

Leadership for Sustainable Development

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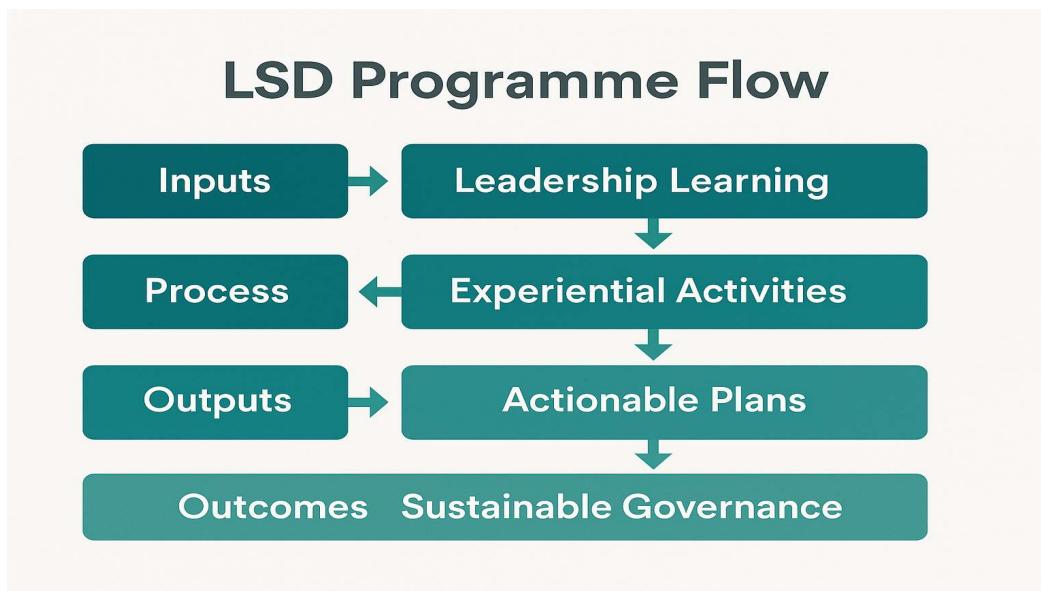
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Programme Objectives

The programme aims to equip public sector leaders with sustainability-oriented leadership frameworks, systems thinking, and behavioural insights. It integrates experiential learning and heritage-based reflection to strengthen governance capacities for effectively implementing sustainable development goals.

About the Programme

The three-day residential programme at IIFM, Bhopal focuses on developing leadership competencies that bridge ecological responsibility with development imperatives. Through expert-led sessions, field immersion at Sanchi, and reflective learning, participants will explore the ethical, strategic, and behavioural dimensions of sustainability.



Why Participate?

- Build capacity for sustainability-driven leadership.
- Strengthen cross-sectoral collaboration and systems thinking.
- Learn from case studies and peer experiences.
- Engage in heritage-based sustainability reflection at Sanchi.

Who Should Attend?

The batch size allowed is 30 for the present programme. Class I officers from Central and State Government Agencies, Academicians, Teachers, Corporate Employees and public sector professionals engaged in administration, Teaching, research, planning, and implementation of development and environmental programmes.

Charges and Financials:

The candidates will be provided free accommodation and local transport. There are no charges for stay and boarding during the programme. Local transport and field visit costs shall also be borne by the institute for the duration of the programme.

Key Themes

- Leading for sustainability and resilience
- Systems thinking and decision-making
- Ethics, motivation, and value-based leadership
- Managing change and stakeholder engagement
- Learning sustainability from Sanchi (field immersion)

Learning Methodology

Expert sessions → Group dialogues → Case learning → Field immersion → Reflection workshops.

Expected Outcomes

- Understanding leadership frameworks for sustainable governance.
- Developing actionable strategies connecting policy to practice.
- Fostering cross-sectoral collaboration and systems change.

Programme Directors

Dr B. K. Upadhyay is a senior faculty member in the area of Human Resource Management at IIFM, Bhopal. With a background in environmental and organisational Psychology and Management, his expertise lies in organisational behaviour, leadership development, and workplace well-being. He has led numerous training programmes on motivation, leadership, and managing change in the context of sustainability. His work blends behavioural science with leadership for sustainable governance.

Dr Parul Rishi is Professor and Chairperson (CSR & HRM Area) at IIFM, Bhopal. A behavioural scientist with more than three decades of experience, she specialises in environmental psychology, CSR, and sustainability behaviour. She has conducted training and research for national and international organisations on leadership, ethics, and climate change behaviour. Her interdisciplinary expertise connects human values, leadership, and sustainability transformation.

About IIFM



The Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM), under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Government of India, is a premier national institute engaged in education, training, and research in environment, forestry, and sustainable development. Since its establishment in 1982, IIFM has played a pivotal role in promoting sustainable governance and capacity building for ecological leadership.

Last Date for Application

The applicants should apply by December 01, 2025. Since the batch size is limited, a first-come, first-served approach will be used to select all eligible applications.

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