

Summary
National Training Programme on “Audit of Biodiversity Conservation Measures”
from 04th to 08th November 2024 at iCED Jaipur

The International Centre for Environment Audit & Sustainable Development (iCED) successfully conducted the National Training Programme on “**Audit of Biodiversity Conservation Measures**” to enhance auditors' capabilities in biodiversity conservation. The programme welcomed 19 participants from 7 field offices, including 6 Group Officers.



Group photo during inauguration of National Training Programme on “Audit of Biodiversity Conservation Measures”

The programme was inaugurated by Shri Mehul Grover, Director (T&R), iCED, who welcomed the participants and the first session faculty, Dr. V. B. Mathur, Former Chairman of the National Bio-Diversity Authority (NBDA).

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



Faculty having discussion with the Participants during the session

During this five-day training programme, 08 experts from reputed organizations like National Bio-Diversity Authority (NBDA), Tamil Nadu; NCCR, Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India; Malaviya National Institute of Technology (MNIT) Jaipur;; Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun; National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC), Hyderabad; Forest Survey of India (FSI), Dehradun and an Independent Researcher and a Member of UNDP Global Policy Network (GPN) Exp Res were delivered the sessions on various aspects of Biodiversity Conservation Measures 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. V. B. Mathur, Former Chairman, National Bio-Diversity Authority, Tamil Nadu	Overview of Global Framework for Biodiversity Conservation and Performance Auditing for Effective Environmental Management: The Indian Experience
2.	Dr. S. R. Marigoudar, Scientist-D, NCCR, Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India	Ocean Pollution: Threats to Marine Biodiversity
3.	Dr. Vivekanand, Assistant Professor, Centre for Energy & Environment, MNIT, Jaipur	Fundamental concepts of EIA, Process, Issues and Possible mitigation strategies

4.	Dr. V.P. Uniyal, Ph.D., Sr. Professor & Scientist -G (Former), Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun	Biodiversity and Ecosystem Health in the Western and Trans-Himalayan Regions of India
5.	Dr. Chubbamenla Jamir, Independent Researcher	Impacts of Climate Change on Biodiversity: An Assessment of Vulnerable Species and Ecosystems
6.	Dr Neeraj Khera, Member of UNDP Global Policy Network (GPN) Exp Res Roster	Integrating One Health approach into human-wildlife conflict mitigation measures in India
7.	Dr. V. M. Chowdary, Sci/Engr-G & Group Director (AS & AG), NRSC, Hyderabad	Use of GIS and Remote Sensing for auditing Government Efforts in Improving Agricultural Ecosystems
8.	Dr. Ankur Awadhiya, IFS, Deputy Director (IT), Forest Survey of India, Dehradun	Principles of Wildlife Conservation in India

Team Wise Exercise-Team Wise Exercise was also given to the participants. All participants were divided into four groups of four/five 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 out of 10, which is very encouraging. Session on “Biodiversity and Ecosystem Health in the Western and Trans-Himalayan Regions of India” was rated as the best 9.22 out of the 10.

Valediction of the Training Programme- The valedictory session, led by Shri Mehul Grover, emphasized the importance of biodiversity conservation audits. He thanked participants and resource persons for their active involvement and valuable contributions.

The training highlighted iCED’s commitment to advancing environmental auditing and sustainability practices, equipping participants with the knowledge to drive impactful biodiversity conservation efforts.