

B'lore one of the most polluted cities

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Nov 9: The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) is implementing a 14-point plan to check the increasing pollution levels in the City.

The KSPCB move followed the Supreme Court's observation that Bangalore is among 11 most polluted cities in the country.

As part of its drive to check air pollution, the board, along with the State Transport Department, has directed all autorickshaw owners to convert their vehicles to LPG.

The other plans include implementation of 'no pollution under control certificate -

The fifth Dr Father Cecil Saldhana SJ Memorial Inter-High School Debate Competition was organised on Thursday, here in the City. Over 20 schools participated. The competition was organised in coordination with YMCA Task Group on Ecology and Environment and Lions Club of Bangalore Orchards. The theme of the debate was 'Unchecked growth of multinational companies brings more destruction to Bangalore City's environment'

no fuel' scheme, setting up of electronic emission testing centres in petrol bunks, increase sales tax and impose entry tax on white kerosene to curb adulteration of petrol and strengthen vigilance and surveillance to check adulteration.

The 14-point plan also states that it should be made manda-

tory for kerosene wholesalers to register themselves and produce end-use certificates to Civil Supplies Department, establish five more auto LPG dispensing stations in the City and convert some roads into one-ways.

The other aspects covered under the plan include the con-

struction of flyovers and underpasses, as proposed by the departments concerned, increase the fleet size of Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation, install one online Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Station and promote the use of cleaner fuels used by major industries, to operate DG sets and boilers.

Senior Environmental Officer of Karnataka State Pollution Control Board M. N. Jayprakash pointed out that these plans should be implemented strictly in order to ensure a pollution-free environment.

Strict implementation will help preserve bio-diversity