

Summary

National Training Programme on “Training for Trainers on Environment Audit

16th to 20th December 2024 at iCED Jaipur

The International Centre for Environment Audit & Sustainable Development (iCED) successfully conducted the National Training Programme on “**Training for Trainers on Environment Audit**” to enhance auditors' capabilities in environment audit. The programme welcomed 16 participants from 7 field offices, including 5 Group Officers.



Group photo during inauguration of National Training Programme on “Training for Trainers on Environment Audit”

The programme was inaugurated by Shri Mehul Grover, Director (T&R), iCED. He welcomed all the participants and highlighted that the objective of the training programme is to create a pool of trainers to impart training on Environmental Audit in RCB&KCs/RTCs.

He emphasized that today’s world is facing significant environmental challenges, including water contamination and poor air quality which threaten its economy and water security. Since India is vulnerable to climate change due to its reliance on agriculture and forestry, it is a need of hour to shift towards a low-carbon future. Being Auditors, it is our responsibility to involve in effective environmental actions, as we assess policies and programmes, ensuring resource efficiency and supporting progress towards Sustainable Development Goals, highlighting the need for specialized training in Environmental Audits.



Shri Mehul Grover, Director (T&R), iCED inaugurating the Training Programme

He discussed the topics included in the course schedule and the faculties invited to cover them. He also briefed the participants about the sports and other facilities at iCED Campus and requested them to provide the feedback as well.

During this five-day training programme, 09 experts from reputed organizations like Malviya National Institute of Technology (MNIT), Jaipur; School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal; International Institute of Waste Management (IIWM), Bangaluru; Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru; National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI), Nagpur; Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun; Climate Smart Agriculture and Water Management: ICAR, Maharashtra; National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research, Chandigarh and Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW), New Delhi. were delivered the sessions on various aspects of Environment related issues in auditing perspective. Details of the trainers and the session/s delivered during this Training Programme are as follows.

Sl. No.	Trainer/s	Session/s
1.	Dr. Vivekanand, Assistant Professor, Centre for Energy & Environment, MNIT, Jaipur	Green Energy Technologies with special reference to Green Hydrogen
2.	Shri Paulose N Kuriakose, Assistant Professor, School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal	Transportation, Sustainability and Decarbonisation

3.	Ms. P. Bineesha Executive Director, IIWM Bangaluru	Audit of Waste Management and Regulations and Issues related to Waste Management in India
4.	Dr. T. V Ramachandra, Associate Faculty, Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru	Economic Valuation of Wetlands
5.	Dr. Padma S Rao, Chief Scientist and Head of the Environmental Audit and Policy Implementation Division at CSIR- NEERI, Nagpur	Environment Impact Assessment and its Audit
6.	Dr. V. P. Uniyal, Ph.D., Sr. Professor & Scientist-G (Former), Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun	Land and Terrestrial Biodiversity with reference to SDG 15
7.	Dr. Sunil D. Gorantiwar, Head and Agricultural Engineering and Principal Investigator, Climate Smart Agriculture and Water Management: ICAR, Ahmednagar, Maharashtra	Sustainable Agriculture in India: Overview, Opportunities, Challenges and Way Forward
8.	Dr. Bhola Ram Gurjar, Professor, National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research, Chandigarh	Overview of Air Pollution with special reference to India and its Audit
9.	Dr. Akanksha Tyagi, Research Associate, Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW)	India's Renewable Energy Landscape: Innovations, Challenges, and the Path to Sustainability

Team Wise Exercise-Team Wise Exercise was also given to the participants. All participants were divided into four groups of four participants in each group.

Groups were represented by their respective groups leaders during the pre-valedictory session. Shri Mehul Grover Director(T&R) evaluated the presentations given by all the groups of the participants during pre-valedictory session.

Feedback:- Feedback on course designing, the time required, content, knowledge and its delivery by the resource persons and facilities available at iCED was also collected from the participants through SAI Portal. The average feedback of the participants is 9.3 out of 10, which is very encouraging. Session on “Audit of Waste Management and Regulations and Issues related to Waste Management in India” has been rated as the best 9.8 out of 10.

Valediction of the Training Programme- Shri Mehul Grover, Director (T&R), iCED, graced the valedictory session of the National Training Programme. He emphasized the importance of environmental audits and highlighted iCED’s commitment to advancing environmental auditing and sustainability practices, equipping participants with the knowledge to drive impactful efforts in this domain.



Shri Mehul Grover, Director (T&R), iCED during the valedictory session of the Training Programme

He invited participants to explore iCED's quarterly journal i.e. "Green Files" available on website which attempts to highlight both local and global issues on environmental audit and sustainable development. He thanked all the participants and resource persons for their active involvement and valuable contributions.