

# Govt to draw up 100-year plan for Taj conservation

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**New Delhi:** Under fire from the Supreme Court over lack of measures to protect the Taj Mahal, the government will come out with a 100-year vision document to conserve the monument that will include steps to shut down polluting industries and introduce green transport in the surrounding area.

The plan will be submitted to the SC as part of an affidavit comprising details including action against hazardous industries along with measures like public transport running on clean fuel, setting up a bio-ethanol project, infrastructure for treatment of solid and liquid waste and preventing discharge of polluted water into the Yamuna.

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| PROPOSED STEPS TO PRESERVE TAJ   |  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ Hazardous industries to be closed</li><li>▶ A rubber dam to be set up in the downstream of the Taj in Agra</li><li>▶ All Yamuna cleaning projects to start by December</li><li>▶ Pilot Bio-ethanol fuel project in Agra for vehicles</li><li>▶ One city one operator for STPs in Agra</li><li>▶ Green mass transport system for Agra</li></ul> |  |

serve the Taj Mahal and protect it from all kinds of pollution, be it air or water," water resources minister Nitin Gadkari said. The SC had last week expressed concern over pollution impacting the monument, noting slackness on part of the central and UP governments. "We are sad over the Supreme Court's observations. We, perhaps,

couldn't tell the court as to what all we have already done and what all we have been doing. We'll inform the court about all this in our affidavit," Gadkari said.

"Hazardous industries will be closed down. But industries which can abate pollution by making certain changes will be allowed to work," he said.