

Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas

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PRESS RELEASE

CAQM comprehensively reviewed sector specific enforcement actions taken by the concerned NCR State Governments/ GNCTD to abate air pollution in the region, during the 23rd meeting of the Sub-Committee on Safeguarding & Enforcement held on Friday;

NEW DELHI:

In order to ensure strict enforcement of measures to control air pollution in the National Capital Region (NCR) especially during the current period of Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) in-force, the Sub-Committee on Safeguarding & Enforcement of the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (CAQM) held a meeting on 12th December 2025, to monitor and review status of sector specific enforcement actions taken by the concerned NCR State Governments/ GNCTD to abate air pollution in the NCR.

After a detailed review, following observations were made and directions were given by the Commission to NCR State Governments/ GNCTD:

For GNCTD:

- **Observations:** GNCTD needs to effectively tackle traffic congestion at various hotspots, road dust, disposal of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) and its burning.
- **Directions given by the Commission to GNCTD:**
 1. To convene focused monthly meeting(s) on de-congestion of identified hotspots.
 2. Vacuuming road dust which contributes to PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀ in the region.
 3. Proper collection and disposal of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) should be done by the MCD and NDMC.
 4. Intensified night patrolling shall be carried out for MSW and Biomass burning.
 5. Intensify enforcement through Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras at fuel stations.

For NCR Districts of Haryana:

- **Observations:** Haryana's performance has not been observed adequate regarding tackling traffic congestion at various hotspots, road dust, disposal of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW).

➤ **Directions given by the Commission for Haryana:**

1. Enlist participation of various agencies and departments.
2. They should have dedicated teams for incognito/ surprise inspections across various sectors contributing towards air pollution.
3. MCG should strengthen its mechanism for identifying hotspots and work towards traffic de-congestion across Gurugram. A more rigorous approach needs to be followed by the agency for tackling vehicular pollution.
4. Intensified night patrolling shall be carried out for MSW and Biomass burning.
5. Intensify enforcement through installation of Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras at fuel stations.

For NCR Districts of Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan:

- **Observations and directions by the Commission for NCR Districts of Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan:** NCR Districts of Uttar Pradesh exhibited comparatively satisfactory performance towards abatement of air pollution in the region, however, it must establish and comply the timelines committed for focused action(s), especially for vehicular sector. A clear deadline of 31st December 2025 is given for development of the Web Portal for Vehicle Aggregators, Delivery Service Providers and E-Commerce entities for both NCR Districts of Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan. Along with this, Rajasthan needs to notify its Policy for Vehicle Aggregators, Delivery Service Providers and E-Commerce entities for monitoring, by 31st December 2025. In case of any negligence, concerned Officials shall be held accountable and the same may attract action under Section 14 of the CAQM Act.

The Committee underscored the need to increasingly adopt AI-driven and other advanced technological solutions to improve surveillance, monitoring, analytics, and for effective abatement towards air pollution mitigation to all NCR States and GNCTD.

Air quality in Delhi-NCR, especially during the winter season requires unified and collective efforts by all the concerned agencies and demands sustained action with sector-wise intervention.

It was committed at the meeting by all implementing agencies that they will regularly review air pollution control measures and take strict and effective action(s) across various sectors contributing towards air pollution in Delhi-NCR.
