

Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas

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PRESS RELEASE

- Actions under Stage-I of GRAP are in place in the entire NCR since 15.10.2024;
- Today, Delhi's AQI of the day clocked 156, as per the daily AQI Bulletin provided by CPCB, clearly indicating a downward trend;
- CAQM Sub-Committee for GRAP met today in view of significant and sustained improvement in the overall air quality of Delhi over the past few days, clocking a daily avg. AQI of below 200 i.e., "Moderate" air quality range;
- The dynamic model and forecasts for meteorological conditions and air quality index by IMD/ IITM also indicate the overall AQI of Delhi to stay in 'Moderate' category in the coming days;
- Keeping in view this trend of improvement in the overall AQI of Delhi, the GRAP Sub-Committee unanimously decides to withdraw Stage-I of the extant schedule of GRAP in the entire NCR, with immediate effect;
- All the agencies of the concerned State Govts./GNCTD in the NCR to ensure that all statutory directions, advisories, orders etc. issued by the Commission are followed and implemented in right earnest, in an effort to sustain the better AQI levels as being experienced currently and not to let the air quality slip to the "Poor" category;
- Rules / regulations / guidelines issued by MoEF&CC and CPCB and related instructions/ guidelines issued by the respective State Govts. / GNCTD and Pollution Control Boards / DPCC across all contributing sectors to also be followed strictly;
- All agencies concerned to take note of various actions and the targeted timelines as envisaged in the comprehensive policy issued by the Commission to curb air pollution in NCR and take appropriate actions accordingly in the field, particularly the dust mitigation measures for C&D activities and Roads/ Open areas, which would become a pre-dominant factor in the coming months determining the air quality in Delhi-NCR;

- **CAQM is keeping a close watch on the air quality scenario and will review the air quality scenario accordingly**

NEW DELHI:

Today, Delhi's Air Quality Index (AQI) of the day clocked 156 as per the daily AQI Bulletin provided by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB). In view of significant and sustained improvement in the overall AQI of Delhi over past few days and also considering the meteorological/ weather forecasts by IITM/ IMD, the Sub-Committee on Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) of the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (CAQM) met today to review the current air quality scenario in the region and accordingly take an appropriate decision on the actions under Stage-I of GRAP in place in the entire National Capital Region (NCR) since 15.10.2024. While comprehensively reviewing the overall air quality parameters of Delhi-NCR and other aspects, the Sub-Committee observed as under:

- *AQI of Delhi has improved considerably in last few days due to the favorable meteorological conditions prevailing in Delhi-NCR, increased mixing height and higher ventilation coefficient. The AQI of Delhi has been recorded as 156 for 03.03.2025 (in 'Moderate' category). Further, the forecast by IMD/IITM also predict the AQI to mainly remain in 'Moderate' category in coming days due to higher wind speeds and favourable meteorological conditions.*

Therefore, keeping in view this trend of improvement in the overall AQI of Delhi and also the forecasts by IMD/ IITM indicating the average air quality of Delhi to stay in 'Moderate' category in the coming days (for which forecast is available), the CAQM Sub-Committee on GRAP unanimously decided to revoke Stage-I of the extant schedule of GRAP in the entire NCR, with immediate effect.

All the agencies of the concerned State Govts./GNCTD in the NCR, in an effort to sustain the better AQI levels as being experienced currently and not to let the air quality slip to the "Poor" category, however need to ensure that all statutory directions, advisories, orders etc. issued by the Commission are followed and implemented in right earnest, including the rules/ regulations/ guidelines issued by MoEFCC and the Central Pollution Control Board and related instructions/ guidelines issued by the respective State Govts./GNCTD and Pollution Control Boards/ DPCC, across all contributing sectors.

In this context, all the agencies concerned are also required to take note of various actions and the targeted timelines as envisaged in the comprehensive policy issued by the Commission to curb air pollution in the NCR and take appropriate actions

accordingly in the field, particularly the dust mitigation measures for C&D activities & Roads/Open areas, which would become a pre-dominant factor in the coming months determining the air quality in Delhi-NCR.

The Sub-Committee, shall be keeping a close watch on the air quality scenario and review the situation from time to time for further appropriate decision depending upon the air quality in Delhi and forecast made by IMD/IITM.
