



Dear Colleague,

Looking at the adverse health impacts of air pollution, Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) launched National Clean Air Program (NCAP) in 2019 with an aim to reduce PM10 & PM2.5 by 30% in a period of 5 years. The program is being implemented in mission mode in 131 Non-Attainment Cities (NACs) after announcement made by the Hon'ble Prime Minister from ramparts of Red Fort. The NCAP rests on three pillars: Science and Strong Database; Institutional Capacity Building including SPCBs/PCCs and application of Robust Mitigation Measures.

To impart capacity building a nationwide network of technical institutions and national laboratories is formed so that local expertise is available in all NACs cities to help implement NCAP by providing technical and scientific inputs besides associating with research, investigations, study etc. These institutions are named as "Institutes of Repute (IoR)". A group of select institutions have been formed by MoEF&CC as National Knowledge Network (NKN) which is entrusted with responsibilities of framing various guidelines for identifying and selecting IoRs in consultation with CPCB, SPCBs /PCCs and ULBs. It has also been envisioned that periodic regional meetings will be held involving NKN, IoRs, SPCBs /PCCs and ULBs to brainstorm into issues pertaining to NCAP at a regional scale.

With a view to synergise the efforts among the agencies and to discuss on integrated multi-dimensional aspects of air quality monitoring and management, a regional meeting, "Regional (South) meet of Institutes of Repute associated with NCAP: Convergence of Knowledge, Institutional Capacity and Infrastructure Building", is being organised at Royal Orchid, Bengaluru on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2023. The participants consisting of Institutes of Repute (IoRs) from the states of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana shall have the opportunity to have deliberate discussion among themselves on the aspects and issues related to Science and Strong Database, Institutional Capacity Building including SPCBs/PCCs and application of Robust Mitigation Measures to achieve the goal of NCAP Mission.

The meeting is being jointly organised by technical partner, National Knowledge Network (NKN)- Secretariat at IIT-Kanpur and Centre for Study of Science, Technology and Policy, Bengaluru.

Looking forward to meet you!

Best Regards

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