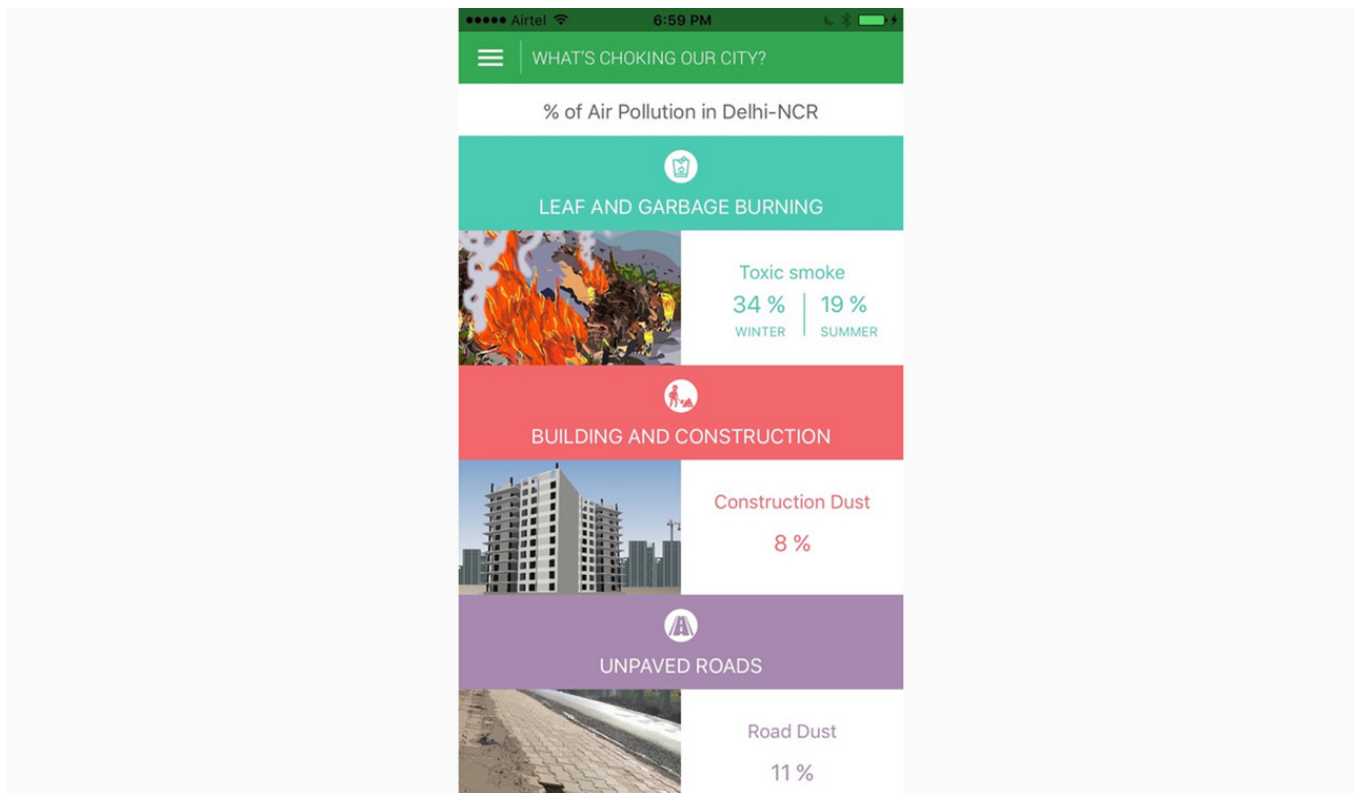


Crowd-sourcing pollution control in India



Following orders by the national government to improve the air quality of the New Delhi region by reducing air pollution, the [Environment Pollution \(Prevention and Control\) Authority](#) created the Hawa Badlo app. Designed for citizens to report cases of air pollution, each complaint is sent to the appropriate official for resolution.

Free to use, the app is available for both iOS and Android. Complaints are geo-tagged, and there are two different versions available – one for citizens and one for government officials. Officials must provide photographic evidence to close a case. The app itself produces weekly reports listing the numbers and status of complaints, along with any actions taken to resolve the problem. Currently focusing on pollution from construction, unpaved roads and the burning of garbage, the team behind the app plans to expand its use to cover other types of pollution as well.

From providing [free wi-fi](#) when the air is clean enough to [mapping air-quality](#) in real-time, air pollution solutions are increasingly involving citizens. How else could local governments involve communities in reducing air pollution?

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