

Punjab to set up 400 plants to process paddy residue

The Punjab government has decided to set up 400 processing plants before next year's paddy season to convert straw into bio-energy.

"The plants will become operational before the next paddy season, thus preventing recurrence of the environmental hazard triggered by stubble burning," an official spokesperson said in a statement.

The MoU was signed on behalf of the Punjab government by R.K. Verma, CEO, Punjab Bureau of Investment Promotion, and K. Iyyapan, MD of NEWAY, a Chennai-based company.

"Plants will be set up by NEWAY Engineers MSW Private Limited with a total investment of Rs. 10,000 crore over the next 10 months," added the spokesperson.

Patented technology

The spokesperson said the company would use its breakthrough and patented pollution-free zero residue technology to ensure that there was no residue at the end of the process, thus preventing any land filling. "The technology will provide a sustainable solution to the environmental problems caused by burning of paddy residue in the State."

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