

National Training Programme on “Audit of Water Pollution and Sustainable Use of Water” (15th to 19th June 2026)

International Centre for Environment Audit and Sustainable Development (iCED) organised a National Training Programme on “Audit of Water Pollution and Sustainable Use of Water” from 15th to 19th June 2026 at its campus in Jaipur. A total of 21 participants from 8 field offices of IA&AD including 05 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 Water Pollution and Sustainable Use of Water,” was conducted simultaneously with NTP on “Audit of Air Pollution and Environmental Issues Associated with the Transport and Energy Sectors” at iCED from 15th to 19th June 2026, which commenced with a joint inaugural session for both these training programs.

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 the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), the Central Water Commission (CWC), the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB), the Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE), the Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW), the Birla Institute of Scientific Research (BISR), the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) delivered sessions on various aspects relating to water quality management, sustainable water resource governance, technological applications, and public sector auditing of water pollution and related environmental issues.

The programme covered important themes such as water pollution, water resource management, and environmental auditing, including the legal and regulatory framework, water quality standards, the National Water Monitoring Programme, groundwater quality monitoring, integrated water resources management, sewage management, geospatial technologies for water resource and water quality monitoring, sustainable management of urban water bodies, and audit insights on the implementation of major water conservation programmes.

The session-wise details are outlined as follows:

S. No	Resource Person	Session/s
1.	Shri Vishal Gandhi, Scientist 'E', WQM-I Division, CPCB, New Delhi	Overview on Water Pollution in India
2.	Shri Davendra Pratap Mathuria, Chief Engineer (HAG), Central Water Commission, D/oWR, RD & GR	India Water Resources Information System
3.	Dr. Rakesh Kumar Kushwaha, Regional Director (Western Region), CGWB, Jaipur & Dr. S. Suresh, Scientist (Chem), CHQ, Faridabad	Groundwater Management and Quality Monitoring
4.	Dr. Priyanka Jamwal, Sr. Fellow and Convenor, ATREE	Water policies & Integrated Water Resource Management - Indian Context
5.	Ms. Saiba Gupta, Programme Lead (Circular Water Economy), CEEW	Overview on Sewage Management in India and its Audit
6.	Dr. M. P. Punia, Scientist, National Expert, Birla Institute of Scientific Research, Jaipur	Geospatial Technology for Water Resources Management and Water Quality Monitoring
7.	Mr. Jyoti Parsad Dadhich, Deputy Programme Manager, CSE India	Sustainable Urban Waterbodies management in Urban India

8.	Shri Govind Kumar Singh, Sr. AO, O/o the AG (Audit), Uttarakhand	Audit Insights on Report on Implementation of the Namami Gange Programme by Uttarakhand
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During the pre-vaedictory session, three group presentations were delivered by the participants on the following topics:

1. Audit of Water Pollution in India focused on River pollution control measures
2. Audit of Water Pollution in India focused on Groundwater Management and Pollution control measures
3. Audit of Water Pollution in India focused on wastewater management measures

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 9.57 out of 10, which is found be encouraging. The session on “Audit Insights on Report on Implementation of the Namami Gange Programme by Uttarakhand” By Shri Govind Kumar Singh, Senior Audit Office was rated as the best session with feedback of 9.61 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.