

Name of ENVIS Centre : **ENVIS Centre on “ Air and Water Pollution”**

Host Organisation : **Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), Delhi**

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Year of establishment : **1983**

About the Host Organization

The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) is a statutory organisation constituted in September, 1974 under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974. CPCB was entrusted with the powers and functions under the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981. It serves as a field formation and provides technical services to the Ministry of Environment and Forests for the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. Principal functions of the CPCB, as per the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, are to promote cleanliness of streams and wells in different areas of the States by prevention, control and abatement of water pollution, and to improve the quality of air and to prevent, control or abate air pollution in the country.



Activities of the Centre

- ⦿ **Distributed Information Centre (DIC):** The centre was set up in the year 1984 to act as a network partner of the Environmental Information System (ENVIS). Initially the centre was designated to provide information on air and water pollution. But, it provides data and information on all aspects of environmental pollution.
- ⦿ **Scanning Journals:** The journals received in the CPCB library are scanned for disseminating

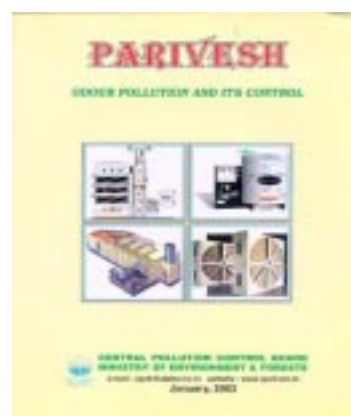
information internally to its scientific & technical personnel.

- **News Clippings:** Providing daily in-house 'paper clipping' service for disseminating information internally to its scientific & technical personnel.
- **Information Brochures and Pamphlets:** Publishes information booklets and pamphlets in Hindi and English on topics related to control of pollution and protection of environment.
- Maintaining liaison with international organization/institutions for exchange of information on environment pollution & control.
- Bringing out the Annual Report.

ENVIS Publications

- **ENVIS Newsletter**

- ◇ A quarterly Newsletter "Parivesh" was started in May 1994. The theme of the Parivesh Newsletter is based on control of pollution and protection of environment. At present more than 3000 copies are circulated regularly to various universities, Ministries, Scientific Departments, NGOs etc.



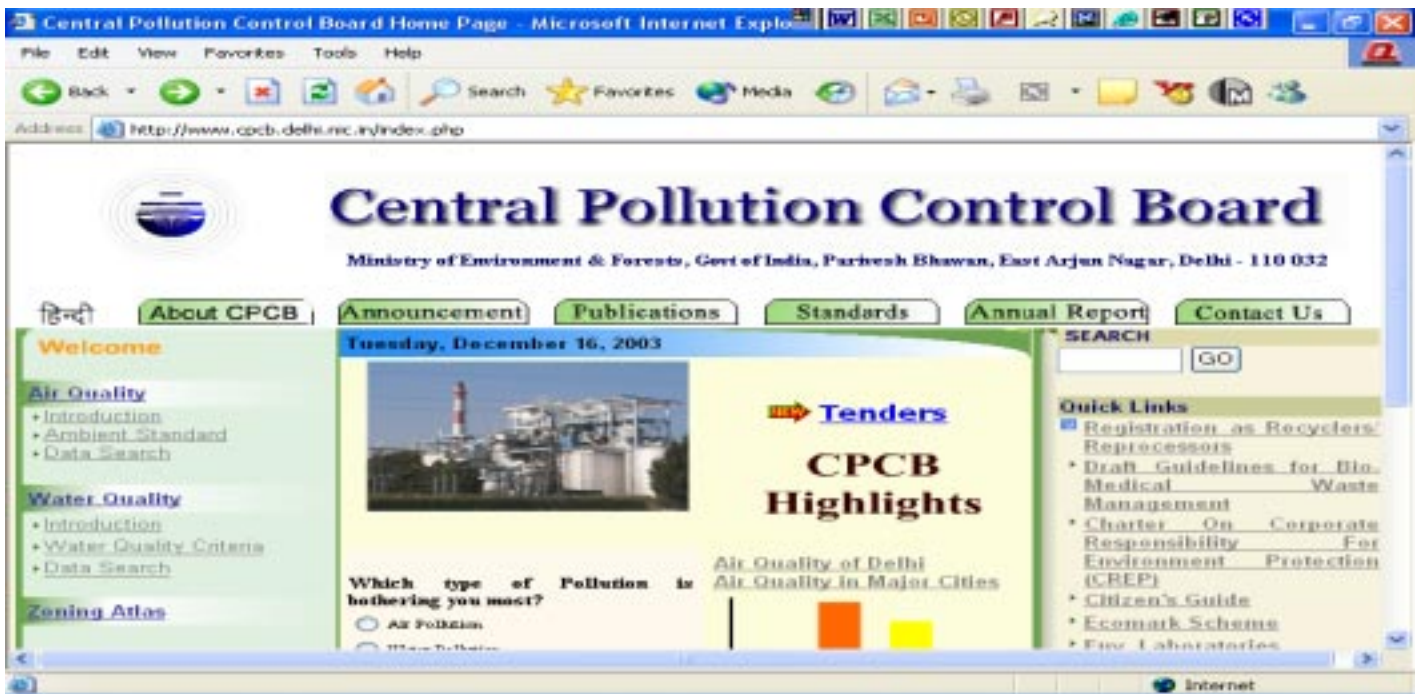
Services

- **Query Response Service**

- ◇ The Centre respond to 400 queries per year received from schools, colleges, NGO's research scholars, media person, consultants and technical institutions, government organisations and general public in the field of air pollution, water pollution, noise pollution, solid/hazardous waste, publications, consultancy and mass awareness.

CPCB Website (<http://www.cpcb.nic.in>)

- There is no separate website for ENVIS Centre. The information on ENVIS is provided through their organization's website. Soon, there will be a separate website for CPCB ENVIS Centre also. The website contains publications, Annual Report, Environmental Standards, Air Quality & Ambient Standard, Water Quality & Water Quality Criteria, Zing Atlas & its components, daily update of air quality in major cities, details of registration to recyclers/re-processors for re-processing/ recycling of Used Oil/ Used Lead Acid Batteries/Non-Ferrous Metal Wastes, draft guidelines for Bio-medical waste management, list of environmental laboratories, status of the pollution control in grossly polluting industries discharging into rivers and lakes, role of NGOs in environmental management and all the newsletters published.



Future Plans

- Prepare an annual compilation of important news items appeared in newspapers.
- Prepare a fortnightly compilation of important research papers appeared in research journals and relevant information appeared in newsletters and annual reports of other organizations.
- Prepare information booklets for students and general public and Publish book on environmental pollution.
- Focus on pollution control practices adopted by industries and municipalities, case studies, technology assessments, and research of Indian origin and relevant to India.
- Create a dedicated website of ENVIS Centre.