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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.
- SVAMITA 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, Igs Swiatek moves to 17th position in the world ranking.

IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day of the Girl Child – October 11th

- 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".