

Minutes of the Public Hearing conducted on Dated: 07/05/2026 at the project site at 01:00 PM for the proposed Manufacturing Unit of Fruit-Based Distillery Plant along with Grapes Winery to produce 10 KLD Spirit and 60 KLD Wine by M/s. Amur Spirits Pvt. Ltd., located at Gat No.: 22 (Part), Village: Bhilwad, Post: Kapshi, Taluka: Deola, District: Nashik, Maharashtra.

A Environment Public Hearing on the Draft Environmental Impact Assessment of the proposed fruit-based distillery plant along with Grapes winery production unit of M/s. Amur Spirits Private Limited with a capacity of 10 KLD Spirit and 60 KLD Wine was organised on Dated: 07/05/2026 at 01:00 PM at the project site: Gut No. 22 (Part), Village: Bhilwad, Post: Kapshi, Taluka: Deola, Dist.: Nashik, Maharashtra.

As per the order of the Hon. Member Secretary, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB), Mumbai, dated 21/04/2026, the Environmental Public Hearing Committee was constituted. The following members were present during the hearing:

1. Shri. Kailas Kadlag,
Chairman
Sub-Divisional Magistrate cum Sub-Divisional Officer, Chandwad,
2. Shri. Vidyasagar V. Killedar
Member
Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Nashik,
3. Shri. Pranav Pakhale,
Convener
Sub Regional Officer, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Nashik

Shri. Pranav Pakhale, Sub-Regional Officer, MPCB Nashik, first welcomed the dignitaries present and, with the permission of the Chairperson of the Environmental Public Hearing Committee, commenced the proceedings of the public hearing. The Convener noted that the hearing had been convened for the proposed production unit of a Fruit-Based Distillery with Grapes Winery at Gut No. 22 (Part), Village: Bhilwad, Post: Kapshi, Taluka: Deola, Dist.: Nashik, Maharashtra, of M/s. Amur Spirits Private Limited, with a capacity of 10 KLD Spirit and 60 KLD Wine.

This public hearing has been organized in accordance with the notification issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Government of India, Dated: 14th September 2006. This project falls under Category 'B', and projects under this category are required to obtain Environmental Clearance (EC) from the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Maharashtra; conducting a public hearing is a mandatory part of this process. Accordingly, with the permission of the Hon. Collector, Nashik, the hearing was scheduled for 07/05/2026 at 01:00 PM.

As per the rules, the public notice regarding the environmental public hearing was published 30 days in advance i.e., on 07/04/2026 in the daily newspapers 'Sakal' and 'Times of India'. In addition, the project information booklet (Draft EIA & Exe. Summary) was made available for public reading and review at concerned government offices in the district and on the MPCB website.

Locations where Information Booklet was made available

- Collector's Office, Nashik
- Zila Parishad (District Council) Office, Nashik
- Environment Department, New Administrative Building, 15th Floor, Madam Cama Road, Mantralaya, Mumbai - 400 024
- Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Kalpataru Point Building, 3rd Floor, Sion Matunga Scheme Road No. 08, Sion Circle, Sion (East)
- Regional Office, MPCB, Udyog Bhavan, 1st Floor, Trimbak Road, Near ITI, Satpur, Nashik - 422007
- Sub-Divisional Officer Office, Tal. Deola, Dist. Nashik
- Tehsil Office, Deola, Dist. Nashik
- Gram Panchayat Offices, Subhashnagar, Rameshwar, Kapshi, Vakheri, Kapri, Bhilwad, Tal. Deola, Dist. Nashik

A 30-day period was provided for submission of any suggestions or objections related to the project. However, no written suggestions were received — either via email or in printed form — at the Sub-Regional Office of MPCB, Nashik. This fact has been duly recorded and is being enclosed herewith.

The citizens present were informed that if anyone wishes to present any written or verbal objections, opinions, or queries, they may do so after the completion of the project presentation.

With the permission of the Chairperson, the project proponents were requested to present detailed information about the proposed project.

Shri. Rajesh Mankar Environmental consultants M/s. Southern Enviro Engineers Private Limited, Hyderabad, made a comprehensive presentation covering various aspects of the project, including: Project introduction, EIA objectives and purpose of the public hearing, Project location, Google map of project site, Project details and project layout, Study area delineation, Current photographs of the project site, Key features and basic requirements of the proposed project, Environmental baseline study: local environmental conditions and area details, Ambient Air Quality monitoring results, Noise level monitoring results, Water quality monitoring results — groundwater and surface water, Soil quality monitoring results, Biodiversity and ecological study, Land use classification of the study area, Socio-economic environment analysis, Anticipated impacts on the surrounding environment, Environmental Management Plan (EMP), Water and wastewater management, Solid waste management, Green belt development, Environmental Management Cell details, Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives, Environmental management expenditure etc. The complete presentation was recorded on a CD, and a summary thereof has been documented in these minutes.

After the completion of the PowerPoint presentation by the Environmental consultants, Shri. Pranav Pakhale (Sub Regional Officer) requested the citizens present to raise any questions, suggestions, opinions, or queries, stating their name and village.

During the public hearing, citizens raised several questions/opinions regarding the project. Project representatives/consultants provided responses, detailed as follows:

Sr. No.	Name of the person with village submitting comments, objections, suggestions, etc.	Assurances / Response by Project Representative / Consultant
1	Shri. Mangesh Keda Aaher Sarpanch, Vakheri, Tal. Deola, Dist. Nashik	The project proponents, in their response, stated that the vision of

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	Shri. Mangesh Keda Aaher expressed the view that he is proud that this project is coming to his village, and hoped that more such projects would come to the area.	Rajdheer Wines and Amur Spirits will certainly be realised. They noted that the spirit produced by Amur Spirits will be used for brandy production in the country. They also stated that a policy has been drawn up to give priority to contract farming arrangements with farmers in the area. They clarified that efforts will be made to empower farmers economically by providing appropriate market prices for good-quality and high-yielding Grapes varieties.
2	Shri. Kautik Kadu Bhadane Kapshi, Tal. Deola, Dist. Nashik Shri. Kautik Kadu Bhadane stated that this project being set up in an area with a small population like Bhilwad is very commendable and a matter of local pride. He expressed the expectation that more young entrepreneurs should take inspiration from this project and participate in such industries.	
3	Shri. Harishchandra Pandit Aaher Subhashnagar, Tal. Deola, Dist. Nashik Shri. Harishchandra Pandit Aaher stated that he has agricultural land at Bawali and Rameshwari and has been cultivating pomegranate and previously Grapes. Due to climate change, difficulties have arisen in Grape's cultivation. He had previously considered cultivating Grapes varieties suitable for winery use. He expressed confidence that this project will provide a new lease of life to farmers in the area. He highlighted the difficult situation of onion-growing farmers, stating that with high input costs and low market prices, farmers are falling into financial hardship. He noted that such industrial projects will provide farmers with an alternative source of income and help reduce incidents such as farmer suicides. He also suggested that the project proponents should implement contract farming projects with farmers in the area. He stated that local	

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	farmers are eager to benefit if wine-Grapes and other fruit-based industry projects are established.	

The Chairperson of the meeting expressed gratitude to all officials, staff, and citizens present at the Environmental Public Hearing for the proposed wine and spirit production project of Amur Spirits at Bhilwad. He noted that presentations of both Rajdheer Wines and Amur Spirits units were made before those present, and that while both projects are located at the same site, their production capacities are different. He stated that these projects will help generate local employment and ensure that farmers receive appropriate market prices for their agricultural produce.

It was clarified that on behalf of MPCB and the District Administration, the report of this public hearing will be forwarded to the State Government for further action. He thanked all those who expressed their suggestions and views.

Shri. Pranav Pakhale (Sub Regional Officer), with the approval of the Chairperson, declared the Environmental Public Hearing officially concluded.



Shri. Pranav Pakhale (Convener)

Sub Regional Officer

Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, Nashik



Shri. Vidyasagar V. Killedar (Member)

Regional Officer

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Shri. Kailas Kadlag (Chairman)

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