

Clean fuel must for NCR units: CPCB

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NEW DELHI: Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has directed [Delhi Pollution](#) Control Committee (DPCC) and state pollution control boards of Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Haryana to allow only those new [industrial units](#) that use cleaner fuels in Delhi-NCR. The decision has been taken considering the deteriorating [air quality](#).

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CPCB in its order to chairmen of DPCC, Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board, Rajasthan Pollution Control Board and Haryana Pollution Control Board said: "Considering the fact that already directions have been issued to all the existing industries in Delhi-NCR to switch over to cleaner fuels, it has been decided that only those new industrial units will be allowed to set up in Delhi-NCR, which use cleaner fuels, including natural gas (CNG/PNG), liquefied petroleum gas, biogas, propane and butane."

CPCB has asked the pollution control boards and the committee to exercise their powers conferred under Section 18 (1)(b) of Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981. It has also sought an action taken report within 30 days.

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The ruling NCP in Maharashtra on Monday alleged the BJP "somewhere" wanted to brand those who raise their voice in support of the poor and farmers as "Naxalites or terrorists". In a video message, state minister Nawab Malik alleged leaders of the BJP have been using terms like "Naxalites, urban naxals and Khalistanis" and are also claiming the hand of China and Pak in protests.



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'Himgiri', the first of the three Project 17A ships being built at Kolkata's Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited (GRSE), made her first contact with the waters of Hoogly River on Monday. Project 17A has upheld India's vision for Atmanirbhar Bharat. P17A ships have been indigenously designed by Directorate of Naval Design (Surface Ship Design Group) - DND (SSG).

A DPCC official said, "Delhi government modified rules in 2018 under which only those industries will be given consent by DPCC that use cleaner fuels. Nearly 65-70 units in Delhi are in the process of converting to cleaner fuels while 20 other units in two industrial units are waiting for cleaner gas supply."

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During a meeting of high-level taskforce in December 2018, CPCB had decided that all

industries in Delhi-NCR where gas supply was available should switch to PNG. CPCB in July 2019 had asked DPCC and SPCBs of NCR-Delhi to close down all industrial units in Delhi-NCR where PNG supply was available and industry had not shifted to PNG. However, after receiving a number of representations from industry associations expressing concerns on cost viability and time period needed for such conversion, CPCB told state pollution control boards of Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Haryana that while their representations were being examined, coercive action might not be initiated at this stage against the industrial units in NCR, which otherwise were following the prescribed environment norms.

In its order, CPCB said that industries located in 24 districts of Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Rajasthan had been discharging environmental pollutants directly or indirectly into the ambient air