

**Summary of the Training Programme on SSCA topic on
“Sustainable Rail Transport: ESG and Green Energy”
06.04.2026 to 08.04.2026**

International Centre for Environment Audit & Sustainable Development (iCED) organised a three-day training programme on SSCA topic on “Sustainable Rail Transport: ESG and Green Energy” from 06.04.2026 to 08.04.2026 at its campus. The programme was designed for concerned Group officers and their audit teams involved in this SSCA topic spread across Railway commercial audit and zonal railway audit offices. A total of 31 participants including 05 group officers participated in the training programme



Group photo of Training Programme on SSCA topic on “Sustainable Rail Transport: ESG and Green Energy”

Dr. Abhishek Gupta, Director General, iCED acknowledged the distinguished presence of the Ms. Ritu Dhillon, Director General/Railways; Shri Teg Singh, Pr. Director of Audit, Railway-Commercial & participants in his opening remarks. In his inaugural speech, he highlighted that the growing importance of sustainable transport systems in the context of climate change and India’s commitment towards achieving net-zero emissions. In his inaugural address, he highlighted the role of Indian Railways as a key driver in promoting environmentally sustainable and energy-efficient transport, and underscored the importance of integrating ESG principles into audit frameworks.

Ms. Ritu Dhillon, Director General/Railways highlighted the importance of sustainability and green initiatives in the railway sector. She encouraged participants to actively engage in the programme and apply the learnings in their audit work.

Shri Teg Singh, Pr. Director of Audit emphasized the need for effective audit approaches in emerging areas like ESG and sustainable transport. He encouraged participants to strengthen their understanding and contribute to improved audit outcomes.

The programme covered a wide range of topics related to sustainable rail transport, ESG frameworks, and green energy adoption. Experts from IA&AD, TERI, KPMG India, Railway Energy Management Company Limited (REMCL), Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), and Rajasthan Pollution Control Board delivered insightful sessions.

The sessions provided valuable insights into ESG implementation, green energy transition, and environmental governance in the railway sector. The deliberations reinforced the need for robust audit methodologies to assess sustainability initiatives, ensure regulatory compliance, and evaluate the effectiveness of green interventions.

The session-wise details are outlined as follows:

S. No	Resource Person	Session/s
1.	Shri Amit Goswami, Director, ESG & Impact Investments, EGP	Introduction to Sustainable Rail Transport: ESG and Green Energy
2.	Shri Teg Singh, Pr. Director of Audit, Railway-Commercial, New Delhi	Audit Design Matrix for SSCA topic on Sustainable Rail Transport: ESG and Green Energy
3.	Shri Sharif Qamar, Associate Director, Transport and Urban Governance, TERI, New Delhi	Managing Scope I, II and III Emissions in Indian Railways: Pathway to Net Zero
4.	Shri Bhupender Singh Bodh, Chief executive Officer, Railway Energy Management Company Limited, New Delhi	Finance to Sustainability: Powering Green Rail Systems Adoption of Green Energy
5.	Shri Anand Kulkarni, Technical Director – ESG, KPMG India	ESG Policies in Railways: Water, Air and Waste Metrics
6.	Shri Arvind Kumar Agarwal, SEE & GIC, Rajasthan Pollution Control Board, Jaipur	Environment Management Standards for Indian Railways- Plastic waste management and EPR
7.	Shri Mayank Raj Purbey, Scientist C, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), New Delhi	
8.	Ms. Vinita Mishra, DG, Railway Board Audit	Discussion over ADM and audit methodology

Comprehensive feedback on course designing, duration of training program and sessions, content, knowledge and its delivery by the resource persons and facilities available at iCED was provided by the participants. The average feedback of the participants is 9.21 out of 10, which is very encouraging. Session on “ESG Policies in Railways: Water, Air and Waste Metrics” delivered by Shri Anand Kulkarni, Technical Director – ESG, KPMG India was rated as the best session with an outstanding score of 9.62 out of 10.

The training programme concluded with Group Presentations delivered by the participants and chaired by Ms. Vinita Mishra, DG, Railway Board Audit followed by valedictory session, where the participants shared their feedback and key takeaways. Director (T&R), iCED expressed thanks to the senior IA&AD officers and faculty members for their participation and invaluable contributions to the programme. She has also appreciated the active participation of the participants during the sessions and Group presentation discussions and has expressed confidence that the knowledge gained would contribute significantly to strengthening sustainability-oriented audits in Indian Railways.