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## News

### Green Court Slams Delhi Government For Not Acting 'Seriously' Over Pollution

New Delhi: With the national capital engulfed in smog, the National Green Tribunal today slammed Delhi government for not acting "seriously" to improve deteriorating air quality in the city and directed it to convene an urgent meeting on the issue. A bench headed by NGT Chairperson Justice Swatanter Kumar directed Secretary, Environment and Forest Department, Health Secretary, Chairman and member secretary of Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) to hold a meeting at 4:00 PM. The green panel also directed the Delhi government to issue a notification within a week with regard to areas in the capital which are most polluted and enumerate steps needed to check air pollution in Delhi. "What is the status of air pollution? All you can say is that there is no pollution...All stakeholders who are dealing with air pollution indicate that Delhi is highly polluting. The level of PM (particulate matter) 2.5 and PM 10, both are more than prescribed limits. [Readmore...](#)

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### A solution to Delhi's pollution problem: Here are the findings of #FirstpostAsksDelhi on the Odd-Even Formula

Editor's note: A recent survey revealed that air pollution in Delhi is one-and-a-half times worse than in Beijing. The National Capital's pollution troubles have prompted such proposals as the Odd-Even Formula and a plan to disallow new diesel vehicles from the streets of Delhi. Firstpost conducted a week-long campaign to get a finger on the pulse of Delhi and come up with solutions to the city's woes. The first part of the campaign was a public poll asking how people felt about the Odd-Even Formula. It was followed by a call for suggestions on measures the Delhi government could adopt to reduce pollution. Finally, we asked Dinesh C Sharma — a 30-year veteran reporter who has covered climate change extensively — for a multi-pronged approach cities apart from just Delhi can adopt to reduce pollution. [Readmore...](#)

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### What's poisoning Delhi's air from crop-burning to auto pollution

A "knee-jerk reaction" is how environmentalist Vikrant Tongad sees the oddeven number scheme for cars planned by the Delhi government to curb air pollution, which has reached menacing proportions in the national capital. Though admitting that desperate situations call for desperate solutions, the Delhi-based green activist contends that chief minister Arvind Kejriwal is missing the larger picture by focusing too much on vehicular pollution, especially cars. "The real and bigger culprit is agricultural waste burning," he asserts. Tongad points to a report by UrbanEmissions. Info, an independent research group, which says contribution of waste burning to PM2.5 pollution in Delhi stands at 31%, as against 25% from the transport sector. While diesel generators are the third biggest source of PM2.5 pollution in Delhi, industries and domestic cooking (biofuels), and heating come fourth and fifth, respectively. [Read more..](#)

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### "Environmental company" racks up biggest pollution fines of the year

The first image on the website for Emerald Services is a stream fringed by grass and trees. The Tacoma-based recycler of used oils, solvents, and other toxic substances is "committed to a greener tomorrow," it says at the bottom of the screen. The company trumpets a 2014 Green Manufacturing Award from the Association of Washington Business, in part for its "operational excellence." Its slogan: "An Environmental Company." Nonetheless, Emerald Services received the largest penalties of any company this year from the state Department of Ecology, for accidents that spilled thousands of gallons of hazardous materials like recycled fuel oil, waste solvents, and asphalt flux. At least one incident endangered an employee's life, Ecology officials say. Taken together, the company's 2015 fines totaled \$167,000, which they fought legally and settled this past November without "any admission of liability," according to a statement from the company. [Read more...](#)

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### The smog war continues

For three days in the autumn of 2010, China's capital became one giant, smog-filled parking lot. What was meant to be routine road maintenance work ended up causing what has since become known as the world's longest-ever traffic jam: a 100-km pile-up that stretched all the way from Beijing to towns in nearby Hebei province, with cars on some stretches covering 2 km in two days. It took 10 days for the jam to ease. The travel chaos didn't end there: a burst of heavy rain three days later—which at least cleared out the smog and dust—further plunged Beijing's traffic into chaos, leaving 4,321 roads congested for more than half a day. [Read more...](#)

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### In Delhi, just waiting to inhale

Eighty. That's how many people pollution kills in the national capital — not in a year, a month, or a week, but every day. This is the number that Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar gave to Parliament in July in a written reply, based on the constructive estimates and extrapolation of data by an international study. By this count, in a few more days, as many as 29,200 people would have died this year, gasping for breath. These could be your neighbours, people you know, or even people related to you. A third of the pollution is estimated to be vehicular. The Delhi High Court has observed that living in Delhi is like living "in an open gas chamber". If American songwriter Cole Porter had lived here, he would have surely written about how we die a little every time we breathe Delhi air. [Read more..](#)

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