

## Smog

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**W**inter sets up with problem of air pollution-come winter and again problem of smog in Delhi and in other big cities e.g. Agra, Kanpur, Firozabad, Patna etc etc. Quality of air is so bad that it not only affects lungs but in long run heart, a blood vessel and even causes cancers of different organs. Eyes irritation, cough, allergy etc etc. are some other acute problems. Visibility is also decreased especially in early morning and late evening, affecting road traffic, railways and flights, smog makes sun look almost invisible. Government is planning traffic control (odd and even numbers of vehicles), helicopters for artificial rain etc etc.

It is caused by burning of unused crops in states like Punjab and Haryana, uncontrolled traffic, traffic jams, construction work, industrial smoke and waste, diesel vehicles and much other man made conditions. Role of air coming from Gulf countries (Middle east) carrying dust and sand is also supposed to be another important factor. So, we have to take responsibility of all this and try to send a message of its control to masses, as a team work. If not now then never and we will make very bad atmosphere and surroundings for our future generations.

Other problems are manmade "green house" affect, delayed summers and obviously delayed winters and so breeding of mosquitoes with diseases like dengue, chicken guinea, viral encephalitis (Japanese encephalitis) all viral diseases and infections like malaria.

Someone has rightly said "We have not taken this atmosphere and environment from our ancestors but borrowed it from our future generation".

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