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The odd-even scheme will make a comeback on November 13 and continue till November 17.



Delhi can learn from this Chinese village

By Ananth Krishnan in Beijing

MIAOERGANG, a quiet village that is 50 km away from Beijing's crowded ring roads, is an unlikely battleground for the city's fight against smog. But it was here, the government believes, that it won a decisive victory in its fight against smog.

In Beijing, this is used only as an emergency measure under a four-tier alert system, as local officials realised that vehicular pollution was a limited source.

Smog — whether in Delhi or Beijing — doesn't respect city limits. So Beijing launched a coordinated campaign around the city and in villages in four surrounding provinces.

Govt steps helped in curbing 34.8% smog

This involved a door-to-door campaign to phase out wood and coal burning within the city, and a massive effort in surrounding villages to install CNG units to stop coal burning and to encourage farmers to sell their stubble to prevent crop burning.

In Miaoergang, a CNG power station was built at the centre of the village in 2014. "At first, this station was only serving this village, but we have since expanded it to serve six surrounding villages as well which have all now stopped coal burning," said a worker at the station.

Then there was a door-to-door campaign to stop wood and coal burning, and to set up gas and electricity pow-

A worker at a CNG station at Miaoergang.



■ Four gas-fired plants have been opened to provide central heating to residents, cutting coal consumption by nine million tonne.

■ Stringent checks have been placed on construction sites and trucks — a huge source of dust in both cities. Nine construction firms found violating norms were handed a month's ban on bidding on projects in Beijing.

■ More than 3,000 trucks were fined for illegally carrying construction materials without permits.

■ 1,500 high-emission vehicles were prevented from entering the city.

■ Orange and red alerts were issued before high-pollution days, leading to temporary odd-even car restrictions and closures of all construction sites as emergency measures.

ered units in city neighbourhoods. "With our campaign to stop coal burning, we have reduced coal burning by 1.6 million tonne and sulphur dioxide by 16 million tonne," said a local government official. An odd-even car ban is also one weapon, but used only for emergencies when smog is forecast. Besides its four-tier system

of alerts that call for emergency measures from stopping construction sites to odd-even vehicle bans, the capital has also pushed through larger structural changes.

The measures, government said, have worked. Till September, average air pollution readings were down by 34.8 per cent as against 2013.

EXPERTS DISMISS CM'S HELICOPTER PLAN TO CURB AIR POLLUTION

water available in Delhi or nearby? Will we use potable water which is already scarce?" he asks.

If not helicopters, then can cloud seeding to bring rain be the solution?

Prof Khare says the weather modification plan appears to be the better option, at least scientifically. "But economics makes it unviable. To condense the moisture in the sky, chemicals like silver iodide have to be used, which is very, very costly. China has been doing it often, but can we afford to do it on such a large scale is a question to ponder."

However, Charan Singh at IMD explains that at this moment even cloud seeding would not be possible. "Cloud seeding means you force the moisture content in the air with the help of chemicals to condense and pour down as rain. But, currently, there is hardly enough moisture in the air to bring about rains," he points out.

But isn't the fog around the city full of moisture?

"All that moisture is hanging just above the surface of the earth. For cloud seeding to be successful, we need moisture in the air at the level of 3 to 7 km up. It's almost dry there now as it is usually during winter time," he says.

A tanker with a sprinkler attached to it can do the job much more effectively and at a much lower cost.



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