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## Justice Sheel Nagu: Punjab & Haryana Chief Justice | Haryana | 05 Jul 2024

### Why in News?

Recently, **Justice Sheel Nagu** of Madhya Pradesh high court has been appointed as [Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court](#).

### Key Points

- He was appointed as Madhya Pradesh high court judge in 2011. His contribution to the judiciary by way of [disposal of cases](#), during his tenure of **over 12 years** has authored **more than 499 reported judgments**.

### Appointment of HC Judges

- **Article 217 of the Constitution:** It states that the **Judge of a High Court** shall be **appointed by the President** in consultation with the [Chief Justice of India \(CJI\)](#), the [Governor of the State](#).
  - In the case of appointment of a Judge other than the Chief Justice, the **Chief Justice of the High Court is consulted**.
- **Consultation Process:** High Court judges are recommended by a [Collegium](#) comprising the **CJI and two senior-most judges**.
  - The proposal, however, is **initiated by the Chief Justice of the High Court** concerned in consultation with two senior-most colleagues.
  - The recommendation is sent to the Chief Minister, who advises the Governor to send the **proposal to the Union Law Minister**.
  - The **Chief Justice of the High Court** is appointed as per the policy of having Chief Justices from outside the respective States.
    - The Collegium takes the call on the elevation.

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## Haryana Cities Among India's Most Polluted | Haryana | 05 Jul 2024

### Why in News?

According to a report by the [Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air \(CREA\)](#), **Haryana accounted for more than half of India's top 10 most polluted cities** in June 2024.

### Key Points

- **Rohtak was the most polluted** among the 251 Indian cities included in the study.
  - In June, Rohtak's average concentration of [PM2.5 \(tiny inhalable particles\)](#) was  $116\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ,

**more than twice the safe level** of  $60\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  set in India.

- In the top 10 most polluted cities in June, Rohtak was featured in the list 28 times, followed by **Charkhi Dadri and Panchkula**, each appearing 16 times, **Ballabgarh** 11 times, and **Faridabad** 10 times.
- A total of 60 cities appeared on the daily most polluted cities list. Among these, 23 cities made the list at least five times. **Only Faridabad is part of the [National Clean Air Programme \(NCAP\)](#).**
- According to the **2021 Air Quality Life Index (AQLI)** report by the University of Chicago, **India is the world's second most polluted country**, where fine particulate air pollution (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) shortens the average citizen's life expectancy by 5.3 years.

## Particulate Matter

- Also called **particle pollution**, a term for a **mixture of solid particles and liquid droplets found in the air**. It **causes respiratory problems and also reduces visibility**.
- **It includes:**
  - **PM<sub>10</sub>**: inhalable particles, with diameters that are generally 10 micrometers and smaller.
  - **PM<sub>2.5</sub>**: fine inhalable particles, with diameters that are generally 2.5 micrometers and smaller.
- **Sources of PM:**
  - Some are emitted directly from a source, such as **construction sites, unpaved roads, fields, smokestacks or fires**.

## National Clean Air Programme

- It was **launched by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC)** in January 2019.
- It is the **first-ever effort in the country to frame a national framework for air quality management** with a time-bound reduction target.
- It **seeks to cut the concentration of coarse** (particulate matter (PM) of diameter 10 micrometer or less, or PM<sub>10</sub>) **and fine particles** (particulate matter of diameter 2.5 micrometer or less, or [PM<sub>2.5</sub>](#)) by at least 20% **in the next five years, with 2017 as the base year for comparison**.
- It **covers 132 non-attainment cities** which were identified by the [Central Pollution Control Board \(CPCB\)](#).