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Environment and Ecology

Vegetation in Girnar Sanctuary Declines by 11% in Two Decades

CEPT University's study shows Girnar Wildlife Sanctuary's vegetation dropped from 94% in 2000 to 83% in 2020. Dense forests converted to open scrubland, with increased settlements near the temple area. Water scarcity and terrain are possible causes, with further research planned.

Source: The Indian Express



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India Calls Climate Deal at Baku an "Illusion"

At the Baku climate talks, India's representative criticized developed countries for failing to fulfill financial commitments and address historical emissions. India argued that climate equity is still elusive, with developed nations pushing inadequate climate action onto developing economies. The statement reflects India's long-standing position on climate justice and the need for fair burden-sharing in global climate agreements.

Source: The Hindu Newspaper



Shahi Jama Masjid Survey Sparks Violence

Violence during a survey at the Shahi Jama Masjid in Sambhal resulted in three deaths and 20 police injuries. The survey, linked to a petition on historical disputes, raised questions about communal harmony and law enforcement strategies in sensitive areas.

Source: The Hindu Newspaper



Science & Tech

India's PSLV to Launch Dual-Satellite Solar Mission

On December 4, India's PSLV will launch the European Space Agency's Proba-3 mission to study the Sun's corona. Two satellites will fly 150m apart, using one as a coronagraph and the other as an occulter. This innovative design allows detailed solar observations and demonstrates precise autonomous formation flying.

Source: The Indian Express

Jhansi Hospital Fire Toll Rises to 17

Two more infants died after a fire in Jhansi's neonatal ICU, raising the toll to 17. Congress leaders plan to meet victims' families

Source: The Hindu Newspaper



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Iran to Resume Nuclear Talks with Europe

Iran announced plans for nuclear discussions with France, Germany, and the UK following UN criticism of its non-cooperation. The talks aim to restore trust and prevent further sanctions. This comes amid growing international scrutiny of Iran's nuclear program.

Source: The Hindu Newspaper

Telangana Deputy CM on Data Accuracy in Surveys

Telangana's Deputy CM emphasized the need for accuracy in household surveys, highlighting challenges in urban participation and its impact on governance and welfare delivery.

Source: The Hindu Newspaper

South Coast Railway HQ Moves Closer to Reality

The tender for constructing South Coast Railway headquarters in Visakhapatnam has been floated. This development progresses the long-pending SCoR zone proposal announced in 2019. The headquarters will improve railway administration in the region.

Source: The Hindu Newspaper

Adani Power Projects Under Review in Bangladesh and Sri Lanka



Bangladesh

- Reviewing Adani's 1,234 MW Godda plant and other power deals after bribery allegations.
- High Court seeks report on Adani's 25-year PPA within two months.
- Godda plant supplies 7-10% of Bangladesh's power; part of \$1B power exports from India.

Sri Lanka

- Reviewing Adani wind projects in Mannar and Pooneryn.
- Cabinet to decide based on financial and environmental evaluations.
- Focus on transparency amid global scrutiny of Adani.

Source: The Indian Express



Ahmedabad Prepares for Gandhi Ashram Road Redevelopment

The Rs. 1,200 crore Gandhi Ashram Redevelopment Project in Ahmedabad has led to the permanent closure of an 800-meter stretch of Ashram Road. The project aims to restore the Gandhi Ashram premises to its original 55-acre size, synchronizing structures divided by the road. While the development is expected to enhance the site as a "world-class memorial," residents near detour routes complain of increased dust, traffic, and disrupted water supply. Tourist accessibility has been addressed with alternative routes, parking, and signage, but confusion persists.

Source: The Indian Express

Scammers Target Indore Crime Branch Chief, Get Shocked



Cybercriminals accidentally targeted Additional DCP Rajesh Dandotiya in a "digital arrest" scam. Posing as police, they tried to extort money, but Dandotiya played along and answered their video call in uniform. The scammers panicked and disconnected. Dandotiya used the incident to raise public awareness about such frauds.

Source: The Indian Express

Manipur's Naga Village Urges Action Against Poppy Cultivation

A Naga village in Manipur's Kangpokpi district has set a four-day deadline for the state government to address "armed encroachers" involved in illegal poppy cultivation. The issue is tied to the state's "War on Drugs" initiative, highlighting the intersection of narcotics control and ethnic conflict in Manipur. The village authority condemned the encroachments and threatened to take independent action if the government failed to act. This reflects the broader challenges of governance and security in India's northeastern states.

Source: The Hindu Newspaper

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