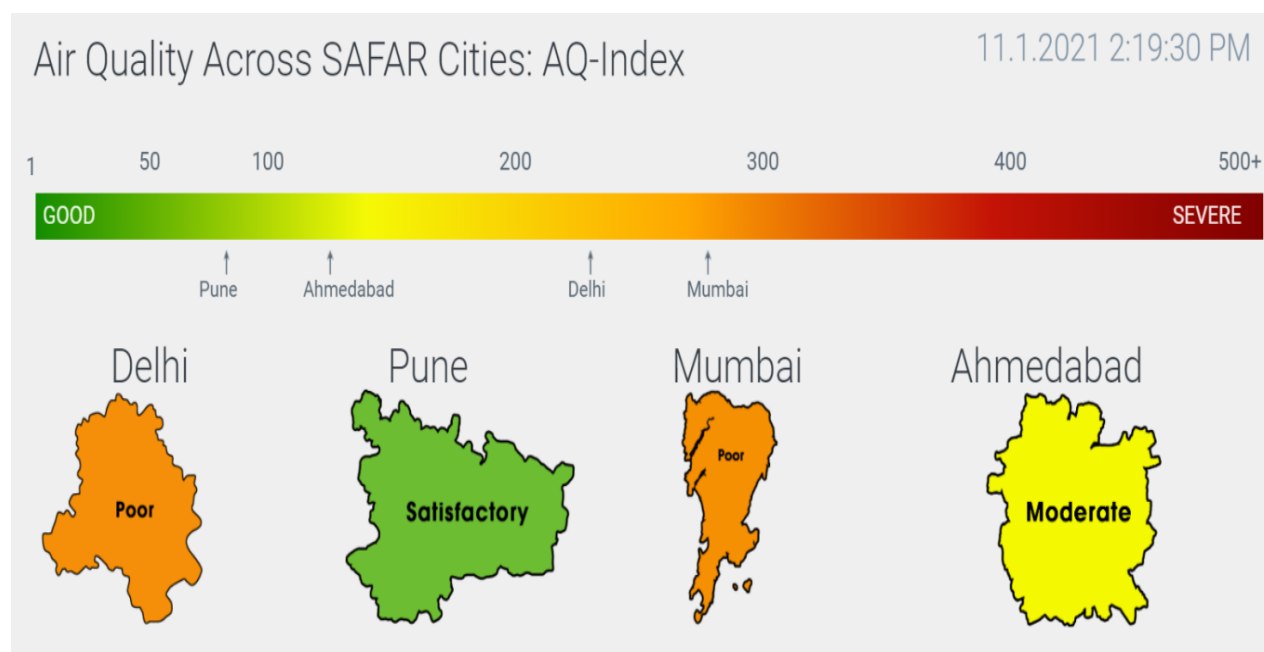


Air quality in Delhi remains in 'poor' category

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Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM) is issuing an early air quality forecast for Delhi NCR. The overall air quality of National Capital has deteriorated to the 'poor' category. Surface wind are westerly, which is likely to be high of dispersion owing to improved ventilation condition for the next two days, said IMD officials.



Under the influence of active western disturbance, the air quality index is likely to improve from Poor to Moderate category during 12-13 January 2021. No sudden deterioration of AQI expected until 14 January 2021. Calm winds and extremely low ventilation condition is likely to affect air quality negatively thereafter.

As per System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting and Research (SAFAR), the monitoring air quality of many parts of Delhi, the average hourly AQI readings had reached the "satisfactory" zone.

According to the Central Control Board, AQI from 401 and 500 is considered to be "severe", from 301 to 400 belongs to the "very poor" category; from 201-300 belongs to the 'poor', from 101-200 'moderate' category and between 1-100 belongs to the 'Satisfactory' category.