

# India's silent crisis – air pollution

Every November farmers in the Indian states of Punjab and Haryana burn their fields following the rice harvest, helping create a dense smog which engulfs the north Indian plain from Lahore to Dhaka

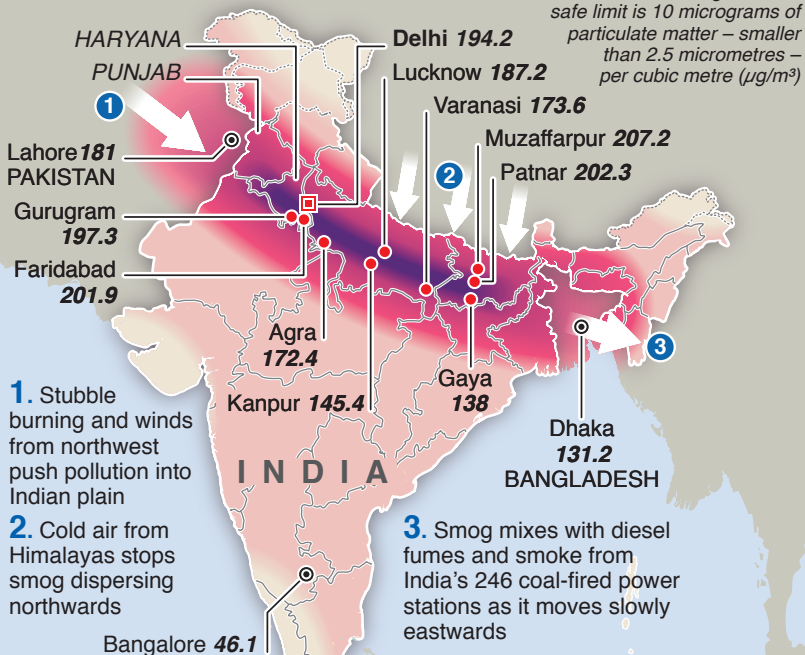
**Air quality (Micrograms per cubic metre\*)**

10

200

**Most polluted cities**  
(Nov 2018, PM<sub>2.5</sub> µg/m<sup>3</sup>)

\*World Health Organization safe limit is 10 micrograms of particulate matter – smaller than 2.5 micrometres – per cubic metre (µg/m<sup>3</sup>)



**Coal production**  
(Million tonnes)

730

200

**Reliance on coal fuels record production**

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