

# **Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas**

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

**CAQM Resource Lab with the support of Haryana State Pollution Control Board (HSPCB) concludes two-day Training Workshop and IEC Activity in Faridabad and Gurugram;**

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**NEW DELHI:**

In a concerted effort to inform, educate, communicate and spread awareness regarding steps towards air pollution mitigation in the National Capital Region (NCR), the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (CAQM) successfully concluded its two-day workshop in Faridabad and IEC activity in Gurugram respectively today, through its Resource Lab which is setup in collaboration with Raahgiri Foundation and with the support of the Haryana State Pollution Control Board (HSPCB).

This two-day event was the fourth in a series of workshops planned across nine targeted NCR cities i.e. Delhi, Gurugram, Faridabad, Sonipat, Noida, Greater Noida, Ghaziabad, Bhiwadi and Neemrana for adopting sustainable road design and dust control practices. This will facilitate implementation of the Standard Framework developed by CAQM for development of roads in these cities.

The first day of the workshop was held at HUDA Auditorium & Convention Centre, Sector 12, Faridabad, where the Commission highlighted significance of the CAQM Resource Lab. The Workshop and IEC Activity is a call to action, empowering engineers and officials with the knowledge and tools to implement practical solutions. CAQM as a Statutory body is working with various NCR agencies to focus on 09 targeted NCR cities for (re)development of dust free roads to reduce air pollution levels and make urban spaces more open, inclusive and healthy for all.

The day-long workshop brought together Government Officials, enforcement agencies, engineers, stakeholders who participated in technical sessions on issue mapping with practical exercises. Stakeholders were trained through interactive sessions and site-based

exercises on sustainable road design, dust abatement measures and preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for sustainable street design and re-development leading to clean, safe and walkable streets.

The second day featured vibrant IEC activities at Sanath Road, Sector 18, Gurugram, showcasing a complete street and an air quality awareness zone through a walk-shop, which included art installations, air pollution mitigation games and technical details of Haryana's First Model Street which represents a model for streets to be (re)developed in NCR, with walking and cycling paths integrated with public transport, extensive plantation for dust and air pollution reduction, universal accessibility and women's safety, bioswales to capture and reabsorb rainwater and eliminate waterlogging,

The two-day event in Haryana (NCR) is a part of series of similar workshops and activities that have been organised in the remaining NCR cities in the previous weeks. These efforts emphasize CAQM's commitment towards capacity building for abatement of air pollution while working closely with NCR State Governments, concerned agencies and communities to implement practical, innovative, and citizen-centric solutions for clean air in the region.

The Resource Lab of CAQM will continue to serve as a training and demonstration hub, focusing on capacity building and dissemination of scalable and adaptable best practices in road (re)development and air pollution mitigation. It will continue its persistent efforts build awareness for concerned individuals about air pollution mitigation and awareness through hands-on training supported by targeted IEC (Information, Education and Communication) campaigns and activities.

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