



In order to build a waste-to-energy (WTE) plant, the Municipal Corporation of Gurugram (MCG) has started filling three leachate ponds at the Bandhwari landfill site.

Environmentalists, however, asserted that the authorities and MCG were consistently releasing too much leachate into the forest, creating a risk to the ecosystem and endangering the local fauna.

The establishment of the waste-to-energy plant requires the removal of around 200,000 metric tonnes of legacy garbage and 15,000–20,000 cubic metres of leachate from the landfill site, according to Naresh Kumar, joint commissioner of MCG.

“We will ensure no leachate is discharged in the forest area, and teams have been formed to monitor things closely. However, it is not possible to make the surface and begin construction for the WTE plant without filling the leachate ponds, so we have begun the process. To resolve the issue, we will also build two more units in Bandhwari to increase the plant’s capacity to treat all the leachate collected at the site,” said Kumar

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