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Describe the key points of the revised Global Air Quality Guidelines (AQGs) recently released by the World Health Organisation (WHO). How are these different from its last update in 2005? What changes in India's National Clean Air Programme are required to achieve these revised standards ?

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WHO AQG 2021

Global Air Quality Guidelines replacing the 2005 update; PM_{2.5} annual guideline 5 µg/m³.

WHO AQG 2005

Previous update with PM_{2.5} annual guideline 10 µg/m³ and NO₂ annual 40 µg/m³.

NAAQS PM_{2.5}

Indian annual standard 40 µg/m³, far above WHO 2021.

NCAP 2019

National Clean Air Programme: time-bound PM reduction in non-attainment cities from a 2017 baseline.

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A regional air basin (for example the Indo-Gangetic plain) that city-only plans cannot clean alone.

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