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Delhi plans to ban petrol rickshaws and scooters

Delhi's government announced on Monday plans to eventually ban petrol scooters, motorbikes and autorickshaws in favour of those running on electricity, in an attempt to bring down high pollution levels in the city by the end of the decade.

Transport has been one of the highest contributors to Delhi's air pollution, which is at levels dangerously high to human health, linked to tens of thousands of deaths each year.

Scooters and rickshaws - running on petrol and compressed fossil gas - account for more than two-thirds of the tens of millions of vehicles on Delhi's roads. Under the policy, new licence plates will only be issued to electric small trucks and three-wheelers, known as e-rickshaws, from 2027, and to e-scooters and electric motorbikes from 2028.