

Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas

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PRESS RELEASE

- GRAP Stage-II was invoked by the CAQM Sub-Committee on GRAP on 19.10.2025, in view of deterioration of AQI of Delhi;
- Today, Delhi's average AQI of the day clocked 214 ('Poor' category), as per the daily AQI Bulletin provided by CPCB, clearly indicating a downward trend;
- CAQM Sub-Committee on GRAP met today in view of improvement in the air quality of Delhi-NCR;
- As per the dynamic model and forecasts for meteorological conditions and air quality index made available by IMD/ IITM, the average AQI of Delhi is likely to remain in 'Poor' to 'Moderate' category in the coming days;
- Keeping in view the trend of improvement in the average AQI of Delhi, the GRAP Sub-Committee unanimously decides to revoke Stage-II of the extant schedule of GRAP in the entire NCR, with immediate effect;
- All actions under Stage-I of the extant schedule of GRAP (November 2025) shall however remain invoked and be implemented, intensified, monitored and reviewed by all agencies concerned in the entire NCR to ensure that the AQI levels do not rise further in the coming days;
- All agencies responsible for implementation of various actions listed under Stage-I of the extant GRAP shall strictly implement the provisions and citizens are advised to follow the charter of GRAP under Stage-I to obviate the need for re-imposition of Stage-II of extant GRAP in NCR;
- The Sub-Committee shall be keeping a close watch on the situation and will review the air quality scenario from time to time for further appropriate decision depending upon the air quality in Delhi and forecast made by IMD/ IITM;
- The extant GRAP schedule (November 2025) can be accessed from the Commission's website, i.e., <https://caqm.nic.in/>

NEW DELHI:

The Sub-Committee on Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) of the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (CAQM) vide its order dated

19.10.2025, invoked Stage-II of extant GRAP when the average AQI of Delhi started to exhibit an increasing trend.

Delhi's daily average AQI has been showing a downward trend as it recorded 261 on 16.02.2026, which improved to 249 on 17.02.2026 (yesterday) and further improved to 214 today, as per the AQI Bulletin provided by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB). Noting a downward trend in the AQI of Delhi, the CAQM Sub-Committee on GRAP met today to review the current air quality scenario in the region as well as forecasts for meteorological conditions and air quality index made available by IMD/ IITM and accordingly took an appropriate call on the preventive/ restrictive actions under Stage-II of extant GRAP in place in the entire National Capital Region (NCR) since 19.10.2025.

While comprehensively reviewing the overall air quality parameters of Delhi-NCR, the Sub-Committee observed as under:

- *The AQI of Delhi has shown improvement owing to favourable meteorological conditions and has been recorded 214 at 4:00 PM today i.e. on 18.02.2026. Further, the forecast by IMD/ IITM indicates that AQI is likely to remain in 'Poor'/'Moderate' category in coming days.*

Therefore, keeping in view the trend of improvement in the average AQI of Delhi and also the forecasts by IMD/ IITM indicating the likelihood of the average AQI of Delhi to stay in 'Poor' to 'Moderate' category in the coming days, the CAQM Sub-Committee on GRAP today unanimously decided to revoke all actions under Stage-II of the extant schedule of GRAP in the entire NCR, with immediate effect.

Further, all actions under Stage-I of the GRAP shall, however, remain invoked and be implemented, monitored and reviewed by all the agencies concerned, as listed in the extant GRAP, in the entire NCR to ensure that the AQI levels do not deteriorate further. All implementing agencies shall keep strict vigil and especially intensify measures under Stage-I of extant schedule of GRAP.

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.

The extant schedule of GRAP (November 2025) is available on the Commission's website, i.e., <https://caqm.nic.in/>
