

Haryana State Pollution Control Board | Haryana | 20 Sep 2024

Why in News?

Recently, the <u>Chief Secretary</u> of **Haryana directed the** <u>State Pollution Control Board (HSPCB)</u> to enhance pollution reporting and interdepartmental coordination.

Key Points

- Monthly Pollution Reports: The regional officers of Haryana State Pollution Control Board (HSPCB) have been directed to compile monthly <u>environmental reports</u> for their respective areas.
- **Board's Expanded Role:** The HSPCB, originally established to address <u>water pollution</u>, has expanded its scope to tackle a wider range of environmental issues since its **inception in 1974**.
- Biomedical Waste Management: The Additional Chief Secretary of Health suggested delegating biomedical waste collection and disposal to multiple agencies, proposing a reduction in their operational area from 75 km for efficiency.
- Air Quality Monitoring: To combat winter air pollution, particularly in NCR, Haryana has:
 - Installed 29 Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations (CAAQMS) (21 in NCR).
 - Established 46 manual stations across the state for comprehensive <u>air quality</u> monitoring.

Haryana State Pollution Control Board

It was formed as a statutory organisation by Government of Haryana in the year 1974 to preserve the wholesomeness of water and prevent water pollution after Government of India legislation of <u>Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974.</u>

Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)

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

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