

EDI to teach clean practices to chemical, dye units

Ahmedabad: Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDI) will teach the dye and chemical industry units in the city to adopt environment friendly ways. After a 32-month-long study, EDI will be teaching clean practices to the owners of the units in a workshop on Monday.

"There are around 600 micro, small and medium enterprise (MSME) units of dye and chemical industry in Vatva. In order to comply with Gujarat Pollution Control Board (GPCB)'s norms, they joined hands and started a common effluent treatment plant. They invested around Rs 50 crore on the plant, but it didn't work out as they failed to meet the GPCB norms," said EDI project officer Riken Shah.

At this juncture, EDI decided to intervene and conduct a study to understand the issues and help these units meet the environment friendly norms as well as bolster their businesses. The study found that the common effluent treatment plant failed because of the diverseness of the kind of effluents emitted by each plant. After pointing out five different plants which manufacture five different products, EDI started pilot projects of effluent treatment plants to find effective means of effluent treatment. The project also carried out studies on cleaner production techniques with 15 units. TNN

