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Capital stays smogged out, schools stay open

The average human hair is about 70 micrometers in diameter.

The benchmark air quality index (AQI) was also recorded at "severe", indicating the highest level of pollution in the city even as the government

Some schools admitted to a 10-15% lower attendance on days with dense smog, especially post-Diwali.

"Mostly students who already have breathing problems do not come to school on days with heavy smog," said Ruma Pathak, principal of MM Public School.

Some parents agreed that shutting schools for a few days will help.