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CAQM Revokes GRAP III in Delhi-NCR, Moves to GRAP II as AQI improves

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The Sub-Committee on Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) of the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (CAQM) today decided to revoke GRAP STAGE III vide its order dated 17th November 2026. In view of the improving trend in Delhi's Air Quality Index (AQI), the CAQM Sub-Committee on GRAP met today to review the prevailing air quality scenario in the region. The Sub-Committee also examined the meteorological conditions and air quality forecasts provided by IMD/IITM.

During the review, the Sub-Committee observed that Delhi's AQI has shown an improving trend and was recorded at 204 on 17.11.2026. The IMD/IITM forecast indicates that the AQI is likely to remain in the 'Poor/Very Poor' category in the coming days. The Sub-Committee, accordingly, decided to revoke its order dated 06.11.2026, for invoking actions under Stage-III ('Severe' Air Quality) of extant Schedule of GRAP, with immediate effect.

The Commission order dated 30.10.2026, restricting the dust generating demolition and outdoor construction activities in the entire NCR barring exempted projects would, however, continue to remain in force (as available on caqm.nic.in). The order directed State Government and private offices to operate with upto 50% of the staff strength attending physically in the NCT of Delhi and nearby districts as per para 6(i) and 6(ii) of the order respectively for the period 5th November to 20th November. Agencies would keep strict vigil and especially intensify measures under Stages I & II of the extant schedule of GRAP to obviate the need for re-imposition of Stage-III of extant GRAP in NCR.

The Sub-Committee also urged citizens to adhere to the following specific steps listed in Citizen Charter of Stage-I along with Stage-II of GRAP and assist in effective implementation of the GRAP measures aimed towards sustaining and improving air quality in the region, as under:

- Check AQI from SAMEER App and stage of GRAP in force from CAQM website.
- Keep engines of your vehicles properly tuned.

- Maintain proper tyre pressure in vehicles.
- Keep PUC certificates of your vehicles up to date.
- Do not idle your vehicle, also turn off the engine at red lights.
- Do not ply end-of-life / visibly polluting diesel or petrol vehicles.
- Prefer public transport or pooling of vehicles for commuting and minimize use of personal vehicles.
- Prefer EVs to control vehicular pollution.
- Ensure segregation and proper disposal of municipal solid waste.
- Do not litter / dispose waste, garbage in open spaces.
- Ensure disposal of waste only in designated collection points provided by municipal authorities, especially in markets and public places.
- Ensure immediate removal of C&D waste and compliances of dust mitigation measures.
- Plant more trees and cover open spaces with grass and shrubs.
- Avoid using DG sets except for essential activities.
- Celebrate festivals in an eco-friendly manner – avoid firecrackers.
- Report air polluting activities through 311 App, Green Delhi App, SAMEER App etc.
- Participate in Information Education and Communication (IEC) activities and spread awareness about air pollution mitigation measures among fellow citizens through various means including social media channels.
- Use technology and take less congested route even if slightly longer.
- Ensure proper parking, lane driving and clearance to pedestrian footpaths.
- Regularly replace air filters at recommended intervals in your vehicles.
- Avoid dust generating construction activities during the months of October to January.
- Ensure cleaning of kitchen chimney filters at regular intervals.
- Avoid outdoor smoke generating cooking and heating activities in residential areas and public spaces.
- Avoid accumulation and open burning of solid waste and biomass.
- People, whose positions allow working from home, may work from home

The Commission is closely monitoring the situation and will review the air quality scenario on a regular basis in the coming days. The extant GRAP order is available on the Commission’s official website and may be accessed via:

https://caqm.nic.in/FileUploadDomain/WebsiteDocument/GRAP/GRAP%20Orders/b91570de-8cc1-4735-8879-28f2bc1550f2.pdf

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