

# Set up UPPCB offices in all dists, says Yogi

## Highlights Need To Tackle Challenges

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**Lucknow:** Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Wednesday called for a comprehensive restructuring of the Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board (UPPCB) in view of the board's expanded mandate since its inception in 1995.

Chairing a review meeting, Yogi emphasised the need for district-level offices and directed that regional offices be realigned with the state's 18 administrative divisions.

In industrial hubs, multiple regional offices may be established to manage the workload more effectively. The CM further highlighted the need to strengthen the board to effectively tackle modern environmental challenges. He instructed the establishment of specialised cells within the board to handle solid, liquid, hazardous, electro-



Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath reviews the work of the Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board (UPPCB) in Lucknow on Wednesday

nic, and biomedical waste management.

He also emphasised the need for setting up special units for public grievance redressal, research and development studies, environmental awareness, publications, and the use of IT and artificial intelligence. "These steps will have a positive impact on the overall effectiveness of the board," he said. CM Yogi highlighted the need to reduce the processing time for the disposal of 'No Objection Certificates' related to industries. Currently, applications in red, orange, and green categories are being cleared within 120 days. He

directed that these be reduced to 40, 25, and 10 days respectively, and asked officials to develop the required system for this purpose.

He also said that the recruitment process for vacant positions be fast-tracked. "It would be ideal to hire skilled youth from reputed technical institutes like IITs with attractive packages," he said, suggesting that the board should take decisions in this regard as per rules. Yogi further mentioned that no changes were made to the NOC and consent fees since 2008. He called for a detailed review and necessary revisions by the board.

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