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What are the key features of the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) initiated by the Government of India?

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Launch

National Clean Air Programme, MoEFCC, January 2019.

20-30 per cent by 2024

NCAP particulate reduction target versus 2017 concentrations - the number to remember.

122 cities

Expanded non-attainment city list under NCAP (from an initial 102).

NAAQS

Indian National Ambient Air Quality Standards; non-attainment means persistent breach of these, not of WHO 2021.

WHO AQG 2021

Global health guidelines (e.g. much tighter annual PM_{2.5}). Not the NCAP 2024 target and not Indian law.

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