

## Will encourage all tech solutions for bad air: Javadekar

**New Delhi:** Expressing concern over poor air quality in north India, especially in the national capital, Union environment minister **Prakash Javadekar** on Friday said the government will encourage all possible technological interventions to mitigate pollution.



Speaking at a virtual inauguration of the country's first demonstration plant that produces compressed biogas from biomass, developed by Praj technologies in Pune, he said stubble burning is another cause of concern and expressed hope that technologies like these will help alleviate the problem.

"The central government has been working constantly on all the fronts towards mitigation of air pollution. The government is working towards abatement of air pollution by working at the source level, be it industries or thermal power stations, vehicular pollution, construction and demolition waste or stubble burning, which are the major sources of pollution generation," he said while expressing concern over the pollution levels in the northern parts of the country, especially Delhi.

He said the government will continue to strive hard to bring an end to the issue of air pollution and encourage all possible technological interventions in this regard.

Javadekar informed that the central government's PUSA institute has demonstrated a decomposer technology which converts stubble to manure and is being experimented on a pilot basis in four states and Delhi and its trial is on. Noting that India is moving on the path of energy sufficiency, the minister said that solar energy and renewable energy are being promoted in the country to reduce the pollution level across the country and "we need to further formulate new technologies to harness the renewable resources for clean energy powering an Aatma Nirbhar Bharat". PTI