<u>**Summary**</u>

<u>**National Workshop on "Audit of Health Sector and Higher Education with Special reference to SDGs" (10th & 11th March 2025) at iCED Jaipur**</u>

International Centre for Environment Audit & Sustainable Development (iCED) organized a National Workshop on **"Audit of Health Sector and Higher Education with Special reference to SDGs"** on 10th & 11th March 2025 at its campus. A total of 23 participants from 09 field offices including 05 group officers, participated in the Workshop.

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The workshop was inaugurated by Dr. Abhishek Gupta, Director General, iCED. He extended a warm welcome to all participants of the workshop and highlighted the importance of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a global framework for promoting sustainable development, directing international funding, and guiding global initiatives.

The Director General, iCED emphasised that while the SDGs aim to address urgent global challenges, they do not fully incorporate locally valued knowledge systems, which are essential for effectively addressing these challenges within diverse cultural and regional contexts. He reiterated that in the field of higher education, auditors are essential in verifying that institutions manage their resources responsibly and effectively and advancing SDG 4: Quality Education. Moreover, auditors can also help promote other global objectives, such as SDG 5: Gender Equality, by ensuring that resources are allocated equitably and in a manner that supports inclusive education for all.

During this two days' workshop, 05 experts from IA&AD and many reputed organizations like Management Development Institute (MDI), Gurugram, International Institute of Waste Management (IIWM), Bangalore, National Institute of Technical Teachers' Training and Research (NITTTR), Chandigarh and Jawahar Lal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi were invited to deliver the sessions on various aspects of Health Sector and Higher Education with Special reference to SDGs in auditing perspective.

The workshop, attempted to cover different facets concerning Audit of Health Sector and Higher Education. The teaching methods during the Workshop included formal lectures and discussion sessions.

We covered wide range of topics related to Use of Data Analytics in Auditing Health Sector in India; Governance Challenges in Health Sector with reference to SDGs; Waste Management in Health Sector: Framework, Issues and Challenges with special reference to Bio-Medical and Hazardous Waste; Use of Information Technology in Higher Education; Overview of Policy on Higher Education: Governance Issues and Challenges and Quality Issues in Higher Education with Special reference to Employability

Details of the trainers and the session/s delivered during this workshop are as follows.

Sl. No.	Session/s	Trainer/s
1.	Use of Data Analytics in Auditing Health Sector in India	Shri Gaurav Rai, Director, IS-I (C&AG office), New Delhi
2.	Governance Challenges in Health Sector with reference to SDGs	Dr. Avanish Kumar, Professor, MDI, Gurugram
3.	Overview of Policy on Higher Education: Governance Issues and Challenges	Dr. Pradeep Kumar Choudhury, Assistant Professor, JNU, New Delhi
4.	Quality Issues in Higher Education with Special reference to Employability	
5.	Waste Management in Health Sector: Framework, Issues and Challenges with special reference to Bio-Medical and Hazardous Waste	Ms. P. Bineesha, Executive Director, International Institute of Waste Management (IIWM)
6.	Use of Information Technology in Higher Education	Dr. Maitreyee Dutta, Professor, Information Management and Emerging Engineering, NITTTR, Chandigarh

A comprehensive 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 the SAI Portal. The average feedback of the participants is 9.4 out of 10, which is very encouraging. Session on "Use of Information Technology in Higher Education" was rated as the best session with 9.54 points.

The workshop concluded with a valedictory session presided by Dr. Abhishek Gupta, Director General, iCED. He stated that the sharing of experiences and perspectives during the workshop would effectively empower participants to continue advancing their learning journey.

Director General, iCED) & Director (T&R), iCED during the valediction of National Workshop on "Audit of Health Sector and Higher Education with Special reference to SDGs"

Dr. Gupta deliberated that such workshops play a vital role in bridging the gaps between the theory and practical applications of domain subjects and provide valuable ideas for their future assignments.

He further thanked all the participants for their active involvement in the workshop and extended his gratitude to all the experts for sharing their invaluable insights and experiences.