

Uttar Pradesh: Single window nod for ethanol plants

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LUCKNOW: The state government is working out a plan for single window clearance system for setting up of [ethanol](#) plants. Applications under this system will have to be cleared within 15 days, failing which it will be deemed as approved.

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Quoting environment experts, a government spokesperson said ethanol mixed with petrol could reduce carbon monoxide pollution by 35%. "The Centre is aiming 20% ethanol mix in petrol by 2030. Last year, the target was set at 10% by 2022," the spokesperson said.

The state government is also promoting manufacture of ethanol from sugarcane and cereals. Under this, 54 projects of ethanol production from sugarcane have been taken up, along with seven projects for making ethanol from rice, wheat, barley, maize and sorghum.

Out of these, 27 sugarcane-related projects have been completed while the remaining will be over by September-end.

Projects related to ethanol from rice, wheat, barley, maize and sorghum will start in the next few months.