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# Indoor air pollution could impact creative potential of occupants, study finds

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New Delhi, Dec 19 (PTI) Indoor air quality at offices could negatively impact the creativity of workers, according to a new study.

Researchers at the Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore, found that the 87 study participants, all undergraduate and postgraduate students, produced creative output with lower scores when there were high indoor levels of volatile organic compounds, including gases released from products such as detergents, perfumes and paint.

They further found that lowering total volatile organic compounds (TVOC) levels in a room by 72 per cent could improve a student's creative potential by 12 per cent. They have published their findings in the journal Scientific Reports.

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