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MoEF to Launch Dust Mitigation Measures

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The Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) has lined up a slew of measures to tackle dust pollution in the capital. It will include the launch of **three pilot projects**:

- Installation of filters on top of buses,
- Use of dust separation chemical sprays and
- Installing equipment that will suck in particulate matter. The National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI) will install these equipments.

Other measures

- Use of more mechanical sweepers.
- The pillars of the Delhi Metro network to have the hanging garden.
- Use of water sprinklers to settle the dust.
- Finalizing the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP), so that it can be adopted by other states as well.

National Clean Air Programme (NCAP)

- It is a medium-term national-level strategy to tackle the increasing air pollution problem across the country in a comprehensive manner.
- The overall objective is to augment and evolve effective ambient air quality monitoring network across the country besides ensuring a comprehensive management plan for prevention, control, and abatement of air pollution.
- A separate component on 'Technology Assessment Cell' has been envisaged under NCAP to evaluate the technologies for prevention, control, and abatement of air pollution.
- However, it does not mention any specific target and time frame.