

# Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas

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### **Operation Clean Air - CAQM conducts inspection drive across Noida; violations related to road dust and C&D waste identified**

NEW DELHI:

Targeting effective mitigation of dust pollution and strengthening on-ground enforcement measures across NCR, the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (CAQM) conducted a special inspection drive under “Operation Clean Air” in Noida on 08.05.2026. The drive focused on assessment of visible road dust levels and review of road cleaning and sweeping operations being undertaken in the city.

For the inspection drive, 19 flying squad teams constituted by the Commission were deployed across Noida. The teams carried out extensive field inspections covering 46 road stretches under the jurisdiction of the NOIDA Authority. During the inspections, 28 instances of high visible road dust and accumulation of construction and demolition (C&D) waste were observed at multiple locations including Sectors 20, 21, 59, 62, 80, 82, 83, 84, 87, 88, 138, 140, 141, and 145 of Noida. The findings indicated deficiencies in regular sweeping operations, dust suppression measures and scientific handling and disposal of C&D waste at certain stretches.

The Commission has directed the concerned authorities to intensify dust mitigation measures through regular mechanized sweeping, targeted water sprinkling and timely lifting and disposal of accumulated C&D waste. The NOIDA Authority has also been advised to strengthen monitoring and enforcement mechanisms to prevent unauthorized dumping and ensure sustained compliance with prescribed environmental norms.

The Commission emphasized that any lapses in implementation of prescribed dust mitigation measures and negligence by the concerned officers shall be viewed seriously. The concerned authorities have been advised to fix accountability and take appropriate action against officers found responsible for such deficiencies.

It was highlighted that road dust continues to remain a major contributor to particulate pollution in urban areas and requires focused and sustained mitigation efforts by all concerned authorities. The Commission stressed the need for continuous field-level vigilance, improved maintenance practices and accountability-driven implementation of dust control measures.

The Commission further reiterated that “Operation Clean Air” drives shall continue across Delhi-NCR as part of ongoing efforts to identify air pollution hotspots and mitigate localized air pollution sources. The concerned agencies and officials assured the Commission that necessary corrective actions shall be taken on the observations made during the inspection drive.

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