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### **Delhi Chief Minister inaugurates India's first-ever smog tower in National Capital**

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal inaugurate India's first ever smog tower in the national capital in Connaught Place area to improve air quality. Speaking on the occasion, Mr Kejriwal said, the smog tower will be able to improve air quality in a radius of around one kilometre. He said, it will purify one thousand cubic metres of air per second. Mr Kejriwal said, if the performance of the smog tower is found to be satisfactory, then it will replicate similar smog towers throughout Delhi. The smog-tower was built at the cost of 20 crore rupees.

### **Govt launches new geospatial planning portal, 'Yuktdhara'**

The Government has launched a new geospatial planning portal, 'Yuktdhara', that will help in facilitating new MGNREGA assets using remote sensing and geographic information system-based data. The portal was launched by Union Minister of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Giriraj Singh. Speaking on the occasion, Minister of State for Atomic Energy and Space Dr Jitendra Singh said, this platform will serve as a repository of assets, Geotags created under various national rural development programmes such as Mahatma Gandhi Employment Guarantee Act, (MGNREGA), Integrated Watershed Management Programme, Per Drop More Crop and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana along with field photographs.

### **Indian Navy with INS Ranvijay & INS Kora carries out Maritime Partnership Exercise with Philippine Navy**

Two ships of the Indian Navy, namely INS Ranvijay and INS Kora who are on deployment to the Western Pacific carried out a Maritime Partnership Exercise with Frigate BRP Antonio Luna of the Philippine Navy today in the West Philippine Sea. The joint evolutions conducted during the exercise included several operational manoeuvres and the participating ships of both navies were satisfied with the consolidation of interoperability achieved through this operational interaction at sea.

### **Apurva Chandra takes charge as Secretary in Ministry of Information & Broadcasting**

1988 batch IAS officer Apurva Chandra today took charge as Secretary in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. He has earlier served as Secretary in Ministry of Labour and Employment. Mr Chandra has also worked as Director General (Acquisition) in Ministry of Defence.

### **Karnataka becomes 1st state in country to officially implement National Education Policy 2020**

Karnataka has become the first state in the country to officially implement the National Education Policy (NEP)-2020. Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan virtually launched the NEP in the state yesterday. Speaking on the occasion, Mr Pradhan said, Karnataka has set an example for other states with the implementation of the National Education Policy. The Admission module under the new policy was also launched on the occasion.

### **GHMC launches '10 mins at 10 am' campaign this morning**

The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation -GHMC has taken up a novel initiative to get rid of diseases like Malaria and Dengue, implementing 'Every Sunday at 10 AM for 10 mnts' campaign. Hyderabad Mayor G Vijayalakshmi formally launched the campaign by destroying all mosquito breeding sources at her camp office this morning.