

# Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas

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- CAQM holds an emergency meeting in an effort to maintain AQI in the moderate category
- At 4 PM the AQI of Delhi was in the 'Poor' Category as per the CPCB Bulletin
- The Sub-Committee of CAQM implements Stage I of GRAP in entire NCR keeping in view today's AQI of Delhi
- All actions as envisaged under Stage I of the GRAP - 'POOR' Air Quality, be implemented in right earnest by all the agencies concerned, with immediate effect in the NCR
- CAQM advises citizens to cooperate in implementing the steps mentioned in Citizen Charter of Stage 1 of GRAP
- Agencies responsible for implementing measures under GRAP and Pollution Control Boards (PCBs) of NCR and DPCC communicated to ensure a successful implementation of actions under GRAP during this period
- The GRAP document can be easily accessed from the Commission's website, i.e., [www.caqm.nic.in](http://www.caqm.nic.in)

NEW DELHI:

Initiating the necessary call against the menace of air pollution and following the schedule of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP), the Sub-Committee of the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR & Adjoining Areas (CAQM) constituted for invoking actions under the GRAP in its meeting held today comprehensively reviewed the air quality scenario in the region as well as the forecasts for meteorological conditions and air quality index made available by IMD/IITM. It was noted that there has been a sudden dip in air quality parameters in the last 24 hours in the region which led to the AQI for Delhi moving into the "POOR" category. While this is likely to be a localized influence and the forecasts do

not predict any further deterioration, therefore in an effort to maintain the AQI of Delhi in the moderate category, as a precautionary measure, the sub-committee in today's meeting took the call that all actions as envisaged under Stage I of the GRAP - 'POOR' Air Quality (DELHI AQI ranging between 201-300), be implemented in right earnest by all the agencies concerned, with immediate effect in the NCR. Various agencies responsible for implementing measures under GRAP and Pollution Control Boards (PCBs) of NCR and DPCC have been communicated to ensure a successful implementation of actions of Stage I under GRAP during this period.

Today at 4 PM, Delhi's AQI was reported to be in the 200 range as per the daily AQI Bulletin of Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB). As a precautionary step to improve the air quality of NCR and shift the AQI back to 'Moderate' category, the Sub-Committee of the Commission held a crucial meeting to enforce Stage I of GRAP. Further, the Sub-Committee also appealed to the citizens of NCR to cooperate in implementing GRAP and follow the steps mentioned in the Citizen Charter of Stage I of GRAP. Citizens are advised to:

- Keep engines of your vehicles viz. cars/ bikes/ scooters etc. properly tuned.
- Maintain proper air pressure in tyres of vehicles
- Keep PUC certificates of their vehicles up to date.
- Not idle your vehicle, also turn off the engine at red lights.
- Not dispose waste /garbage in the open spaces.
- Report air pollution activities through 311 App, Green Delhi App, SAMEER App etc.

Apart from that, a 24-point action plan as per Stage 1 of GRAP is applicable with immediate effect from today in the entire NCR. This 24-point action plan includes steps to be implemented/ ensured by different agencies and Pollution Control Boards of NCR and DPCC. These steps are:

1. **Stop C&D activities in respect of such projects with plot size equal to or more than 500 sqm which have still not registered on the respective 'web portals' of the state Government of Uttar Pradesh & Haryana and GNCTD.**
2. Ensure proper implementation of guidelines on dust mitigation measures and sound environmental management of Construction and Demolition (C&D) wastes.
3. Ensure regular lifting of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW), Construction & Demolition (C&D) waste, and Hazardous wastes from dedicated dump sites and ensure that no waste is dumped illegally on open land
4. Carry out periodic mechanized sweeping and/ or water sprinkling on roads and ensure disposal of dust collected in designated sites/landfills.

5. Ensure that C&D materials & waste are properly contained, covered and stored within the premises, and construction & Demolition waste is recycled at the processing facility.
6. Enforce guidelines for use of anti-smog guns at construction sites
7. Stringently enforce prohibition on open burning of biomass and municipal solid waste. Impose heavy fine upon violation.
8. Strict vigil to ensure that there are no burning incidents in the landfill sites / dumpsites.
9. Deploy traffic police for smooth traffic flow at all identified corridors with heavy traffic and congestion prone intersections.
10. Strict vigilance and enforcement of PUC norms
11. No tolerance for visible emissions - Stop plying visibly polluting vehicles by impounding and / or levying maximum penalty.
12. Strictly enforce Supreme Court order on diversion of non- destined truck traffic.
13. Ensure strict penal/ legal action against non-compliant and illegal industrial units.
14. Ensure that only approved fuel is used by industries and stringent action is taken against violations.
15. Stringently enforce all pollution control regulations in brick kilns and Industries.
16. Stringently enforce emission norms in thermal power plants and strict actions be taken against non-compliance.
17. Ensure fly ash ponds are watered every alternate day during summer months (March- May).
18. Strictly enforce Hon'ble Courts / Tribunal orders regarding ban on firecrackers
19. Ensure regular lifting and proper disposal of industrial waste from industrial and non-development areas
20. DISCOMs to minimise power supply interruptions in NCR.
21. Ensure that diesel generator sets are not used as regular source of power supply.
22. Information dissemination including through social media, mobile Apps should be used to inform people about the pollution levels, contact details of control room, enable them to report polluting activities / sources to the concerned authorities and actions that will be taken by Government based on the level of Pollution.
23. Ensure quick actions for redressal of complaints on 311 APP, Green Delhi App, SAMEER App and other such social media platforms to curb polluting activities.
24. Encourage offices to start unified commute for employs to reduce traffic on road.

Further, the detailed revised schedule of Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) is available on the Commission's website and can be accessed via [www.caqm.nic.in](http://www.caqm.nic.in)

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