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INDIAN METROS AND B-TOWNS ARE AMONG THE MOST POLLUTED CITIES IN THE WORLD

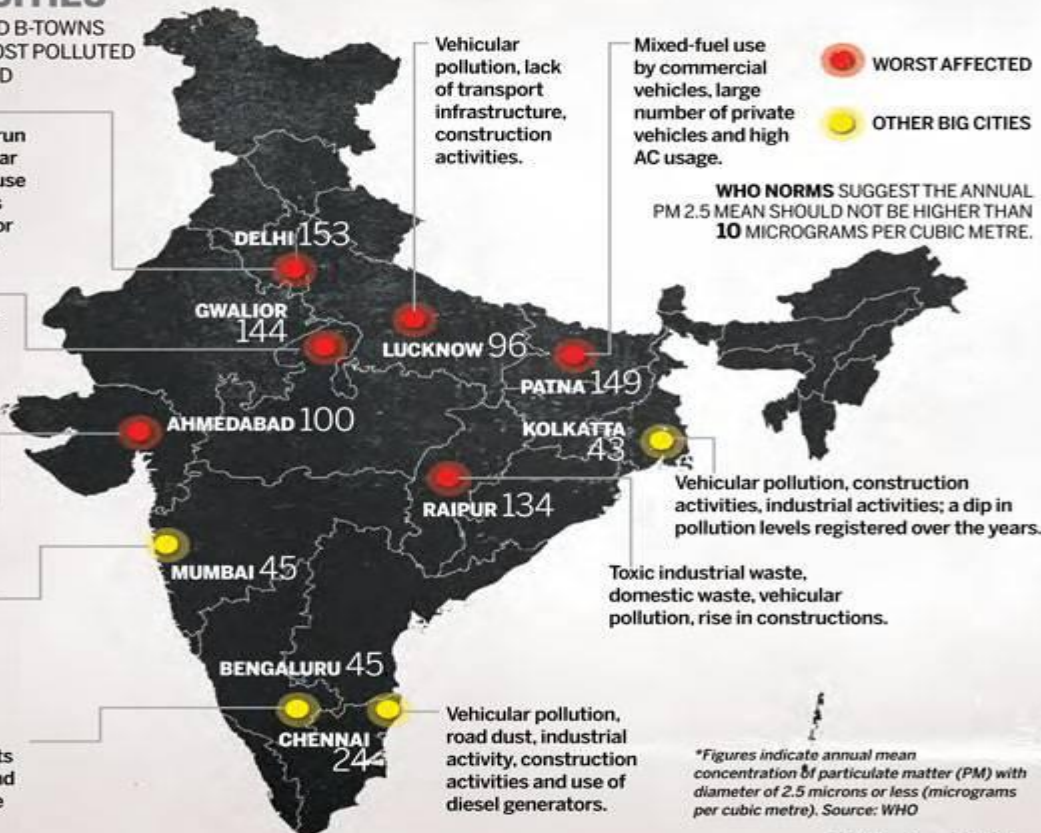
Reliance on fossil fuels such as coal to run power plants, vehicular pollution, inefficient use of energy in buildings and use of biomass for cooking and heating.

Coal-fired power plants, private motor vehicles, inefficient energy use in buildings and use of biomass for cooking and heating.

Dust, construction activity and vehicular pollution.

Increasing vehicular density and construction activities. Sea breeze has kept the situation from becoming worse.

Vehicular pollution, refineries, chemical plants, industrial units and a dumping ground where mixed garbage is burnt.



Editorials from- The Hindu, The Indian Express, Live Mint

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Appreciating India's first Prime Minister on his death anniversary.

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Abolishing the FIPB is just symbolism — to attract FDI, more reform is needed.

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To save the state's youth, political dialogue must precede, not follow, peace.

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A line runs through India, Pakistan and Turkey today.

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The anniversaries of the Champaran agitation led by Mahatma Gandhi and the Naxalbari uprising provide an opportunity to refocus on structural challenges in agriculture.



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- The Hindu-
New restrictions on cattle slaughter
Centre notifies rules to prevent sale of cows, buffaloes and other bovines for slaughter at markets.
- Indian Express-
Any unauthorised use of Aadhaar information will face prosecution: Ravi Shankar Prasad
The Union minister also talked about the growth of India's digital economy to \$1 trillion by 2025, compared with \$270 billion currently.
- The Hindu-
Rs. 3,045 cr. in rural scheme wages yet to be disbursed
Kerala, Uttarakhand worst hit as pay orders are pending.
- Live mint-
India's first electric mass transport project launched in Nagpur
The pilot project envisages a fleet of 200 electric-powered public transport vehicles which would be run on cab aggregator Ola's app platform in Nagpur.
- The Hindu-
Kashmir civil society group writes to Pranab
CM should have been first to protest award to Army officer who used civilian as shield: memorandum
- Live mint-
Opposition won't fight if NDA picks 'acceptable' candidate for presidential poll
Ruling NDA should seek to reach consensus with key opposition parties on the candidates, say opposition parties led by the Congress

ECONOMY

- The Hindu-
Hope to see consolidation among government-owned banks in 2-3 years- Interview
Larger banks have better market access and should be able to merge with smaller banks.
- The Hindu-
French polls a positive, China worries remain: Raghuram Rajan
Rajan added the US Federal Reserve's decision to raise interest rates slowly and steadily is quite reasonable.
- Indian Express-
PF contribution may be cut to fatten your wallet
Mandatory savings rate to be reduced to 10% from 12%.

Science and Technology/Environment

- Live mint-
New layer of tectonic plates in Earth's mantle discovered
The newly discovered plate movements may explain the mysterious Vityaz earthquakes, which originated in the mantle between Fiji and Australia
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How most antimatter in the Milky Way forms decoded
Researchers from Australian National University shows the cause of antimatter formation was a series of weak supernova explosions over millions of years

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