

# PM raps rich nations on N-fuel snag

## Modi: Spare Us Green Sermon

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**New Delhi:** Setting the tone for India's stand on climate change ahead of multiple rounds of negotiations in the run-up to final Paris talks, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said the developed world should allow India to import nuclear fuel to produce clean energy instead of 'lecturing' the country on low-carbon growth path.

Asking rich nations not to practise double standards while pursuing climate change issues, the PM said: "The world gives lecture on



PM Modi with environment minister Prakash Javadekar at the conference in Delhi on Monday

climate but if we tell them that we want to take nuclear energy path as it is a good way for environment protection and when we ask them to provide necessary fuel for nuclear energy, they refuse."

He said India wants to opt for clean nuclear energy in a big way, but developed nations

tend to impose rules to scuttle the country's move towards low-carbon growth path.

The remarks, days ahead of his visit to France, assume significance as India has been in talks for a civil nuclear deal.

Incidentally, the next climate talks are also scheduled in Paris in December when

## Construction waste rules in 15 days

The Centre is to come up with rules and guidelines for handling construction waste and dust, one of the major causes of air pollution in cities, within 15 days.

Announcing this at the conference of state ministers, environment minister Prakash Javadekar said: "Construction waste is a big contributor to air pollution in Delhi. We will bring in rules within the next 15 days... Today, ministers from all the state governments in the NCR region are here. We will discuss it with them and come out with details."

The rules for Delhi would be framed by the environment ministry in consultation with Central Pollution Control Board and experts from construction and infrastructure sectors. Other cities will also use the guidelines for managing construction waste. **TNN**

the world is expecting to sign a global climate deal based on what nations pledge for cutting their post-2020 emissions.

Addressing a conference of state environment ministers, the PM said instead of being forced to follow parameters laid down by others (rich nations), India would lead the

fight against climate change. "Everybody has come to believe the world is concerned about climate change but India is posing hurdles... We have grown up in a culture where nature is worshipped like God and protecting nature is linked to humanity," he said.