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Cops check vehicles on the DND Flyway on Thursday.

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Vehicular curbs cause traffic chaos on Delhi-Noida borders

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NOIDA: Heavy traffic congestion was witnessed on Thursday at key Delhi–Noida entry points, including the Chilla Border, DND Flyway, and Kalindi Kunj, a day after the Supreme Court directed authorities to consider suspending toll booths in Delhi until air quality improves.

The snarls prompted installation of police barricades to restrict entry of BS-3 and BS-4 vehicles into the national capital.

Traffic police checks during

peak hours significantly slowed vehicular movement, especially at the Chilla Border. As vehicular queue increased, police had to temporarily ease restrictions to decongest the area. Barricades were, however, later reinstated to resume checking for noncompliant vehicles.

"Delhi Police and Noida Police set up barricades at the Delhi-Noida borders. Vehicles were stopped for verification, and those found non-compliant were asked to take U-turns. Several vehicle owners were also issued challans for norms' violation," said Dr Pravin Ranjan Singh, DCP (traffic), Noida.

Noida has nearly a million registered vehicles, including 137,277 BS-3 vehicles — 96,210 petrol and 41,067 diesel — and 282,906 BS-4 vehicles, comprising 2,41,390 petrol and 41,516 diesel vehicles, all of which fall under the ban.

However, around 420,000 BS-4 vehicles are registered in the city, apart from approximately 425,000 petrol and 33,295 diesel vehicles, which are permitted to operate during the restriction period.