Course Title: Advanced Management Skills for Effective Leadership

Course Duration: 2 Days

About the Course:

This intensive 2-day program is designed to equip managers with the critical skills necessary for effective leadership, stakeholder management, and strategic execution. Participants will explore the principles of "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Managers," master change management, engage with cross-functional teams, and understand emerging trends in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). Through interactive sessions, case studies, and practical exercises, managers will gain actionable insights to enhance their leadership capabilities.

Target Audience:

- Mid to Senior-Level Managers
- Project Managers and Team Leads
- Aspiring Leaders seeking to enhance managerial skills
- HR Managers and CSR Professionals

Course Outcomes:

Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to:

- 1. Apply the 7 Habits of Highly Effective Managers for personal and team effectiveness.
- 2. Lead change initiatives with confidence and strategic planning.
- 3. Manage stakeholders and cross-functional teams effectively.
- 4. Execute strategies with high employee engagement.
- 5. Understand and leverage emerging trends in CSR for sustainable impact.

Day 1 – Building a Foundation for Effective Leadership

Module 1: The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Managers

1. Introduction to the 7 Habits

- o Overview of Stephen Covey's principles.
- o Adapting the 7 Habits for managerial effectiveness.

2. Habit 1: Be Proactive

- o Focusing on response over reaction.
- o Understanding the Circle of Influence vs. Circle of Concern.
- o Techniques for proactive decision-making.

3. Habit 2: Begin with the End in Mind

Setting clear objectives and strategic vision.

o Developing team alignment with organizational goals.

4. Habit 3: Put First Things First

- o Prioritization techniques (Eisenhower Matrix, Time Management Quadrants).
- o Balancing urgent vs. important tasks.

5. Habit 4: Think Win-Win

- o Collaborative negotiation strategies.
- o Building trust and long-term relationships.

6. Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood

- o Active listening and empathetic communication.
- o Techniques for resolving conflicts effectively.

7. Habit 6: Synergize

- o Fostering teamwork and collective problem-solving.
- o Leveraging individual strengths for group success.

8. Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw

- o Continuous learning and self-improvement.
- o Maintaining work-life balance and resilience.

Module 2: Leading Change Management

1. Understanding Change Management

- o Definition and importance of change management in business.
- o Identifying drivers of change: internal vs. external.

2. Change Models and Frameworks

- o Kotter's 8-Step Change Model.
- o ADKAR Model for structured change.
- o Lewin's Change Management Model (Unfreeze Change Refreeze).

3. Building a Change Strategy

- Assessing readiness for change.
- o Defining vision, mission, and goals for change.

4. Communicating Change Effectively

- o Crafting messages that resonate with stakeholders.
- o Techniques for overcoming resistance.

5. Leading Through Uncertainty

- o Handling ambiguity and uncertainty during transitions.
- o Ensuring team motivation and alignment.

Module 3: Managing Stakeholders & Cross-Functional Teams

1. Identifying and Mapping Stakeholders

- o Categorizing stakeholders: Internal vs. External.
- o Stakeholder analysis and influence mapping.

2. Building and Maintaining Relationships

- o Engagement strategies for different stakeholder groups.
- Addressing conflicts and managing expectations.

3. Cross-Functional Team Dynamics

- o Understanding roles and responsibilities across teams.
- o Effective communication and collaboration.

4. Strategies for Cross-Functional Leadership

- o Navigating silos and bridging gaps between departments.
- o Leading without formal authority.

Day 2 – Strategic Execution and Corporate Responsibility

Module 4: Execution and Employee Engagement

1. Strategic Execution Fundamentals

- o Translating strategy into actionable plans.
- o Goal setting (SMART Goals, OKRs).

2. Building High-Performance Teams

- o Characteristics of high-performing teams.
- o Motivating and inspiring team members.

3. Employee Engagement Techniques

- o Techniques for boosting employee morale and productivity.
- o Addressing disengagement and its root causes.

4. Measuring Execution Success

- o Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and metrics.
- o Continuous feedback and improvement loops.

Module 5: Emerging Trends and the Future of CSR

1. Introduction to Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

- o Evolution of CSR: From philanthropy to sustainable business.
- o Key principles and global standards (ISO 26000, UN SDGs).

2. Emerging Trends in CSR

- o ESG (Environmental, Social, Governance) and its impact.
- o Social entrepreneurship and community engagement.
- o Digital transformation and responsible AI.

3. Strategic CSR Alignment

- o Integrating CSR into core business strategy.
- o CSR as a driver for brand reputation and stakeholder trust.

4. Measuring CSR Impact

- o Frameworks for evaluating CSR initiatives.
- o Reporting and transparency in CSR activities.

Module 6: Action Planning and Implementation

1. Creating a Personal Leadership Action Plan

- o Defining short-term and long-term leadership goals.
- Mapping out key milestones and success indicators.

2. Building a Roadmap for Change

- o Developing implementation steps for strategic initiatives.
- o Risk assessment and contingency planning.

3. Sustaining Leadership and Engagement

- o Techniques for long-term impact and sustainability.
- o Encouraging a culture of accountability and innovation.

4. Final Reflections and Course Wrap-up

- Sharing insights and key takeaways.
- o Participant feedback and Q&A session.