

Dust screens mandatory at construction sites: NMC

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Nashik: The Nashik Municipal Corporation (NMC) has finally made dust screen mandatory at construction sites in the city in a bid to curb air pollution.

The move aims to reduce the dust created at construction sites. Builders have also started erecting dust screens at their sites.

The initiative is part of several measures suggested in the action plan of the municipal corporation to reduce air pollution. This new condition has been included in the construction norms of the NMC.

“Air pollution is one of the major issues the city is dealing with. Pollution caused due to construction activities is also a major concern. Therefore, permissions for constructions of the buildings are to be given against the condition of erecting dust screens at construction sites,” said an official from the NMC.

The decision in this regard was taken in December 2019 during a meeting of the committee formed for the implementation of the action plan to reduce air pollution. The committee is chaired by municipal commissioner Radhakrishna Game.

The committee includes officials from the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, regional transport office and the traffic police department besides officials from the municipal corporation.

Accordingly, permissions are being given on the condition of making provisions of the dust screen at construction sites. Moreover, ongoing sites have also been asked to erect dust screen, added the official.

In addition, sprinkling of water at construction sites to suppress the dust has also been made mandatory.

Around two years back, Nashik was among top 100 air polluted cities in the country. Thereafter, the NMC was asked to prepare an action plan to tackle air pollution in the city.

Around three months back, the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) of the municipal corporation approved the action plan to reduce air pollution in the city.