

**Minutes of Eighteenth Meeting of Task Force on Graded Response Action Plan
held on November 13, 2017**

The Task Force on Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) reviewed the air quality status and held consultation through telephone. Dr. V. K. Soni, IMD, Dr M P George, DPCC, Shri A. K. Tiwari, RO, Uttar Pradesh State Pollution Control Board (Greater Noida), Dr. B.B Awasthi, Regional Officer, Uttar Pradesh State Pollution Control Board (Noida), Mr Ajay Sharma, RO, Uttar Pradesh State Pollution Control Board (Ghaziabad), Dr. Jai Bhagwan Sharma, RO, Haryana State Pollution Control Board (Gurugram), Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board and Dr. Prashant Gargava, Head AQM participated.

Continuation of 'Severe +' situation is observed (1800 Hrs, November 13, 2017). PM₁₀ concentration is above 500 µg/m³ for 51 hours and PM_{2.5} above 300 µg/m³ for 53 hours. Though, an overall declining trend is observed. A reduction of 22% in PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} levels in noted since peak at 1300 – 1400 Hrs on November 12, 2017.

It was informed by IMD that the wind flow from SE side of Delhi (through Western UP) has started. Light rain is likely to occur on November 15, 2017. Maximum Mixing Height is likely to increase further on November 14, 2017 in comparison to November 13, 2017 during day time which may increase dispersion of air pollutants in Delhi. However, during evening and night mixing height will remain below 100 meter. Air Quality is likely to improve from tomorrow.

At present, the Task Force does not make any further recommendations, and recommends continuation of prior advised actions for strict implementation.