

Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas

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PRESS RELEASE

Operation Clean Air - CAQM conducts inspection of road stretches maintained by Municipal Corporation of Faridabad; targeted corrective measures directed to curb road dust and MSW management issues

NEW DELHI:

Working on war footing towards abatement of air pollution through continuous monitoring, review and enforcement actions under the statutory framework of the extant Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP), the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (CAQM) conducted an inspection drive on 13.01.2026 in Faridabad, Haryana, to assess the status of road dust mitigation measures and overall upkeep of road stretches maintained by the Municipal Corporation of Faridabad (MCF). The inspection was carried out under 'Operation Clean Air' with the objective of evaluating on-ground implementation of road-cleaning and sweeping operations and identifying locations prone to visible dust, Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) accumulation and related issues.

For the inspection drive, a total of 09 teams were deployed by CAQM, comprising officers from the Haryana State Pollution Control Board (HSPCB) and the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB). These teams inspected 127 road stretches under the jurisdiction of Municipal Corporation of Faridabad (MCF) and submitted to the Commission geo-tagged and time-stamped photographic evidence collected during the inspections, as part of the consolidated inspection report.

The findings of the inspection indicate that while a substantial number of road stretches exhibited low or no visible dust, several stretches require focused attention. Out of the total road stretches inspected, 17 stretches were found with high visible dust levels and 25 stretches with moderate dust intensity, whereas 66 stretches recorded low dust levels and 19 stretches were observed to have no visible dust. The stretches exhibiting high dust were, in many cases, associated with accumulation of MSW and Construction & Demolition (C&D) waste, particularly along key corridors, junctions and service roads. Instances of open burning were also observed at isolated locations.

The Commission emphasized the need for immediate and sustained corrective actions at identified hotspots, including intensified mechanical sweeping, regular water sprinkling, prompt lifting and scientific disposal of MSW and C&D waste, and strict enforcement to prevent waste dumping and open burning. MCF has been advised to strengthen monitoring mechanisms and ensure uniform implementation of dust suppression measures across all road stretches to prevent re-accumulation of dust.

Inspection and enforcement drives under 'Operation Clean Air' will continue to be undertaken regularly across the region to ensure strict compliance with Statutory Directions and GRAP enforcement measures. CAQM reiterates its commitment to working in close coordination with all concerned agencies to ensure clean, dust-free and well-maintained road infrastructure across the region.
