

Pollution Boards Fund Utilisation [UPSC Notes]

As per recent reports, most pollution boards in India choke on fund utilisation which hampers their effective functioning marring efforts to reach zero net emissions. In this article, we focus on a report by the Centre for Policy Research (CPR) which focused on this issue. This topic is relevant for the [IAS exam](#) environment and ecology segment of GS paper III.

Fund Utilisation by Pollution Boards

According to a recent report by the Centre for Policy Research (CPR), which examined the use of funds by pollution control boards and committees in ten states, the majority of these organizations reported a surplus from 2018–19 to 2020–21, but many have difficulty using the full amount raised through fees and other sources.

- The research indicates that the average fund utilisation rate among the 10 boards is 48, however, the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) did not even spend that much from 2018-19 to 2020-21.
- The board used 32% of its budget in 2018–19, just 28.5% in 2019–20, and 47.8% in 2020–21.

Also read: [Central Pollution Control Board \(CPCB\)](#)

About Centre for Policy Research (CPR)

- Located in New Delhi, the Centre for Policy Research (CPR) is a think tank. A group of academics and public intellectuals founded it in 1973 with the intention of undertaking research and analysis on a variety of policy issues pertaining to India's social, economic, and political growth.
- Governance, the environment and sustainable development, as well as issues with health, education, and social policy, are just a few of the many areas that CPR's research touches on. The group's mission is to present evidence-based research and analysis to support informed public discourse and guide policy decisions.

About Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC)

- In accordance with the requirements of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act of 1974 and the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act of 1981, the Delhi government formed the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC), a regulatory agency. The National Capital Territory of Delhi's pollution is under the supervision and management of the DPCC.
- The DPCC is responsible for a variety of tasks, such as keeping an eye on air and water quality, inspecting businesses and other sources of pollution, implementing laws governing pollution management, and performing research and analysis on pollution-related topics. In

order to promote environmental preservation and sustainable development in Delhi, the DPCC also collaborates closely with other governmental organizations, civil society groups, and the commercial sector.

Conclusion

The report emphasizes the importance of giving effective management of funds designated for environmental protection more thought and attention. It also stresses the necessity of ensuring that pollution control agencies have the tools they need to carry out their duties in a transparent and accountable manner.

