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## Industrial estates to bring pollution under check in a year

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THE state government has chalked out plans to bring pollution levels under control at the six industrial estates declared 'critically polluted' by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).

A senior official of Gujarat Pollution Control Board (GPCB) said during a Round Table on 'Eco Industrial Parks' organised by Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) and Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation (GIDC), that the task would be completed within one year.

The event focused on devising ways to create futuristic industrial estates balancing industrial development with environmental aspects, taking into account the wellbeing of neighbourhood areas and optimum utilisation of resources.

Speaking to media-persons on the sidelines of the event, GPCB chairman K U Mistry said, "After the CPCB categorised Ahmedabad, Vatva, Chitra, Junagadh, Vapi and Ankleshwar as critically polluted, we promptly sent the guidelines to the respective industrial associations and individual units regarding the steps to be taken to control the pollution levels. Gujarat was the first state to submit an action plan to the CPCB. We believe that within 12 months, these areas would get rid of 'critically polluted' tag." He, however, said that there are some units which are habitual offenders and GPCB would impose harsh penalty on them if they fail to comply to the norms.

CPCB's decision came as a shocker to certain industrial estates, particularly Chitra and Junagadh, as they do not have significant number of polluting units. Industrial estates not declared critically polluted are also strengthening their infrastructure for controlling pollution. Naroda Industrial Estate with significant number of chemical and petrochemical units has decided to bring the effluent level to 400 ppm within two months from 700 ppm now.

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## **Stress on environmental protection in industries**

**Ahmedabad, Aug 13:** In consonance with Gujarat's new industrial policy which recognizes the eco-industrial park concept as an opportunity to meet with obligations of sustainable development, a round table meeting on eco-industrial parks was organised here today.

Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation (GIDC), German Technical Cooperation (GTZ), Gujarat chapter of FICCI and Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI), Hyderabad jointly organised the meeting.

Dr K U Mistry, Chairman of Gujarat Pollution Control Board (GPCB), in his address, emphasised on programmes related to cleaner production technologies and adoption of zero pollution. "Destroying the environment is suicidal," he said.

The centre had declared that there were six critically polluted hotspots in Gujarat and authorities have already started making master plans for the same, an initiative, first of its kind in the country. The concept of eco-profit should be promoted and implemented on priority, said Dr. Mistry.

Mr Maheshwar Sahu, Principal Secretary of Industries and Mines, said global recession of 2007-08 did not influence Gujarat as it had more than 9 per cent growth rate during the period of recession.

During the round table meet with participants from industry, government, educational institutions, consultants and experts, international examples of eco-industrial development were discussed besides looking into a few examples from within the country including Gujarat, official sources said.

The discussions in the round table meet focussed on the issues related to environmental performance, improvement in existing industries and industrial parks, environmental infrastructure and services, planning and development of new industrial parks and investment regions and capacity building and organisational development. Under Indo-German development cooperation, GIDC is starting cooperation with GTZ for facilitating eco-industrial development in Gujarat, covering existing GIDC industrial estates at Vatva and Naroda in the first phase, sources said.

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