

Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas

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- The improving trend in the overall air quality of Delhi-NCR continues as Delhi registers its lowest monthly average AQI (Air Quality Index) for September during current year i.e. 2026, as compared to the corresponding period of last 05 years from 2022 to 2026;
- The monthly average AQI of Delhi for September during the current year has been recorded as 102 as against 105 in 2025, 105 in 2024, 108 in 2023 and 104 in 2022 respectively;
- The period (January - September) in 2026 witnessed the highest number of days with daily average AQI less than 200 ('Moderate' category) during last 05 years, i.e. 194 such days in 2026, as against 187 days in 2025, 188 days in 2024, 193 days in 2023 and 146 days in 2022;
- The period (January - September) in 2026 also witnessed the lowest 'Poor to Severe+' days during last 05 years, i.e. 79 days in 2026, 86 days in 2025, 86 days in 2024, 80 days in 2023 and 127 days in 2022 respectively;
- The period from January - September (upto 28th September) has seen the lowest levels of PM_{2.5} concentration in Delhi compared to the corresponding period since 2022; Delhi has witnessed PM_{2.5} average of 69 µg/m³ in the current year as against 69 in 2025, 81 in 2024, 73 in 2023 and 80 in 2022, respectively;
- CAQM is working closely with various stakeholders concerned to take effective measures for prevention, control and abatement of air pollution and to improve the air quality in Delhi-NCR and efforts would be intensified with an endeavour to further improve upon the air quality scenario in Delhi-NCR in the coming days.
