

Summary of the National Training Programme on “Natural Resource Accounting” (07.10.2025 to 10.10.2025)

International Centre for Environment Audit & Sustainable Development (iCED) organised a National Training Programme on “Natural Resource Accounting” from 07th to 10th October 2025 at its own campus. A total of 20 participants from 08 field offices including 07 Group officers participated in the training programme.



Group photo of NTP on “Natural Resource Accounting”

Dr. Abhishek Gupta, Director General, iCED acknowledged the distinguished presence of the trainees in his opening remarks. In his inaugural speech, he highlighted that Natural Resource Accounting (NRA) provides an accounting framework for organizing information on the availability status, utilization and value of natural resources along with the expenditure incurred for their protection and management to support sustainable development.

He stated that Natural Resource Accounting (NRA) gained momentum in India after the release of GASAB’s Concept Paper in July 2020, which outlined a three-pronged strategy aligned with the SEEA-CF framework to support the SDGs by 2030.

During this four-day training programme, experts from IA&AD and other reputed organizations such as Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI), New Delhi; Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM), Nagpur; National Water Academy (NWA), Pune and Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bombay delivered the sessions on accounting frameworks for different natural resources. Further, state specific case studies were also presented during the training to highlight challenges and best practices in respective states.

The session-wise details are outlined as follows:

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1.	Shri Mohd Parwez Alam, IAAS AG (A&E), Uttarakhand	Introduction to Natural Resource Accounting (NRA): Initiatives taken by GASAB
2.	Shri Jitendra Tiwari, IAAS Director (GA-I), O/o the C&AG of India	Accounting procedure of NMET & SMET
3.	Shri P K Jain, Former Chief Mineral Economist, IBM, Nagpur	Natural Resource Accounting with special reference to Mineral Resources
4.	Shri Ramcharan Gupta, SAO, O/o the PAG(A&E), Rajasthan	Framework for Asset Accounting, Reporting, Certification & Stake Holder Validation
5.	Shri Ashok Kumar, AAO, O/o the PAG(A&E), Rajasthan	Framework for Asset Accounting, Reporting, Certification & Stake Holder Validation
6.	Ms. Anita Baghel, DDG, MoSPI, New Delhi	System of Integrated Environment and Economic Accounting and its Implementation in India
7.	Shri Dinesh H Mate, IAAS, Sr. DAG, O/o the AG (A&E-II), Madhya Pradesh	Assets account on Mineral & Energy Resources: A Case Study
8.	Shri. Chaitanya K. S., Dy. Director, NWA, Pune	Introduction to Water Accounting
9.	Dr. Haripriya Gundimeda, Professor, IIT, Bombay	Natural Resource Accounting of Forest Resources

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 on the SAI Training Portal. The average feedback of the participants is 8.92 out of 10, which is very encouraging. Session on “Natural Resource Accounting (NRA): Initiatives taken by GASAB” by Shri Mohd Parwez Alam, IAAS, Accountant General (A&E), Uttarakhand, was rated as the best session with an outstanding score of 9.66 out of 10.

An experience-sharing session on Natural Resource Accounting (NRA) was held during the first session on the final day (10.10.2025), chaired by Dr. Abhishek Gupta, Director General, iCED. Four teams, each comprising five participants, presented their insights and shared experience on their state specific issues and way forward based upon learnings during this training program on NRA.

In his valedictory address, Director General, iCED extended his heartfelt thanks to all the participants and faculty members for their participation and invaluable contributions to the programme.