

## Summary

### **National Training Programme on “Environment Audit & related issues” for IAAS Officers Trainees (OTs) of 2024 Batch**

**(01<sup>st</sup> – 06<sup>th</sup> September 2025)**

International Centre for Environment Audit & Sustainable Development (iCED) organised a 06 days’ National Training Programme on “Environment Audit & related issues” for IAAS Officers Trainees (OTs) of 2024 Batch from 01<sup>st</sup> to 06<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at its own campus. A total of 17 officer trainees including 01 officers from SAI Bhutan participated in the training programme.



**Group Photo during National Training Programme on “Environment Audit & related issues”  
for IA&AS Officer Trainees of 2024 Batch**

Ms. Meena Bisht, Director (Training & Research), iCED, in her welcome address, extended her greetings to Dr. Abhishek Gupta, Director General, iCED, Shri Harish Khurana, Dy. Director (Admn.), iCED, Ms. Pushpalata, Director, NAAA and all the trainees of the 2024 batch of the Indian Audit and Accounts Service including one (01) officer from the Royal Audit Authority of Bhutan.

In his opening remarks, Dr. Abhishek Gupta, Director General, iCED, warmly acknowledged the distinguished presence of the officer trainees. Setting a positive tone for the proceedings, he noted that environmental concerns in India span across all natural resources. He emphasized that auditors must try to deliver evidence-based reports with constructive recommendations to ensure accountability, drive corrective action, and uphold their responsibility to conserve the environment.

He emphasised that while the department has undertaken audits in various areas such as pollution, waste management, biodiversity, and forests etc. the fragmented responsibilities and systemic complexities make it imperative to develop sharper skills and adopt advanced techniques for auditing this dynamic domain.

He highlighted that iCED with its recent recognition as a Centre of Excellence on Audit of the Blue Economy, continues to strengthen global capacity in environmental auditing and sustainable development.

He further informed that, alongside classroom sessions, the programme has been designed to include a series of enriching field activities to provide practical insights. These featured an excursion to the historical places of Jaipur along with field attachments with forest department at Udaipur including a visit to Sajjangarh Biological Park and Badal Mahal. Further, it also included visit to recently recognised Ramsar wetland site at ‘Menar’ wetland in collaboration with state wetland authority. Further as a part of public outreach activity, an interaction at the prominent Udaipur based NGO “Sewa Mandir” was also arranged to understand their working areas.

Five classroom sessions at iCED were enriched by the contributions of four IA&AS Officers and an expert from Malaviya National Institute of Technology (MNIT), Jaipur. Details of the trainers and the sessions delivered during this programme are as follows:

Sl. No.	Sessions	Trainer/s
1.	Introduction to Environment Audit	Ms. Meena Bisht, IAAS Director (T&R), iCED
2.	Environment Impact Assessment in India and the World	Dr. Vivekanand, Assistant Professor, MNIT, Jaipur
3.	Risk Assessment, Planning, Designing of Audit of Extractive Industries with Execution, Reporting and Recommendations	Shri Ramawatar Sharma, IAAS Accountant General (Audit-II), Rajasthan
4.	Case Study: Preparing Audit Design Matrix for Environment Auditing- Objectives, Sub-Objectives, Audit Criteria, Audit Evidence	Shri Arun Kumar V. M., IAAS Director, O/o DGA (C), Kolkata, Branch office: Sri Vijaya Puram (erstwhile Port Blair)
5.	Case Study: Experiencing Sharing on Audit of Blue Economy - Leveraging GIS and Remote Sensing for Enhanced Audit Outcomes	Shri Mohd. Ashraf J S, IAAS Deputy Secretary, Department of Financial Services, GoI, New Delhi



**Sajjangarh Biological Park**, located at the foothills of the Sajjangarh Palace (Monsoon Palace) in Udaipur, Rajasthan, is a modern zoological park established in 2015. Spread across more than 36 hectares, it serves as both a conservation center and a recreational space.



**Officer Trainees at Sajjangarh Biological Park during Udaipur Visit**

**Menar Wetland**, located near Udaipur, is popularly known as the “Bird Village of Rajasthan”, attracting a wide variety of migratory birds during winters. The local community actively protects and conserves this wetland, making it a notable example of people-led conservation.

Dr. Abhishek Gupta, Director General, iCED graced the valedictory session of the National Training Programme. He highlighted the topics that were covered during the training programme and urge the participants to use these insights while formulating and planning audit approaches. Group Photograph and certificate were also handed over to the officer trainees during this valedictory session.

He extended his best wishes to all the officer trainees for their future endeavours. He thanked all the experts and IA&AS officers for their contributions in making this event a success.



**Dr. Abhishek Gupta, Director General, iCED; Ms. Meena Bisht, Director (T&R) & Shri Harish Khurana, Dy. Director (Admn) during the valedictory session**