Report of Ambient Air Quality & Noise Levels during Diwali Festival (2019 & 2020)







# Air quality monitoring



## Details of monitoring

Name of the city	Name of the monitoring locations	Parameters monitored	Monitoring Agency
Lucknow	<ol> <li>Chowk</li> <li>Aliganj</li> <li>Talkatora</li> </ol>	$PM_{10}$ , $PM_{2.5}$ , $SO_2$ , $NO_2$ , Metals in $PM_{10}$ (Pb, Ni & As) and Metals in $PM_{2.5}$ (Ba, Al & Fe)	UPPCB (Central Lab) and ITRC (Ba & Al)
Kanpur	<ol> <li>Awas Vikas</li> <li>Jareeb Chowki</li> </ol>	PM <sub>10</sub> , PM <sub>2.5</sub> , SO <sub>2</sub> , NO <sub>2</sub> , Metals in PM <sub>2.5</sub> (Ba, Al & Fe)	UPPCB aand IIT Kanpur (Ba & Al)
Noida	<ol> <li>Golf Course</li> <li>Subros</li> </ol>	PM <sub>10</sub> , PM <sub>2.5</sub> , SO <sub>2</sub> , NO <sub>2</sub> , Metals in PM <sub>2.5</sub> (Ba & Al)	Outsourced agency
Greater Noida	<ol> <li>Holland</li> <li>Honda</li> </ol>		
Baghpat	<ol> <li>Sarvodaya Hospital</li> <li>Weavetex</li> </ol>		
Ghaziabad	<ol> <li>Khora</li> <li>Vinoba bhave Park</li> </ol>		
Muzaffarnagar	<ol> <li>Lekhpal bhawan</li> <li>Sahara Parivar</li> </ol>		

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Agra	<ol> <li>RO office Bodla</li> <li>IA Nunhai</li> </ol>	$PM_{10}$ , $PM_{2.5}$ , $SO_2 \& NO_2$	<b>RO Office UPPCB</b>
Jhansi	<ol> <li>Manik Chowk</li> <li>Veerangana Nagar</li> </ol>	PM <sub>10</sub> , SO <sub>2</sub> & NO <sub>2</sub>	<b>RO Office UPPCB</b>
Gajraula	<ol> <li>Indira Chowk</li> <li>Raunaq Auto</li> </ol>		<b>RO Office UPPCB</b>
Prayagraj	<ol> <li>Laxmi Talkies</li> <li>Bharat Yantra</li> <li>Alopibagh</li> <li>Rambagh</li> <li>Johnstonganj</li> </ol>		RO Office UPPCB

#### $PM_{10}$ concentration ( $\mu g/m^3$ ) during Diwali season in Lucknow (Central Lab) (2019-2020)



#### A decreasing trend in PM<sub>10</sub> concentration from pre-Diwali to post-Diwali during 2020.

#### Increase in pre-Diwali $PM_{10}$ concentration from 2019 to 2020

Decreasing trend from 2019 to 2020 in PM10 concentration during post-Diwali

National Ambient Air Quality standard (24-hour average) :  $PM_{10}$  – 100 µg/m3

#### PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration (μg/m<sup>3</sup>) during Diwali season in Lucknow (Central Lab) (2019-2020)



PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration increased on the day of Diwali as compared to prediwali days decreasing again during post-Diwali.

Increase in prediwali  $PM_{2.5}$  concentration from 2019 to 2020

Decreasing trend from 2019 to 2020 in  $PM_{2.5}$  concentration during post-diwali

#### SO<sub>2</sub> concentration (μg/m<sup>3</sup>) during Diwali season in Lucknow (Central Lab) (2019-2020)



SO<sub>2</sub> concentration showed a decreasing trend from pre-diwali to post Diwali during 2020.

**Prediwali SO<sub>2</sub> concentration during 2020 is higher than 2019 while Diwali and post-Diwali SO<sub>2</sub> concentration is lower in 2020 as compared to 2019** 

#### NO<sub>2</sub> concentration (μg/m<sup>3</sup>) during Diwali season in Lucknow (Central Lab) (2019-2020)



NO<sub>2</sub> concentration showed a decreasing trend from pre-Diwali to post Diwali during 2020 at Chowk and Aliganj.

At Talkatora there was an increase on the day of Diwali which further decreased during Post-Diwali days.

**Pre-Diwali NO<sub>2</sub> concentration during 2020 is higher than 2019** while Diwali and Post-Diwali NO<sub>2</sub> concentration is lower in 2020 as compared to 2019

## Ni, Pb & As concentration ( $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup>) in PM<sub>10</sub> during Diwali season in Lucknow (Central Lab) (2019-2020)



#### The concentration values for Ni and Pb were found within the limits during 2019 and 2020

Ni and Pb concentration values showed a decreasing trend in 2020 as compared to 2019

Arsenic (As) concentration values were below detection limit in 2019 as well as 2020

## Ba, Al and Fe concentration ( $\mu g/m^3$ ) in PM<sub>2.5</sub> during Diwali season in Lucknow (ITRC) (2019-2020)

The concentration values for Ba, Al and Fe is found below detection limits (BDL\*), which is indicative of the reduction in bursting of firecrackers during this Diwali season in the Lucknow city. This can be attributed to the following factors :

- ✓ Public awareness & support
- ✓ Strict Ban on sale and use of firecrackers
- Strict compliance of directions of NGT order OA no. 249/2020 dated 05.11.2020 by the concerned departments like District administration, Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board (UPPCB), Police departments, Urban development department etc.

\*BDL values (Source-ITRC) Ba – 20 ppt(parts per trillion) Al- 677 ppt Fe – 0.05 mg/L

Standard Ambient Air Quality Concentration Values (24-hour average) Ba -  $4 \mu g/m^3$  Al –  $40 \mu g/m^3$ 

#### $PM_{10}$ concentration ( $\mu g/m^3$ ) trend during Diwali season in Kanpur (2019-2020)



Jareeb Chowki (PM10)

Decrease in PM<sub>10</sub> concentration values on the day of Diwali in 2020 from their respective values in 2019.

Increase in pre-Diwali PM<sub>10</sub> concentration from 2019 to 2020

National Ambient Air Quality standard (24-hour average) :  $PM_{10}$  – 100 µg/m3

#### $SO_2$ concentration (µg/m<sup>3</sup>) trend during Diwali season in Kanpur (2019-2020)



SO<sub>2</sub> concentration increased from pre-diwali to Diwali during 2020.

Prediwali SO<sub>2</sub> concentration during 2020 is lesser than their respective values in 2019 at both the locations while Diwali concentration is higher at Jareeb Chowki in 2020 as compared to 2019

#### $NO_2$ concentration (µg/m<sup>3</sup>) trend during Diwali season in Kanpur (2019-2020)



NO<sub>2</sub> concentration showed an overall increase from pre-Diwali to post Diwali during 2020 at both the stations.

The concentration values of NO2 are comparatively higher than the values in 2019

## Contribution of elements Fe, Al & Ba (concentration in μg/m<sup>3</sup>) in PM<sub>2.5</sub> during Diwali season(2020) in Kanpur



#### The concentrations of all the three ions (Fe, Al and Ba) were found well below the standard limits

There is a slight increase on the day of Diwali in overall concentration of metals on the day of Diwali which reduces back post-diwali

Standard Critical Ambient Air Quality Concentration Values (CAAQCV) (24-hour average) Ba -  $4 \mu g/m^3$ , Al –  $40 \mu g/m^3$ , Fe –  $40 \mu g/m^3$ 

## **NCR Cities**

Noida

**Greater Noida** 

Ghaziabad

Baghpat

**Muzaffar Nagar** 



#### $PM_{10}$ concentration ( $\mu g/m^3$ ) trend during Diwali season In Noida (2019-2020)





Subros (PM10)

A considerable decrease (>50%) in PM<sub>10</sub> concentration from pre-Diwali to post-Diwali during 2020 at both the locations.

**Pre-Diwali**  $PM_{10}$  concentration increased in 2020 at both the locations

**Post-Diwali PM<sub>10</sub> concentration decreased in 2020 as compared to 2019** 

National Ambient Air Quality standard (24-hour average) :  $PM_{10}$  – 100 µg/m3

#### $PM_{2.5}$ concentration (µg/m<sup>3</sup>) trend during Diwali season in Noida (2019-2020)





Subros (PM2.5)

During 2020 PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration increased on the day of Diwali as compared to prediwali days at Subros decreasing again during post-Diwali.

Prediwali PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration during 2020 is higher as compared to 2019 at both the locations

Post-Diwali PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration was significantly lesser during 2020 than in 2019

#### $SO_2$ concentration (µg/m<sup>3</sup>) trend during Diwali season in Noida (2019-2020)



SO<sub>2</sub> concentration showed a decreasing trend from pre-diwali to post Diwali during 2020.

Significant reduction in both Prediwali (~25%) and Post-Diwali (~40%) SO<sub>2</sub> concentration during 2020 compared to 2019

#### NO2 concentration (µg/m3) trend during Diwali season in Noida (2019-2020)



NO<sub>2</sub> concentration showed a decreasing trend from pre-Diwali to post Diwali during 2020 at both the locations

Reduction in NO<sub>2</sub> concentration at both the locations during pre-Diwali and post-Diwali in 2020 as compared from 2019

#### PM10 concentration (μg/m3) trend during Diwali season In Greater Noida (2019-2020)



**PM**<sub>10</sub> concentration reduced by almost 55% from pre-Diwali to post-Diwali during 2020.

Pre-Diwali  $PM_{10}$  concentration at both the locations was significantly higher ( $\simeq 140\%$ ) in 2020 as compared to 2019 while post-Diwali trend was opposite with a notable reduction of almost ( $\simeq 140\%$ )

A sudden peak (almost 100%) in PM10 concentration on the day of Diwali at Honda Greater Noida.

#### PM2.5 concentration (μg/m3) trend during Diwali season in Greater Noida (2019-2020)



PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration increased on the day of Diwali as compared to prediwali days at Honda Greater Noida decreasing significantly during post-Diwali.

Prediwali PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration during 2020 were higher as compared to 2019

PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration significantly decreased during post-Diwali in 2020 compared to 2019.

#### SO2 concentration (µg/m3) trend during Diwali season in Greater Noida (2019-2020)



Remarkable reduction in SO<sub>2</sub> concentration from 2019 to 2020 during the whole period with an average decrease of 50-60%.

Slight increase in SO<sub>2</sub> concentration on Diwali day at Honda during 2020 reducing back during post-Diwali. However in 2019 SO<sub>2</sub> concentration during post-Diwali was higher than pre-Diwali.

#### NO2 concentration (μg/m3) trend during Diwali season in Greater Noida (2019-2020)



NO<sub>2</sub> concentration showed a decreasing trend from pre-Diwali to post Diwali during 2020 at both the stations.

**Pre-Diwali NO<sub>2</sub> concentration during 2020 is higher than 2019** while Post-Diwali NO<sub>2</sub> concentration is lower in 2020 as compared to 2019 at both the stations

#### $PM_{10}$ concentration (µg/m3) trend during Diwali season In Ghaziabad (2019-2020)



**Pre-Diwali** PM<sub>10</sub> **concentration during 2020 is higher than 2019** while Post-Diwali PM<sub>10</sub> concentration is lower in 2020 as compared to 2019 at both the stations

IN 2020, there is a significant reduction in PM10 concentration during post-Diwali

At Vinoba Bhave Park sudden rise in the PM10 concentration on the day of Diwali

National Ambient Air Quality standard (24-hour average) :  $PM_{10}$  – 100 µg/m3

#### PM2.5 concentration (µg/m3) trend during Diwali season in Ghaziabad(2019-2020)



**Pre-Diwali PM2.5 concentration during 2020 is higher than 2019** while Post-Diwali PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration is lower in 2020 as compared to 2019 at both the stations

In 2020, there is a significant reduction in PM2.5 concentration during post-Diwali

At Vinoba Bhave Park sudden rise in the PM2.5 concentration on the day of Diwali

#### SO2 concentration (µg/m3) trend during Diwali season in Ghaziabad (2019-2020)



SO<sub>2</sub> concentration showed an overall decreasing trend from pre-diwali to post Diwali during 2020 with a slight increase on the day of Diwali at Vinoba Bhave Park.

Both Prediwali & post-Diwali SO<sub>2</sub> concentrations are lesser in 2020 as compared to 2019

#### NO2 concentration (µg/m3) trend during Diwali season in Ghaziabad (2019-2020)



NO<sub>2</sub> concentration showed a decreasing trend from pre-Diwali to post Diwali during 2020 at both the stations.

**Pre-Diwali NO<sub>2</sub> concentration during 2020 is higher than 2019** while Post-Diwali NO<sub>2</sub> concentration is lower in 2020 as compared to 2019

#### PM10 concentration (µg/m3) trend during Diwali season In Baghpat(2019-2020)



**Overall reduction (** $\sim$ 65%**) in PM**<sub>10</sub> **concentration from pre-Diwali to post-Diwali during 2020**.

National Ambient Air Quality standard (24-hour average) :  $PM_{10}$  – 100 µg/m3

#### PM2.5 concentration (µg/m3) trend during Diwali season in Baghpat (2019-2020)



An overall decrease of ~70% in  $PM_{2.5}$  concentration from prediwali to post-Diwali during 2020.

**Prediwali** PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration in 2020 was higher than in 2019 while the trend became opposite during post-Diwali.

#### SO2 concentration ( $\mu$ g/m3) trend during Diwali season in Baghpat (2019-2020)



Almost no change in SO<sub>2</sub> concentration from pre-Diwali to post Diwali except for a sudden rise on the day of Diwali at Weavetex monitoring station.

Significant reduction in SO<sub>2</sub> concentration during the Diwali season from 2019 to 2020

#### NO2 concentration (µg/m3) trend during Diwali season in Baghpat (2019-2020)



NO<sub>2</sub> concentration showed a decreasing trend from pre-Diwali to post Diwali during 2020 at both the stations.

**Overall reduction in NO<sub>2</sub> concentration during the Diwali season from 2019 to 2020** 

#### PM10 concentration (µg/m3) trend during Diwali season In Muzaffarnagar(2019-2020)



A decreasing trend in PM<sub>10</sub> concentration from pre-Diwali to post-Diwali during 2020 with sudden peak on the day of Diwali.

An overall increase in PM<sub>10</sub> concentration from 2019 to 2020 at all the respective days (Pre-Diwali, Diwali and Post-Diwali)

National Ambient Air Quality standard (24-hour average) :  $PM_{10}$  – 100 µg/m3

#### PM2.5 concentration (µg/m3) trend during Diwali season in Muzaffarnagar (2019-2020)





A decreasing trend in PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration from pre-Diwali to post-Diwali during 2020 with sudden peak on the day of Diwali.

An overall increase in PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration from 2019 to 2020 at all the respective days (Pre-Diwali, Diwali and Post-Diwali)

#### SO2 concentration (µg/m3) trend during Diwali season in Muzaffarnagar (2019-2020)



SO<sub>2</sub> concentration is comparatively higher in 2020 during pre-Diwali, Diwali and post-Diwali at both the locations .

Slight reduction in SO<sub>2</sub> concentration from Pre-Diwali to post-Diwali in 2020

#### NO2 concentration (µg/m3) trend during Diwali season in Muzaffar Nagar(2019-2020)



NO<sub>2</sub> concentration is comparatively higher in 2020 during pre-Diwali, Diwali and post-Diwali at both the locations .

AN overall increase in NO<sub>2</sub> concentration from Pre-Diwali to post-Diwali in 2020

## Contribution of elements Al & Ba (concentration in μg/m<sup>3</sup>) in PM<sub>2.5</sub> during Diwali season(2020) in NCR cities



Both Al and Barium concentration values were found under the standard limits

Standard Ambient Air Quality Concentration Values (24-hour average) Ba -  $4 \mu g/m^3 Al - 40 \mu g/m^3$ 

#### PM10 concentration ( $\mu$ g/m3) trend during Diwali season In Jhansi (2019-2020)





Veerangana Nagar (PM10)

In 2020 there is almost no change in PM<sub>10</sub> concentration from pre-Diwali to post-Diwali except for a sudden increase on the day of Diwali at both the stations.

An overall increase in PM<sub>10</sub> concentration from 2019 to 2020 at all the respective days (Pre-Diwali, Diwali and Post-Diwali)

#### SO2 concentration (µg/m3) trend during Diwali season in Jhansi (2019-2020)





#### Veerangana Nagar (SO2)

Slight change in SO<sub>2</sub> concentration from Pre-Diwali to post-Diwali in 2020 with a sudden peak on the Diwali day.

#### NO2 concentration (µg/m3) trend during Diwali season in Jhansi (2019-2020)





Veerangana Nagar (NO2)

Slight change in NO<sub>2</sub> concentration from Pre-Diwali to post-Diwali in 2020 with a sudden peak on the Diwali day.

NO2 concentration values are almost similar during 2019 and 2020 for both the stations

#### PM10 concentration (µg/m3) trend during Diwali season In Agra (2019-2020)



 $\rm PM_{10}$  concentration decreased pre-Diwali to Diwali during 2020 by almost 56% at IA Nunhai and by 25% at RO office Bodla.

#### PM2.5 concentration (µg/m3) trend during Diwali season in Agra (2019-2020)



A decreasing trend in PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration from pre-Diwali to Diwali during 2020

An overall increase in PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration from 2019 to 2020 at all the respective days (Pre-Diwali & Diwali )

#### SO2 concentration (µg/m3) trend during Diwali season in Agra (2019-2020)



SO<sub>2</sub> concentration is comparatively lower in 2020 as compared to 2019 on the day of Diwali at both the locations .

Slight reduction in SO<sub>2</sub> concentration from Pre-Diwali to Diwali in 2020

#### NO2 concentration (µg/m3) trend during Diwali season in Agra (2019-2020)



NO<sub>2</sub> concentration is comparatively higher in 2020 than in 2019 during pre-Diwali and Diwali at both the locations.

An overall decrease in NO<sub>2</sub> concentration from Pre-Diwali to Diwali in 2020

#### PM10 concentration (µg/m3) trend during Diwali season In Gajraula (2019-2020)



PM<sub>10</sub> concentration increased from Pre-Diwali to Diwali by almost 120% at Indra Chowk and by almost 156% at Raunaq auto monitoring station.

#### SO2 concentration (µg/m3) trend during Diwali season in Gajraula (2019-2020)



SO<sub>2</sub> concentration increased from pre-Diwali to Diwali by almost 78% at Indra Chowk and by almost 64% at Raunaq Auto monitoring station.

**Overall increase in SO<sub>2</sub> concentration from Pre-Diwali to post-Diwali is almost 11% at Indra Chowk and 35% at Raunaq Auto monitoring location.** 

#### NO2 concentration ( $\mu$ g/m3) trend during Diwali season in Gajraula (2019-2020)



NO<sub>2</sub> concentration increased from pre-Diwali to Diwali by almost 65% at Indra Chowk and by almost 61% at Raunaq Auto monitoring station.

**Overall increase in NO<sub>2</sub> concentration from Pre-Diwali to post-Diwali is almost 4% at Indra Chowk and 27% at Raunaq Auto monitoring location.** 

#### PM10 concentration (µg/m3) trend during Diwali season In Prayagraj (2019-2020)



#### Alopibagh (PM10)



## Laxmi Talkies (PM10)

Diwali

366.0

286.0

400.0

300.0

200.0

100.0

0.0

2019

2020

Prediwali

277.0

211.0





#### Rambagh (PM10)



#### **PM<sub>10</sub> concentration values reduced during 2020 from their respective values in 2019**

National Ambient Air Quality standard (24-hour average) :  $PM_{10}$  – 100 µg/m3

#### SO2 concentration (µg/m3) trend during Diwali season in Prayagraj (2019-2020)



 $SO_2$  concentration on the Diwali day is comparatively lower in 2020 than their respective values in 2019 at all the locations .

Slight or no change in SO<sub>2</sub> concentration from Pre-Diwali to post-Diwali in 2020

#### NO2 concentration (µg/m3) trend during Diwali season in Prayagraj(2019-2020)



NO<sub>2</sub> concentration is comparatively higher in 2020 during pre-Diwali, Diwali and post-Diwali at all the locations .

Prediwali

24.5

2019

2020

Diwali

34.2

63.6

Postdiwali

47.2

Slight or no change in NO<sub>2</sub> concentration from Pre-Diwali to post-Diwali in 2020

Diwali

22.5

32.3

Prediwali

10.4

25.4

2019

2020

National Ambient Air Quality standard (24-hour average) :  $NO_2 - 80 \mu g/m3$ 

Postdiwali

0.0

26.3



## Noise monitoring



## Details of Noise Monitoring

Name of the city	Number of the monitoring locations	Names of Locations
Lucknow	10 (real time monitoring stations )	IT College, Aliganj, CCS Airport, Chinhat, Lohia Hospital, Hazratganj, Indira Nagar, SGPGI, Talkatora, UPPCB HQ
Kanpur	2	Awas Vikas, Jareeb Chowki
Noida	1	Sector 1
Meerut	8	Cantt. Hospital, Collectorate, Railway Road, Begum Bridge, Thapar Nagar, Shastri Nagar, Cantonment board
Ghaziabad	2	Vasundhara Sec 16, Model Town
Muzaffarna gar	6	Kamla Colony, Shiv Chowk, Sri Shadi Lal Hospital, Gandhi Colony, Mahavir Chowk, District Hospital
Moradabad	2	Kashi Ram Colony, UPPCB Budhhi Vihar
Firozabad	3	Sadar Bazaar, Suhag Nagar, Nagla Bhau
Unnao	1	Krishna Nagar

### Ambient Noise standards

#### SCHEDULE (see rule 3(1) and 4(1)) Ambient Air Quality Standards in respect of Noise

Area code	Category of area /zone	Limits in dB(A) Leq	
		Day time	Night time
Α	Industrial Area	75	70
В	<b>Commercial Area</b>	65	55
С	<b>Residential Area</b>	55	45
D	Silence Zone	50	40

Day time shall mean from 6.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m

Night time shall mean from 10.00 p.m. to 6.00 a.m

#### **Comparative analysis of Noise monitoring in Lucknow (2019-2020)**



- Average noise level has decreased at 7 out of 10 locations
- Average noise level has increased at 3 locations

#### **Comparative analysis of Noise monitoring during Prediwali & Diwali (2020)**



Noise levels in NCR cities

• Average noise level has increased at all the locations on Diwali and is found to be exceeding the prescribed standard limits

#### **Comparative analysis of Noise monitoring during Prediwali & Diwali (2020)**



Noise levels in cities other than NCR

- Average noise level has increased at all the locations on Diwali
- Prediwali noise levels are found to be exceeding the standard limits except in Unnao and Moadabad (UPPCB Buddhi Vihar)