

Key Points in inaugural speech by Smt. Anita Pattanayak, ADAI (NER) on 27-04-2015 for Workshop Cum National Training Programme on Introduction to Environment Audit with special emphasis on audit of SPCBs

1. ADAI greeted the participants.
2. ADAI expressed that output of the current training should contribute to make governance little better. The entire exercise should not be a fault finding one only.
3. Just like one cannot go on a big mission without preparation, having no idea what to do, our audit teams also cannot go unprepared for important Performance Audits. Therefore in this first of its kind training, teams are prepared by imparting necessary training before commencement of audit.
4. Department's Delivery tools in form of Certificates/orders/circulars/penalties etc. stress the need to acquire latest knowledge regarding planned performance Audits. So we have to be exposed to latest on the subject, learn who have conducted recent similar investigations, what is happening around us and we have to modify our planning accordingly.
5. This workshop-cum training should conclude with development of study design matrix, which sets the path to be followed during the Performance Audit.
6. The ideal way of conducting audit is to imbibe all the good practices around in other places/countries or regions if they are pertinent to us.
7. Any audit should not be esoteric type of a fault finding mission only.
8. Good audit should end with such recommendation/comments which have far reaching consequences our recommendations have to be double. This is why we have to do a lot of work.
9. ADAI thanked iCED for hosting such a programme.
10. It was insisted that report should be noteworthy. It should be our aim to provide a report which people read and is referred by important agencies.
11. Purpose of pollution control board, what they are doing to attain their objectives, effects of certifications they have issued for clearances, have they right kind of manpower to attain their objectives? The processes by which they are issuing certificates, the reason for delay in issuing clearances and their reasons, etc. would be among some key areas where audit must concentrate.
12. We have to put in little bit of passion in our efforts in order to produce impact making reports like the recent one on "Kaziranga National Park". This was a report following which National Green Tribunal ordered action on all our recommendations
13. ADAI closed the speech by wishing all the best to participants and desired that they all make this worthwhile by producing a good report.