

# Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas

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- The CAQM Sub-Committee for invoking actions under GRAP holds a emergency meeting in wake of unfavourable meteorological conditions deteriorating the air quality of NCR
- As per the dynamic model and weather/ meteorological forecast, the overall air quality over Delhi is likely to be in 'Severe+'/ 'Severe' category in next couple of days
- The GRAP Sub-Committee accordingly decides to implement Stage IV of GRAP in entire NCR in a move to prevent adverse deterioration of air quality in NCR,
- Next comprehensive review to be held on 06.11.2022, further appropriate decision on GRAP measures to be taken based on air quality forecast
- All actions as envisaged under Stage IV of the GRAP - 'Severe+' Air Quality, to be implemented in right earnest by all the agencies concerned, with immediate effect in the NCR
- Stage IV - 'Severe+' Air Quality to primarily focus on vehicle restrictions including entry of commercial trucks into Delhi, diesel commercial vehicles for intra-Delhi movements and non-BS VI passenger vans, LMVs in Delhi
- Due to unfavorable meteorological conditions with slower wind speed and rising farm fire incidents, implementation of Stage IV of GRAP acts as a precautionary step to avoid further deterioration of air quality in NCR
- CAQM advises citizens to cooperate and follow the Citizen Charter under GRAP
- Agencies responsible for implementing measures under GRAP and Pollution Control Boards (PCBs) of NCR and DPCC advised to ensure strict implementation of actions under GRAP during this period
- The detailed GRAP document can be easily accessed from the Commission's website, i.e., [caqm.nic.in](http://caqm.nic.in)

## NEW DELHI:

In wake of unfavourable meteorological conditions anticipated to deteriorate the air quality of the National Capital Region in the coming days, the Sub-Committee for invoking actions under the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) of the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR & Adjoining Areas (CAQM) held a meeting today to take the call for further intensified actions required to be implemented by all concerned in the Delhi-NCR. The Commission while comprehensively reviewing the overall air quality parameters during the meeting noted that due to unfavorable meteorological conditions with slower wind speed and rising farm fire incidents, it is considered necessary to implement Stage IV of GRAP with immediate effect as a precautionary step to avoid further deterioration of overall air quality in the NCR. Next comprehensive review to be held on 06.11.2022, and further appropriate decision on GRAP measures to be taken based on the air quality forecast and other meteorological parameters.

As per the dynamic model and weather/ meteorological forecast, the overall air quality over Delhi is likely to remain in 'Severe'/ 'Severe+' category from 03.11.2022 to 05.11.2022.

The Sub-committee exhaustively reviewed the air quality scenario in the region and noted that the air quality parameters are likely to dip in the coming days and in an effort to avoid further deterioration of air quality in the region, the Sub-Committee today has taken the call to invoke all actions as envisaged under Stage IV of the GRAP - 'Severe+' Air Quality (DELHI AQI > 450), today with immediate effect in the entire NCR. This is in addition to the restrictive actions mentioned in Stage I, Stage II and Stage III of GRAP. Stage IV - 'Severe+' Air Quality to primarily focus on vehicle restrictions including entry of commercial trucks into Delhi, diesel commercial vehicles for intra-Delhi movements and non-BS VI passenger vans, LMVs in Delhi. Various agencies responsible for implementing measures under GRAP and Pollution Control Boards (PCBs) of NCR and DPCC have also been advised to ensure strict implementation of actions of Stage IV under GRAP during this period.

Further, the CAQM appeals to the citizens of NCR to cooperate in implementing GRAP and follow the steps mentioned in the Citizen Charter under GRAP. Citizens are advised to:

- Children, elderly and those with respiratory, cardiovascular, cerebrovascular or other chronic diseases to avoid outdoor activities and stay indoors, as much as possible.

Apart from that, 8-point action plan as per Stage IV of GRAP is applicable with immediate effect from today in the entire NCR in addition to steps mentioned in Stage

I, II and III. This 8-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 entry of truck traffic into Delhi (except for trucks carrying essential commodities/ providing essential services and all CNG / electric trucks).
2. Ban on plying of Delhi registered diesel operated Medium Goods Vehicles (MGV) and Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV) in Delhi, except those carrying essential commodities/ providing essential services.
3. Ban on plying of 4-wheeler diesel LMVs in NCT of Delhi and Districts of NCR bordering Delhi, except BS-VI vehicles and vehicles used for essential / emergency services.
4. Close down all industries in NCR, even in areas which do not have PNG infrastructure and supply but still running on fuels, other than the fuels as per the Standard list of approved fuels for NCR.

**Note:** Industries like milk & dairy units and those involved in manufacturing of life saving medical equipment/ devices, drugs and medicines shall however be exempted from the above restrictions.

5. Ban C&D activities in linear public projects such as highways, roads, flyovers, over bridges, power transmission, pipelines etc.
6. NCR State Governments / GNCTD to decide on allowing public, municipal and private offices to work on 50% strength and the rest to work from home.
7. Central Government may take a decision on permitting work from home for central government offices.
8. State Governments may consider additional emergency measures like closure of schools/ colleges/ educational institutions, closure of non-emergency commercial activities and plying of vehicles on odd-even basis etc.

The revised schedule of GRAP is available on the Commission's website and can be accessed via [caqm.nic.in](http://caqm.nic.in)

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