

**Minutes of Twenty Fifth meeting of Task Force on Graded Response Action Plan  
held on May 23, 2018 at CPCB, Delhi**

Twenty Fifth meeting of Task Force on Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) was convened on May 23, 2018 at Central Pollution Control Board, Delhi. Meeting was chaired by Dr Prashant Gargava, Head (AQM), CPCB. The list of participants is annexed.

Task Force reviewed the status of air quality in view of recent episodic storms, Uttarakhand forest fires and upcoming World Environment Day celebrations to be hosted by India.

Dr. Prashant Gargava, informed that World Environment Day celebrations will be hosted by India, wherein international delegates are expected to visit during June 01 - 05, 2018. With Very Poor days in last year in first week of June, it becomes more necessary that concerned agencies step up ground efforts and take up proactive actions to target better air quality this year. It was informed that for close monitoring daily reporting formats were circulated to Concerned SPCBs and Agencies.

After detailed deliberations following recommendations were made:

- Urban local bodies and traffic police of Delhi and adjoining towns of Faridabad, Ghaziabad, Noida and Gurugram may commence special drive starting May 25, 2018 till June 05, 2018 and intensify efforts for controlling polluting sources such as road dust re-suspension, C&D waste, open burning, traffic congestion, visibly polluting vehicles, etc. Hotspots may be specifically looked into, and additional teams deployed if required.
- SPCBs to ensure submission of daily reports of actions taken on ground, as per the format circulated, for close monitoring.
- In view of the recent dust storms and forest fires in Uttarakhand region and its likely impact on Delhi NCR air quality, IMD to issue advance warnings in case of any episodic storm to EPCA, Task Force members, SPCBs of NCR states.

Meeting ended with thanks to chair.

**List of participants**

1. Dr. Prashant Gargava, Head (AQM), Central Pollution Control Board
2. Dr J.P. Maurya, AEE, Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board, Noida
3. Dr. M. P. George, Scientist 'D', Delhi Pollution Control Committee
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5. Sh. R.K. Tyagi, RO, Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board, Noida & Meerut
6. Sh. B.K. Singh, AEE, Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board, Ghaziabad
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