

# Big campaign to check air pollution in NCR

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**NEW DELHI:** The Union government on Wednesday said that it would soon launch a massive campaign to check rising air pollution in the national capital region. It said that it would introduce a remote-sensing technology-based pollution under control certification system.

Environment minister Prakash Javadekar said the government was adopting a “consultative and cooperative” approach with the states to deal

with air pollution in and around Delhi and had held three meetings with representatives of stakeholders -- Delhi, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan governments.

He said the “pro-active” approach of his ministry had translated into setting up of short-term preventive measures such as stopping the burning of bio-waste, initiating work for major upgrade of pollution under control (PUC) system and issuing challans to overloaded goods vehicles entering Delhi.

Javadekar said that as “pol-

lution cannot be tackled only through government efforts, the Centre would soon launch a massive people-oriented awareness campaign to check air pollution”. In this, different bodies will set up WhatsApp numbers and create Facebook pages so that people can register complaints about pollution and waste burning.

Apart from the remote sensing PUC certification, the Delhi government will set up an online pollution checking module where the pollution would be checked on a real-time basis and

captured on the sensor immediately, a ministry statement said.

Javadekar said a drive had been launched against adulterated fuel and over 2,000 buses would be introduced in NCR by 2016 to strengthen public transport.

The ministry said the New Delhi Municipal Council had constructed 38 compost pits in major parks and colony parks and nurseries for recycling and managing waste. Regarding industrial pollution, the thermal power plants are installing online monitoring systems.