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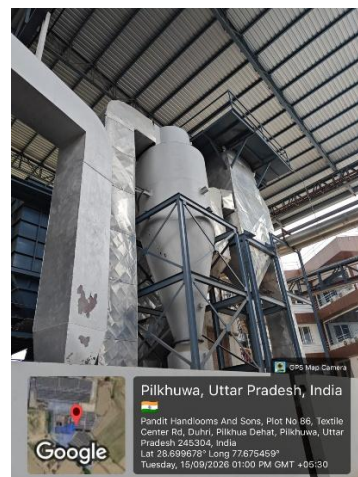
PRESS RELEASE

Operation Clean Air - CAQM conducts special inspection drive of industries in Hapur, UP; 22 units inspected, 16 found non-compliant, 12 SCNs issued

NEW DELHI:

Leaving no stone unturned to curb industrial pollution, which contributes significantly to air pollution in the National Capital Region (NCR), the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (CAQM) conducted a special inspection drive of industries operating in Hapur, Uttar Pradesh (UP) on 15.09.2026. The inspection drive was carried out by 07 Flying Squads of the Commission, in coordination with the District Administration and concerned authorities.

During the special inspection drive, a total of 22 industrial units were inspected across various industrial areas in Hapur. Out of these, 6 units were found compliant and 16 units were found non-compliant with the applicable norms and Statutory Directions.



During the inspections, various instances of non-compliance were observed across the industrial areas of Masuri-Gulawati Road, Pilkhuwa, Raval/ Shekhpur/ M.G. Road, Tatarpur/ Garh Road, Railway Road/ Textile Centre Road and Raval/ Shekhar. The key observations included intense visible smoke, inadequate Air Pollution Control Devices (APCDs), non-installation or improper functioning of Online Continuous Emission Monitoring Systems (OCEMS), bypass arrangements in wet scrubber systems,

leakages in APCD/wet scrubber systems, non-compliance of DG sets with Statutory Direction No. 76, discrepancies in Consent to Operate (CTO) and DG set capacity/ fuel details, non-availability of stack emission reports and stacks not conforming to Emission Regulation Part-III (ERP-III) guidelines. Further, during the inspection, entry was also denied by 02 suspected illegal units and accordingly strict actions/ re-inspections have been proposed.



Instances of illegal/non-conforming industrial units, use of a wood-fired pit furnace with hazardous sludge, and non-installation of stack monitoring/Retrofitted Emission Control Device (RECD) systems were also observed. **One unit using a wood-fired pit furnace with hazardous sludge and another non-conforming unit were sealed by the Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board (UPPCB).**

The inspection drive also identified units that were found to be operating in compliance with the applicable industrial norms. The findings of the inspection teams have been documented for further necessary action by the concerned authorities.

Based on the observations made during the inspection drive, 12 Show Cause Notices (SCNs) have been issued to the concerned units. CAQM has reiterated that all industrial units are required to strictly comply with applicable environmental norms, Statutory Directions, CTO conditions and other prescribed measures. Any instance of non-compliance shall be dealt with in accordance with applicable environmental laws and regulations and concerned authorities have been advised to take necessary action(s) to ensure compliance.

CAQM continues to undertake Operation Clean Air and special inspection drives across NCR to identify instances of non-compliance, strengthen enforcement and ensure effective implementation of Statutory Directions by industries and other pollution-generating sectors.
