

Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas

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- Aided by favourable meteorological conditions and efforts by different stakeholders, the month of May 2025 witnesses the best average AQI (Air Quality Index) in Delhi, since 2018, at 170 i.e. 'Moderate' category, (barring the lockdowns and restrictive COVID years 2020 and 2021) - The average AQI for the month of May was 217 in 2018, 221 in 2019, 212 in 2022, 171 in 2023 and 223 in 2024 respectively;
- The average AQI of Delhi for the period January-May has also witnessed a significant improvement over the years, recording an average value of 214 in the current year as against 231 in 2024; 213 in 2023; 238 in 2022; 235 in 2021;
- This period (January - May) in 2025 did not witness even a single day with average AQI more than 400. There were 03, 07, 02, 05, 01, 03 and 03 such days during the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 respectively;
- The period from January - May has seen the lowest levels of PM_{2.5} concentration in Delhi compared to the corresponding period since 2018 (barring 2020 - the year of lockdown due to Covid); Delhi witnessed PM_{2.5} running average of 95 µg/m³ in the current year as against 111 in 2024, 101 in 2023, 110 in 2022, 117 in 2021, 116 in 2019 and 119 in 2018 respectively;
- Likewise, the period January - May also witnessed the lowest levels of PM₁₀ concentration in Delhi, recording a running average of 208 µg/m³ in the current year as against 234 in 2024, 216 in 2023, 244 in 2022, 241 in 2021, 241 in 2019 and 256 in 2018;
- 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 in an endeavour to further improve upon the air quality scenario in Delhi in the coming days;
