

# ABOUT IISD



**Making India Sustainable**

Indian Institute of Sustainable Development (IISD), New Delhi is registered as a leading Indian National Independent Public Policy Think Tank and Research Institution at New Delhi, with an Objective of working towards Social, environmental and business sustainability; involving People, Planet and Profit to ensure sustainable development of mankind, through scientific innovations, engaging multiple stake holders. Although IISD is working with this objective and mandate since July 1997, officially it got registered since 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2007 and working with 51 Focus Areas now. IISD works for the weaker sections of the society, for the empowerment of the common man to ensure social and environmental justice and overall improvement of their lives and living standards of common citizens of the country and strives to put India into a sustainable path that is inclusive and equitable in overall political, economic, social, cultural and environmental direction, which helps in poverty alleviation through livelihood generation, works to manage Our natural resources such as water, forests and minerals; in a most efficient and sustainable manner, ensures water and energy security to sustain the present day high economic growth, engages climate change mitigation and adaptation and promote cleaner technology in order to sustain overall development of society. Moreover, IISD works with the governments, bi-lateral and multilateral agencies, industries, academia, premier scientific research institutes, private and public sector organizations, multinationals, credible national laboratories and the other civil society organizations, different communities and indigenous people at grass-root level, using research & social, scientific and engineering consultancy as tools to attain its objectives.

In addition, IISD is right now engaged in developing appropriate strategies and action plan to implement 17 United Nation (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). IISD's 51 Focus Areas includes a Special Centre absolutely, to ensure Sustainable Development in UT-Ladakh; an ancient civilization, with rich cultural and natural heritage, which is also a highly environmentally sensitive cold desert ecosystem Ladakh Valley in the lap of Himalayas.

## IISD Research and Knowledge Support Centre for Sustainable Development in Ladakh

Ladakh is having an unique ecosystem, with its wonderful people, culture and heritage and it's the right time the region should get prior importance, especially after the creation of new Union Territory of India in October, 2019, for it's all round development, which should be sustainable and IISD being a premier national institute is keen to see that the region receives its best in the country for which it has created this Centre, known as the IISD Research and Knowledge Support Centre for Sustainable Development in Ladakh.



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In this Centre, IISD is keen to undertake Research Projects and Studies, in few Challenging Sectors of-Water & Natural Resources Management (NRM), Tourism, Agriculture, Solar & Renewable Energy, Industry, Mining and Education, in the Region for next 5 Years, with respect to Carrying Capacity Of the Valley, adverse Impact and Vulnerability of Climate Change, Sensitive Environment, Forests and Wildlife Protection Issues, Frequent Changing Fragile Land Use Pattern in a cold Desert Eco-system and Preservation of rich Ladakh's Natural and Cultural Heritage and ancient value system.

IISD Research and Knowledge Support Centre for Sustainable Development in Ladakh is proud to organize this 3 Days Leh Water Supply Management Workshop from 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 at Hotel Grand Dragon at Leh *as well as* on Webinar Format, with Carbon Minus India (CMI) and Ladakh Ecological Development Group (LEDeG)- as our Local Partner.

In addition, IISD recently concluded a Comprehensive Water Audit 2020 for Leh Town Water Supply System and recommended a Water Balance, along with LEDeG.

IISD will be working with Jal Jivan Mission (JJM) of the Ministry Of Water Resources, Jal Shakti of Government of the Drinking Water Resources Issues of the Leh and UT-Ladakh in near future.

### **IISD is also planning an International Conference and Policy Dialogue Redefining Development for a Cold Desert: Ladakh**

in mid August 2021 in post COVID 19 time, where Policy Makers, Thought Leaders, Thinkers, Technocrats, Researchers, Academicians, Authors, Nature Lovers, Domain Experts - Those who have worked and in relation with the Valley will be invited to Leh, Ladakh, followed by at New Delhi to share their vision for the sustainable development of this ecologically sensitive cold desert of India.

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