Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas

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PRESS RELEASE

CAQM Invokes GRAP III in Delhi NCR

- **Delhi's average AQI has been on an increasing trend and as per the Daily AQI Bulletin by CPCB, Delhi recorded a daily average AQI of 382 on 06th November 2026 i.e. 'Very Poor' category;**
- **CAQM Sub-Committee for operationalization of GRAP took stock of the current air quality scenario and air quality forecast made available by IMD/ IITM at the meeting held today;**
- **As per the air quality forecast provided by IMD/ IITM, Delhi's overall air quality is likely to stay in 'Severe' category in the coming days;**
- **The Sub-Committee unanimously decided to invoke the action plan as per Stage-III of the extant GRAP in the entire NCR with immediate effect;**
- **All actions as envisaged under Stage-III of the extant, be implemented strictly by all the agencies concerned in NCR with immediate effect, in addition to all Stage-I & Stage-II actions of GRAP already in force;**
- **CAQM urges citizens to follow the specific steps listed in the Citizen Charter of Stage-III along with those in Stage-I & Stage-II of GRAP;**
- **CAQM is closely monitoring the situation and will review the air quality scenario on a regular basis in the coming days;**
- **The extant GRAP document may be accessed from the Commission's official website: https://caqm.nic.in/FileUploadDomain/WebsiteDocument/GRAP/GRAP%20Schedule/01fcdebf-83e1-4cfe-bc0c-d0b1470a4d4e.pdf**

NEW DELHI:

Today, Delhi recorded a daily average Air Quality Index (AQI) of **382** i.e. **'Very Poor'** category, as per the daily AQI Bulletin provided by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) on 06th November 2026.

The Sub-Committee on GRAP in its meeting held today i.e. 06th November 2026 further reviewed the air quality scenario in the region, as well as the IMD/IITM forecasts and air quality index of Delhi comprehensively and observed as under:

> *"The AQI of Delhi has been recorded as 382 ('Very Poor' Category) for 06.11.2026, due to poor dispersion of pollutants on account of unfavourable meteorological conditions. Forecast by IMD/ IITM indicates AQI to slip into 'Severe' category in coming days."*

In an effort to prevent further deterioration of air quality, the CAQM Sub-Committee on GRAP has taken the call to invoke the action plan as per Stage-III of the extant GRAP in the entire NCR. All actions as envisaged under Stage-III of the extant GRAP, be implemented with immediate effect in right earnest by all the agencies concerned in NCR, in addition to all Stage-I & Stage-II actions of GRAP already in force. Further, agencies responsible for implementing measures under GRAP including Pollution Control Boards (PCBs) of NCR States and DPCC have been advised to ensure strict implementation of actions under Stage-III of GRAP in addition to actions under Stage-I & Stage-II of GRAP during this period.

The action plan **as per Stage-III of extant GRAP** is applicable with immediate effect in the entire NCR, **in addition to all Stage-I & Stage-II actions of GRAP** already in force. This action plan includes steps to be implemented/ ensured by various agencies including Pollution Control Boards of NCR States and DPCC.

The Sub-Committee also urges citizens to adhere to the following specific steps listed in Citizen Charter of Stage-III along with Stage-I & 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:

- Walk or use cycles for small distances.
- Choose a cleaner transport mode to commute.
- Combine short journeys and reduce trips.
- Postpone private gatherings that increase traffic and outdoor exposure.
- Do not use coal and wood for heating purpose.
- House owners may also provide electric heaters to security/other staff employed by them to avoid open burning of biomass / wood / MSW.
- Follow hybrid mode for primary schools and work-from-home when instructed.

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/e93ab81c-af66-4c41-a6b1-41bdd4a8ff28.pdf

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