

# CAQM HOLDS EMERGENCY MEETING TO ADDRESS DETERIORATING AIR QUALITY IN NCR

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In wake of unfavourable meteorological conditions anticipated to deteriorate the air quality of the National Capital Region in the coming days, the Sub-Committee for invoking actions under the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) of the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR & Adjoining Areas (CAQM) held a meeting today to take the call for further intensified actions required to be implemented by all concerned in the Delhi-NCR. As per the dynamic model and weather/ meteorological forecast, the overall air quality over Delhi is likely to remain in 'Severe'/ 'Severe+' category from 03.11.2022 to 05.11.2022.

The Commission while comprehensively reviewing the overall air quality parameters during the meeting noted that due to unfavorable meteorological conditions with slower wind speed and rising farm fire incidents, it is considered necessary to implement Stage IV of GRAP – 'Severe+' Air Quality (DELHI AQI > 450) with immediate effect as a precautionary step to avoid further deterioration of overall air quality in the NCR.

This is in addition to the restrictive actions mentioned in Stage I, Stage II and Stage III of GRAP. Stage IV – 'Severe+' Air Quality to primarily focus on vehicle restrictions including entry of commercial trucks into Delhi, diesel commercial vehicles for intra-Delhi movements and non—BS VI passenger vans, LMVs in Delhi. Various agencies responsible for implementing measures under GRAP and Pollution Control Boards (PCBs) of NCR and DPCC have also been advised to ensure strict implementation of actions of Stage IV under GRAP during this period.

Further, the CAQM appeals to the citizens of NCR to cooperate in implementing GRAP and follow the steps mentioned in the Citizen Charter under GRAP. Citizens are advised to:

Apart from that, 8-point action plan as per Stage IV of GRAP is applicable with immediate effect from today in the entire NCR in addition to steps mentioned in Stage I, II and III. This 8-point action plan includes steps to be implemented/ ensured by different agencies and Pollution Control Boards of NCR and DPCC. These steps are:

**Note: Industries like milk & dairy units and those involved in manufacturing of life saving medical equipment/ devices, drugs and medicines shall however be exempted from the above restrictions.**

Next comprehensive review to be held on 06.11.2022, and further appropriate decision on GRAP measures to be taken based on the air quality forecast and other meteorological parameters.

The revised schedule of GRAP is available on the Commission's website and can be accessed via [caqm.nic.in](http://caqm.nic.in)

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