

Dr. A. Ramesh Kumar, Scientist-E, delivered an invited talk on “National Implementation Plan (NIP) on POPs” at the Stakeholders Meeting on Chemicals Management held in Dehradun on 24 February 2026. The programme was jointly organized by the Royal Norwegian Embassy, Delhi, and Toxics Link. Dr Kumar, in his talk, explained the Stockholm Convention and evolving global policies and regulations on chemical management. He highlighted that Chemicals of Concern (CoCs) and Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) pose significant adverse health effects if not managed under the “essential use” concept. He further summarized the ongoing GEF-UNEP-funded project on NIP and emphasized the need for national chemical management regulations similar to the EU REACH framework. The program was attended by participants from Uttarakhand Pollution Control Board, IIT-Roorkee, CSIR-IIP, industries, NGOs, and academia.

