

Strong winds sweep across Delhi but air quality still 'very poor'

NEW DELHI, Nov 13: Winds gusting up to 18 kilometres per hour barrelled through the national capital on Monday but a high share of emissions from farm fires in Punjab kept the air quality in the "very poor" category.

The air pollution in the region is showing an upward trend. All construction and demolition work, except for essential projects, is banned in Delhi-NCR under the third stage of the GRAP. Brick kilns, hot mix plants and stone crushers are also not allowed to operate.

Delhi's 24-hour average air quality index (AQI) stood at 303 on Sunday, as was on Saturday. It was 346 on Friday and 295 on Thursday.

However, the data from the Decision Support System of the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology showed that "biomass burning" was the top contributor to air pollution in Delhi-NCR on Saturday and Sunday.

An AQI between 201 and 300 is considered "poor", 301 and 400 "very poor", and 401 and 500 "severe".

With air pollution ameliorating in Delhi, the CAQM had on Sunday directed authorities to lift the curbs imposed under stage 4 of the GRAP, including a ban on plying of non-BS VI diesel light motor vehicles in the region and the entry of trucks into the national capital.

The city recorded a minimum temperature of 12.6 degrees Celsius and a maximum of 28.2 degrees Celsius.

The CAQM order recommending the restrictions was issued on Thursday.

Officials at the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said winds gusting up to 18-20 kmph barrelled through the city during the day.

The Delhi Government had also shut primary schools and ordered 50 per cent of its staff to work from home last week. However, the directions were rescinded following an improvement in air quality.

But that did not lead to any improvement in air quality as the impact of stubble burning on Delhi's pollution rose amid favourable transport-level wind speed and direction.

According to an analysis conducted by the Delhi Pollution Control Committee last year, people in the national capital breathe the worst air between November 1 and November 15 when stubble burning peaks and winters set in.

According to data from the Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), farm fires in Punjab dipped from 2,467 on Saturday to 2,175 on Sunday.

The Air Quality Life Index (AQLI) released by the Energy Policy Institute at the University of Chicago in June showed that residents of Delhi stand to lose 10 years of life expectancy due to poor air quality. (PTI)

However, their share in Delhi's PM2.5 pollution increased from 17 per cent on Saturday to 24 per cent on Sunday, according to SAFAR, a forecasting agency under the Ministry of Earth Sciences.

6 killed after vintage aircraft collide at Dallas air show

DALLAS, Nov 13:

Safety Board had taken control of the crash scene, with local police and fire providing support.

Six people were killed after two historic military planes collided and crashed to the ground on Saturday afternoon during a Dallas air show, officials said.

"The videos are heartbreaking," Johnson said on Twitter. "The planes collided and crashed around 1:20 pm, the Federal Aviation Administration said in a statement. The collision occurred during the Commemorative Air Force Wings Over Dallas show. Victoria Yeager, the widow of famed Air Force test pilot Chuck Yeager and herself a pilot, was also at the show. She didn't see the collision, but did see the burning wreckage."

"According to our Dallas County Medical Examiner, there are a total of 6 fatalities from yesterday's Wings over Dallas air show incident," Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins tweeted Sunday.

"It was pulverized," said Yeager, 64, who lives in Fort Worth.

He said authorities are continuing to work to identify the victims.

"We were just hoping they had all gotten out, but we knew they didn't," she said of those on board. The B-17, a cornerstone of US air power during World War II, is an immense four-engine bomber used in daylight raids against Germany.

Emergency crews raced to the crash scene at the Dallas Executive Airport, about 10 miles (16 kilometers) from the city's downtown. News footage from the scene showed crumpled wreckage of the planes in a grassy area inside the airport perimeter.

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Dallas Fire-Rescue told The Dallas Morning News that there were no reported injuries among people on the ground.

The Kingcobra, a US fighter plane, was used mostly by Soviet forces during the war. Most B-17s were scrapped at the end of World War II and only a handful remain today, largely featured at museums and air shows, according to Boeing.

Anthony Montoya saw the two planes collide. "I just stood there. I was in complete shock and disbelief," said Montoya, 27, who attended the air show with a friend. "Everybody around was gasping. Everybody was bursting into tears. Everybody was in shock."

Several videos posted on social media showed the fighter plane appearing to fly into the bomber, causing them to quickly crash to the ground and setting off a large ball of fire and smoke.

Officials did not specify how many people were inside each plane, but Hank Coates, president of the company that put on the airshow, said one of the planes, a B-17 Flying Fortress bomber, typically has a crew of four to five people. The other, a P-63 Kingcobra fighter plane, has a single pilot.

"It was really horrific to see," Aubrey Anne Young, 37, of Leander, Texas, who saw the crash. Her children were inside the hangar with their father when it occurred. "I'm still trying to make sense of it."

No paying customers were on the aircraft, said Coates, of Commemorative Air Force, which also owned the planes. Their aircraft are flown by highly trained volunteers, often retired pilots, he said.

A woman next to Young can be heard crying and screaming hysterically on a video that Young uploaded to her Facebook page. (PTI)

Dallas Mayor Eric Johnson said the National Transportation

Industrial effluent, sewage polluting rivers: NGT chief

SULTANPUR LODHI (PUNJAB), Nov 13:

ment by the tribunal will not be suffice to control the pollution until the public awakens themselves and raises their voice against it.

National Green Tribunal (NGT) chairperson Justice A K Goel Sunday said effluent discharge of industries and sewage water from cities and towns are polluting rivers across the country.

Earlier, addressing the seminar, Justice Goel lauded the efforts of noted environmentalist and AAP MP Balbir Singh Seechewal for his endeavour to clean the sacred Kali Bein rivulet and stressed the need to adopt Seechewal model to save water and air.

Talking to media after a seminar on environment safety here, Justice Goel criticized the state governments for their failure to find a suitable solution to solid waste and sewage water problems which are endangering human lives and also destroying the environment.

He appealed to people to come forward to help clean the environment as Government machinery alone could not do it.

Speaking at the seminar, retired high court judge Jasbir Singh, who is chairman of monitoring committee of NGT, also appealed to the public to make the environment an issue for the sake of their lives and future generations. (PTI)

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