

Summary

National Training Programme on “Audit of Climate Change, Mitigation and Adaptation Strategies” from 5th June to 9th June, 2023 at iCED Jaipur

International Centre for Environment Audit & Sustainable Development (iCED), organized National Training Programme on “Audit of Climate Change, Mitigation and Adaptation Strategies” from 5th June to 9th June, 2023 at its own campus. A total of 15 participants from 07 field offices including 04 group officers, participated in the training programme.



Group Photo during National Training Programme on “Audit of Climate Change, Mitigation and Adaptation Strategies”

Ms Sayantani Jafa, Additional Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General & Director General, iCED inaugurated the training programme. She welcomed all the participants. She highlighted that the training programme on “Audit of Climate Change, Mitigation and Adaptation Strategies” marks a crucial step in our collective efforts to combat the challenges posed by climate change and to ensure a sustainable future for generations to come.

She further discussed that Climate change is one of the most pressing issues of our time. She told that Climate Change affects every corner of our planet and demands urgent action. She also told that the consequences of climate change are already being felt in various forms, including extreme weather events, rising sea levels, and the loss of biodiversity.

Ms. Jafa further mentioned that the role of auditing in addressing climate change cannot be overstated and as auditors, we have a unique opportunity and responsibility to evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies.

Further, Ms Jafa mentioned that through rigorous and objective assessments, we can help identify gaps, recommend improvements, and hold governments, organizations, and individuals accountable for their actions or inactions.

Ms Jafa also told that countries across the world have recognized the need for specific climate financing post Paris Agreement 2015, which calls for “making finance flows consistent with a pathway towards low greenhouse gas emissions and climate-resilient development”.

Further, she also briefed about outdoor activities like Shopping excursion to Bapu Bazar, the traditional market of Jaipur and Sports and other facilities at iCED Campus etc.

During this Five days’ training programme, 12 experts from various organizations such as BITS, Pilani, Goa Campus; TERI, New Delhi; WRI, India; Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India, New Delhi; IIT Delhi; CSE, New Delhi; SMEC India, Independent Researchers and Research Associates from iCED Jaipur were invited to deliver the sessions on various aspects of Climate Change, Mitigation and Adaptation Strategies. Teaching methods during the training programme included both formal lectures as well as various individual and group exercises, etc. Details of the trainers and the sessions delivered during this programme are as follows.



Ms Sayantani Jafa, ADAI & Director General, iCED addressing the participants during Inauguration

Sl. No.	Sessions	Trainer/s
1.	Climate Change and Sustainable Development Goals: An Overview	Dr. Rajiv Kumar Chaturvedi, Assistant Professor (Grade-1), Birla Institute Of Technology & Science, Pilani, Goa Campus
2.	Socio-Economic Impact of Climate Change with special reference to India	Ms Suruchi Bhadwal, Director, Earth Science and Climate Change (TERI), New Delhi

3.	Carbon Neutrality and Global Framework for Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation	Ms Ulka Kelkar, Director, Climate program, WRI India
4.	Risk Assessment using indicators of Climate Change	Dr Akhilesh Kumar Mishra (Scientist D), Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India, New Delhi
5.	Transportation, Sustainability and Decarbonisation – A Paradigm Shift in Climate Change	Dr Geetam Tiwari, Professor, Department of Civil Engineering of the Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi
6.	Incorporation of Auditing perspectives in Climate Change Issues	Ms Avantika Goswami, Programme Manager, Climate Change, Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), New Delhi
7.	Discussion on Toolkit on Marine Renewable Energy	Dr Gulshan Sharma, Research Associate, iCED Jaipur
8.	Audit of Climate Change: Case Studies from SAI India (Audit of RINL-2022)	Shri Sai Sankar Kalakoti, Director (Retd IA&AS)
9.	Discussion on Toolkit on Marine Plastic Pollution and Ocean Acidification with special reference to Climate Change	Shri Akash Sharma & Dr Mahesh Kumar Saini, Research Associates, iCED Jaipur
10.	National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC): Approach and Achievements	Dr Chubbamenla Jamir, Independent Researcher and Consultant
11.	Audit of Climate Change with special reference to Climate Finance in India	Shri Sujit K Singh, SMEC, India

Further, a shopping tour to Bapu Bazar, a traditional artisanal market of Jaipur, was also organized. Bapu Bazaar is a shopping destination located on MI Road in the heart of Jaipur. It is one of the oldest markets in Jaipur. The market is known for its exotic Rajasthani craft products which include handlooms, handicrafts, brass work and precious stones.

Team Wise Exercise–Team Wise Exercise was also given to the participants. All participants were divided into four groups of four/five participants in each group.

Shri L. S. Chahal, DAG, Shri Lokesh Datal, DAG, Shri Vinod Parihar, DAG and Shri Basha Mohammed B, DAG represented their groups during this team exercise session.



Ms Sayantani Jafa, ADAI & DG, iCED , Dr Nanda Dulal Das, Director (T&R), iCED with the participants during Group Presentation

Ms. Sayantani Jafa, ADAI & DG, iCED evaluated the presentations given by all the groups of the participants during pre-valedictory session.

Feedback:- 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 SAI Portal. The average feedback of the participants is 8.87 out of 10, which is very encouraging. Sessions on “Transportation, Sustainability and Decarbonisation – A Paradigm Shift in Climate Change” was rated as the best.

Valediction of the Training Programme-

Ms Sayantani Jafa, Additional Deputy Comptroller and Auditor General & Director General, iCED graced the valedictory session of the National Training Programme. She emphasized the importance of trainings related to Climate Change, Mitigation and Adaptation Strategies. Ms Jafa Madam said that it is hoped that the sharing of experiences and perspectives during the training would suitably equip the participants to take the learning process forward.

She further congratulated and thanked all the participants again for participating in the training programme. She also thanked all the experts for sharing their experiences.