

FOREWORD

The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) with the Ministry of Environment & Forests (MoEF) has been playing a pivotal role in abatement and control of pollution in the country by conducting relevant studies, generating environmental quality, providing scientific and technical inputs for formulation of national policies, training and development of manpower from the State Pollution Control Boards/Pollution Control Committees, training students in our state-of-art laboratory besides promoting awareness on environmental issues. Information dissemination is done through updated user friendly website www.cpcb.nic.in which also displays on-line data of our country's capital's ambient air quality.

Parivesh Highlights publication started since 1998 and showcases CPCB's involvement in a wide range of activities concerning improving and monitoring the environmental quality in given year allowing the reader to have a birds eye view on the status of implementation of various country-wide projects initiated under the Rules notified under the Water Act 1974, Air Act 1981 and the all important rules under Environment (Protection) Act 1986. The execution and co-ordination of the various on-going projects are done both from the Head Quarter at Delhi and through Zonal Offices located at Lucknow, Bangalore, Kolkata, Bhopal, Vadodara, Shillong besides project Office Agra which monitors environmental quality around the Taj Mahal.

The present issue of Parivesh **Highlights 2008** should serve as an important guide for the academic community, consultants, entrepreneurs, institutions and regulatory bodies interested in similar fields and to the public at large.

The 'ENVIRONMENT' needs to be restored help us to HELP YOU.


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