

## Air and Noise Pollution in Faridabad

## Why in News?

Recently, <u>The National Green Tribunal (NGT)</u> has established a committee to investigate whether unauthorized stone <u>mining activities in the Aravalis</u> are resulting in severe <u>air and noise pollution</u> in Anangpur village of Faridabad.

## **Key Points**

- This action was prompted after residents near Anangpur filed a petition with the NGT alleging that the illegal operations pose a significant health risk.
- The committee is composed of representatives from the <u>Commission for Air Quality Management</u> (<u>CAQM</u>), the <u>Central Pollution Control Board</u> (<u>CPCB</u>), the <u>Haryana State Pollution Control Board</u> (<u>HSPCB</u>), the District Magistrate (DM) of Faridabad, and the <u>Divisional Forest Officer</u> (DFO) of Faridabad.
  - The committee's responsibilities include visiting the site to ascertain the nature of the land, confirming whether necessary approvals were obtained, and identifying the individuals or organizations engaged in the activities.

## The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)

- It is a statutory organisation, was constituted in 1974 under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974.
- CPCB was also entrusted with the powers and functions under the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.
- It provides technical assisstance to the **Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate change** under the provisions of the <u>Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.</u>

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