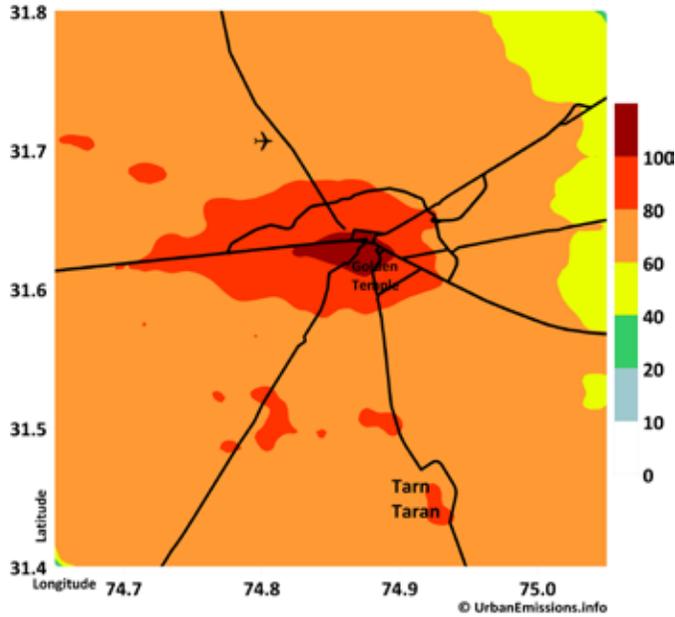


## Modeled annual average PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration (2015) µg/m<sup>3</sup>



For urban Amritsar, average PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration was 83.4 ± 8.3 µg/m<sup>3</sup>. This is more than 2 times the national standard (40) and more than 8 times the WHO guideline (10).

### Air monitoring infrastructure

Amritsar has 1 Continuous Air Monitoring Station (CAMS) reporting data for all the criteria pollutants and 3 manual stations reporting data on PM<sub>10</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, and NO<sub>2</sub>. There should be at least 18 CAMS in the city for efficient reporting.

### Annual averages from the national ambient monitoring program (2011-2015) µg/m<sup>3</sup>

PM <sub>10</sub>	NO <sub>2</sub>	SO <sub>2</sub>
195.6 ± 44.9	38.9 ± 7.6	13.8 ± 2.6

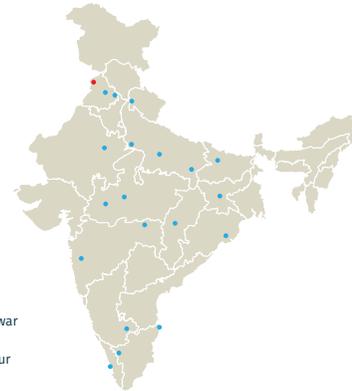
### Trend in PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations, based on satellite observations and global model simulations (1998-2014) µg/m<sup>3</sup>



## The Air Pollution Knowledge Assessment (APnA) City Program

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Designing an effective Air Quality Management (AQM) plan for a city requires robust data on levels of pollution, affected areas, source contributors, peaking trends and possible control mechanisms.

The Air Pollution Knowledge Assessment (APnA) City Program seeks to make this database available and also serve as a starting point for understanding air pollution.

The program, implemented by Urban Emissions and facilitated by Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation, seeks to create a comprehensive, city-specific information pool by pulling together data from disparate sources, surveys, mapping and atmospheric modeling.

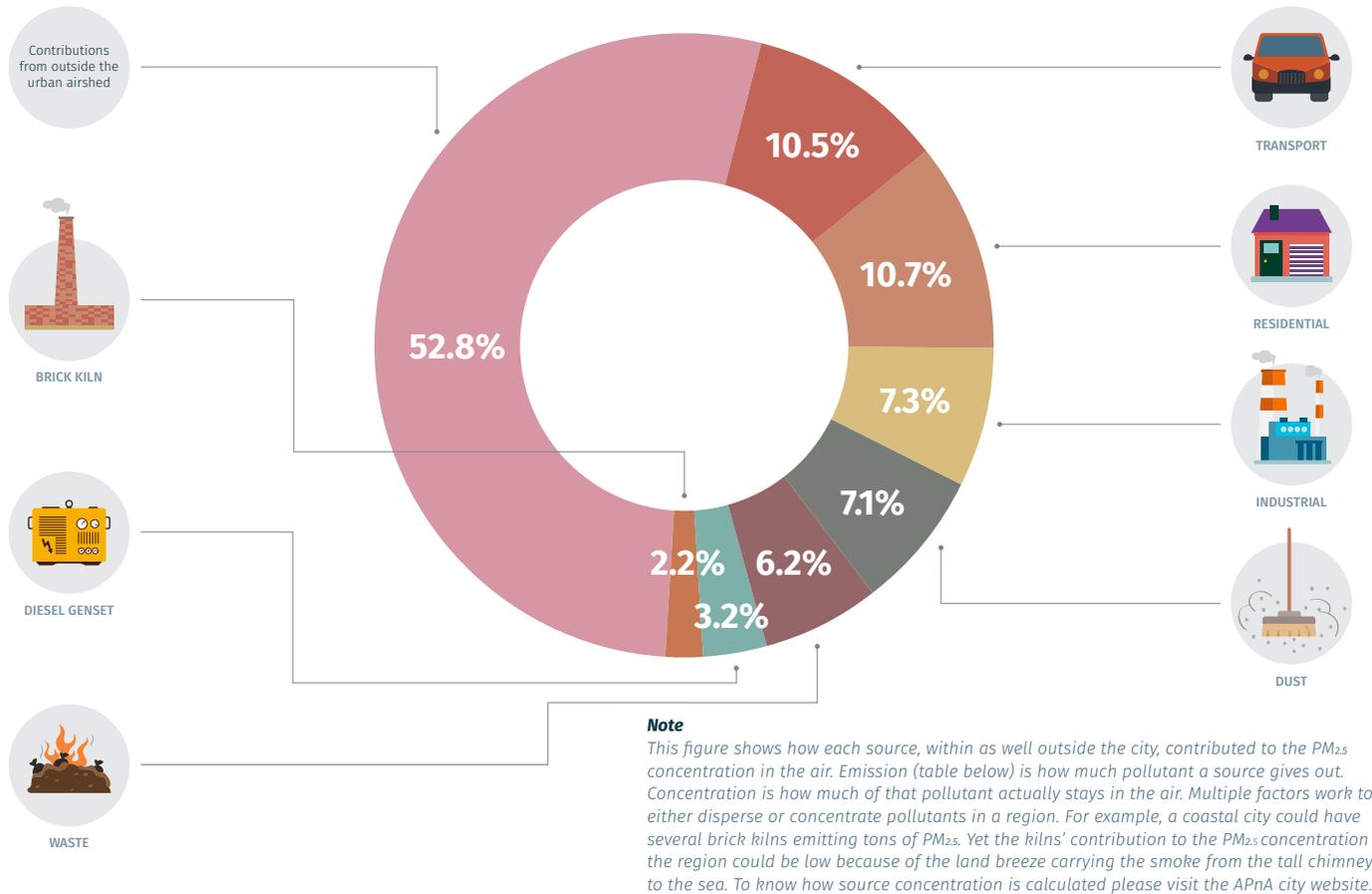
Policy options based on this information, and their implementation, would be the effective next steps in improving the air quality of our cities.

# Amritsar

This city of Harmandir Sahib and Ramtirth Temple has an unholy PM<sub>2.5</sub> count that's twice the national standards.

For detailed information on Amritsar Air Quality, visit [www.urbanemissions.info/india-apna](http://www.urbanemissions.info/india-apna)

## PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentration : source-wise percentage share in 2015



# Findings & Recommendations

- An estimated 53% of the ambient annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> pollution (in 2015) originated outside the urban airshed, which strongly suggests that air pollution control policies need a regional outlook, including trans-political boundary.
- Stricter emission standards at the coal-fired thermal power plants in the region will help reduce the share of outside contributions.
- The city needs to aggressively promote public transport and improve road infrastructure to reduce on-road dust re-suspension. The non-motorized transport can play a critical role, given the presence of increasingly large number of short-term visitors every year.
- By 2030, the share of emissions from residential cooking and lighting is expected to decrease with a greater share of LPG, residential electrification, and increasing urbanization. However, biomass and coal burning to provide warmth in the winter will continue to be an issue.
- By 2030, the vehicle exhaust emissions are expected to remain constant, if and only if, Bharat 6 fuel standards are introduced nationally in 2020, as recommended by the Auto Fuel Policy.
- The small and the medium industries, largely textiles and light engineering, need an energy efficiency management plan to address the emissions from coal, heavy fuel oil and gas combustion, or shift towards using electricity.
- About 110 brick kilns in this urban airshed, fueled mostly by coal and agri-waste, can benefit from technology upgrade from the current fixed-chimney to (for example) zig-zag in order to improve their overall energy efficiency.
- Open waste burning is dispersed across the city and requires stricter regulations for addressing the issue.

## PM<sub>2.5</sub> emissions : source-wise share in tons in 2015 and 2030 (projected)



Total emissions in 2015 = 8,600 tons    Total emissions in 2030 = 13,750 tons