

CSIR-NEERI organized a one-day training programme on “Preparation of Air Pollution Impact Assessment Report (Box-1 Report) as per NEERI Guidelines for the TTZ Area” on November 7, 2025, at its Delhi Zonal Centre, New Delhi. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. S. Venkata Mohan, Director, CSIR-NEERI, Nagpur, who highlighted CSIR-NEERI’s longstanding contribution to the protection of the Taj Trapezium Zone (TTZ) and its continued efforts to integrate scientific knowledge with policy-making for sustainable regional development. He emphasized that CSIR-NEERI’s sectoral guidelines and Box-1 reporting framework, developed in response to Supreme Court directives, serve as vital tools for ensuring transparency and scientific rigor in environmental decision-making. Dr. Varinder S. Kanwar, CEO, QCI–NABET, and Dr. Umesh Sharma, Former Member, UP-SEAC, in their special addresses, underlined the crucial role of NABET-accredited consultants in accurately reporting on-ground environmental realities of the TTZ region to support informed and evidence-based decisions by regulatory authorities.

Dr. S.K. Goyal, Chief Scientist and Chair, CSIR-NEERI Delhi Zonal Centre, provided insights into the relevance of the Box-1 project report, its practical applications, and the significance of aligning assessment methodologies with CSIR-NEERI’s sectoral guidelines for the TTZ region.

The event, co-coordinated by Dr. Sunil Gulia and Dr. Ankit Gupta, included sessions on data collection, analysis, and Box-1 report preparation, reaffirming CSIR-NEERI’s commitment to strengthening technical capacity, fostering environmental governance, and promoting sustainable development through science-based solutions.

The programme witnessed active participation from NABET-accredited EIA consultants, especially Functional Area Experts (FAEs) specializing in air pollution monitoring, modeling, and management, representatives from UPSIDA, IOCL & Mathura Refinery, and the President, Vice President, and Secretary of Laghu Udyog Bharti, Agra, as well as experts from WRI and other stakeholder organizations.

