

COMMISSION FOR AIR QUALITY REVIEWS AIR QUALITY SCENARIO IN NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION AND ADJOINING AREAS.

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6. Intensify water sprinkling particularly in dust prone areas
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