VISUALIZING THE IMPACT OF EPISODIC AIR POLLUTION DURING OCTOBER 2018 TO FEBRUARY 2019 IN INDIAN CITIES







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Air pollution is a major public health risk causing about 4.2 million deaths every year worldwide¹. The Indo-Gangetic Plain has grabbed global headlines for severe and persistent pollution levels, making India the pollution capital of the world.

The Indo-Gangetic Plain suffers from an inherent disadvantage of being landlocked. During winters, the quality worsens due to slow moving winds and temperature inversions that trap particulate matter, leading to a toxic accumulation of smog². Whilst vehicular and industrial emissions contribute their fair share throughout the year, winter-time episodes due to firecracker and crop stubble burning, however, remain the most toxic.

Cities across India witnessed high pollution episodes in winters 2018-19. These were extensively covered via media reporting, particularly for Delhi. Additionally, limited reference grade monitors in cities other than Delhi NCR have meant a dearth of air quality data.

Low-Cost Air Quality Monitoring across Indian Cities

To bridge this vital data gap, Respirer Living Sciences, as part of their UrbanSciences initiative and IIT Kanpur, with support from Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation (SSEF) has deployed 50 low cost air quality monitors (Atmos) across Indian cities. These monitors were co-located and tested to assess their performance against reference grade monitors (E-BAM) and are primarily being deployed in residential and office buildings. The report attempts to visualise the impact of winter season and episodes on the pollution levels in the vicinity of deployed monitors. This report is second in a series of episode reports. The assessment period spans over 4.5 months, from October 15, 2018 to February 28, 2019, during which winter season 2018-19 was witnessed.

¹ World Health Organization. (2019). Ambient Air Pollution. Accessed from https://www.who.int/airpollution/en/

² Srivastava, Dey & Tripathi. (2012). Aerosol Characteristics over the Indo-Gangetic Basin: Implications to Regional Climate. Intech. Accessed from http://web.iitd.ac.in/~sagnik/Chapter.pdf

METHODOLOGY

The analyzed data has been derived from lowcost Atmos monitors manufactured and deployed by UrbanSciences.

Cities	No. of Monitors
Chandigarh*	5
Dehradun	5
Delhi-NCR	2
Jaipur	4
Kanpur	5
Patna	5
Varanasi	5
Ahmedabad	5
Raipur	5
Ranchi	5
Bhopal*	4



In North India, monitors were installed in **Chandigarh, Dehradun, Delhi-NCR, Jaipur, Kanpur, Patna and Varanasi.** In Central India, they were installed in **Ahmedabad, Bhopal, Raipur and Ranchi**.³

24-hour averages have been analyzed for Particulate Matter 2.5 ($PM_{2.5}$) to understand the pollution trends over a period of 137 days. The 24-hour $PM_{2.5}$ averages have been further categorized into a color-coded index based on the levels of pollution on that particular day.

Color-Coded Index

Our Code	GOO	D	MOD	ERATE	PO	OR
PM _{2.5}	0-30	31-60	61-90	91-120	121-250	250+
Air Quality	Good	Satisfactory	Moderate	Poor	Very Poor	Severe

³ The monitors in Bhopal and Chandigarh were deployed in February 2019, thus the data from these two cities is not covered in this episode report.

SUMMARY OF THE FINDINGS

During the period from October 2018 to February 2019, Delhi, Patna and Varanasi recorded the worst air quality, with 73 to 79 percent "Poor" air quality days.

Patna had ZERO "Good" air quality days, whereas Varanasi had 4 percent and Delhi had 7 percent.

Following these three cities, Kanpur was next in line to be the most polluted out of the nine cities monitored for $PM_{2.5}$ levels.

Kanpur recorded 69 percent "Poor" days and 5 percent "Good" air quality days. It is important to note that the monitors located in Kanpur and other cities are not located at major traffic junctions, as in the case of regulatory grade monitors but are located across residential blocks, balconies of individual homes and roof tops.

The table below summarizes the percentage of "Good", "Moderate" and "Poor" air quality days across nine cities. The ranking is based on the maximum "Poor" air quality days.

RANK	СІТҮ	GOOD	MODERATE	POOR
1	PATNA	0%	21%	79%
2	VARANASI	4%	18%	78%
3	DELHI-NCR	7%	20%	73%
4	KANPUR	5%	26%	69%
5	RAIPUR	12%	66%	22%
6	RANCHI	20%	61%	19%
7	DEHRADUN	34%	49%	17%
8	JAIPUR	20%	73%	7%
9	AHMEDABAD	26%	67%	7%

Highest Daily Averages or Maximum Values Recorded

Northern India: Kanpur, Patna, Delhi, Varanasi, Dehradun

While the above rankings indicate the various category of days based on the air quality index for the PM_{2.5} levels, the highest daily averages were recorded in the cities of Kanpur, Patna, Delhi, Varanasi and Dehradun.

Kanpur in particular had several poor air quality days during Diwali with persistent pollution levels peaking at 355, 449 and 305 micrograms per cubic meter.

Central India: Ranchi, Ahmedabad and Raipur

In the cities across central India however, Ranchi topped the charts with Raipur and Ahmedabad after it.

The peaks experienced in these cities were significantly lower in comparison to most cities in the Northern part of the country.

Ranking based on 137-Day Averages for Various Stations across the Nine Cities

Varanasi has witnessed the maximum PM_{2.5} levels amongst the cities. The city consistently topped the charts for poor air quality for more than a couple of weeks in a row, indicating a persistent problem of poor air quality across the city.

Contrary to the popular opinion in the media and in the general public, most monitoring locations spread across cities in the Indo-Gangetic Plain have recorded averages higher than that of Delhi and Gurugram. The top five locations were identified to be in Varanasi, Kanpur and Patna.

Rank	City	Area	PM _{2.5}
1	Varanasi	Town Hall	230
2	Patna	IGSC	223
3	Varanasi	Kamachcha	220
4	Patna	Mithapur	216
5	Kanpur	Govind Nagar	212
6	Delhi	Munirka	205
7	Patna	CECC ADRI	199
8	Kanpur	Chunniganj	192
9	Patna	Phulwari Sharif	190
10	Varanasi	Ordali Bazar	186
11	Delhi	Sector 30, Gurugram	169
12	Kanpur	Naubasta	163
13	Kanpur	Indira Nagar	148
14	Varanasi	IESD BHU	138

All the monitors spread across these cities recorded $PM_{2.5}$ averages in the "Moderate" and "Poor" category with air pollution levels exceeding the Indian safety norms i.e $40\mu g/m^3$ and the World Health Organization's safe air standards i.e $10\mu g/m^3$. The monitors spread across central Indian cities had lower air pollution levels with $PM_{2.5}$ averages not reaching the "Poor" category but remaining in "Moderate" to "Poor" air quality range. This however does not mean that the severity of air pollution is to be downplayed in the cities of Raipur, Ahmedabad and Ranchi. It is important to note that among the two stations cited in the ranking below for Raipur, both the stations vary greatly in terms of the prevailing pollution levels. Therefore, this demands more monitoring and a better understanding of air quality across cities in India to comprehensively understand the extent of the problem concerning ambient air quality.

Ahmedabad – Gandhinagar

Ahmedabad recorded a 137-day average of 89 micrograms per cubic meter which falls into the moderate air pollution category. The monitoring exercise spread across three different locations yielded 7 percent of the total monitored days for air quality to be in poor category with peak pollution during Diwali reaching 2.5 times the Indian Safety limits for PM_{2.5} on a 24-hour basis.

Ahmedabad recorded the second highest number of moderate air quality days in comparison to the other cities, 67 percent of the monitored days were found to be in the moderate category.

Sun	_ 30	_ 07	- 14	43 ²¹	54 ²⁸	94 ⁰⁴	96 ¹¹	113 ¹⁸	64 ²⁵	
Mon	_ 01	_ 08	37 ¹⁵	53 ²²	55 ²⁹	88 ⁰⁵	75 ¹²	91 ¹⁹	74 ²⁶	
Tue	_ 02	_ 09	47 16	84 ²³	55 ³⁰	78 ⁰⁶	93 ¹³	83 ²⁰	62 ²⁷	
Wed	_ 03	_ 10	61 ¹⁷	52 ²⁴	57 ³¹	131 ⁰⁷	94 ¹⁴	88 ²¹	73 ²⁸	
Thu	- 04	- 11	54 ¹⁸	67 ²⁵	66 ⁰¹	154 ⁰⁸	71 ¹⁵	87 ²²	109 ²⁹	
Fri	_ 05	- 12	48 ¹⁹	54 ²⁶	68 ⁰²	119 ⁰⁹	76 ¹⁶	62 ²³	119 ³⁰	
Sat	_ 06	- 13	53 ²⁰	72 ²⁷	87 ⁰³	107 ¹⁰	87 ¹⁷	59 ²⁴	- 01	
			October				Nove	mber		

Sun	_ 25	101 ⁰²	71 ⁰⁹	63 ¹⁶	85 ²³	69 ³⁰	93 ⁰⁶	90 ¹³	84 ²⁰	55 ²⁷
Mon	_ 26	96 ⁰³	106 ¹⁰	67 ¹⁷	73 ²⁴	88 ³¹	104 ⁰⁷	79 ¹⁴	106 ²¹	71 ²⁸
Tue	- 27	103 ⁰⁴	122 11	107 ¹⁸	85 ²⁵	136 01	115 ⁰⁸	87 ¹⁵	60 ²²	63 ²⁹
Wed	_ 28	108 ⁰⁵	82 ¹²	121 19	93 ²⁶	143 ⁰²	99 ⁰⁹	103 ¹⁶	87 ²³	78 ³⁰
Thu	- 29	112 ⁰⁶	66 ¹³	104 ²⁰	90 ²⁷	116 ⁰³	92 ¹⁰	118 17	61 ²⁴	101 ³¹
Fri	_ 30	97 ⁰⁷	60 ¹⁴	95 ²¹	82 ²⁸	107 ⁰⁴	80 ¹¹	75 ¹⁸	56 ²⁵	- 01
Sat	109 ⁰¹	71 ⁰⁸	65 ¹⁵	110 ²²	65 ²⁹	136 ⁰⁵	78 ¹²	56 ¹⁹	63 ²⁶	_ 02
		-	Decembe	r		January				

Sun	_ 27	89 ⁰³	49 ¹⁰	65 ¹⁷	56 ²⁴
Mon	- 28	133 ⁰⁴	51 ¹¹	69 ¹⁸	37 ²⁵
Tue	_ 29	156 ⁰⁵	62 ¹²	47 ¹⁹	33 ²⁶
Wed	_ 30	55 ⁰⁶	65 ¹³	64 ²⁰	35 ²⁷
Thu	_ 31	32 ⁰⁷	72 ¹⁴	28 ²¹	33 ²⁸
Fri	64 ⁰¹	35 ⁰⁸	85 ¹⁵	43 ²²	- 01
Sat	53 ⁰²	45 ⁰⁹	53 ¹⁶	38 ²³	- 02
		Febr	uary		

Good Days: 26%

Moderate Days:

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: 67%
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Poor Days: 7%

Dehradun

Despite its proximity to Delhi, the hill city of Dehradun has fared to be the least polluted among the 9 cities. It recorded 49 percent of the monitored days to be in the moderate air quality limit and 34 percent of good air quality days. It also has low proportion of poor air quality days i.e. 17 percent with an exception of Diwali on the 7th and 8th of November where the city saw the season's maximum levels of PM_{2.5}, 2-3 times the Indian Safety limits on a 24-hour basis.

Sun	_ 30	_ 07	- 14	44 ²¹	58 ²⁸	38 ⁰⁴	110 ¹¹	64 ¹⁸	82 ²⁵	
Mon	- 01	- 08	_ 15	44 ²²	59 ²⁹	51 ⁰⁵	81 ¹²	69 ¹⁹	55 ²⁶	
Tue	_ 02	_ 09	_ 16	45 ²³	61 ³⁰	55 ⁰⁶	74 ¹³	88 ²⁰	61 ²⁷	
Wed	_ 03	- 10	- 17	37 ²⁴	60 ³¹	194 ⁰⁷	72 ¹⁴	79 ²¹	37 ²⁸	
Thu	- 04	- 11	45 ¹⁸	38 ²⁵	39 ⁰¹	137 ⁰⁸	74 ¹⁵	72 ²²	32 ²⁹	
Fri	_ 05	- 12	46 ¹⁹	48 ²⁶	33 ⁰²	82 ⁰⁹	73 ¹⁶	71 ²³	51 ³⁰	
Sat	_ 06	- 13	51 ²⁰	39 ²⁷	30 ⁰³	100 ¹⁰	74 ¹⁷	71 ²⁴	- 01	
		Oct	ober	_		November				

Sun	_ 25	110 ⁰²	88 ⁰⁹	83 ¹⁶	118 ²³	163 ³⁰	141 ⁰⁶	101 ¹³	105 ²⁰	76 ²⁷
Mon	- 26	116 ⁰³	87 ¹⁰	91 ¹⁷	110 ²⁴	152 ³¹	113 ⁰⁷	82 ¹⁴	58 ²¹	65 ²⁸
Tue	_ 27	126 ⁰⁴	106 11	106 ¹⁸	125 ²⁵	173 ⁰¹	109 ⁰⁸	107 ¹⁵	26 ²²	76 ²⁹
Wed	- ²⁸	139 ⁰⁵	94 ¹²	95 ¹⁹	144 ²⁶	153 ⁰²	132 ⁰⁹	108 ¹⁶	59 ²³	72 ³⁰
Thu	_ 29	112 ⁰⁶	83 ¹³	120 ²⁰	142 ²⁷	125 ⁰³	122 ¹⁰	102 ¹⁷	72 ²⁴	83 ³¹
Fri	_ 30	86 ⁰⁷	87 ¹⁴	134 ²¹	129 ²⁸	104 ⁰⁴	129 ¹¹	99 ¹⁸	61 ²⁵	_ 01
Sat	103 ⁰¹	83 ⁰⁸	93 ¹⁵	127 ²²	125 ²⁹	126 ⁰⁵	106 ¹²	128 ¹⁹	60 ²⁶	_ 02
			December				Jani	uary		

Sun	_ 27	74 ⁰³	74 ¹⁰	59 ¹⁷	56 ²⁴
Mon	- 28	97 ⁰⁴	78 ¹¹	51 ¹⁸	53 ²⁵
Tue	- 29	95 ⁰⁵	88 ¹²	34 ¹⁹	37 ²⁶
Wed	- 30	61 ⁰⁶	103 ¹³	42 ²⁰	27 ²⁷
Thu	_ 31	40 ⁰⁷	85 ¹⁴	34 ²¹	42 ²⁸
Fri	57 ⁰¹	48 ⁰⁸	35 ¹⁵	40 ²²	- 01
Sat	56 ⁰²	56 ⁰⁹	30 ¹⁶	52 ²³	_ 02
		Febr	uary		

Good Days: 34%

Moderate Days:

49%

Poor Days:

17%

Delhi

India's capital city isn't the most polluted among the list even as it retains its position in the top five for having the maximum number of poor air quality days, after Patna, Kanpur and Varanasi. 20 and 73 percent of the days monitored were found to be in the moderate and poor categories respectively with PM_{2.5} values consistently being close to and above 200 micrograms per cubic meter for three consecutive weeks in the month of November. 321 is the highest recorded daily average for Delhi which is equivalent to approximately 5 times the daily safe limit set by Indian government.

Sun	_ 30	_ 07	- 14	49 ²¹	131 ²⁸	56 ⁰⁴	109 ¹¹	162 ¹⁸	130 ²⁵	
Mon	- 01	_ 08	111 ¹⁵	25 ²²	118 ²⁹	199 ⁰⁵	234 12	189 ¹⁹	211 ²⁶	
Tue	_ 02	_ 09	55 ¹⁶	53 ²³	118 ³⁰	100 ⁰⁶	226 13	232 ²⁰	170 27	
Wed	- 03	_ 10	74 ¹⁷	43 ²⁴	105 ³¹	108 ⁰⁷	139 ¹⁴	195 ²¹	179 28	
Thu	- 04	- 11	63 ¹⁸	55 ²⁵	106 ⁰¹	164 ⁰⁸	136 15	121 22	201 29	
Fri	- 05	- 12	43 ¹⁹	47 ²⁶	106 ⁰²	144 ⁰⁹	171 ¹⁶	183 23	221 30	
Sat	_ 06	- 13	73 ²⁰	133 27	87 ⁰³	139 10	154 17	112 ²⁴	- 01	
		Oct	ober			Nove	mber			

Sun	_ 25	137 02	212 ⁰⁹	121 ¹⁶	234 ²³	223 ³⁰	197 ⁰⁶	277 ¹³	189 ²⁰	192 ²⁷
Mon	_ 26	167 ⁰³	231 ¹⁰	168 ¹⁷	240 ²⁴	254 ³¹	223 ⁰⁷	109 ¹⁴	145 ²¹	168 28
Tue	_ 27	188 ⁰⁴	234 11	171 ¹⁸	217 ²⁵	214 01	213 08	141 ¹⁵	91 ²²	168 29
Wed	_ 28	166 ⁰⁵	116 ¹²	159 ¹⁹	160 ²⁶	210 ⁰²	168 ⁰⁹	259 ¹⁶	200 ²³	198 ³⁰
Thu	_ 29	183 ⁰⁶	119 ¹³	203 ²⁰	158 ²⁷	298 ⁰³	176 ¹⁰	321 ¹⁷	153 ²⁴	186 31
Fri	_ 30	188 ⁰⁷	127 14	203 21	195 ²⁸	260 04	270 11	231 18	120 ²⁵	- 01
Sat	147 ⁰¹	194 ⁰⁸	123 ¹⁵	229 ²²	150 ²⁹	268 ⁰⁵	216 12	209 ¹⁹	146 ²⁶	_ 02
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Sun	_ 27	154 ⁰³	217 ¹⁰	166 ¹⁷	143 24
Mon	- 28	200 04	241 11	147 ¹⁸	100 ²⁵
Tue	- 29	255 ⁰⁵	274 ¹²	191 ¹⁹	73 ²⁶
Wed	_ 30	222 ⁰⁶	244 ¹³	125 ²⁰	56 ²⁷
Thu	- 31	103 ⁰⁷	194 ¹⁴	78 ²¹	85 ²⁸
Fri	219 ⁰¹	70 ⁰⁸	158 ¹⁵	101 ²²	_ 01
Sat	187 ⁰²	127 ⁰⁹	140 ¹⁶	82 ²³	_ 02

Good Days: 7%

Moderate Days:

20% F

Poor Days: 73%

Jaipur

Rajasthan's capital Jaipur recorded a similar percentage of good, moderate and poor air quality days to that of Ahmedabad. With 7 percent of days in poor category and 73 percent in moderate category, the city recorded its maximum PM_{2.5} value for 24-hour on the 8th of November post Diwali at 158 micrograms per cubic meter which is equivalent to 2.5 times the Indian safe limit.

Sun	_ 30	_ 07	- 14	65 ²¹	105 ²⁸	115 ⁰⁴	74 ¹¹	76 ¹⁸	71 ²⁵	
Mon	_ 01	_ 08	62 ¹⁵	46 ²²	116 ²⁹	72 ⁰⁵	76 ¹²	68 ¹⁹	66 ²⁶	
Tue	_ 02	_ 09	47 ¹⁶	45 ²³	125 30	145 ⁰⁶	61 ¹³	63 ²⁰	96 ²⁷	
Wed	- 03	_ 10	41 ¹⁷	45 ²⁴	111 ³¹	116 ⁰⁷	63 ¹⁴	125 ²¹	142 28	
Thu	- 04	- 11	45 ¹⁸	49 ²⁵	102 ⁰¹	158 ⁰⁸	130 15	93 ²²	129 ²⁹	
Fri	_ 05	- 12	66 ¹⁹	67 ²⁶	74 ⁰²	113 ⁰⁹	152 ¹⁶	106 ²³	129 ³⁰	
Sat	_ 06	_ 13	62 ²⁰	83 ²⁷	72 ⁰³	77 ¹⁰	107 ¹⁷	102 ²⁴	_ 01	
		Oct	ober			Nove	mber	-		

Sun	_ 25	81 ⁰²	85 ⁰⁹	70 ¹⁶	103 ²³	95 ³⁰	141 06	118 ¹³	67 ²⁰	85 ²⁷
Mon	_ 26	79 ⁰³	80 ¹⁰	93 ¹⁷	118 ²⁴	86 ³¹	75 ⁰⁷	67 ¹⁴	83 ²¹	97 ²⁸
Tue	_ 27	76 ⁰⁴	88 11	81 ¹⁸	107 ²⁵	100 01	89 ⁰⁸	76 ¹⁵	54 ²²	72 ²⁹
Wed	_ 28	91 ⁰⁵	95 ¹²	101 ¹⁹	93 ²⁶	86 ⁰²	90 ⁰⁹	56 ¹⁶	67 ²³	64 ³⁰
Thu	_ 29	77 ⁰⁶	92 ¹³	106 ²⁰	73 ²⁷	82 ⁰³	74 ¹⁰	84 ¹⁷	85 ²⁴	54 ³¹
Fri	_ 30	85 ⁰⁷	64 ¹⁴	103 ²¹	87 ²⁸	89 ⁰⁴	60 ¹¹	109 ¹⁸	53 ²⁵	- 01
Sat	91 ⁰¹	91 ⁰⁸	63 ¹⁵	98 ²²	97 ²⁹	88 ⁰⁵	94 ¹²	84 ¹⁹	56 ²⁶	_ 02
	December					January				

Sun	_ 27	102 ⁰³	51 ¹⁰	67 ¹⁷	47 ²⁴					
Mon	- 28	85 ⁰⁴	49 ¹¹	41 ¹⁸	45 ²⁵					
Tue	_ 29	103 ⁰⁵	73 ¹²	35 ¹⁹	41 ²⁶					
Wed	_ 30	91 ⁰⁶	77 ¹³	63 ²⁰	57 ²⁷					
Thu	_ 31	65 ⁰⁷	79 ¹⁴	56 ²¹	42 ²⁸					
Fri	91 ⁰¹	40 ⁰⁸	70 ¹⁵	41 ²²	- 01					
Sat	116 ⁰²	44 ⁰⁹	48 ¹⁶	39 ²³	_ 02					
		February								

Good Days: 20%

Moderate Days:

73%

Poor Days: 7%

Kanpur

Kanpur scored fourth after Patna, Varanasi and Delhi for having the maximum number of poor air quality days. The city recorded poor pollution averages for the whole of November with some of the days even recording poor air quality for three to four days in a row. The maximum 24-hour value for PM_{2.5} is noted in Kanpur at 449 micrograms per cubic meter, more than 7.2 times the Indian safety limit.

Sun	_ 30	_ 07	- 14	67 ²¹	155 28	122 04	246 11	230 18	169 ²⁵	
Mon	_ 01	- 08	102 ¹⁵	68 ²²	127 29	148 ⁰⁵	229 ¹²	198 ¹⁹	230 26	
Tue	- 02	_ 09	96 ¹⁶	121 23	73 ³⁰	185 ⁰⁶	153 13	217 ²⁰	206 27	
Wed	- 03	- 10	89 ¹⁷	115 ²⁴	125 31	355 ⁰⁷	130 14	220 ²¹	207 ²⁸	
Thu	- 04	- 11	117 ¹⁸	112 ²⁵	146 ⁰¹	449 ⁰⁸	155 15	196 ⁻²²	136 ²⁹	
Fri	_ 05	_ 12	46 ¹⁹	107 ²⁶	149 ⁰²	305 ⁰⁹	115 ¹⁶	175 23	170 ³⁰	
Sat	_ 06	- 13	64 ²⁰	137 27	110 ⁰³	253 ¹⁰	167 17	131 24	- 01	
		Oct	ober			Nove	mber			

Sun	_ 25	170 ⁰²	226 ⁰⁹	177 ¹⁶	241 ²³	295 ³⁰	175 ⁰⁶	228 ¹³	209 ²⁰	89 ²⁷
Mon	_ 26	201 ⁰³	216 ¹⁰	176 17	223 24	265 ³¹	148 07	103 ¹⁴	162 21	104 ²⁸
Tue	_ 27	244 ⁰⁴	206 11	168 ¹⁸	186 ²⁵	279 ⁰¹	142 ⁰⁸	101 ¹⁵	171 ²²	107 ²⁹
Wed	_ 28	226 ⁰⁵	186 ¹²	194 ¹⁹	218 ²⁶	292 ⁰²	124 ⁰⁹	230 ¹⁶	80 ²³	155 ³⁰
Thu	_ 29	226 ⁰⁶	150 13	218 20	219 ²⁷	218 ⁰³	170 10	233 17	112 ²⁴	129 ³¹
Fri	_ 30	193 ⁰⁷	130 14	223 21	145 ²⁸	220 04	278 11	188 18	106 ²⁵	_ 01
Sat	196 ⁰¹	214 ⁰⁸	141 ¹⁵	247 ²²	189 ²⁹	177 ⁰⁵	280 12	209 ¹⁹	110 ²⁶	_ 02
		-	December	-	-					

Sun	- 27	141 ⁰³	87 ¹⁰	78 ¹⁷	64 ²⁴					
Mon	- 28	147 ⁰⁴	122 11	76 ¹⁸	92 ²⁵					
Tue	- 29	208 ⁰⁵	175 ¹²	76 ¹⁹	41 ²⁶					
Wed	- 30	129 ⁰⁶	150 ¹³	96 ²⁰	30 ²⁷					
Thu	- 31	67 ⁰⁷	131 14	76 ²¹	36 ²⁸					
Fri	128 ⁰¹	81 ⁰⁸	69 ¹⁵	60 ²²	_ 01					
Sat	134 ⁰²	59 ⁰⁹	76 ¹⁶	39 ²³	_ 02					
		February								

Good Days: 5%

Moderate Days:

Days: 26%

Poor Days: 69%

Patna

Patna remains the most polluted of the 9 cities monitored as it recorded the maximum number of poor air quality days with 79 percent of the total monitored days in poor category. The city also recorded 'zero' good air days with the daily PM_{2.5} averages ranging between 140 to 270 micrograms per cubic meter for most days in November 2018.

The maximum $PM_{2.5}$ value was recorded on 5th January at 395. The levels consistently crossed the India safe limits for $PM_{2.5}$ by 5-6 times.

Sun	_ 30	_ 07	- 14	122 ²¹	132 ²⁸	140 ⁰⁴	222 11	186 ¹⁸	256 ²⁵	
Mon	_ 01	_ 08	95 ¹⁵	136 22	120 ²⁹	161 ⁰⁵	222 ¹²	271 ¹⁹	253 ²⁶	
Tue	_ 02	_ 09	95 ¹⁶	121 23	107 ³⁰	181 ⁰⁶	207 ¹³	267 ²⁰	195 ²⁷	
Wed	- 03	_ 10	99 ¹⁷	103 ²⁴	89 ³¹	246 ⁰⁷	189 ¹⁴	268 ²¹	160 28	
Thu	_ 04	- 11	115 ¹⁸	135 25	116 ⁰¹	233 ⁰⁸	158 15	192 ²²	190 ⁻²⁹	
Fri	_ 05	- 12	96 ¹⁹	143 26	120 ⁰²	159 ⁰⁹	98 ¹⁶	209 ²³	196 ³⁰	
Sat	_ 06	- 13	117 ²⁰	128 27	130 ⁰³	185 ¹⁰	118 ¹⁷	205 24	_ 01	
		Octo	ober		November					

Sun	_ 25	219 ⁰²	267 ⁰⁹	167 ¹⁶	268 ²³	271 ³⁰	214 ⁰⁶	246 ¹³	240 ²⁰	112 ²⁷
Mon	_ 26	233 ⁰³	307 ¹⁰	243 17	238 ²⁴	323 ³¹	227 ⁰⁷	190 ¹⁴	269 ²¹	116 ²⁸
Tue	- 27	235 ⁰⁴	262 11	292 ¹⁸	229 ²⁵	373 ⁰¹	147 ⁰⁸	125 ¹⁵	241 ²²	131 ²⁹
Wed	- 28	276 ⁰⁵	258 ¹²	209 ¹⁹	234 ²⁶	361 ⁰²	167 ⁰⁹	194 ¹⁶	151 ²³	154 ³⁰
Thu	_ 29	242 ⁰⁶	258 ¹³	283 ²⁰	224 ²⁷	344 ⁰³	227 ¹⁰	227 17	158 ²⁴	210 31
Fri	_ 30	227 ⁰⁷	227 ¹⁴	279 ²¹	203 28	325 ⁰⁴	251 11	238 ¹⁸	212 ²⁵	_ 01
Sat	224 ⁰¹	255 ⁰⁸	160 15	303 ²²	243 ²⁹	395 ⁰⁵	264 12	223 ¹⁹	202 ²⁶	_ 02
			December							

Sun	- 27	208 03	101 ¹⁰	93 ¹⁷	63 ²⁴
Mon	- 28	188 ⁰⁴	114 ¹¹	92 ¹⁸	86 ²⁵
Tue	_ 29	165 ⁰⁵	126 ¹²	133 ¹⁹	142 ²⁶
Wed	_ 30	181 ⁰⁶	160 ¹³	124 ²⁰	77 ²⁷
Thu	_ 31	187 ⁰⁷	174 ¹⁴	108 ²¹	69 ²⁸
Fri	250 ⁰¹	110 ⁰⁸	148 ¹⁵	141 22	_ 01
Sat	240 ⁰²	95 ⁰⁹	94 ¹⁶	68 ²³	_ 02

Good Days: 0%

Moderate Days:

Days: 21%

Poor Days: 79%

Raipur

The central Indian city of Raipur fared at number 5 for having the maximum number of poor air quality days. The average values derived for the 45-day period for two different monitoring locations varied from poor to moderate. The city recorded close to 22 percent of its monitored days with poor air quality; the maximum PM_{2.5} concentration was observed on December 6th at 158 micrograms per cubic meter.

Sun	_ 30	_ 07	- 14	79 ²¹	56 ²⁸	71 ⁰⁴	117 ¹¹	83 ¹⁸	57 ²⁵	
Mon	- 01	_ 08	63 ¹⁵	79 ²²	82 ²⁹	81 ⁰⁵	113 ¹²	92 ¹⁹	64 ²⁶	
Tue	- 02	_ 09	74 ¹⁶	96 ²³	80 ³⁰	74 ⁰⁶	113 ¹³	72 ²⁰	61 ²⁷	
Wed	- 03	_ 10	67 ¹⁷	73 ²⁴	50 ³¹	139 ⁰⁷	107 ¹⁴	73 ²¹	104 ²⁸	
Thu	- 04	- 11	60 ¹⁸	98 ²⁵	45 ⁰¹	117 ⁰⁸	92 ¹⁵	78 ²²	134 ²⁹	
Fri	- 05	- 12	71 ¹⁹	80 ²⁶	64 ⁰²	116 ⁰⁹	75 ¹⁶	55 ²³	134 30	
Sat	_ 06	_ 13	85 ²⁰	79 ²⁷	60 ⁰³	118 ¹⁰	72 ¹⁷	51 ²⁴	- 01	
	October				November					

Sun	_ 25	142 ⁰²	140 ⁰⁹	86 ¹⁶	115 ²³	155 ³⁰	118 ⁰⁶	87 ¹³	111 ²⁰	84 ²⁷
Mon	_ 26	148 ⁰³	129 ¹⁰	63 ¹⁷	153 ²⁴	148 ³¹	114 ⁰⁷	119 ¹⁴	89 ²¹	76 ²⁸
Tue	_ 27	119 ⁰⁴	142 11	53 ¹⁸	155 ²⁵	111 ⁰¹	112 ⁰⁸	85 ¹⁵	64 ²²	62 ²⁹
Wed	_ 28	143 ⁰⁵	124 ¹²	92 ¹⁹	117 ²⁶	137 02	167 ⁰⁹	98 ¹⁶	91 ²³	68 ³⁰
Thu	_ 29	158 ⁰⁶	116 ¹³	130 ²⁰	113 ²⁷	150 ⁰³	161 ¹⁰	143 ¹⁷	80 ²⁴	82 ³¹
Fri	_ 30	135 ⁰⁷	130 14	145 ²¹	118 ²⁸	122 04	101 ¹¹	119 ¹⁸	45 ²⁵	_ 01
Sat	153 ⁰¹	111 ⁰⁸	92 ¹⁵	109 ²²	80 ²⁹	121 05	117 ¹²	111 ¹⁹	65 ²⁶	_ 02
	December January									

Sun	_ 27	109 ⁰³	57 ¹⁰	68 ¹⁷	- 24
Mon	- 28	81 ⁰⁴	66 ¹¹	46 ¹⁸	_ 25
Tue	_ 29	104 ⁰⁵	91 ¹²	58 ¹⁹	_ 26
Wed	_ 30	78 ⁰⁶	103 ¹³	57 ²⁰	_ 27
Thu	_ 31	66 ⁰⁷	124 14	69 ²¹	34 ²⁸
Fri	79 ⁰¹	71 ⁰⁸	85 ¹⁵	60 ²²	_ 01
Sat	95 ⁰²	73 ⁰⁹	50 ¹⁶	_ 23	_ 02

Good Days: 12%

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Moderate Days: 66%

Poor Days: 22%

Ranchi

Ranchi ranked 7th out of the 9 cities for the number of poor air quality days. It is one of the cities after Jaipur to record the maximum number of moderate air quality days. 61 percent of the monitored days were found to have moderate air quality. The city recorded its highest daily value for PM_{2.5} on January 4th at 214 micrograms per cubic meter, 3-4 times the Indian safety limits.

Sun	_ 30	_ 07	- 14	54 ²¹	79 ²⁸	113 ⁰⁴	97 ¹¹	90 ¹⁸	82 ²⁵	
Mon	- 01	_ 08	51 ¹⁵	64 ²²	103 ²⁹	91 ⁰⁵	110 ¹²	85 ¹⁹	104 ²⁶	
Tue	_ 02	_ 09	60 ¹⁶	67 ²³	64 ³⁰	84 ⁰⁶	118 ¹³	61 ²⁰	101 27	
Wed	- 03	_ 10	49 ¹⁷	54 ²⁴	88 ³¹	163 ⁰⁷	88 ¹⁴	53 ²¹	101 28	
Thu	- 04	- 11	49 ¹⁸	48 ²⁵	79 ⁰¹	110 ⁰⁸	67 ¹⁵	80 ²²	126 ²⁹	
Fri	_ 05	- 12	46 ¹⁹	79 ²⁶	74 ⁰²	78 ⁰⁹	67 ¹⁶	94 ²³	117 ³⁰	
Sat	_ 06	_ 13	43 ²⁰	69 ²⁷	77 ⁰³	114 ¹⁰	77 ¹⁷	87 ²⁴	- 01	
	October					Nove	mber			

Sun	_ 25	125 ⁰²	110 ⁰⁹	102 ¹⁶	102 ²³	135 ³⁰	195 ⁰⁶	158 ¹³	82 ²⁰	_ 27
Mon	- 26	128 03	136 10	89 ¹⁷	111 ²⁴	129 31	118 ⁰⁷	140 ¹⁴	76 ²¹	- 28
Tue	_ 27	120 ⁰⁴	175 11	42 ¹⁸	95 ²⁵	163 ⁰¹	138 ⁰⁸	75 ¹⁵	90 ²²	- ²⁹
Wed	_ 28	123 05	187 ¹²	96 ¹⁹	88 ²⁶	131 ⁰²	90 ⁰⁹	65 ¹⁶	79 ²³	_ 30
Thu	_ 29	91 ⁰⁶	158 13	108 ²⁰	88 ²⁷	106 ⁰³	99 ¹⁰	87 ¹⁷	- 24	_ 31
Fri	_ 30	102 ⁰⁷	110 ¹⁴	134 ²¹	70 ²⁸	214 04	127 11	84 ¹⁸	_ 25	_ 01
Sat	110 ⁰¹	121 08	100 ¹⁵	130 ²²	109 ²⁹	161 ⁰⁵	131 12	105 ¹⁹	_ 26	_ 02
			December							

Sun	_ 27	43 ⁰³	45 ¹⁰	45 ¹⁷	40 ²⁴
Mon	- 28	_ 04	68 ¹¹	69 ¹⁸	39 ²⁵
Tue	_ 29	_ 05	73 ¹²	84 ¹⁹	60 ²⁶
Wed	_ 30	_ 06	82 ¹³	53 ²⁰	48 ²⁷
Thu	_ 31	_ 07	74 ¹⁴	57 ²¹	48 ²⁸
Fri	- 01	_ 08	68 ¹⁵	45 ²²	_ 01
Sat	_ 02	75 ⁰⁹	35 ¹⁶	58 ²³	_ 02

Good Days: 20%

Moderate Days:

Days: 61%

Poor Days: 19%

Varanasi

The country's spiritual capital remained one of the most unsafe cities to live in with poor to moderate PM_{2.5} levels being recorded for 78 percent of the days monitored. The city consistently recorded poor air quality levels from the third week of October and remained so till the end of January. The peak levels were recorded on the 1st January at 324 micrograms per cubic meter, exceeding the Indian safe air limits by 5 times.

Sun	_ 30	_ 07	_ 14	25 ²¹	142 28	109 ⁰⁴	200 11	156 ¹⁸	111 ²⁵	
Mon	- 01	_ 08	110 ¹⁵	105 ²²	157 ²⁹	145 ⁰⁵	176 12	138 ¹⁹	122 ²⁶	
Tue	_ 02	_ 09	110 ¹⁶	103 ²³	131 30	168 ⁰⁶	160 13	132 20	140 27	
Wed	- 03	_ 10	25 ¹⁷	112 ²⁴	125 31	172 07	141 14	137 21	138 28	
Thu	- 04	- 11	23 ¹⁸	136 25	128 ⁰¹	172 ⁰⁸	190 15	116 ²²	143 ²⁹	
Fri	- 05	- 12	19 ¹⁹	128 ²⁶	132 ⁰²	182 ⁰⁹	149 ¹⁶	132 23	166 ⁻³⁰	
Sat	_ 06	_ 13	24 ²⁰	106 ²⁷	129 ⁰³	198 ¹⁰	136 17	123 24	_ 01	
		Octo	ober			Nove	mber			

Sun	_ 25	234 ⁰²	269 ⁰⁹	161 ¹⁶	234 ²³	236 ³⁰	226 ⁰⁶	253 ¹³	195 ²⁰	140 ²⁷
Mon	_ 26	211 ⁰³	266 ¹⁰	224 17	202 24	306 ³¹	158 ⁰⁷	194 ¹⁴	215 ²¹	151 ²⁸
Tue	_ 27	245 ⁰⁴	199 ¹¹	164 ¹⁸	156 ²⁵	324 01	204 08	122 ¹⁵	196 ²²	124 ²⁹
Wed	_ 28	265 ⁰⁵	225 ¹²	163 ¹⁹	177 26	330 ⁰²	157 ⁰⁹	178 ¹⁶	152 ²³	128 ³⁰
Thu	_ 29	254 ⁰⁶	230 ¹³	254 ²⁰	181 27	277 ⁰³	188 ¹⁰	232 17	163 ²⁴	152 ³¹
Fri	_ 30	273 ⁰⁷	172 14	185 21	169 ²⁸	253 ⁰⁴	279 11	221 18	182 ²⁵	- 01
Sat	239 ⁰¹	216 ⁰⁸	139 ¹⁵	208 22	207 ²⁹	262 ⁰⁵	282 ¹²	211 ¹⁹	130 ²⁶	_ 02
			December		_	January				

Sun	- 27	179 ⁰³	75 ¹⁰	75 ¹⁷	66 ²⁴
Mon	- 28	163 ⁰⁴	127 11	78 ¹⁸	94 ²⁵
Tue	- 29	174 ⁰⁵	145 ¹²	76 ¹⁹	117 ²⁶
Wed	_ 30	173 ⁰⁶	164 ¹³	122 20	67 ²⁷
Thu	- 31	125 07	147 ¹⁴	102 ²¹	73 ²⁸
Fri	211 ⁰¹	103 ⁰⁸	91 ¹⁵	85 ²²	- 01
Sat	204 ⁰²	78 ⁰⁹	84 ¹⁶	61 ²³	_ 02

Good Days: 4%

Moderate Days:

18%

Poor Days: 78%