

Launching 2nd version of SAFAR-Air App

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The SAFAR (System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting and Research) is a project of Ministry of Earth Sciences, Govt. of India having distinction to develop India's first ever Air Quality Forecasting system SAFAR for Metro cities. This is the 2nd version /Update of the Mobile App where based on the feedback and public demand, following new features are added:

- (1) It has been made Multi-lingual. Languages are English, Hindi, Marathi and Gujarati –spoken in 4 SAFAR cities.
- (2) An excellent feature of Voice service is added which can be listened by clicking the speaker button.
- (3) The detailed advisory and precautions are added. To make it more attractive, an animated Flag boy is added who will change the color of flag based on the quality of air from Green to Maroon. The expression of boy will also change and Flag gets lifted up as Air Quality worsens.



Many of you raised an issue as to why this service is available in just 4 cities and not in other cities. I share your concern and deeply appreciate. However, expanding such services requires lot of financial resources and time. One SAFAR station requires minimum cost towards 10 AQMS, 10 AWS, super computer cost for forecast, emission inventory cost, outreach cost and so on. Depending on priority, projects are approved. We expect to expand it in future but not in near future as it stands.