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Air quality ranking for cities

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) the air quality ranking for cities in various States and Union Territories and the names of cities that have not met National Air Quality Standards;
- (b) the details of funds allocated and achievement of objectives under National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise; and
- (c) the details of top-10 cities with cleanest air in terms of AQI during the last three years along with their average annual AQI index figure?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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(a) to (c): Government has launched the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) in 2019 as a long-term, time-bound, national-level strategy to address air pollution in 130 cities across 24 States/UTs.

City Specific Clean Air Action Plans have been prepared for all 130 cities under NCAP to implement air quality improvement measures in respective cities to target air pollution sources like soil & road dust, vehicular emissions, waste burning, construction & demolition activities and industrial pollution.

“Swachh Vayu Survekshan” initiative of MoEF&CC is conducted annually to rank 130 cities under NCAP on the basis of implementation of air quality improvement activities in three groups categorised based on population, in line with Swachh Vayu Survekshan Framework. Details of ranking of 130 cities carried out under “Swachh Vayu Survekshan 2025” along with cities that have not met NAAQS for PM₁₀ levels (60 µg/m³) are enclosed at **Annexure-I**.

Out of 130 cities covered under NCAP, 48 Million-Plus Cities/Urban Agglomerations are funded under the XV Finance Commission (XV FC) through its Million-Plus Cities Challenge Fund (MPCCF), while the remaining 82 cities are funded under the Central Sector Scheme (CSS) ‘Control of Pollution’ (CP) of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC). Performance linked grant of ₹ 13,865.52 crore has been released to 130 cities as a critical gap funding to implement air pollution mitigation measures, since 2019-20 to till date.

State-wise and year-wise details of funds released under the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) since 2022-23 under the XV Finance Commission (XVFC) and the Central Sector Scheme 'Control of Pollution' (CP), are provided in **Annexure-II**.

Air Quality Index (AQI) has been classified into Good Days having AQI<200 (Good: 0-50, Satisfactory: 51-100, Moderate: 101-200) and Bad Days having AQI > 201 (Poor: 201-300; Very Poor: 301-400; Severe: 401-500). Top ten cities that have recorded highest number of Good days in the year 2025, 2024 and 2023 are enclosed at the **Annexure-III**.

Ranking of 130 cities carried out under Swachh Vayu Survekshan 2025

Category-I: List of Cities- Population above 10 Lakhs

Sl.No.	City/ Town	Rank
1	Indore	1
2	Jabalpur	2
3	Agra	3
4	Surat	3
5	Navi-Mumbai	4
6	Kanpur	5
7	Bhopal	6
8	Allahabad	7
9	Thane	7
10	Chandigarh	8
11	Trichy*	9
12	Ahmedabad	10
13	Pune	10
14	Nagpur	10
15	Varanasi*	11
16	Raipur	11
17	Ghaziabad	12
18	Vijayawada	13
19	Vadodara	14
20	Vasai Virar	14
21	Rajkot	15
22	Lucknow	15
23	Nashik	16
24	Vishakhapatnam	17
25	Ludhiana	18
26	Faridabad	19
27	Asansol	20

28	Srinagar	21
29	Hyderabad	22
30	Jamshedpur	23
31	Durg Bhilai	24
32	Mumbai	25
33	Jaipur	26
34	Patna	27
35	Gwalior	28
36	Dhanbad	29
37	Ranchi	30
38	Amritsar	31
39	Delhi	32
40	Meerut	33
41	Aurangabad	34
42	Jodhpur	35
43	Bangalore	36
44	Kota	37
45	Kolkata	38
46	Howrah	39
47	Madurai	40
48	Chennai*	41

Note: * marked cities have met National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for PM10 levels for FY 2024-25 and other cities have not met NAAQS for PM10 levels.

Category-II: List of cities-Population from 3 to 10 Lakhs

Sl.No.	City/ Town	Rank
1	Amravati	1
2	Moradabad	2
3	Jhansi*	2
4	Alwar	3
5	Bhubaneswar	4
6	Gorakhpur	5
7	Firozabad	5
8	Guntur	6
9	Bareilly*	7
10	Ulhasnagar	8
11	Noida	9
12	Cuttack	10
13	Gaya	11
14	Rajahmundry*	12
15	Ujjain	13
16	Devanagere*	14
17	Udaipur	15
18	Sagar	16
19	Rourkela	17
20	Korba	18
21	Nellore*	18
22	Dehradun	19
23	Hubli-Dharwad	20
24	Guwahati	21
25	Jammu	22
26	Kadapa*	23
27	Latur	24
28	Solapur	25

29	Jalgaon	26
30	Badlapur	27
31	Sangli	28
32	Kurnool*	29
33	Muzaffarpur	30
34	Chandrapur	31
35	Patiala	32
36	Akola	33
37	Barrackpore	34
38	Anantapur*	35
39	Gulburga*	36
40	Durgapur	37
41	Kolhapur	38
42	Jalandhar	39

Note: * marked cities have met National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for PM10 levels for FY 2024-25 and other cities have not met NAAQS for PM10 levels.

Category-III: List of cities- Population less than 3 Lakh

Sl.No.	City/ Town	Rank
1.	Dewas	1
2.	Parwanoo*	2
3.	Angul	3
4.	Talcher	4
5.	Anpara	5
6.	Nalagarh	6
7.	Raebareli	7
8.	Vizianagaram	8
9.	Haldia	9
10.	Baddi	10
11.	Balasore	11
12.	Paonta Sahib	12
13.	Nalgonda	13
14.	Rishikesh	14
15.	Nalbari	15
16.	Srikakulam	16
17.	Sangareddy	17
18.	Kashipur	18
19.	Kalinga Nagar	19
20.	Silchar*	20
21.	Sibsagar*	20
22.	Ongole*	21
23.	Damtal*	22
24.	Gajraula	23
25.	Sunder Nagar*	24
26.	Nagaon	25
27.	Khurja	26
28.	Kala Amb	27

29.	Pathankot/Dera Baba*	28
30.	Chittoor*	29
31.	Jalna	30
32.	Eluru	31
33.	Naya Nangal*	32
34.	Gobindgarh	33
35.	Dimapur	34
36.	Dera Bassi	35
37.	Thoothukudi*	36
38.	Khanna	37
39.	Kohima	38
40.	Byrnihat	39

Note: * marked cities have met National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for PM10 levels for FY 2024-25 and other cities have not met NAAQS for PM10 levels.

Annexure II

State-wise details of funds released during the financial years 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 under the XV Finance Commission (XV FC) and the Central Sector Scheme 'Control of Pollution' (CP)

(Rs. in crore)

Sr. no	State	Funds released during the year			
		FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26
1	Andhra Pradesh	75.06	49.81	67.54	46.16
2	Chandigarh	6.87	8.05	-	10.56
3	Chhattisgarh	57.94	1.69	49.49	5.07
4	Gujarat	173.29	277.42	197.56	-
5	Himachal Pradesh	3.59	3.19	-	5.34
6	Jammu & Kashmir	32.50	62.49	-	72.05
7	Jharkhand	42.00	-	-	-
8	Karnataka	128.52	27.51	-	28.41
9	Madhya Pradesh	135.04	43.18	154.90	29.21
10	Maharashtra	386.83	70.08	-	40.44
11	Odisha	38.52	20.23	-	32.93
12	Punjab	56.88	53.55	38.14	100.10
13	Rajasthan	103.76	80.63	63.05	14.15
14	Tamilnadu	129.22	38.93	113.43	140.31
15	Telangana	92.96	164.07	112.36	3.73
16	Uttar Pradesh	672.83	594.94	422.19	457.75
17	Uttarakhand	22.30	29.18	-	34.70
18	West Bengal	173.42	312.76	209.77	27.32
19	Bihar	7.09	10.82	30.39	21.67
20	Assam	24.10	34.20	-	38.06
21	Nagaland	3.95	9.00	-	11.13
22	Meghalaya	0.45	4.50	-	4.21
23	Delhi	22.50	8.94	-	38.67
24	Haryana	19.28	-	33.61	-
Total		2408.90	1905.17	1492.43	1161.97

Annexure -III**Details of ten cities having highest number of Good days in the year 2023, 2024 and 2025**

S. No.	City	Good Days in 2023
1	Bengaluru	365
2	Hyderabad	365
3	Varanasi	365
4	Agra	364
5	Raipur	362
6	Chennai	362
7	Ahmedabad	362
8	Thiruvananthapuram	361
9	Chamarajanagar	360
10	Moradabad	358

S. No.	City	Good Days in 2024
1	Bengaluru	366
2	Hyderabad	366
3	Varanasi	366
4	Bhilai	366
5	Solapur	366
6	Raipur	365
7	Thiruvananthapuram	365
8	Chennai	364
9	Indore	364
10	Mumbai	364

S. No.	City	Good Days in 2025
1	Bengaluru	365
2	Hyderabad	365
3	Raipur	365
4	Chennai	365
5	Aurangabad	365
6	Nashik	365
7	Navi Mumbai	365
8	Thane	365
9	Indore	364
10	Mumbai	364
