on Friday. Alarmed at the sharp pace of denudation due to the large-scale construction and expansion of infrastructural facilities, the Uttar Pradesh government has announced a target of planting 22 crore saplings by the end of August, said Forest Department officials. Agra's green cover is just around 6.5 per cent while UP's share has come down to 19.5 per cent against the national goal of 33 per cent, they pointed out. Accordingly, against the last year's target of planting 9 crore saplings, the state government has planned to plant 22 crore saplings this year, they added. Agra's target has been fixed at planting .....[Read more...](#)

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**Source:** NDTV

**In India, can private forests be the answer to deforestation, wildlife loss and pollution?**

When Taimur Ali Khan, the son of Bollywood celebrities and Indian paparazzi's favourite muse, was gifted a mini forest on his first birthday, it made headlines. Ordering a full-fledged forest is a more expensive, Instagram-friendly rehash of the ancient Indian tradition of planting a tree to mark an occasion. Taimur's 1,000 square feet forest of around 100 trees was projected as a haven for birds, bees and butterflies, underscoring the need to have such green isles in the urban sea of concrete, glass and metal. There's nothing exclusive about Taimur's forest, however. Several families, corporates and non-profit organisations now have such oases in today's increasingly hot and dusty world both for their own relief and to support nature. Can these private forests – groves spanning hundreds of hectares and .....[Read more...](#)

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**Ethiopia plants 350m trees in a day to help tackle climate crisis**

About 350m trees have been planted in a single day in Ethiopia, according to a government minister. The planting is part of a national "green legacy" initiative to grow 4bn trees in the country this summer by encouraging every citizen to plant at least 40 seedlings. Public offices have reportedly been shut down in order for civil servants to take part. The project aims to tackle the effects of deforestation and climate change in the drought-prone country. According to the UN, Ethiopia's forest coverage was just 4% in the 2000s, down from 35% a century earlier. Ethiopia's minister of innovation and technology, Dr Getahun Mekuria, tweeted estimates of the number of trees planted throughout the day. By early evening on Monday, he put the number at 353m. The previous world record for the most trees planted.....[Read more...](#)

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**Source:** The Guardian

**The Cheapest Way to Save the Planet Grows Like a Weed**

Planting billions of trees across the world is by far the cheapest and most efficient way to tackle the climate crisis. So states a July 4 article in The Guardian, citing a new analysis published in the journal Science. The author explains: As trees grow, they absorb and store the carbon dioxide emissions that are driving global heating. New research estimates that a worldwide planting programme could remove two-thirds of all the emissions that have been pumped into the atmosphere by human activities, a figure the scientists describe as "mind-blowing". For skeptics who reject the global warming thesis, reforestation also addresses the critical problems of mass species extinction and environmental pollution, which are well documented. A 2012 study from the University of Michigan found that loss of .....[Read more...](#)

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**Only decontrol can solve urea industry's problems**

The urea fertiliser industry is one of the most important industrial sectors for the country. About 70% of all the fertilisers used in the country is urea. So, how green is the urea sector? To find this answer, my colleagues and I at the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) started a detailed assessment of this sector in mid-2017. We completed this assessment after an extensive 18-month long process and released the report on 29th July. This assessment was done under CSE's flagship Green Rating Project (GRP). GRP was started in 1997 to act as an independent watchdog on the environmental performance of large Indian companies. It is one of the few public-disclosure projects in the world in which an NGO ranks the environmental performance of industries and makes the results public. The ratings process is robust and transparent and the outcomes of our ratings have been used by companies as well as .....[Read more...](#)

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