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National Clean Air Programme

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The Government of India has recently released the state wise funds allocated and utilised under National Clean Air Programme

National Clean Air Programme (NCAP), which was launched by the Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) in January **2019**, is a long-term, time-bound, national level strategy for prevention, control and abatement of air pollution.

Under NCAP, it has been envisaged to achieve targets of **20 to 30 % reduction in Particulate Matter concentration by 2024** across the country. (taking the pollution levels in 2017 as the base year)

This aims to address air pollution in 102 cities, to which 30 more cities were added later.

These 132 cities are called **non-attainment cities** as they did not meet the national ambient air quality standards for the 2011-15 under the National Air Quality Monitoring Program.

The programme has an allocation of Rs 700 crore envisaged for 2021-2026.

The 15th Finance Commission had allotted Rs 4,400 crore for the NCAP programme.

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