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## Must assess pollution impact: Centre to all ministries

**NEW DELHI:** The union environment ministry recently expressed doubts about international reports that link air pollution with mortality and recommended exercising caution in interpreting these studies. But now the union health ministry along with the World Health Organisation (WHO). [Read More](#) (Times of India | Mar 01, 2017)

Source: <http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/home/environment/pollution/must-assess-pollution-impact-centre-to-all-ministries/articleshow/57404705.cms>

## Oil community accuses firm, indigenes of concealing toxic wastes

The oil-producing community of Koko in Warri North Local Council of Delta State has alleged that a company operating in the area (name withheld) was sand-filling the toxic dumpsite it exposed a day ago apparently to cover up the evidence. [Read More](#) (Guardian | Mar 01, 2017)

Source: <http://guardian.ng/news/oil-community-accuses-firm-indigenes-of-concealing-toxic-wastes/>

## 1500 kg plastic seized on the first day of ban

**THIRUVANANTHAPURAM:** The health wing of the city corporation seized 1,500kg of plastic items, which include carry bags, disposable glass and plates and non-woven polypropylene bags as the ban on plastic carry bags came into effect on Wednesday. [Read More](#) (Times of India | Mar 02, 2017)

Source: <http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/thiruvananthapuram/1500-kg-plastic-seized-on-the-first-day-of-ban/articleshow/57418466.cms>

## India launches phase-out plan of the harmful refrigerant HCFC

**NEW DELHI:** Adhering to its global commitment, India on Monday launched the country's latest plan to phase-out one of the key refrigerants - Hydrochlorofluorocarbon (HCFC) - under its ultimate goal to end use of harmful ozone-depleting substances (ODS). [Read More](#) (Times of India | Mar 06, 2017)

Source: <http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/home/environment/pollution/india-launches-phase-out-plan-of-the-harmful-refrigerant-hcfc/articleshow/57500339.cms>

## Fire at Dishman Pharma Bavla unit

**AHMEDABAD:** Dishman Pharmaceuticals and Chemicals Ltd today said there was fire at one of the units of its Bavla facility on Tuesday evening. [Read More](#) (Times of India | Mar 08, 2017)

Source: <http://www.thehindubusinessline.com/companies/fire-at-dishman-pharma-bavla-unit/article9575407.ece>

## Chinnalapatti to declare itself plastic-free by month-end

**MADURAI:** Chinnalapatti, a town panchayat in Dindiguldistrict is all set to declare itself as plastic-free by the end of this month. A recycling yard in the area has now become a major attraction where animal figures have been made out of recycled vehicle tyres. [Read More](#) (Times of India | Mar 09, 2017)

Source: <http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/madurai/chinnalapatti-to-declare-itself-plastic-free-by-month-end/articleshow/57549366.cms>

## Tata Chemicals Haldia plant gets shutdown notice

**MUMBAI:** The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has directed Tata Chemicals to shut down its fertilizer plant in Haldia (West Bengal) for violating liquid waste discharge rules. The CPCB directive follows an analysis of the company's samples. [Read More](#) (Times of India | Mar 14, 2017)

Source: <http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/home/environment/pollution/tata-chemicals-haldia-plant-gets-shutdown-notice/articleshow/57635524.cms>

## Govt. working to make energy affordable for people: Environment

There is a relationship between forests and energy, and the challenge is to make the latter available to the people at affordable cost, a top environment ministry official said today. [Read More](#) (Times of India | Mar 21, 2017)

Source: <http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/home/environment/pollution/Govt-notifies-environment-norms-for-new-gensets/articleshow/51520911.cms>

## Extreme and unusual weather in 2017: UN weather agency

**UNITED NATIONS:** Extreme weather and climate conditions, including Arctic "heatwaves", have continued into 2017, after global temperatures set record last year and the world witnessed exceptionally low sea ice and unabated ocean heat, the UN weather agency said. [Read More](#) (Times of India | Mar 23, 2017)

Source: <http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/home/environment/global-warming/extreme-and-unusual-weather-in-2017-un-weather-agency/articleshow/57786335.cms>

## Toxic fumes rent the air in Derabassi

**MOHALI:** Derabassi has turned into a hub of factories -- chemical, plywood, and pharmaceuticals -- spewing out toxic fumes that travel miles towards residential areas, causing serious health problems. Derabassi residents, living in areas like Gulmohar Society and its extension. [Read More](#) (Times of India | Mar 28, 2017)

Source: <http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/chandigarh/toxic-fumes-rent-the-air-in-derabassi/articleshow/57863294.cms>