



Highlights of the Month

- Leadership Development for Grades 9, 8, 6, 4 & 3 from Indus Schools
- Leadership Program for 10X International School Students & Teachers
- Leadership Immersion for ITARI Teacher Trainees
- Leadership Program for The School of Raya

Dear Leaders,

A warm welcome to a bright new year and a fresh chapter at ISL! January 2026 was a month of dynamic beginnings, bringing together students and educators from across our community for foundational and advanced leadership journeys. From the eager first steps of our youngest pioneers to the refined challenges undertaken by senior students and teachers, each program embodied a spirit of discovery, resilience, and growth. We are thrilled to share these highlights from a month dedicated to starting strong.

Leadership Programs for Indus International Schools

Grade 9, IISP

90 Grade 9 students from IISP engaged in intensive five-day programs centered on the 4Cs - Critical Thinking, Creativity, Communication, and Collaboration. Through the Leadership Reaction Course, Paintball, and crate building, they practiced strategic decision-making, adaptive innovation, and intrapersonal dialogue. The Leadership Disposition Course and outbound trekking segments built deep accountability and resilience, culminating in a matured understanding of leadership as both personal responsibility and team synergy.



Grade 8, IISP (Batch 1 & 2)

Grade 8 students embarked on immersive journeys focused on applying the 4Cs in real-time. Challenges like the Cliff Hanger LRC, Blindfold Tent Pitching, and the Minefield required precise communication, creative problem-solving, and trust. The program culminated in student-led role-plays, showcasing their ability to synthesize learnings and demonstrate leadership as adaptive, collaborative action.



Grade 6, IISP

Seventy-two Grade 6 students began their formal leadership journey, shifting their perspective from leading as authority to leading through service. Activities like Shelter Building, the Mid-Rope Course, and the Junior Obstacle Course taught the fundamentals of active listening, discipline, and calm reasoning. They returned with greater confidence and the foundational belief that true leadership starts with helping others.



Grade 4, IISP

Seventy-seven Grade 4 students enjoyed a vibrant two-day introduction to leadership. Through engaging activities like Obstacle course, Water Pipeline, minefield and a nature trek, they experienced the core values of teamwork, accountability, and eco-awareness. This joyful first adventure planted essential seeds for their future growth as cooperative and mindful individuals.



Grade 3, IISB

Sixty-three young learners from Indus International School, Bangalore, participated in a specially curated leadership experience on campus. Through a series of interactive and fun-based activities, the program introduced foundational concepts of teamwork, creativity, and spatial awareness. The day was filled with energy and collaboration, providing these budding leaders with a positive and encouraging first touchpoint with structured group challenges and cooperative play.



Leadership Development for Partner Schools

10X International School (Students)

Sixty-eight senior students from 10X International School undertook a dynamic three-day program focused on Creativity, Grit, Critical Thinking, and Collaboration. The Leadership Disposition Course and Paintball fostered innovative thinking and risk-taking, while the Leadership Reaction Course and Wall Climbing honed strategic analysis and interpersonal communication. The experience strengthened their grasp of leadership as a blend of personal resilience and collective responsibility.



10X International School (Teachers)

Twelve educators from 10X Bengaluru participated in a unique professional growth journey. Blending activities like Pistol Shooting (Focus & Goal Setting) with classic modules like the LDC, the program-built resilience, collaboration, and visionary thinking. Teachers engaged deeply, reporting powerful mindset shifts and identifying clear applications to foster confidence and positive risk-taking in their own classrooms.



ITARI Teacher Trainees

Twelve aspiring educators from ITARI engaged in an intensive overnight program designed to translate theory into practice. Through high-impact activities like trekking, raft-building, and the Leadership Disposition Course, they explored positive risk-taking, resilience, and shared accountability. The experience prompted meaningful reflection on leadership mindset, equipping them with practical insights on empowering future students through trust and shared vision.



Leadership Development for Other Schools

The School of Raya

The elected 'Vanguard' student council leaders from The School of Raya participated in a focused three-day immersion. This mixed-grade cohort engaged in curated challenges like the Portable Adventure and Mid-Rope Course, which emphasized problem-solving and empathy. The program successfully pushed their boundaries, with one notable highlight being a student conquering a significant fear of heights. They gained valuable self-awareness and practical insights to better serve their school communities.



Reflection of the Month

January speaks the language of beginnings. It offers a clean slate, not as an empty page, but as a space filled with potential. At ISL, we witnessed this courage to begin in every participant - from the youngest student tying their trekking shoes for the first time to the educator embracing a new teaching insight.

A beginning is an act of faith. It requires acknowledging that we don't have all the answers yet, but we trust the process of discovery. This month, each challenge embraced, each fear confronted, and each hand offered in support was a testament to that faith. Leadership, in its essence, is about having the courage to take that first step, to set a direction before the entire path is clear.

As we move forward into the year, let us carry this spirit of the beginning. Let's remember that progress is not about a flawless journey, but about the willingness to start, to learn, and to grow with each step. The most significant journeys in leadership and in life begin with a single, courageous decision to try.

**Warm regards,
Team ISL**