

DELHI CLEAN AIR FORUM – ADVISORY

Last year the apex court, ordered suspending the licences to sell of fire cracker and banning fireworks in Delhi and referred it as a TEST CASE.

This was based on the realisation that Delhi should be given one chance to test in itself whether there would be positive effect of this suspension. As an organiser of Delhi Clean Air Forum URJA realised that last year, that it is the duty of all stakeholders involved to keep Delhi's air clean and safe.

This realisation was based on the critical commitments of your leadership and pledges made by you to 'Delhi Clean Air Forum ' during the meetings and seminars organised during the year. URJA wanted you as a serious community leader committed to this novel cause of the city for our children, elderly, women and others health and right to breath clean air.

We went ahead and urged all **RWA's/MTAs/Community Leaders** to please ensure that the compliance of this orders are adhered by the residents and its members to compliment the TESTING of the pilot case for a better future for all of us.

In meanwhile, URJA was actively monitoring the AQI. A 'very poor' AQI essentially means that people may suffer from respiratory illnesses on a prolonged exposure to such air. If the air quality deteriorates further, even healthy people with no respiratory conditions are going to be affected

Lessons to be learnt from Diwali Day – 2017

As per report we had received last year, air pollution levels seemed to be under control initially. For quite some time it appeared as if the Supreme Court's ban on sale of crackers was showing its impact.

However, what appeared to be a quieter Diwali only a few hours ago soon changed with the incessant bursting of crackers. Rapid deterioration of the air quality started from roughly around 7 pm and reports mention that the online indicators of the pollution monitoring stations showed Delhi suffering 'very poor' air quality on Diwali night. It has hit 18 times the healthy limit and left the city under a thick, toxic haze once again.

By 11 pm, DPCC RK Puram monitoring station started showing PM2.5 and PM10 at 878 and 1,179 micrograms per cubic metre, 10 times beyond the safety limits. By next day early morning 6 am, PM10 at Anand Vihar was 24 times. We were literally breathing home grown hand made nitrate and ammonia.

Coming Diwali Day – 2018

At URJA though we are sceptic of what happened last year, but we are still Optimist for better and cleaner Diwali day 2018. We all have to commit to ourselves that this year 2018, **we wont let this happen again.**

At URJA we belived that Diwali is a religious festivals that enshrines a respect for nature, environmental harmony and conservation. Cutting of trees and Polluting the air, water and land are regarded as sins as per the Vedas. Protection of their purity was considered to be the duty of everyone.

“Mātā bhūmi putro aham pṛ thivyāḥ ! The Earth is my mother and I am her child!”

— Atharva Veda (12.1.12)

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Proposed Campaign :

SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITMENT CHALLENGE ! (For all citizens and members of URJA & DCAF who wants Delhi to have clean air and skies to remain blue next day morning.)

Make a video or Take a picture of your effort to help Delhi celebrate a Green Diwali this year. And put it on social media. So that it encourages every Delhiwala to come together and make a clean green Diwali 2018. Celebrate the festival of lights, while caring for the city we all share together.

#HumCleanTohDelhiGreen

What can you do !

1. Say a big 'NO' to crackers
2. Use earthen Diyas
3. Make Rangolis with organic colors
4. Protect mans best friend – the community Dog
5. Many other interesting ideas which we all would like to hear.