

Delhi kids have weakest lungs

Similar trends were noticed in Mumbai (UPT: 79%, PT: 21%), Bengaluru (UPT: 86%, PT: 14%) and Kolkata (UPT: 65%, PT: 35%).

Students from 14 schools — four in Delhi, three in Kolkata, three in Bengaluru and four in Mumbai — were surveyed between March 31 and April 30.

“Not just air pollution, indoor air pollution is also a major concern, which 70 to 80% people don’t know about. A study done by our institute about six years ago showed even indoor air pollution is responsible for the poor lung conditions in children,” said Prof Raj Kumar at Delhi’s Sarder Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute.

Alarmingly, most of the children with undiagnosed lung problems in all four cities thought they possessed healthy lungs as they didn’t smoke or had any breathing difficulties.

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