No. T-13023/1/2026-LTDP
Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
Department of Personnel and Training
(Training Division)
3rd Floor Block-IV, Old JNU Campus,
New Mehrauli Road, New Delhi-110067,
Dated: 20th July, 2026

To

1. Secretaries (All Ministries/Departments in Government of India)
2. The Chief Secretaries to all State Governments
3. Administrators of Union Territories
4. All the Cadre Controlling Authorities
5. Directors General/Directors of Central & State Training Institutes

Sub: Long Term Domestic Training Programme "Executive Certificate Programme in Public Policy Leadership & Strategy" (ECP-PPLS) by Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad.

Sir/Madam,

It is hereby informed that **Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad** in collaboration with this Department is offering a Long Term Domestic Programme viz "Executive Certificate Programme in Public Policy Leadership & Strategy" (ECP-PPLS) from **September 9th, 2026**. **ECP-PPLS** is designed as a 5 Month programme wherein first 5 days on the IIM Ahmedabad Campus followed by 8 alternate weekends in Delhi.

Course pedagogy:

2. The ECP-PPLS has been conceptualized as an officer friendly domestic training programme on Public Policy Leadership & Strategy without any international component. This provides the advantage of minimal dislocation of officers from their workplaces and allows them to continue with their current assignment/posting during the duration of the course. The Programme is designed to develop leaders who can effectively navigate and shape modern governance. This programme equips professionals with key skills in policy analysis, strategic planning, stakeholder management, and ethical decision-making. By in-person learning, the course prepares executives to address complex societal, economic, and environmental challenges, empowering them to drive impactful public policy initiatives.

3. The programme is open to officers belonging to All India Services (Indian Administrative Service, Indian Police Service and Indian Forest Service), Central Civil Services (Group 'A'), faculty members of State Administrative Training Institutes (ATIs) and Central Training Institutes (CTIs) and also Officers of the State Civil Services (Group 'A') subject to the eligibility conditions as enclosed.

4. Details of the **'Terms and Conditions'** of the programme, application form and other documents are enclosed with this letter. Further details with regard to this programme may be ascertained from Ms. Gloria Rose Raibin, Executive Education, Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad, Vastrapur, Ahmedabad – 380015 [Email: ecppls-exed@iima.ac.in] and websites of Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad https://exed.iima.ac.in/public-policy-leadership-strategy-executive-programme and DoP&T, Training Division's website https://trgdiv.dopt.gov.in/

5. Nominations of suitable eligible officers in the prescribed pro-forma may please be sent to this Department through their Cadre Controlling Authorities so as to reach us on or before **August 15th, 2026**. Nominations received after this date will not be considered. As it is an open programme, Candidates can directly apply to IIM Ahmedabad with intimation to this department. The nominations would be scrutinized and officers shortlisted by the selection committee based on profile and statement of purpose, fulfilling the conditions of eligibility will be nominated for the programme. Final selection will be subject to receipt of his/her formal application, duly recommended by the Cadre Controlling Authorities along with Vigilance Clearance and approval of Competent Authority in DoPT. Therefore, it is in the interest of the officers to get their applications routed through their Cadre Controlling Authorities as early as possible.

6. All Ministries/ Departments/ State Governments/ UTs/ CCAs etc. are advised to give wide publicity to the programme, upload this circular on their websites for the information of all concerned and encourage the officers to apply.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: Terms and conditions

Uma Magesh

(Uma Magesh)
Under Secretary to the Government of India
Telephone: 011-26706382

Copy to:

1. The Comptroller and Auditor General of India, New Delhi
2. Secretary, Union Public Service Commission, New Delhi
3. The Election Commission of India, New Delhi
4. Controller General of Accounts, New Delhi
5. Deputy Director General (Training), Department of Post, Dak Bhavan, New Delhi
6. Deputy Director General (Training), Department of Telecom, Sanchar Bhavan, New Delhi
7. Director (Training), Railway Board, Rail Bhavan, New Delhi
8. Director (Police), Ministry of Home Affairs for nomination of IPS Officers
9. Director General, CPWD Training Institute, Sankalp Bhavan, New Delhi
10. Director, Bureau of Police Research and Development, CGO Complex, New Delhi
11. Establishment Officer, DoPT, Kartavya Bhavan - 03, New Delhi
12. DoPT (CS Division), GPOA, Netaji Nagar, New Delhi
13. Shri Mukesh Maheshwari, AGM-Business Development & Corporate Relations, Executive Education, Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad, Vastrapur, Ahmedabad – 380015 with request to consider applications received on or before August 15th, 2026.
14. NIC, Training Division, for uploading the notification on DoP&T website *(https://dopt.gov.in/)* and Training Division's *https://trgdiv.dopt.gov.in/* webpage.

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Terms and conditions

1st Executive Certificate Programme in Public Policy Leadership & Strategic (ECP-PPLS) at Indian Institute of Management - Ahmedabad

The 1st Executive Certificate Programme in Public Policy Leadership & Strategic – ECP-PPLS at Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad will commence from **September 9th, 2026**. The ECP-PPLS has been conceptualized as an officer friendly domestic training programme on Public Policy Leadership & Strategic without any international component. This provides the advantage of minimal dislocation of officers from their workplaces and allows them to continue with their current assignment/posting during the duration of the course. The Programme is designed to develop leaders who can effectively navigate and shape modern governance. This program equips professionals with key skills in policy analysis, strategic planning, stakeholder management, and ethical decision-making. By in-person learning, the course prepares executives to address complex societal, economic, and environmental challenges, empowering them to drive impactful public policy initiatives.

2. **Eligibility**:

The programme is open to officers of All India Services (IAS, IPS & IFoS), Central Civil Services (Group 'A'), faculty members of State Administrative Training Institutes (ATIs) and also officers of the State Civil Services (Group 'A') subject to the following eligibility conditions:

Length of service	Officers should have completed 5 years of Group 'A' service as on commencement of the programme.
Age	The officers should have at least five years remaining service after completion of the programme.
Earlier Training	The officers should not have undergone a training Programme of 12-weeks or more duration in India during a period of 5 years preceding the date of commencement of this Programme. Further, the officer should not have undergone a Programme of training abroad of more than 2-weeks in preceding 2-years, more than one month in preceding 3-years or more than six months in the preceding 5-years.

3. **Course Fees**: (a) The course fee for the programme is **Rs. 3.99 Lakh** (Rupee Three Lakh Ninety Nine Thousand Only) **+ Goods & Service Tax (GST)** as per applicable rates per participant. The fee is inclusive of accommodation and meals during the on-campus module at IIM Ahmedabad. Travel to Ahmedabad and all expenses for Delhi session are not included. The nomination for the programme and payment of course fee shall be made by the Cadre Controlling Authorities [*for example, DoP&T for IAS, Central Secretariat Service (CSS) and Central Secretariat Stenographers' Service (CSSS) Officers, MHA for IPS officers, MOEF for IFoS officers etc.*]. In case an officer is posted in an office outside his/her cadre establishment, the nomination may be done by that office in consultation with his/her Cadre Controlling Authority.

(b) The Programme fee [Rs. 3.99 Lakh (Rs. Three Lakh Ninety-Nine Thousand Only)] plus Goods & Service Tax (GST) as per applicable rates need to be paid in full at the time of joining the programme or/and in any case within 30 days of commencement of programme.

4. **Programme structure**

The duration of this programme is Five Months. Since Delhi is the epicenter of public policy in India, the programme is designed primarily for a Delhi-based audience; particularly public servants and policy professionals working with government, policy think tanks, private sector, and even others wanting to switch to core-policy work in and around the NCR.

To balance accessibility with the immersive experience of IIM Ahmedabad, the programme will be delivered at both IIMA and Delhi (where IIMA faculty will travel). Recognising the time constraints of working professionals, especially government officers, the Delhi sessions will be scheduled over weekends. The Programme will run over five months and will include:

First 5 days on the IIM Ahmedabad campus

8 full (alternate) weekends in Delhi *(Location – Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, New Delhi)*

Continuous tutorials and coursework throughout the duration

Each day will typically consist of four sessions (with each session at IIMA lasting 75 minutes), resulting in approximately 84 sessions over the course of the programme. Teaching Assistants will provide ongoing remote support to help participants engage deeply with coursework and assignments. The Programme confers IIMA alumni status to all successful participants.

5. **Curricular Design**:

Foundations

- Economics for Public Policy
- Institutions, Markets and State
- Data Science and Decision- Making
- Policy Processes & Frameworks

Perspectives

- Designing Policy: Mechanisms, Behaviour and Choice
- Public Programme Design and Evaluation
- Technology, Data and Digital Governance
- Fiscal Systems: Public Finance and Budgeting
- Geopolitics and the Global Policy Environment
- Leadership and Negotiation in Public Systems
- Legal Frameworks for Public Policy and Governance
- Regulation, Lobbying and Public Procurement

Sectors

- Climate and Environmental Policy
- Energy Systems and Policy
- Public Health and Healthcare Systems
- Infrastructure and Urbanization
- Food Systems and Agribusiness Policy

6. **Hostel Facilities**

Indian Institute of Management – Ahmedabad will provide rent-free furnished residential AC accommodation and meals during the on campus module at IIMA to the participants.

7. **Conditions for officers admitted to the programme:**

In case of officers, sponsored by the Government of India/State Governments for this programme, the entire period of absence from duty on account of residencies/travel will be treated as on duty under FR 9(6)(b)(i).

8. **Selection procedure and forwarding of nominations**

(i) The Cadre Controlling Authority (CCA) should recommend names of only those Group 'A' officers who are likely to stay with the CCA for some more time.

(ii) Officers on deputation to Government of India under the Central Staffing Scheme must have completed at least **two years** of their tenure on central deputation on the date of this notification to become eligible to apply for this programme. It may

be noted that in respect of Officers appointed under the 'Central Staffing Scheme', 'NOC' from the Office of Establishment Officer, DOPT should be obtained before forwarding their applications/nominations for the Long Term Domestic Programme.

(iii) The faculty members of the State ATIs who have completed at least **three years** on the date of starting of the programme are also eligible to apply for the programme. However, those faculty members who belong to State Civil Services need not necessarily fulfill this condition. The selected faculty members, however, would be required to stay in the ATI for next three years after completion of the programme.

9. **Forwarding of nominations**

(i) Concurrence of State Governments, wherever necessary, would have to be obtained by the Cadre Controlling Authority before sending the nominations to DoP&T.

(ii) Copy of the application form and other documents are attached. The same may also be obtained by sending an email to ecppls-exed@iima.ac.in or by logging on to Websites of IIM Ahmedabad https://exed.iima.ac.in/public-policy-leadership-strategy-executive-programme and *DoP&T, Training Division's website* https://trgdiv.dopt.gov.in/. Cadre Controlling Authorities are requested to forward duly filled applications in respect of suitable officers (who are clear from vigilance angle) along with complete information in **Part- B** of the Application Pro-forma so as to reach us on or before **August 15th, 2026.**

(iii) Nominations received after the due date will not be considered.

(iv) As it is an open programme, Candidate can directly apply to IIM Ahmedabad with intimation to this department. The nominations would be scrutinized and officers shortlisted by the selection committee based on profile and statement of purpose, fulfilling the conditions of eligibility will be nominated for the programme. Final selection will be subject to receipt of his/her formal application, duly recommended by the Cadre Controlling Authorities along with Vigilance Clearance and approval of Competent Authority in DoPT. Therefore, it is in the interest of the officers to get their applications routed through their Cadre Controlling Authorities as early as possible.

10. **Bond to be executed by the officer**:

Before joining the programme, the officer is required to execute a Bond to the extent that "in the event of his/her failing to resume duty or resigning or retiring from service or otherwise quitting service, without returning to duty after expiry or termination of the period of the programme or failing to complete the programme, or quitting the service at any time within a period of FIVE (5) years after completing the programme, the officer shall forthwith pay to the Government or as may be directed by the Government, on demand all charges and expenses that shall or may have been incurred by the Government for the training programme i.e. all monies paid to him/her or expended on his/her account during the programme period such as pay and allowances, leave salary, cost of fee, travelling and other expenses met by the Government/agency concerned together with interest thereon from the date of demand at Government rates for the time being in force on Government loans".

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Application for Admission in Executive Certificate Programme in Public Policy Leadership & Strategic – (ECP-PPLS)

(Programme Commences on **September 9th, 2026;** Last date of receiving application is **15th August, 2026**)

(For Govt sponsored candidates)

PART-A

1. PERSONAL DETAILS					Paste a recent passport sized photograph
Title (Mr./Ms/Dr.)					
Full name in block letters (First name, Middle name, Surname)					
Father's full name					
Mother's full name					
Gender (Put √)	Male ☐ Female ☐	Date of birth	DD MM Year		
Date of Superannuation	DD MM Year	Age as on 09-09-2026	Year Month		
Nationality		Religion			
Caste category (Put √)	General ☐ OBC ☐ SC ☐ ST ☐				
Equivalent Rank in Govt. of India		Level in Pay Matrix as per 7th CPC/ Grade Pay with Pay Band			

2. MINISTRY/DEPARTMENT DETAILS			
Name of the Ministry/ Department			
Designation of Applicant			
Office Address			
	State	PIN	
Telephone No.		Fax	
Service cadre with year of allotment			
Length of service in Group-A			
Are you presently on deputation to the Govt. of India (Put √)	Yes ☐ No ☐	If yes, from which date:	
Date of completion of tenure?			

3. ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE					
Address					
City		State		PIN	
Telephone No			Fax No		
Mobile No					
Email ID *[In Capital Letters]* (Main and alternate)					

4. ACADEMIC RECORD					
Sr. No	Examination/ Degree/ Diploma passed	Name of the Board/University/ Institution	Passing Percentage/ Grade/ Division/CGPA	Year of Joining the Course	Year of Passing the Course
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					

5. DETAILS OF WORK EXPERIENCE						
Sr. No	Post held	Department/ Organization	Tenure		Pay Scale	Nature of responsibility
			From	To		
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						

Total experience (in years)	

6. DETAILS OF TRAINING PROGRAMS ATTENDED (IN INDIA & ABROAD) [Duration should be at least two weeks or more](Kindly refer to 'Earlier Training' caption under para 2 of Terms & Conditions)

S. No	Name of Course / Training Programme	Name of the Institution/ Place	Year	Duration (in weeks)
1				
2				
3				

7. Additional Information:- (please attach separate sheets regarding the following)

i. Indicate the Public Policy area identified by you with the approval of your Ministry/Deptt./State Govt. etc. for preparation of the Policy document during the programme period.

ii. Briefly describe your job responsibilities and your achievements at your work place.

iii. Statement of Purpose: Why are you interested in pursuing this programme?

iv. Briefly describe your publications, leadership roles, community work or any other work you consider significant for your proposed study.

v. Is there any other information that you would like to provide about yourself?

8. DECLARATION

I certify that the information given in this application form is correct and true to the best of my knowledge. I agree to abide by the decision of the authorities regarding my selection to the programme.

Place: (Signature)

Date:

Instructions:

- *The application form is to be sent through the Cadre Controlling Authority.*
- *You may send the application form directly to Ms. Uma Magesh, Under Secretary (Trg), Training Division, Department of Personnel and Training, Government of India, Room No - 315, 3rd Floor, Block-4, Old JNU Campus, New Delhi-110067 [E-mail: uma.magesh@nic.in] as well as to Ms. Gloria Rose Raibin, Executive Education, Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad, Vastrapur, Ahmedabad – 380015* [Email: ecppls-exed@iima.ac.in]
- *Please ensure that this application is routed through the Cadre Controlling Authority so as to reach DoPT (Training Division) latest by August 15th, 2026.*
- *The application envelop should be superscripted as "Application for admission in Executive Certificate Programme in Public Policy Leadership & Strategic – ECP-PPLS at IIM Ahmedabad".*

PART - B

(For the use of the Cadre Controlling Authority only)

Name of Applicant:_____

1. Is there any vigilance case pending or contemplated against the officer? (put √)	Yes ☐	No ☐

2. Is there any standing adverse entry against the officer? (put √)	Yes ☐	No ☐
If YES, please give details:		

3. Is the applicant's overall ACR grading "Very Good"? (put √)	Yes ☐	No ☐

4. Whether cadre clearance has been obtained? (put √)	Yes ☐	No ☐
(For officers, who would be completing their deputation tenures prior to joining the ECP-PPLS? In such cases, clearance of the State Government/Parent department has to be obtained)		
Has the candidate been offered a central deputation also?	Yes ☐	No ☐
If selected, will the candidate be released for the Programme?	Yes ☐	No ☐

Cadre Controlling Authority:

Name of the Cadre Controlling Authority (Ministry/Department)			
Contact Person			
Designation			
Address			
		PIN	
Telephone No.			
Fax No.			
E-mail ID			

Place:

Date:

(Signature of the

Cadre Controlling Authority)

File No. _____

Office Seal (Compulsory)

Format of Bond to be executed by a Government Servant before proceeding for 1st Executive Certificate Programme in Public Policy Leadership & Strategic – ECP-PPLS of Indian Institute of Management - Ahmedabad

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS THAT I, _____, resident of _____, at present employed as _____ in the Ministry/Department_____, do hereby bind myself and my heirs, executors and administrators to pay to the President of India (hereinafter called the 'Government') on demand, 'all charges and expenses' that shall or may have been incurred by the Government for my ECP-PPLS programme by IIM Ahmedabad i.e. all monies paid to me or expended on my account during the programme period such as pay and allowances, leave salary, cost of fee, travelling and other expenses met by the govt./agency concerned, etc. being conducted by IIM Ahmedabad together with interest thereon from the date of demand at Government rates, for the time being in force, on Government loans or, if payment is made in a country other than India, the equivalent of the said amount in currency of that country converted at the official rate of exchange between that country and India AND TOGETHER with all costs between the attorney and the client.

WHEREAS I, _____, am being deputed for ECP-PPLS programme by IIM Ahmedabad.

AND WHEREAS for the better protection of the Government I have agreed to execute this bond with such conditions as written hereunder:

NOW THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE WRITTEN OBLIGATION IS THAT, in the event of my failing to resume duty, or resigning or retiring from service or otherwise quitting service, without returning to duty after expiry or termination of the period of the ECP-PPLS programme, OR failing to complete the programme, OR quitting the service at any time within a period of FIVE (5) years or before superannuation, whichever is earlier,after my return to duty, I shall forthwith pay to the Government or as may be directed by the Government, on demand the said sum together with interest thereon from the date of demand at Government rates for the time being in force on Government loans.

AND upon my making such payment the above written obligations shall be void and of no effect, otherwise it shall be and remain in full force and virtue.

The Bond shall in all respects be governed by the laws of India for the time being in force and the rights and liabilities hereunder shall, where necessary, be accordingly determined by the appropriate Courts of India.

The Government of India has agreed to bear the stamp duty payable on this bond.

Signed and delivered this the _____ day of _____ month of the year 2026.

Signed and delivered by _____ (Name and Designation)

In the presence of _____ and _____

Witnessess: 1. _____

2._____

ACCEPTED
On behalf of the President of India by the Cadre Controlling Authority
(Authorized Signatory) *[Office Seal Compulsory]*