

Small Mercies, AQI Turns Very Poor

Respite To Be Short-Lived; PM2.5 Emissions Three Times The Standards

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New Delhi: The city's air quality slipped into the upper level of "very poor" on the AQI on Tuesday morning, though this did not substantially improve things for the suffering citizens.

On Tuesday, the AQI, which rates pollution on a scale of 0 to 500, was 380 at 11am after a slight rise in wind speed that helped disperse the pollutants in the air. At 4 pm, it had marginally climbed to 385. A day earlier, the AQI at this time had been 431. While the slight increase in wind speed brought about some improvement in the air quality, in several areas of the capital, the pollution level remained well entrenched in the 'severe' category.

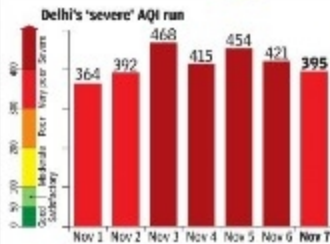
The weather department confirmed the change in the wind speed and said by November 11, the wind could blow with more energy. "There was some improvement in the wind speed on Tuesday reaching up to 15 kmph against 3 kmph on Monday," said Rudeep Srivastava, secretary, India Meteorological Department. "The wind direction was mostly north-westerly, which means blowing towards Delhi from Punjab and Haryana. In the coming days, the north-westerly winds will dominate this region."

Srivastava added that on November 11, the wind speed could reach about 18 kmph. "The reason for this is the approaching western disturbance, currently over Jammu and Kashmir. Some impact of this is expected on the Delhi-NCR region on November 10. There are chances of a drizzle in some parts of NCR," he said.

With the number of largest stubble fires in Punjab remaining high on the day, the particulate matter remained well above normal levels. The PM2.5 index at 4pm was, according to the Central Pollution Control Board, 393.1 micrograms per cubic metre, around 3.5 times higher than the national 24-hourly safe standard of 90 micrograms per cubic metre. The PM10 level was 395 micrograms per cubic metre, almost four times the 24-hourly standard of 100 micrograms per cubic metre.

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- After recording five consecutive 'severe' days, Delhi air sees marginal improvement
- Slight rise in wind speed led to improvement
- AQI likely to go back to 'severe' on November 8
- Strong winds expected from November 11 may improve air quality



AQI AT 4 PM

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Lodi Road	348
Majra Dheera Chand National Stadium	376
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North Campus, CU	375
Paparganj	416
Siri Fort	392
Seeks Vihar	393
Sri Aurobindo Vihar	378
Vivek Vihar	401



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of the city's PM2.5. Meanwhile, according to Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology's Decision Support System, the estimated share of biomass burning in the city's overall PM2.5 was 29%. It is likely to rise to 32% on Wednesday. According to the air quality early warning system, the AQI is predicted to deteriorate to "severe" again on Wednesday with the share of biomass burning in PM2.5 expected to increase. EWS said that the air quality was likely to deteriorate and reach the 'severe' category on November 8. The air quality was expected to be in the 'very poor' category on November 9 and 10. The air quality will probably remain in the 'very poor' to 'severe' range in the subsequent six days.

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