

# India saw 19.3% drop in particulate pollution in 2022, adding one year to life expectancy: Report

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 NEW DELHI: India recorded a significant drop of 19.3 per cent in particulate pollution in 2022 compared to 2021, the second-highest reduction in the world after Bangladesh, adding an average of one year to the life expectancy of every citizen, according to a new report.

The annual report, "Air Quality Life Index" 2024, by the Energy Policy Institute at the University of Chicago (EPIC) also said that Indians are likely to lose 3.6 years of life expectancy if the country fails to meet the World Health Organisation's annual PM2.5 concentration standard of 5 micrograms per cubic metre.

The researchers attributed the decline in particulate levels in India and other South Asian countries primarily to favourable meteorological conditions and a reduced number of thermal inversions - when a layer of warm air traps cooler air near the ground, causing pollution to build up.

PM2.5 concentrations in India in 2022 were around 9 micrograms per cubic metre (19.3 per cent) lower compared to 2021.

The most significant declines were observed in Purulia and Bankura districts of West



Bengal, followed by Dhanbad, Purbi, Paschim Singhbhum, Paschim Medinipur and Bokaro districts in Jharkhand. In each of these districts, PM2.5 concentrations dropped by over 20 micrograms per cubic metre.

The report said that the northern plains, the most polluted region in India, saw a 17.2 per cent reduction in particulate levels in 2022 compared to 2021.

However, despite this improvement, the average resident in this region is still likely to lose about 5.4 years of life expectancy if the current pollution levels persist. On the other hand, if the decline in particulate levels continues at the same rate in the coming years, life expectancy in the northern plains could increase by 1.2 years, it said.

Beyond the northern plains, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh

and Rajasthan have the highest burden of pollution in the country. On average, 292.3 million people living in these states are now losing 2.9 years of life expectancy.

"The report clearly shows that even a modest reduction in air pollution levels could lead to increased life expectancy. Air pollution, even at low levels, significantly shortens lives and poses serious public health risks.

"Our current national air quality standards fall short of protecting public health and must be revised in line with World Health Organisation guidelines. We have the tools and technologies to solve the air pollution crisis, what we need now is the political will to implement them," said Avinash Chanchal, Campaign Manager, Greenpeace India.

The report said that PM2.5 concentrations declined by 19

per cent on average in districts with cities covered by India's flagship programme on air quality management, the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP), while districts not covered by the programme saw a 16 per cent decline. However, barring Dhanbad, none of the districts with the highest decline in PM2.5 concentrations are covered by the NCAP framework.

Launched in 2019, the NCAP is India's first national effort to set clean air targets, aiming for a 20-30 per cent reduction in particulate pollution by 2024, using 2017 as the base year. The revised target is a 40 per cent reduction by 2026, with 2019-20 as the base year.

The programme covers 131

non-attainment cities, which consistently failed to meet the prescribed national ambient air quality standards between 2011 and 2015.

"As of 2022, pollution in districts with non-attainment cities has declined by 18.8 per cent relative to 2017, adding 10.8 months to the life expectancy of 446.7 million residents of these districts and four months to India's national average life expectancy," the report said.

If India meets the NCAP target, residents in non-attainment areas could see their life expectancy increase by two years compared to 2017. India's national average life expectancy would also increase by an additional 7.8 months as a result, it said.

The EPIC team emphasised that in India, where the annual PM2.5 standard is 40 micrograms per cubic metre, more than 40 per cent of the population breathes air that exceeds this standard.

However, India is responding by implementing innovative policies. In 2019, Gujarat launched the world's first market for particulate pollution, which has since reduced pollution by 20-30 per cent in Surat and is rapidly expanding to other cities and states.

**IN THE COURT OF PRINCIPAL DISTRICT JUDGE, JAMMU.**  
 Present: Sanjay Parihar (Petitioner)  
 Ellaquai Dehati Bank. Versus  
 Dev Raj S/O Waryam Chand R/o Village Kotla, P/o Adlehar, Tehsil Bishnah, District Jammu. (Respondents)  
**In the matter of:**  
 Suit of ₹2,79,912/-  
**PROCLAMATION**  
 Whereas the plaintiff/petitioner(s) has/have filed the above titled suit against respondent(s) before this court, in which the summons could not be served upon respondents in ordinary mode of service. This proclamation is therefore issued requiring respondents to attend this Court in person or through Advocate duly authorized by respondents to contest the case on 22-10-2024 at 2:00 PM failing which the case shall be heard in their absence in accordance with law. In case the date fixed is declared public holiday, the case shall be taken up on the next working day.  
 Given under my hand and seal of the Court on 22-08-2024.  
 Sd/- (Sanjay Parihar) Pr. District Judge Jammu

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**Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd.** Estates and Engineering Dept  
**Corporate Headquarters, Srinagar, M. A. Road Srinagar, 190 001 J&K**  
**On Line Open Tender (e-Tender) For Manufacturing & Supplying of furniture items at J&K Bank's Office Cum Currency Chest Building at Rail Head Complex, Jammu**  
 Tender Notice along with Complete Tender document outlining the minimum requirements can be downloaded from and Bids can be submitted on the Banks' e-Tendering Portal <https://jkbank.abcpurchase.com> w.e.f. August 29, 2024, 16.00 Hrs. Tender Document can also be downloaded from Bank's Official Website [www.jkbank.com](http://www.jkbank.com). Last date for submission of Bids is September 19, 2024, 17.00 Hrs.  
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**Subject:** Admission to B. Architecture Courses - 2024: Extension of last date for submission of Offline Forms thereof.  
**Reference:** Notification No. 079-BOPEE of 2024 Dated 18-08-2024.  
**Notice No: 020-BOPEE of 2024**  
**Dated: 27-08-2024**

Due to poor response to Notification No. 079-BOPEE of 2024 dated 18-08-2024, The last date is hereby extended for submission of offline Application Forms upto **31-08-2024 (till 03:00 p.m.)**.

The other terms and conditions shall remain the same as notified in the Notification No. 079-BOPEE of 2024 dated 18-08-2024.  
 Sd/- (Prof. Gurvinder Raj Verma) Controller of Examinations, J&K, BOPEE  
 No. BOPEE/Exam-24/2024 DATE:28-08-2024  
 Dated: 27-08-2024

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**Subject:** Admission to NEET UG Courses (MBBS/BDS) for the Session 2024-25: Online choice filling/Counseling schedule thereof.  
**Reference:** (i) Notification No. 068-BOPEE of 2024 dated 09.08.2024  
 (ii) Notification No. 078-BOPEE of 2024 dated 18.08.2024  
 (iii) Notification No. 084-BOPEE of 2024 dated 25.08.2024  
**Notification No: 086-BOPEE of 2024**  
**Dated: 27-08-2024**

It is notified for the information of all the eligible NEET-UG 2024 candidates who have already registered themselves and uploaded/submitted the documents with the J&K BOPEE that the process for submission of online preferences for allotment of Colleges/Courses shall commence w.e.f **28th August, 2024 (after 3:00 pm) to 31st August 2024 (mid night)**. The instructions relating to filling up of online preferences for allotment of College/Course on merit cum preference basis are available in e-Information Brochure uploaded on website of the Board. The seat matrix shall be uploaded on the website before the commencement of online counseling process.

Further, the candidates shall have to pay online counseling fee of **Rs. 1500/-** as mentioned in the e-Information Brochure of NEET-UG 2024.

The Board has provisionally allowed the candidates who have failed to clear their deficiencies such as NEET score card, Domicile Certificate, D.O.B., 12th Class Marks Card, Compulsory Service Bond for candidates belonging to UT of Ladakh etc. upto 27.08.2024 to participate in the online counseling process as mentioned in the Notification No. 084-BOPEE of 2024 dated 25.08.2024, with the condition that in case of their selection they shall have to submit their documents at the time of admission in the respective Colleges, failing which their admission shall be cancelled abinitio. The candidates who have failed to submit/clear their deficient category certificates till the cutoff date i.e. 23-08-2024 have been converted into open merit category, if otherwise eligible under open merit, as already mentioned in the Notification No. 084-BOPEE of 2024 dated 25.08.2024. Further candidates who have failed to submit their deficient subcategory certificates till the cutoff date i.e. 23-08-2024 have been excluded from their respective subcategories. Those candidates who have not uploaded any of their documents shall not be able to participate in the online counselling process.

The candidates whose names have not been included in the list from Sports Council, they have been treated as open merit, if otherwise eligible.

The candidates participating in the counselling process are advised not to use Mobile phones / Tabs during the filling up of online preferences.

The other terms and conditions shall remain the same as mentioned in the e-Information Brochure and the Notifications/Notices issued by the Board in this regard on the subject from time to time.  
 Sd/- (Prof. Gurvinder Raj Verma) Controller of Examinations, J&K BOPEE  
 No. BOPEE/Exam/22/2024(7489127) DIP/J-1824-P/24 DATE:28-08-2024  
 Dated: 27.08.2024

**IN THE COURT OF 2nd ADDITIONAL DISTRICT JUDGE JAMMU**  
 Present:-Chain Lal Bavaria  
 Manmeet Kour W/O Lt. Kamaljeet Singh R/o Karan Bagh, Upper Gadi Garh, Bawaliyana, Jammu. ...Petitioner.  
 V/S  
 Didar Singh S/o Mian Singh R/O Karan Bagh, Upper Gadi Garh, Bawaliyana Jammu. ...Respondent.  
 In the matter of :- Application for appointment of the petitioner as legal guardian of minor child in all the aspect & with respect to immovable properties of minor child for the welfare of the child namely Amitoj Singh age 16 years child of Lt. Kamaljeet Singh.  
**NOTICE TO GENERAL PUBLIC AT LARGE**  
 Whereas the above named petitioner has/have applied to this court for Permission to appoint as a guardian of her real Son namely Amitoj Singh as well as declaring appointing as a guardian of the minor's immovable property comprises of 01 Kanal 16 marlas bearing Kharsa No. 1154. Khata No. 847. Khewal No.02 situated at Gadigarh Jammu Tehsil and District Jammu.  
 Whereas through this publication, the general public is informed that if any person/ persons has / have any objection in grant of succession certificate of the above mentioned, he they shall file his objections personally or through any authorized agent in this court on or before 18.09.2024, next date fixed in this case failing which appropriate order shall be passed Given under my hand and seal of this court today on 28.08.2024.  
 Sd/- 2nd Additional District Judge Jammu

**Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir**  
**OFFICE OF THE RETURNING OFFICER/ERO (Sub-Divisional Magistrate) AC-68 Hiranagar.**  
**"Greater Participation for a Stronger Democracy"**  
 Subject: Segregation and Transfer of EVMS/VPATs for AC 68-Hiranagar  
**NOTICE**  
 This is to inform all political parties and relevant stakeholders, as per the direction of the District Election Officer, Kathua, that the EVM/VPAT warehouse located at Government Degree College, (GDC), Kathua, will be opened on 27th August 2024 at 09:00 AM sharp. The purpose of this opening is to facilitate the segregation of EVMS/VPATs in accordance with the first randomization list allocated to Assembly Constituency (AC) 68- Hiranagar for the General Election to the Legislative Assembly-2024. Following the segregation, the EVMS/VPATs allocated to AC 68-Hiranagar will be securely transferred to the strong room at the Heritage Complex, GDC Hiranagar.  
 All representatives of political parties are hereby invited to oversee the entire procedure, including the opening of the warehouse, the segregation of EVMS/VPATs as per the first randomization list, and the subsequent transfer, storage, and sealing of the segregated EVMS/VPATs in the designated strong room at the Heritage Complex, GDC Hiranagar, for AC 68- Hiranagar.  
**No:-ERO/Hgr/2024/222-228** Sd/-  
**Dated: 26.08.2024** Rakesh Kumar, IAS  
**DIP/J-4760/24** Returning Officer/ERO  
**Date:28-08-2024** (Sub-Divisional Magistrate)  
 AC-68 Hiranagar

**OFFICE OF THE WARDEN GUJJAR BAKERWAL GIRLS (PG) HOSTEL, JAMMU**  
 No.-GB/PG/GH/J/53 Date:-27-08-2024  
**ADMISSION NOTICE**  
 Applications are invited from Undergraduate (UG) Post Graduate (PG) students who are already enrolled in different academic universities/colleges of Jammu division for admission in Gujjar Bakerwal Girls (PG) Hostel Jammu for the session 2024-25. The Criteria for Admission in the Hostel is as under-

1. The applicant should belong to Gujjar & Bakerwal Community only.
2. The Applicant should belong to below poverty Line.
3. The monthly income of the parents of applicant should not exceed Rs.10000/- per month from all sources.
4. The Parents of the applicant have to produce affidavit sworn before magistrate about the full detail of the Income with particulars of the employment.
5. Applicant's father should not be a Government Employee and a certificate should be issued in this regard by the concerned tehsildar.
6. Only single student from one family is allowed for admission.
7. Preference will be given to orphan students and from far flung areas
8. Any false information at the time of admission will be liable for cancellation without any notice.

The admission is subjected to the availability of seats. The application forms are available in the office of the hostel. The Applications forms should reach in the office of the undersigned before 10th of Sept,2024.  
 For any Queries please contact on following phone numbers:-  
 1. 7780995900  
**DIP/J-4758/24** Sd/-  
**Date:28-08-2024** (Mtr. Shaheen Kousar) Warden G&B Girls (PG) Hostel, Jammu

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**Subject:** Central Pool MBBS and BDS Seats- Allocation for the year 2024-25: Extension of last date for submission of Offline Forms thereof.  
**Reference:** Notification No. 077-BOPEE of 2024 dated 17-08-2024  
**Notice No: 019-BOPEE of 2024**  
**Dated: 27-08-2024**

Due to poor response to Notification No. 077-BOPEE of 2024 dated 17-08-2024, regarding Central Pool MBBS and BDS Seats (Militancy victims), the last date for submission of offline Application Forms is hereby extended upto **31-08-2024 (03:00 p.m.)**

The other terms and conditions shall remain the same as notified in the e-Information Brochure and Notification No. 077-BOPEE of 2024 dated 17-08-2024.  
 E & O E DIP/J-1825-P/24 DATE:28-08-2024 Sd/- (Prof. Gurvinder Raj Verma) Controller of Examinations, J&K, BOPEE  
 No. BOPEE/Exam-24/2024 Dated: 27-08-2024

**JAMMU AND KASHMIR POLICE**  
**DISTRICT POLICE HEADQUARTERS JAMMU**  
 0191-2561578 (O), 0191-254780 (F), email-sspjammu@jkpolice.gov.in  
**LOOK OUT NOTICE**  
 SHO P/S Bahu Fort, Jammu intimated that person namely Swaroop Sharma S/O Ram Chand R/O Rajasthan was found un-conscious near Railway Station, Jammu, was shifted to GMCH Jammu, during treatment said person died at GMCH Jammu. To ascertain the actual cause of death Inquest proceedings U/S 194 BNSB was initiated at P/S Bahu Fort vide DDR No. 11 dated 22.08.2024 and dead body of deceased was shifted to mortuary room of GMCH, Jammu for identification.  
 As such, for the identification of dead body below description roll is required to be published on daily newspapers for identification / Public in general, having any clue related to the unidentified dead body, kindly communicate the same on the below mentioned contact/Telephone numbers.  
**Description Roll:-**  
 Name : Swaroop Sharma  
 S/O : Ram Chand  
 Address : Rajasthan  
**Contacts/Telephone Numbers:-**  
 1. DP/O, Jammu : 0191-2547807, 0191-2561578  
 2. SSP Jammu Mail I.D : sspjammu@jkpolice.gov.in  
 3. PCR Jammu : 0191-2542000  
 4. SP City South : 0191-2430002  
 5. SDPO City South : 0191-2433778  
 6. Landline of P/S Satwari : 01912-2430364  
 No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date:- \_\_\_\_\_ Sd/-  
**DIP/J-4769/24** For Sr. Superintendent of Police, Jammu  
 Date: 28-08-2024

**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD (R&B) DIVISION DODA**  
**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**  
**e-NIT No. 13 of 2024-25**  
 For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir e-tenders are invited on **Percentage Rate basis** from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory of J&K, CPWD, Railways, MES and other State/Central Government for each of the following works:-

S. No	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (in Lacs)	Earnest Money	Cost of document	Time of completion (in days)	Date of opening of tender	Class of Contractor
01	Macdamization of Pull Doda to Doda. (Under City & Town Programme 2024-25)	70.00	140000	1500	45 days	On or after 03/09/2024 at 12:30 PM	"A" Class/ Hot Mix Plant Holder
02	Macdamization of Ganpat Bridge to Y Junction. (Under City & Town Programme 2024-25)	25.00	50000	600	30 days	On or after 03/09/2024 at 12:30 PM	"A" Class/ Hot Mix Plant Holder
03	Macdamization of Ghat Bhabore Dhara Road. (Under City & Town Programme 2024-25)	20.00	40000	600	30 days	On or after 03/09/2024 at 12:30 PM	"A" Class/ Hot Mix Plant Holder

**Permission for floating tender:-** The permission for floating tender has been authorized by Distt. Election Officer Doda vide No. DEOD/2024-25/4471-75 dated 23/08/2024.  
 1. Date of Publishing from **27/08/2024**.  
 2. The Bidding documents/deposited can be downloaded from the website <http://fktenders.gov.in> from 10:00A.M on **27/08/2024 to 02/09/2024 (1600 Hrs)**. The complete bidding process will be on line.  
 3. Technical bids of bidders shall be open ed on line in the office of **Executive Engineer PWD(R&B) Division Doda on 03/09/2024 at 12:30 Hrs.**  
 4. Bid documents can be seen at and downloaded from the website <http://fktenders.gov.in> Bid documents contain qualifying criteria for bidder, specifications, bill of quantities, conditions and other details. Bids must be uploaded along with Scanned coy of cost of Tender Document in shape of e-challan/ copy of receipt from treasury favoring **Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Doda by crediting the requisite charges to the M.H 0059 - PWD (Revenue)**. Scanned copy of the earnest money / bid security in shape CDR/FDR pledged to **Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Doda** will also be required to be uploaded along with. The original instruments in respect of cost of documents, EMD and relevant documents of L1 bidder will be required to be submitted to the **Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division Doda** within three days of opening of financial bids on-line.  
**DIP/J-4762/24**  
**Date: 28-08-2024**  
 Sd/- (Er. Mohd Sajad Khan) Executive Engineer PWD (R&B) Division, Doda