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Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa has asked people to celebrate Deepavali in a "simple manner" and refrain from bursting firecrackers in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. He advised people to use only "green crackers" instead.

While he, earlier in the day, told presspersons that the government would "ban" bursting firecrackers, a communique from his office later did not announce a blanket ban.

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It said that several suggestions had been made banning sale and use of firecrackers. "Government has taken several measures to stem the spread of COVID-19. In this context, it is not appropriate to celebrate Deepavali in a simple manner in the interest of public, particularly children," it said. The CM urged people to use only green crackers. The Health and Family Welfare Department and a panel of experts on COVID-19 had suggested a ban on firecrackers in the light of the pandemic. Health Minister D. Sudhakar said that a final decision on the issue would be taken by the Chief Minister.

Delhi, Odisha, and Rajasthan have banned use of firecrackers. The National Green Tribunal has already expanded the jurisdiction of hearing cases on pollution by use of firecracker in the Delhi-NCR region and issued notices to 14 States, including Karnataka, and the Union Territories where air quality is beyond norms.