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Clean, Green Programme to eliminate pollution: Punjab minister

Punjab Minister Chaudhry Zaheer-ud-Din Wednesday said Clean and Green Programme would prove a milestone in eliminating pollution and provide pleasant atmosphere in the country. Addressing a meeting of the district administration, the minister said the green programme would go a long way in preventing different diseases in the country. The minister stressed the need for maximum plantation and to ensure better sanitary conditions in the district. He also called upon the members of civil society to extend their practical cooperation by planting maximum plants to ensure better surroundings. The minister also planted a sapling in the District Complex and led a walk to create awareness among the masses to make their surroundings neat and clean. The Deputy Commissioner (DC) briefed the.....[Read more...](#)

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Roof gardening a growing trend !

Humans have grown plants at top structures since the ziggurats of ancient Mesopotamia (4th millennium BC–600 BC) had plantings of trees and shrubs on above ground terraces. An example in Roman times was the Villa of Mysteries in Pompeii, which had an elevated terrace where plants were grown. A roof garden has also been discovered around an audience hall in Roman-Byzantine Caesarea. The medieval Egyptian city of Fustat had a number of high rise buildings that Nasir Khusraw in the early 11th century described as rising up to 14 stories, with roof gardens on the top story complete with ox-drawn water wheels for irrigating them. Green roofs sometimes referred to as 'vegetated roofs' or 'eco-roofs' consist of a waterproofing membrane, growing medium (soil) and vegetation (plants).....[Read more...](#)

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As Climate Change Depletes Forests, One of India's Greenest States Turns to Its People

As he walked around the sacred forest grove, government pump operator and village council member Borhlang Blah, 27, recalled a time when it rained at least once during the summer monsoons for nine days and nine nights without a break. Everything came to a standstill: adults skipped work, children skipped school, and markets stayed shut in Blah's home village of Mawphlang, an hour's drive from Shillong, capital of the northeastern state of Meghalaya. The rain of nine days and nine nights is now a childhood memory, reduced to no more than two or three days at a stretch. "The changes in rainfall affects our crops," said Blah, who gets his last name from the local Blah tribe, traditional protectors of the 200-acre sacred grove, which is the size of 150 football fields and offers.....[Read more...](#)

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15 Million Trees Will be Planted in Seoul to Reduce Air Pollution By 2022

The Seoul Metropolitan Government will plant an additional 15 million trees in various parts of the city by 2022, part of a plan that is aimed at making the city's urban environment greener while also reducing air pollution and improving air quality. The details of the new plan were announced by city officials on Tuesday. First of all, the city will spend 20 billion won (US\$17 million) to create a "Wind Forest Path" by 2021 to attract cool, clean winds from Mount Gwanak and Mount Bukhan to the downtown areas of Gangnam and Gangbuk. By doing so, officials are hoping to disperse and reduce the heat island phenomena and fine dust in the city. In addition, 2.1 million trees will be planted along highways such as the Olympic-daero and Gangbyeonbuk-ro by 2022 to create a forest for reducing fine dust.....[Read more...](#)

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Dust-absorbing plants to fight pollution in New Town

In an effort to minimise dust pollution in New Town, the New Town Kolkata Development Authority (NKDA) has given a list of dust-absorbing plants and trees to the forest department to plant before the coming monsoon. The authorities are also in touch with a German company to install a 'Fine Dust Eater' machine, which is an eight-feet stationary tower that absorbs fine dust from air. Officials said the authorities have been trying to eradicate dust and air pollution by sowing special plants. The NKDA has already submitted a list of 21 different trees and saplings, over 3,000 in number, that can be considered good for pollution absorption. The list includes trees, like shirish, bel, jhau, bakul, kadam, palas and neem. While some of them are suitable to be planted by the roads, others will be planted in parks and gardens. Officials said the trees should be planted with a mix of two or three varieties on different avenues. Sources said the soil mix for planting such trees should have coco peat, paddy husk and sand. The 'Fine Dust Eater' machine, assisted with German technology, will be installed in New Town Action Area 1 on an experimental basis after the elections.....[Read more...](#)

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