



राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र और निकटवर्ती क्षेत्र  
वायु गुणवत्ता प्रबंधन आयोग  
Commission for Air Quality Management in  
National Capital Region and  
Adjoining Areas



No.120017/27/GRAP/2021/CAQM

Dated: 17.11.2024

**ORDER**

**Sub.: Implementation of Actions under stage-IV ('Severe+' Air Quality) of revised Graded Response Action Plan in Delhi-NCR- steps to be taken.**

The Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and adjoining areas, vide Direction No. 83 dated 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2024, issued statutory direction for implementation of the revised schedule of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP), available on the CAQM website (caqm.nic.in), as and when orders under GRAP are invoked.

The Sub-Committee for invoking actions under the GRAP in its earlier meetings held, had invoked actions under Stage-I, Stage-II and Stage-III of the GRAP on 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2024, 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2024 and 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2024.

The Sub-Committee in its urgent meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 further reviewed the air quality scenario in the region as well as the forecasts for meteorological conditions and air quality index of Delhi made available by IMD/IITM.

The Sub-Committee observed that the AQI of Delhi was recorded at 441 (Severe) at 4:00 P.M on 17.11.2024 (today) and has been gradually increasing further and has already reached Severe+ category, as the AQI clocked 447, 452 and 457 at 5:00 PM, 6:00 PM and 7:00 PM respectively. Further, the average AQI for Delhi is expected to remain in this adverse range owing to heavy fog, variable winds, highly unfavorable meteorological and climatic conditions. Forecasts from IMD/IITM also indicate a likelihood of the AQI of Delhi to particularly remain in higher end of "SEVERE"/"SEVERE+" category in the coming days, owing to unfavorable climatic conditions.

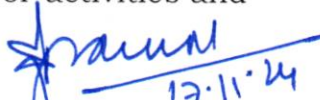
Therefore, in an effort to prevent further deterioration of the air quality, the Sub-Committee decided that **ALL actions** as envisaged **under Stage IV of the GRAP –'Severe+' Air Quality (DELHI AQI>450)** be implemented in right earnest by all the agencies concerned in the NCR, **in addition to the Stage-I, II and III actions already in force, from 8:00 A.M. of 18.11.2024 in the National Capital Region (NCR).**

These include:

1. Stop entry of truck traffic into Delhi (except for trucks carrying essential commodities/ providing essential services). All LNG/ CNG / Electric/ BS-VI Diesel trucks) shall, however, be permitted to enter Delhi.
2. Do not permit LCVs registered outside Delhi, other than EVs / CNG / BS-VI diesel, to enter Delhi, except those carrying essential commodities / providing essential services.
3. Enforce strict ban on plying of Delhi - registered BS-IV and below diesel operated Medium Goods Vehicles (MGVs) and Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) in Delhi, except those carrying essential commodities / providing essential services.
4. Ban C&D activities, as in the GRAP Stage-III, also for linear public projects such as highways, roads, flyovers, overbridges, power transmission, pipelines, tele-communication etc.
5. NCR State Govts. and GNCTD may take a decision on discontinuing physical classes even for classes VI – IX, class XI and conduct lessons in an online mode.
6. NCR State Governments / GNCTD to take a decision on allowing public, municipal and private offices to work on 50% strength and the rest to work from home.
7. Central Government may take appropriate decision on permitting work from home for employees in central government offices.
8. State Governments may consider additional emergency measures like closure of colleges/ educational institutions and closure of non-emergency commercial activities, permitting running of vehicles on odd-even basis of registration numbers etc.

Further, citizens may be urged to adhere to the citizen charter and assist in effective implementation of the GRAP measures aimed towards sustaining and improving the Air Quality in the Region, in addition to the citizen charter of Stage-I, Stage-II and Stage-III, as under:

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

  
17.11.24  
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