



Post Event Press Release
One-Day Capacity Building Workshop
On

Strengthening Biodiversity Management in Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) through CSR Interventions: Mainstreaming Nature into CPSEs Decision-Making

10th April 2026 (Friday) | 09.30 AM to 05.00 PM
Hotel Le Meridien, Windsor Place, New Delhi

A One-Day Capacity Building Workshop on “Strengthening Biodiversity Management in Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) through CSR Interventions” was held on 10th April 2026 at Hotel Le Meridien, Windsor Place, New Delhi. The programme was organised by National Productivity Council (NPC) & Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) to highlight how biodiversity is increasingly becoming an integral component of sustainability and responsible business practices. Under ESG frameworks and India’s Business Responsibility and Sustainability Reporting (BRSR), organizations are required to assess and disclose their impacts, dependencies, and risks related to nature. CSR-supported biodiversity initiatives such as habitat restoration, afforestation, conservation awareness, and community engagement contribute directly to these disclosures, while promoting inclusive growth.

The programme commenced with welcome remarks by Ms. Bindu Sreedathan, Statistical Adviser, DPE, who emphasized integrating biodiversity into CPSEs’ core business for sustainable development and resource conservation. This was followed by an address by Sh. Sushil Kumar Awasthi, IFS, DGF&SS, MoEF&CC, who highlighted India’s rich biodiversity and stressed the need for conservation measures, mitigation of industrial impacts, and the role of CSR in ecosystem protection. An address was also delivered by Mr. Suresh Mathevan, Senior Advisor, Royal Norwegian Embassy, who emphasized India’s biodiversity strengths and the importance of India–Norway collaboration in conservation and energy sectors. The Keynote Address was delivered by Smt. Neerja Sekhar, IAS, Director General, NPC, who highlighted the need to integrate biodiversity into business operations and underscored NPC’s role in supporting industry through capacity building and advisory services.

The technical sessions included an Introduction to Biodiversity by Dr. Davidé Augeri, Biodiversity Unlimited Research and Consulting Group, LLC, covering the importance of biodiversity, interlinkages between business and biodiversity, business dependencies and impacts, emerging global market trends, and significance of natural capital for business sustainability. Session on Business & Biodiversity was conducted by Dr. J Soundrapandi, Project Officer-UNDP, National Biodiversity Authority, covering an overview of biodiversity, its linkages with climate change, business risks and opportunities, and regulatory framework including NBSAP. Session on Biodiversity Baseline (Impacts & Dependencies) was taken by Mr. Abhijeet Jagtap, Biodiversity Consultant, Terracon India, covering biodiversity assessment tools, impact and dependency mapping, hotspot identification, and implementation challenges. Session on BAP & BMP (Planning & Implementation) was conducted by Ms. Priyanka Dharne, Biodiversity Expert, Terracon India, covering BMP structure, BAP components, mitigation hierarchy, and monitoring framework. The final session on Targets & Reporting (ESG / Net-Zero Linkage) was delivered by Mr. Lalit S. Kamde, Deputy Director, National Productivity Council, covering nature-positive targets, ESG/BRSR/TNFD alignment, and implementation plans.

The programme also disseminated Best Practices & Success Stories through an animated session by Mr. Hemant Swarnkar, GM (IE), ONGC, and Sh. Abhishek Joneja, General Manager (CS), OIL, followed by an Open House Session facilitated by Terracon India Pvt. Ltd..

About 80 participants from more than 30 CPSEs showed keen interest throughout the workshop and actively engaged in the technical sessions. They raised insightful questions, shared their organizational experiences, and contributed meaningfully to the discussions.