

### About the Program

The aim of this workshop is to make women faculty, scientists, and research students aware of the importance of leadership by focusing on what it means to be a leader and guiding them towards the tools, techniques, and skills needed to succeed in leadership roles. The learning objectives of this workshop are:

- To learn key leadership styles and traits of an effective leader
- To know the importance of emotional intelligence and teamwork in leadership
- To apply some of the personality tests/introspection and to know one's own leadership style
- To learn the importance of effective communication as a leader
- To analyze challenges in women leadership and discuss best practices



Prashar Lake, Mandi (February 2026)

### Speakers



Prof. Preeti Aghalayam  
Former Director-in-charge  
IIT Madras, Zanzibar

Prof. Preeti Aghalayam is the first woman director of the IIT Madras Zanzibar campus. She is a professor in the Chemical Engineering department at IIT Madras and has a strong background in academia. She graduated from IIT Madras with a Bachelor of Technology in Chemical Engineering and PhD from the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Dr. Archana Santosh Nanoty is a distinguished academic leader in Electrical Engineering and institutional administration. Currently she is the Registrar of NIT Hamirpur. She is a DST-GOI research referee and is one of the inventors of 4 granted Patents. She has completed an executive program on Leadership & change Management by IIM Raipur. She is also a Government of India certified music therapist. With her expertise she has worked as Industry consultant and Trainer -National Power Training Institute.



Dr. Archana Santosh Nanoty  
Registrar, NIT Hamirpur



Dr. Pooja Vyavahare  
Assistant Professor  
IIT Tirupati

Dr. Pooja Vyavahare is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Electrical Engineering at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Tirupati. She holds a Ph.D. from IIT Bombay. She was a Post-doctoral Fellow at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She was selected for the Phase 2 of the Women in Science Leadership Programme (WiSLP) by DST, which includes advanced training in Coventry University, United Kingdom.



Prof. Sarika Jalan  
IIT Indore

Prof. Sarika Jalan is a distinguished physicist and a SERB POWER Fellow (2022-2025). She earned her Ph.D. from PRL Ahmedabad, followed by postdoctoral research at the Max Planck Institutes in Leipzig and Dresden, Germany, and a tenure as a Senior Research Scientist at NUS, Singapore.

Prof. Shilpi Sharma is a distinguished academician with a Ph.D. from Ludwig Maximilians University of Munich, Germany and post-doctoral experience from the German Research Center for Environmental Health. Beyond her scientific contributions, she holds Associate Dean Academics (Outreach and New Initiatives) position at IIT Delhi.



Prof. Shilpi Sharma  
Associate Dean, IIT Delhi

### Patron

Prof. Laxmidhar Behera  
Director, IIT Mandi



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### Convenor

Prof. Nitu Kumari  
IIT Mandi

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/oeYiB5QaMgq1fRiR9>

Registration deadline: 01 March 2026

### Registration Fees

Participant	With Accommodation	Without Accommodation
Faculty/Scientist	₹1000	₹750
PhD/PostDoc	₹750	₹500



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- Limited seats are available, so early registration is encouraged
- The registration fee includes welcome kit, food during the workshop, free wifi and participation certificate
- Accommodation will be on sharing basis in the institute guest house

### Student Coordinators

Dr. Arun Kumar, Mr. Anurag Singh, Mr. Kanav Singh Rana, Mr. Praveen Kumar, Ms. Diksha

### About IIT Mandi

Nestled in the Shivalik Range of the Himalayas, away from the hustle and bustle of metropolitan cities, IIT Mandi is one of the eight new IITs established in 2008–2009. IIT Mandi is located in Kamand Valley, Mandi city in Mandi district of Himachal Pradesh. IIT Mandi is located approximately 20 km from Mandi town. The most common travel route to Mandi from Delhi is via Chandigarh. The nearest airports are Kullu (56 km), Dharamshala (130 km), and Chandigarh (200 km). By prioritizing an integrated research model, the Institute focuses on high-impact sectors including Green Mobility, Cyber-Physical Systems, Sustainable Infrastructure, Clean Energy, and Precision Agri-Tech and Affordable and Clean Energy.

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