

NGT's order on odd even rule

Why in news?

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National Green Tribunal (NGT) directed the Delhi government to implement the odd-even car rationing scheme.

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What is the odd-even scheme of Delhi?

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 - Odd- even vehicle rule was implemented in 2015 in order to control pollution.
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 - The odd-even rule will mean that cars running with number plates ending in even numbers like 0, 2,4,6,8 will be allowed to run on even days.
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 - The odd-even rule earlier exempted certain cars and vehicles which include all ambulances, hybrid and electric vehicles, VVIP and embassy vehicles, cars driven by women drivers, and two wheelers.
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 - Vehicles running on CNG will also be exempt from the odd-even rules.
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 - Vehicles not complying with the odd-even scheme will be heavily fined with Rs 2,000.
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 - The fines will be collected on the spot so as to avoid vehicle impounds.
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 - Recently Delhi government announced this scheme was to remain in force from November 13 to 17

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What are NGT's decisions on odd-even scheme?

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- Recent weeks had encountered dangerously high levels of pollution in Delhi, now the particulate matter levels began reducing.

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- The air quality index was still in the severe category, but down to 403, from 486 as per the Central Pollution Control Board.

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- Earlier the NGT questioned Delhi government to give justifications on implementation of the scheme, as the pollution level started to fall.

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- Now the NGT directed the Delhi government to implement the scheme, but on a condition that there would be “no exemption to any person, officer or individual, including two-wheelers from the odd even scheme”.

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- Delhi government has also announced that this time it will not be exempting women drivers from following the odd-even plan as the Green Court questioned the logic behind the same.

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- The emergency services vehicles like ambulances and fire brigades were exempted from the scheme.

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Why two wheelers are not exempted this time?

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- Two-wheelers contributing 20% of vehicular pollution, the NGT observed.

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- The two-wheelers are much more in number than other class of vehicles.

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- They emit serious pollutants like carbon monoxide and hydrocarbon which are not emitted or negligibly emitted by the petrol vehicles.

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