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# Certificate Programme in Innovative Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and Sustainability

spanning 40 hours. It can be designed as a comprehensive yet flexible curriculum to cater to professionals and organizations aiming to integrate innovative CSR and sustainability practices.

#### **Certificate Programme in Innovative CSR and Sustainability**

**Duration:** 40 Total Hours Mode: Online/Offline/Hybrid Target Audience: Corporate professionals, CSR executives, sustainability officers, academicians, and entrepreneurs.

#### **Programme Modules**

#### 1. Introduction to CSR and Sustainability (4 Hours)

- **Topics Covered:** 
  - Evolution and significance of CSR.
  - Key concepts of sustainability: Triple Bottom Line (People, Planet, Profit).
  - Legal frameworks for CSR: Global and Indian context (Companies Act 2013).
  - Case Studies: Successful CSR projects in India and globally.

#### 2. Strategic CSR Planning and Implementation (6 Hours)

- **Topics Covered:** 
  - Aligning CSR with organizational goals.
  - Stakeholder engagement and needs assessment.
  - Designing impactful and measurable CSR initiatives.
  - Monitoring, evaluation, and reporting frameworks.
  - **Activity:** Drafting a CSR strategy for a hypothetical organization.

#### 3. Innovative Approaches to CSR (6 Hours)

- **Topics Covered:** 
  - Leveraging technology for CSR (AI, IoT, and Blockchain).
  - Social entrepreneurship as an extension of CSR.
  - Partnerships and collaborations for collective impact.

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- Circular economy and its role in CSR.
- **Case Study:** Tech-enabled CSR innovations.

#### 4. Sustainability Practices and SDG Alignment (6 Hours)

## **Topics Covered:**

- o United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- o ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) frameworks and their implications.
- o Carbon footprint reduction and net-zero strategies.
- o Creating an organizational sustainability roadmap.
- **Activity:** Developing a sustainability action plan for a business.

## 5. Legal and Ethical Frameworks in CSR (4 Hours)

## **Topics Covered:**

- o CSR compliance and regulatory requirements in India and globally.
- Ethical dilemmas in CSR and sustainability practices.
- Anti-corruption and transparency in CSR funding.
- **Case Studies:** Examining ethical controversies in CSR.

#### 6. Impact Assessment and Reporting (4 Hours)

## **Topics Covered:**

- Measuring CSR outcomes: Tools and methodologies.
- o Social return on investment (SROI) frameworks.
- Sustainability reporting standards: GRI, BRSR, and others.
- o Communicating impact to stakeholders.
- **Activity:** Crafting a CSR impact assessment report.

## 7. Leadership and Innovation in CSR and Sustainability (6 Hours)

#### **Topics Covered:**

- Building a CSR leadership culture.
- Fostering innovation for sustainable business models.

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- o Change management and employee engagement in CSR.
- o Future trends in CSR and sustainability.
- Guest Lecture: By an industry leader or sustainability expert.

## **Programme Features**

- Interactive Activities: Role-playing, group discussions, and case studies.
- Hands-On Projects: Designing a CSR initiative, sustainability plan, and impact report.
- Certifications: Recognized by industry bodies or institutions.
- Resource Materials: E-books, toolkits, and video lectures.

#### **Assessment and Certification**

- Assessment Method:
  - Module-wise quizzes.
  - A capstone project (integrated CSR and sustainability proposal).
- Certification: Awarded upon completion of all modules and successful assessment.