

Celebration of International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer – 2026

The Himachal Pradesh State Pollution Control Board (HPSPCB) observed the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer (World Ozone Day) on 16th September, 2026 through its Regional Offices and Laboratories across the State.



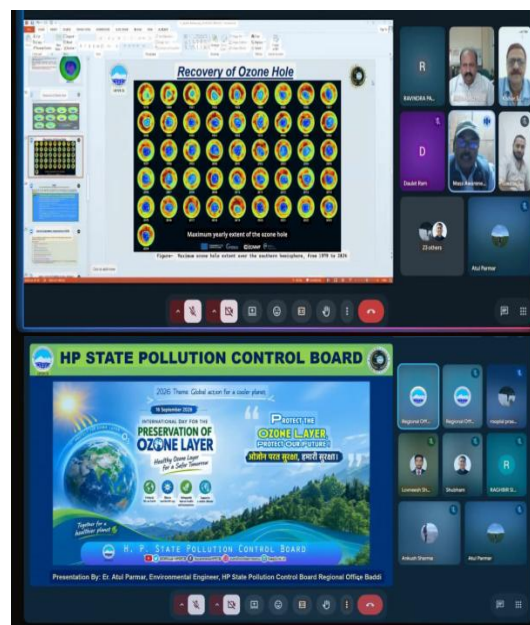
As part of the observance, various **mass awareness and stakeholder-oriented activities** were organised, including awareness programmes, webinars/video conferences, interactive sessions, lectures, plantation drives, painting and slogan-writing competitions, poster-making, quiz and declamation competitions, pledge/oath-taking and sensitisation programmes for industries and educational institutions.

The programmes focused on creating awareness regarding the **importance of the ozone layer, causes and impacts of ozone depletion, ozone-depleting substances (ODS), harmful effects of ultraviolet (UV) radiation, the Montreal Protocol and Kigali Amendment, sustainable cooling practices, responsible refrigerant management and the linkage between ozone protection and climate action.**

The activities conducted by the participating Regional Offices/Laboratories were documented through

photographs, which are enclosed with the detailed **Action Taken Report (ATR)** for reference and record.

1) **The Regional Office, Baddi**, conducted a **Webinar/Video Conference session** on 16.09.2026 on the occasion of World Ozone Day. Industries located in the BBN area, representatives of BBNIA, industry representatives and students/representatives of educational institutions participated in the programme. The participants were sensitised regarding the importance of the ozone layer, the history and significance of World Ozone Day, ozone-depleting substances and efforts towards protection of the ozone layer. An interactive doubt-clearing session was also conducted, during which participants raised queries and shared their inputs and experiences. The programme concluded with emphasis on collective responsibility and continued efforts towards phasing out ozone-depleting substances and protecting the ozone layer. **Photographs enclosed.**



2) **RO Bilaspur** conducted two environmental awareness activities. (i) **Plantation Drive:** A plantation drive was organised at Sheetla Gaushala, Alsu, near Barmana, in association with ACC Barmana, local residents and members of

the Gaushala Committee, with the objective of promoting environmental conservation and ecosystem protection. **(ii) Awareness Programme:** An awareness programme was organised at Government Senior Secondary School, Kothi, Tehsil Ghumarwin, District Bilaspur, in association with DLSA, Bilaspur. Around **70 students** participated. The students were sensitised regarding ozone layer depletion, its causes, effects and remedial measures, along with Solid Waste Management, including proper management of e-waste and domestic hazardous waste. **Photographs enclosed.**



3) The Regional Office and Regional Laboratory, Shimla, organised an awareness programme at **Crescent Star Public School, Totu.** Students were sensitised about the importance of the ozone layer, causes of its depletion and harmful effects of excessive UV radiation. The officials highlighted the need for

sustainable and environment-friendly practices and collective efforts for protection of the ozone layer. Students were encouraged to act as environment ambassadors and disseminate awareness regarding ozone protection and environmental conservation among their families and communities. The school management and teachers appreciated the initiative and assured their cooperation. **Photographs enclosed.**



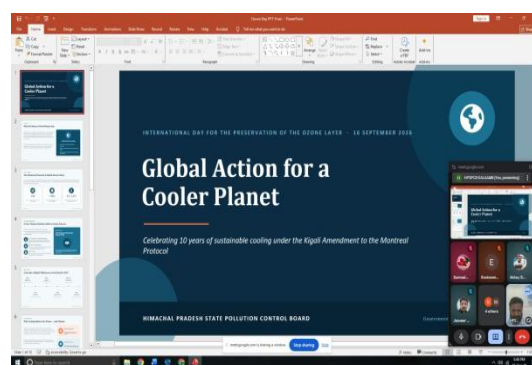
4) The Regional Office and Regional Laboratory, Dharamshala, jointly organised an awareness programme at **IB DAV School, Narwana, Dharamshala, District Kangra.** Approximately **84**

students of Classes VIII and IX participated in painting and slogan-writing competitions, and winners were awarded prizes. The students were sensitised regarding the importance of the ozone layer, its role in protecting the environment and ecosystems from harmful UV radiation, and its significance for human health and environmental protection. An awareness speech was delivered by HPSPCB officials and an oath/pledge for protection of the ozone layer and environment was administered. Refreshments were also distributed to the participating students. **Photographs enclosed.**



5) **RO Paonta Sahib** organised an awareness programme through **Google Meet** on 16.09.2026. Representatives of industrial units from Paonta Sahib and Kala Amb participated. The participants were sensitised regarding the importance of the ozone layer, Montreal Protocol and Kigali Amendment, 2016, including the linkage between ozone protection, HFCs and global warming. Emphasis was laid on

reducing the use of ozone-depleting substances and high-global-warming-potential HFCs, wherever technically feasible, and promoting energy-efficient and sustainable cooling practices. Representatives of industrial units at Kala Amb also participated physically and were sensitised regarding responsible handling of refrigerants, prevention of refrigerant leakage, proper maintenance of refrigeration/air-conditioning equipment and adoption of sustainable cooling technologies. Participating units included **M/s Blue Star India Ltd., Kala Amb; M/s Blue Star India, Unit-II, Kala Amb; M/s Pontika Aerotech, Paonta Sahib; M/s Tirupati Medicare, Paonta Sahib; and M/s Sai Corporation, Kala Amb.** **Photographs enclosed.**



6) **RO Kullu**, in collaboration with **DLSA Kullu**, organised a World Ozone Day programme at **Cambridge International School, Mohal, Kullu** on 16.09.2026. An informative presentation on the importance of the ozone layer, ozone depletion, its impacts and measures for protection was delivered by HPSPCB officials. Addresses

were also delivered by representatives of DLSA Kullu and HPSPCB. The participants were sensitised regarding environmental awareness, protection of the ozone layer and the role of students in promoting sustainable environmental practices. An **Ozone Protection Pledge** was administered to the students and staff, who actively participated in the programme. **Photographs enclosed.**



7) **Central Lab. Parwanoo** celebrated World Ozone Day was at **Government Senior Secondary School, Masulkhana**. HPSPCB officials interacted with students and delivered an awareness lecture on the importance of the ozone layer, causes of its depletion and remedial measures for its protection. The students were also apprised of the distinction between ground-level ozone and stratospheric ozone and sensitised regarding environmentally sustainable practices. **Slogan-writing,**

poster-making and quiz competitions were organised, in which **53 students** actively participated. Winners were felicitated and awarded prizes. Refreshments were distributed to all **220 students** of the school. The programme concluded with a message and commitment towards protection of the ozone layer and environmental conservation. **Photographs enclosed.**



8) **HPSPCB Regional Laboratory, Paonta Sahib**, organised a mass awareness programme at **Government Senior Secondary School, Kamlar Dadhau** on 16.09.2026. HPSPCB officials delivered an awareness speech regarding

the importance of the ozone layer, its significance, causes and impacts of ozone depletion, and international efforts for ozone protection, particularly the Montreal Protocol. The linkage between ozone protection, environmental conservation and climate action was also highlighted. A **declamation competition** on the theme “Global Action for a Cooler Planet” was organised, in which students participated enthusiastically. Prizes were distributed to the winners. The programme conveyed the message that responsible practices and collective efforts are essential for ozone protection and a sustainable future. **Photographs enclosed.**



The **Regional Office, HPSPCB, Mandi** organised World Ozone Day activities on **16.09.2026** at **Sirda Polytechnic College, Naulakha, Sundernagar**, targeting college students, teachers and the general public. The activities included painting competition, slogan-writing and an awareness rally, thereby

providing an interactive platform for disseminating the message of ozone layer protection and environmental awareness among students and the wider community.



9) Regional Laboratory, Sundernagar organised an awareness programme at **Government Senior Secondary School, Dushera (Dabhada), Tehsil Balh, District Mandi**. Which was attended by school students, teaching faculty and school authorities. During the programme, lectures were delivered on ozone depletion, impacts of ultraviolet (UV) radiation, the Montreal Protocol and the Kigali Amendment. wherein the students were sensitised regarding the **3R Principles—Reduce, Reuse and Recycle—and the importance of adopting sustainable environmental**





practices in their day-to-day lives. The students actively participated in the programme and presented **models, posters and slogans** depicting various environmental concepts and climate-action solutions.

10) HPSPCB, **Regional Office Una**, in coordination with M/s Haroli Block Industries Association, observed **Ozone Layer Day on 16.09.2026** at M/s Sukhjit Agro Industries, VPO Gurplah and M/s Surie Porex Industries LLP, Village Bela Bathri, under the theme “**Global Action for a Cooler Planet.**”

The programme included **plantation activities** and an **awareness session for industrial employees/workers** on the importance of the ozone layer, its role in protecting life on Earth, and the need for its preservation. Participants were encouraged to adopt **ozone-friendly and environmentally sustainable practices** at the workplace and in daily life. The programme concluded with an **oath for the preservation of the ozone layer** and a collective commitment towards sustainable practices.



11) The **International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer, 2026** was observed by HPSPCB, **Regional Office Rampur**, in collaboration with DLSA Kinnaur, RTO Kinnaur, SADA Reckong Peo, JSW Hydro Energy Pvt. Ltd., Patel Engineering Pvt. Ltd., Healing Himalayas (NGO) and other stakeholders on **16.09.2026**.

An interactive awareness session was conducted on the **importance of the ozone layer, causes and impacts of ozone depletion, and measures for its protection**. The officials emphasized collective responsibility and the role of government departments, industries, NGOs, local bodies and the public in adopting sustainable practices. The programme concluded with a message to promote **greater environmental awareness and collective action for safeguarding the ozone layer and protecting the environment for future generations**.



12) **Regional Lab. Una** organized Intra-school awareness activities, including **drawing and declamation competitions**

on the theme “**Global Action for a Cooler Planet**”, were organized to sensitize students about ozone layer protection, climate change and environmental conservation. More than **40 students** actively participated in the drawing competition, while students also shared their views and concerns regarding the environment.

Students were sensitized about the impacts of increasing greenhouse gases and the importance of the ozone layer in protecting human health, marine life, soil fertility, agriculture and ecosystems. They were encouraged to adopt the principles of **Reduce, Reuse and Recycle**, minimize their carbon footprint and conserve non-renewable energy resources.

Prizes were distributed to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd position holders in the drawing and declamation competitions, along with consolation prizes. The event was conducted with enthusiastic participation of students, school staff and officials of Regional Laboratory, Una, and concluded with a pledge to adopt environmentally responsible practices for the protection of nature and its resources.



13) HP State Pollution Control Board, **Regional Office Chamba**, organized an awareness programme at Government High School, Jhumhar, Chamba.

During the programme, students were made aware of the importance of the ozone layer, the causes and effects of ozone layer depletion, and the need to protect it. Further, awareness was imparted regarding Solid Waste Management, proper waste disposal, and the harmful effects of single-use plastic.

A declamation competition was also organized at the school to encourage students to express their views on ozone layer protection and environmental conservation.





14) Social media campaign: The State Board displayed a banner on the Head Office to commemorate the occasion of World Ozone Day 2026 and regularly updated social media contents/posts on Facebook and Instagram and YouTube, screen dumps of some of the posts are displayed below:

