

Air Pollution May Cause Intellectual Disability

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We know air pollution may be the cause of several diseases. But retarded intellectual development was never one of those. However, according to a study published in the *Journal of Intellectual Disability Research*, the children who were exposed to air pollution have attained intellectual disability within time. The study was performed over more than 18,000 UK children born between the years 2000-2002. The results of the study showed that about children suffering from intellectual disability are 33% more in areas exposed to high levels of diesel particulate matter, 30% more in high nitrogen dioxide and so on. The researchers also studied that the intellectual disability is higher in socio-economic deprived regions. With these new data, the scientists might be able to find a solution to the high number of intellectual disability cases.

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