

SAMEER App

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Key features

- It was developed **by Central Pollution Control Board**
- The app **helps to track hourly air quality** in 100 cities and even file complaints.
- The app has a **clean user interface** and is not difficult to navigate.
- There are two ways in which the AQI level is displayed on the app. One is the 'city list' format and the other is a 'map view' that helps you track air quality across on the map of India.
- **Colour coding:** The listed cities are colour-coded, based on their AQI levels. For example, the city in '**Severe**' AQI category will be **maroon**, while the one in '**Moderate**' category will be **yellow**.
- **AQI Bulletin:** Another feature of the app is the AQI Bulletin that gives residents an average of AQI levels over past 24 hours in all the listed cities.
- However, the app does not provide real-time AQI tracking. The updates are hourly.
- **Complaints:** Other than monitoring pollution levels, the app can also be used to **file or track complaints related to garbage dumping, road dust, vehicular emission** or other pollution issues in a particular area.
- There is an 'Other' option for a pollution category that is not listed. Once a complaint is filed, the user gets a confirmation mail and message with complaint ID, the assigned officer's name and number.
- One can also track the status of the complaint within the app. But there is not time frame as to when the

complaint will be addressed.