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MoEFCC constituted a committee to implement National Clean Air Program

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) has constituted a committee to implement the National Clean Air Program (NCAP). The objective is to reduce the PM (particulate matter) 2.5 and PM 10 concentration by 20% to 30% in at least 102 cities by 2024. The committee will be headed by the Secretary, Union Environment Ministry. The headquarters of the committee will be in New Delhi.

Big diplomatic win for India; Masood Azhar designated global terrorist by UNSC

India scores a big diplomatic victory **Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) Chief Masood Azhar** designated as a global terrorist at the UN after China lifts its technical hold on the proposal **at 1267 Al Qaeda Sanctions Committee of UNSC**; Proposal was moved by US, UK and France after the Pulwama terror attack in February

Indo-French navies will hold their joint exercise off the Goa coast from 1st May to 10th May, 2019

India and France will holding their bilateral naval exercise, **Varuna 19.1** in Arabian Sea off the Goa coast from 1st May to 10th May, 2019.

Key Points:

i. In this 17th edition of the Indo-French naval exercise, the participants are:

- the French Navy's aircraft carrier FNS Charles de Gaulle
- 2 destroyers, FNS Forbin, FNS Provence
- the frigate FNS Latouche-Treville
- the tanker FNS Marne
- a nuclear submarine
- from the Indian side, the aircraft carrier INS Vikramaditya
- destroyer INS Mumbai
- the Teg-class frigate, INS Tarkash
- the Shishumar- class submarine, INS Shankul
- the Deepak- class fleet tanker, INS Deepak

About 'Varuna':

◆ The bilateral naval exercise started in 1983 and was termed as 'Varuna' in 2001.

In 2019, Goldman Environmental Prize honoured 6 grassroots environmental activists for their exemplary work in protecting the nature

The Goldman Environmental Foundation honoured 6 recipients of the 2019 with the world's eminent award for grassroots environmental activists, the Goldman Environmental Prize.

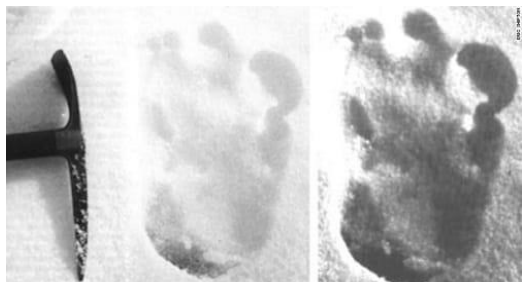
Key Points:

- This prize is awarded every year to environmental activists from each of the global 6 inhabited continents.
- The Goldman Environmental Prize is also known as Green Nobel Prize and awards a cash prize of \$200,000.
- The Prize was established by late philanthropists and civic leaders, Rhoda and Richard

Goldman in 1989 in San Francisco, California to celebrate grassroots environmentalists. The year, 2019 marks the 30th anniversary of the Prize.

Name of recipient

1. Bayarjargal Agvaantseren-Mongolia 2. Alfred Brownell-Liberia 3. Ana Colovic Lesoska-North Macedonia 4. Alberto Curamil-Chile 5. Jacqueline Evans-Cook Islands 6. Linda Garcia-United States



'Yeti' footprints sighted claims Indian Army tweet

The official Twitter account of the Indian Army's Additional Directorate General of Public Information tweeted that an Indian Army mountaineering expedition team has sighted mysterious footprints of mythical himalayan beast "Yeti" measuring 32×15 inches (81 centimeters by 38 centimeters) close to Makalu Base Camp,



International Labour Day is observed on May 1

International Labour Day or Workers day is observed annually on 1 May. It is also known as May Day. The day was promoted by the international labour movement, socialists and communists. The theme of International Labour Day 2019 is "Uniting Workers for Social and Economic Advancement".

In India, the first Labour Day was celebrated on 1 May, 1923 in Madras by Labour Kisan Party of Hindustan

Maharashtra Day is celebrated every year on 1st May to mark the Maratha speaking region that attained statehood on 1st May 1960

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Gujarat celebrates its foundation day on 1st May

Today is the 60th Foundation Day of Gujarat. Every year, 1st May is celebrated in different districts of Gujarat by launching various welfare schemes.