

National Training Programme on “Audit of Air Pollution and Environmental issues associated with Transport and Energy sectors” (15th to 19th June 2026)

International Centre for Environment Audit and Sustainable Development (iCED) organised a National Training Programme on “Audit of Air Pollution and Environmental issues associated with Transport and Energy sectors” from 15th to 19th June 2026 at its campus in Jaipur. A total of 24 participants from 9 field offices of IA&AD including 06 Group Officers, participated in this programme.



Group photo taken during the joint inauguration of National Training Programmes on “Audit of Air Pollution and Environmental issues associated with Transport and Energy sectors” and “Audit of Water Pollution and Sustainable Use of Water”

The National Training Programmes (NTPs) on “Audit of Air Pollution and Environmental Issues Associated with the Transport and Energy Sectors” was conducted simultaneously with the “Audit of Water Pollution and Sustainable Use of Water,” at iCED from 15th to 19th June 2026, which commenced with a joint inaugural session for both these training programmes.

The inaugural address was delivered by Shri Pravindra Yadav, Principal Accountant General (A&E), Rajasthan, Jaipur. He highlighted the growing importance of environmental auditing in strengthening governance, promoting sustainable resource management, and evaluating the effectiveness of government interventions aimed at addressing air and water pollution. He underscored the need for building the capacity of public sector auditors to respond to emerging environmental challenges and support the achievement of national and global sustainability goals.

The inaugural session was also attended by Shri Neelesh Kumar Sah, Joint Secretary, GoI, MoEFCC, New Delhi whose presence underscored the significance of the programmes and the commitment towards enhancing excellence in environmental auditing.

During this five-day training programme, experts from IA&AD and reputed organizations including Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Tirupati, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA), and the World Resources Institute (WRI) India, delivered sessions on various aspects relating to policy frameworks, environmental governance, scientific approaches to air quality monitoring and management, urban planning, and public sector audit practices related to air pollution and the transport and energy sectors.

The programme covered important themes such as air pollution governance and environmental auditing, including clean air initiatives, air quality monitoring frameworks, mitigation measures for vehicular and industrial emissions, climate-smart urban planning, air quality interventions, and audit approaches to evaluating air pollution control measures.

The session-wise details are outlined as follows:

S. No	Resource Person	Session/s
1.	Shri Neelesh Kumar Sah, IAAS Joint Secretary, MoEF&CC, New Delhi	Overview of Clear Air Governance in India
2.	Shri Suresh Jain, Professor & HoD (Civil & Environmental Engineering), IIT, Tirupati	UNDP Case studies on Air Pollution Monitoring in India
3.	Shri Aditya Sharma, Scientist 'E' Central Pollution Control Board, New Delhi	Overview on Air Monitoring Governance in India – National Air Monitoring Programme
4.	Ms. Nazli Jafri Shayin, IAAS PAG (Audit), New Delhi	Audit insights on Audit Report on “Prevention and Mitigation of Vehicular Air Pollution in Delhi”
5.	Shri R. Suresh, Senior Fellow, Air Quality Research Division at TERI	Overview on Monitoring and Mitigation Measures to Reduce Vehicular & Industrial Air Pollution Measures
6.	Shri Anshul Abbasi, Lead (Policy and Planning), NIUA	Climate Smart Cities Assessment Framework
7.	Shri Bhavay Sharma, Senior Program Manager - Air Quality, WRI India	WRI Case studies on Air Quality Interventions
8.	Shri Bhaumik Chavan, Sr.AO, O/o the PAG (Audit-II), Gujarat	Audit Insights on “Performance Audit of Air Pollution Control”

During the pre-valedictory session, three group presentations were delivered by the participants on the following topics:

1. Audit of National Clean Air program
2. Audit of Million Plus city challenge fund with respect to ambient air quality
3. Audit of National Air Monitoring Program

These presentations were structured to address recent developments, risk factors, audit objectives, audit criteria, scope and other key areas of auditing the assigned themes. The presentations were reviewed by the Dr. Abhishek Gupta, Director General, iCED.

The comprehensive feedback on course designing, duration of training programme and sessions, content, knowledge and its delivery by the resource persons and facilities available at iCED was collected from the participants to improve the upcoming programmes. The average feedback received was 9.36 out of 10, which is found be encouraging. The session on “Overview of Clear Air Governance in India” by Shri Neelesh Kumar Sah, Joint Secretary, MoEF&CC, New Delhi was rated as the best session with feedback of 9.6 out of 10.

The training ended with a valedictory address by Dr. Abhishek Gupta, Director General, iCED followed by vote of thanks to all faculty members, participants and the iCED team for their dedicated efforts in making the programme a success.