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### **NATIONAL NEWS**

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- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has virtually launched the physical distribution of Property Cards under the SVAMITVA Scheme.
- SVAMITVA scheme - Survey of Villages and Mapping with Improvised Technology in Village Areas.
- This initiative will enable around 1-lakh property holders to download their property cards through the SMS link, which will be delivered on their registered mobile phones.
- This will help the villagers in using their property as a financial asset to take loans or for other financial benefits.
- The SVAMITVA scheme is a central sector scheme of the Panchayati Raj Ministry, launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on National Panchayati Raj Day, 2020.
- The scheme aims at providing the 'records of the rights' to the household owners in villages in the rural areas and issue property cards.
- The scheme in this phase covers villages of Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Uttarakhand and a few border of Rajasthan and Punjab.
- All the six states have signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Survey of India for the drone survey of the rural areas and implementation of the scheme.

#### **Delhi Cabinet gives nod for 'Tree Transplantation Policy' and the Connaught Place to get a smog tower**

- The Cabinet under Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal approved "Tree Transplantation Policy".
- Under this policy, it is mandatory to transplant 80 percentage of the trees that are to be cut for a development project with planting additional 10 percent of samplings.
- This is the first of its kind policy in the country to be implemented by Delhi government.
- The Delhi government has planned to set up a tree transplantation cell in order to provide expertise Agencies that have experience in tree transplantation have been identified.
- A dedicated panel of government agencies with record of accomplishment and experience of tree transplantation is being formed under the policy.
- The cabinet also approved the proposal to install a smog tower in Connaught Place to deal with air pollution.
- This is the world's second smog tower after china, to be built in worth of 20 crore.

#### **DST, IBM to Build STEM Career Opportunities for Girl Students**

- The Department of Science & Technology (DST) and IBM India announced two collaborations, both

aimed at promoting STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) learning among students and to inspire them towards STEM careers.

- The first collaboration involves the DST's Vigyan Jyoti programme, which aims at creating a level-playing field for meritorious girls from grade 9 to 12 to pursue STEM in their higher education.
- The second collaboration is with Vigyan Prasar, an autonomous organization of DST, which will build and run 'Engage with Science' – a technology-driven interactivity platform, which shall work in tandem with the India Science OTT channel.
- DST launched the Vigyan Jyoti programme in 2019 to inspire girl students to pursue higher education and career in STEM fields.
- DST and IBM India aim to create a robust STEM ecosystem that brings up critical thinkers, problem-solvers, and next-generation innovators through Inspire Awards-MANAK (Million Minds Augmenting National Aspirations and Knowledge)
- MANAK is a program targeting to build one million ideas rooted in science from school students.

## SPORTS NEWS

### Polish teenager Iga Swiatek becomes the new French Open Champion

- Polish teenager Iga Swiatek has become the new French Open Champion.
- She beat the American Australian Open winner Sofia Kenin in the Women Singles final.
- With this victory, Iga Swiatek moves to 17th position in the world ranking.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### International Day of the Girl Child - October 11<sup>th</sup>

- International Day of the Girl Child is an international observance day declared by the United Nations since October 11, 2012.
- The day is also called as Day of Girls and the International Day of the Girl.
- The day is observed in raising awareness of issues facing girls internationally, such as education, nutrition, forced child marriage, legal rights, and medical rights.
- This year the theme of International Day of the Girl Child is "My voice, our equal future".



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