

CAQM conducts inspection drive in Noida, directs Intensified Mitigation and Strict Enforcement

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The Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (CAQM) conducted a special inspection drive in Noida on 08.05.2026, focusing on assessment of visible road dust levels and review of road cleaning and sweeping operations in the city.

A total of 19 flying squad teams constituted by the Commission were deployed across Noida, 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. The findings pointed to 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 mechanised 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 unauthorised dumping and ensure sustained compliance with prescribed environmental norms.

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

It was highlighted that road dust remains a major contributor to particulate pollution in urban areas and requires sustained and focused mitigation efforts. 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 will continue across Delhi-NCR as part of ongoing efforts to identify air pollution hotspots and mitigate localised sources of air pollution. The concerned agencies and officials assured that necessary corrective actions will be taken based on the observations made during the inspection drive.

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