Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas

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PRESS RELEASE

CAQM Revokes GRAP III in Delhi NCR, Moves to GRAP II as AQI improves

- **GRAP Stage-III was invoked by the CAQM Sub-Committee on GRAP on 06th November 2026, in view of deterioration of AQI of Delhi;**
- **Today, Delhi's average AQI of the day clocked 204 (Poor), as per the daily AQI Bulletin provided by CPCB, indicating improving trend;**
- **CAQM Sub-Committee on GRAP met today in view of improvement in the air quality of Delhi-NCR;**
- **All actions under Stages I & II of the extant schedule of GRAP (September 2026) and restrictions already announced for period from 05th to 20th November vide Commission's order dated 30th October 2026 shall remain in force in Delhi NCR;**
- **All agencies responsible for implementation of various actions listed under Stages I & II of the extant GRAP shall strictly implement the provisions and citizens are advised to follow the charter of GRAP under Stages I & II;**
- **The Sub-Committee shall be keeping a close watch on the situation and will review the air quality scenario from time to time for further appropriate decision depending upon the air quality in Delhi and forecasts made by IMD/IITM;**
- **The extant GRAP schedule (September 2026) can be accessed from the Commission's website, i.e., https://caqm.nic.in/FileUploadDomain/WebsiteDocument/GRAP/GRAP%20Schedule/01fcdebf-83e1-4cfe-bc0c-d0b1470a4d4e.pdf**

NEW DELHI:

The Sub-Committee on Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) of the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (CAQM) today decided to revoke GRAP STAGE III vide its order dated 17th November 2026.

Noting an improving trend in the AQI of Delhi, the CAQM Sub-Committee on GRAP met today to review the current air quality scenario in the region as well as forecasts for meteorological conditions and air quality index made available by IMD/ IITM.

While comprehensively reviewing the overall air quality parameters of Delhi-NCR, the Sub-Committee observed as under:

"The AQI of Delhi has been showing improving trend and recorded as 204 today i.e. on 17.11.2026. Forecast by IMD/IITM indicates that AQI is likely to remain in "Poor/ Very Poor" category in coming days."

The Sub-Committee, accordingly, decides to **revoke its order dated 06.11.2026**, for invoking actions under **Stage-III ('Severe' Air Quality)** of extant Schedule of GRAP, with immediate effect.

The Commission order dated 30.10.2026 restricting the dust generating demolition and outdoor construction activities in the entire NCR barring exempted projects and directing **State Government and private offices to operate with upto 50% of the staff strength** attending physically in the NCT of Delhi and nearby districts as per para 6(i) and 6(ii) of the order respectively for the period 5th November to 20th November **shall, however, continue to remain in force** (as available on CAQM website i.e. caqm.nic.in). Agencies shall keep strict vigil and especially intensify measures under Stages I & II of the extant schedule of GRAP to obviate the need for re-imposition of Stage-III of extant GRAP in NCR.

The Sub-Committee also urged citizens to adhere to the following specific steps listed in Citizen Charter of Stage-I along with Stage-II of GRAP and assist in effective implementation of the GRAP measures aimed towards sustaining and improving air quality in the region, as under:

- Check AQI from SAMEER App and stage of GRAP in force from CAQM website.
- Keep engines of your vehicles properly tuned.
- Maintain proper tyre pressure in vehicles.
- Keep PUC certificates of your vehicles up to date.
- Do not idle your vehicle, also turn off the engine at red lights.
- Do not ply end-of-life / visibly polluting diesel or petrol vehicles.
- Prefer public transport or pooling of vehicles for commuting and minimize use of personal vehicles.
- Prefer EVs to control vehicular pollution.
- Ensure segregation and proper disposal of municipal solid waste.
- Do not litter / dispose waste, garbage in open spaces.
- Ensure disposal of waste only in designated collection points provided by municipal authorities, especially in markets and public places.
- Ensure immediate removal of C&D waste and compliances of dust mitigation measures.
- Plant more trees and cover open spaces with grass and shrubs.
- Avoid using DG sets except for essential activities.
- Celebrate festivals in an eco-friendly manner – avoid firecrackers.
- Report air polluting activities through 311 App, Green Delhi App, SAMEER App etc.
- Participate in Information Education and Communication (IEC) activities and spread awareness about air pollution mitigation measures among fellow citizens through various means including social media channels.
- Use technology and take less congested route even if slightly longer.
- Ensure proper parking, lane driving and clearance to pedestrian footpaths.
- Regularly replace air filters at recommended intervals in your vehicles.
- Avoid dust generating construction activities during the months of October to January.
- Ensure cleaning of kitchen chimney filters at regular intervals.

- Avoid outdoor smoke generating cooking and heating activities in residential areas and public spaces.
- Avoid accumulation and open burning of solid waste and biomass.
- People, whose positions allow working from home, may work from home

The Commission is closely monitoring the situation and will review the air quality scenario on a regular basis in the coming days. The extant GRAP order is available on the Commission's official website and may be accessed via:

https://caqm.nic.in/FileUploadDomain/WebsiteDocument/GRAP/GRAP%20Orders/b91570de-8cc1-4735-8879-28f2bc1550f2.pdf

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