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Dear Alumni,

Greetings from your alma mater! It brings us immense pleasure to present the latest edition of our Alumni Newsletter, packed with exciting news and updates from the IIM Indore community. This newsletter is a testament to the enduring connection we share, and we are thrilled to keep you informed about the remarkable achievements and developments taking place on campus and among our alumni.

Our Alumni Talk Series "Wisdom" (प्रज्ञा) continues to shine as an invaluable and transformative initiative by the Alumni Office. This series serves as a gateway to the future, bringing together the rich tapestry of experiences, insights, and innovations of our esteemed alumni. These luminaries return to share their remarkable journeys, illuminating the path to success for the IIM Indore community. "Wisdom" is not just a set of lectures; it's a repository of knowledge and inspiration. You can access all the talks on our website <https://www.iimidr.ac.in/alumni/videos/>. Let's give a big round of applause to the 25 brilliant contributors to the "Alumni Talk Series: Wisdom"!

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Mrs. Priyamvada Shende (Alumni PGP Batch 2017-19) for her remarkable achievements in the beauty pageant arena. Priyamvada was qualified as one of the 71 finalists competing at the finale of Mrs. India Asia 2023, where she won the prestigious sub-title of "Mrs. Designer's Choice."

In the "Entrepreneurs of Planet-I" section, we feature Mr. Ravi Soni, an accomplished alumnus from the PGPMX-2018 Batch. Ravi is the Chief Executive Officer at Grus & Grade I, an Agri Fintech company. He shares his entrepreneurial journey, which began with a research project on malnutrition among tea workers in Assam. This project, undertaken while pursuing his Executive MBA from IIM Indore, led to the formation of a company that addresses gaps in the agri value chain through technological interventions. Ravi's journey is an inspiring testament to the transformative impact of an IIM Indore education.

On October 3, 2023, IIM Indore celebrated its 27th Foundation Day with great fervor and reverence. During the event, Prof. Himanshu Rai made significant announcements, including the launch of new MDP courses in Hindi, special courses for women looking to resume their careers, and the G8 project aimed at expanding and enhancing our campus infrastructure. The Best Teacher Awards were presented to distinguished faculty members, and the event recognized dedicated staff members for their contributions. It was a day filled with achievements and promises for a brighter future.

IIM Indore continues to make strides in global rankings. In the QS Global MBA Rankings 2024, our institution stands at the 27th position in Asia, with a 5th rank among the IIMs. We also maintain our position in the MiM Rankings, securing the 6th rank among the IIMs. These rankings reflect our commitment to nurturing future leaders through quality education and research.

As always, our campus continues to buzz with other important events, collaborations, and student accomplishments, have a look at it in this newsletter.

Thank you for being a part of our alumni family, and we hope this newsletter keeps you informed and inspired. Your ongoing support is a source of great pride for us. We encourage you to join our Alumni Membership Portal and keep your profiles updated. It will allow you to stay connected with fellow alumni, share your achievements, and participate in various alumni events and initiatives.

This newsletter is distributed through email to nearly 10,000+ alumni. We know our alumni are doing amazing things, including founding and leading promising businesses and pursuing unique personal pursuits. If you have a personal or professional update you want to share in the next edition of the newsletter, please submit a brief update with your photograph and relevant web links.

We welcome your suggestions at alumnioffice@iimidr.ac.in to make this newsletter a strong connect between the Institute and alumni. All IIMI Alumni Chapters are requested to submit the Alumni office regular updates on events and news that should be shared with the IIMI community. These updates will be included in future editions of the newsletters.

To update your mailing address, employment and more, please write to alumnioffice@iimidr.ac.in with a cc to alumni@iimidr.ac.in. Remember to add these two email ids to your safe sender's list.

With warm regards,
Dipayan Datta Chaudhuri
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Alumni Talk Series "Wisdom" (प्रज्ञा)

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This series is not just another set of lectures; it's a gateway to the future. We are privileged to have our distinguished alumni return to share their remarkable journeys, shedding light on the innovations they've crafted, their trailblazing work, and the reimagining of business models. This is the essence of "Wisdom" - a repository of knowledge and inspiration.

More than just a one-time event, the Alumni Talk Series seeks to build lasting connections. It's a bridge between our accomplished alumni, the existing participants, and our esteemed faculty. This is a nexus of wisdom and mentorship, fostering relationships that will span generations.

These talks foster a strong sense of connection between our institution and its alumni, nurturing a supportive and enduring network. Furthermore, they serve as a source of inspiration for the entire IIM Indore community, particularly the budding talents among our students.

The importance of these talks cannot be overstated. Our illustrious speakers will delve into their wealth of experience, unveiling their ingenious solutions to challenges, especially in times of a pandemic. They will illuminate emerging trends in their fields of expertise, offering a glimpse into the future. These talks are a beacon, guiding the next generation of graduates toward excellence.

These live sessions create a dynamic and interactive learning environment, where questions can be asked, insights can be gained, and inspiration can be ignited. But the impact doesn't stop there. We are committed to preserving these pearls of wisdom for posterity. Each session is meticulously recorded and made available on our website (<https://www.iimidr.ac.in/alumni/videos/>). This repository is a treasure trove of knowledge, accessible to all who seek to learn and grow.

The Alumni Talk Series "Wisdom" (प्रज्ञा) is more than just a series of talks; it's a powerful force that propels us toward a brighter, more informed future. It's the embodiment of the enduring relationship between IIM Indore and its illustrious alumni, and it's the conduit through which we embrace the wisdom of the past to illuminate the path ahead.

LET'S GIVE A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE
TO THE BRILLIANT CONTRIBUTORS TO THE "ALUMNI TALK SERIES: WISDOM"
- the luminaries who graced us with their insights and experiences!

Speakers of the Alumni Talk Series (Wisdom) – प्रज्ञा



Panelists of Panel Discussions under the Alumni Talk Series (Wisdom) – प्रज्ञा



Speakers: Left to right:

Row 1. Rahul Razdan, Siddharth Sethi, Manvendra Gupta, Satish Kumar, Vikas Bansal, Mohit Verma, Roopank Chaudhary, Kamaldeep Singh Bhatia,
Row 2. Naveen Pandey, Rohit Chawla, Arvind Kanda, Raj Kumar Sharma, Neeraj Joshi, Anupam Chakraborty, Prashant Kumar, Vamsidhar Ambatipudi
Row 3. Pranav Agarwal, Vivek Bajaj, Preet Pal Thakur, Hariganesh C, Aditya Ghosh, Karan Barua, Kumar Abhishek

Panelists: Left to right:

Row 1. Shankar Sivan, Adarsh Sharma, Preet Pal Thakur, Tushar Agrawal, Mayank Gurnani
Row 2. Prasad Ajinkya, Amish Dedhia, Kamal Chhabra, Pratik Adatia

Alumni Talk No. 26

Speaker:

Mr. Sudhanshu Kumar

Alumni EPGP Batch 2011-2012

Client Partner

Digital Natives Business

Amazon Web Services (AWS)

Topic: "Challenges and Rewards of B2B Sales"

Date and time: Saturday, October 7, 2023, at 4:00 pm (IST)

Link to the recorded version of the talk:

https://youtu.be/EsFN9IKrcYE?si=8EJvh_IArD8pwUrM



Talk(s) so far....

(recorded version available on (<https://www.iimidr.ac.in/alumni/videos/>))

1. Mr. Rahul Razdan, Batch: PGP 1998 – 2000 Topic: Future trends in the Indian technology industry: Preparing for the challenges ahead.
2. Mr. Siddharth Sethi, Batch: EPGP 2003 – 2004 Topic: Accessing Capital Market: An Entrepreneur's Emotional Journey.
3. Mr. Manvendra Gupta, Batch: PGP 1998 – 2000 Topic: Data and AI for Investment Management.
4. Mr. Satish Kumar, Batch: PGP 1998 – 2000 Topic: Mobility Industry in the Digital Age – Preparing for the future.
5. Mr. Vikas Bansal, Batch: PGP 1999 – 2001 Topic: Building Brand YOU.
6. Mr. Mohit Verma, PGP 1999 – 2001 Topic: Shifting Sands - A Case for Sustainable Financing.
7. Mr. Roopank Chaudhary, Batch: PGP 1999 – 2001 Topic: The World of Human Capital Consulting and Why Everyone Wants a Piece of It.
8. Mr. Kamaldeep Singh Bhatia, Batch: PGP 1999 – 2001 Topic: De-mystifying EdTech: Opportunities for Start-ups.
9. Mr. Naveen Pandey, Batch: PGP 1999 – 2001 Topic: A Career in Sales: From someone who ended there by accident.
10. Mr. Rohit Chawla , Batch: PGP 1998 – 2000, Topic: Indian Banking: Past trends and the future.
11. Mr. Arvind Kanda, Batch: PGP 1999 – 2001, Topic: Doing good AND doing well in the Pharma industry.
12. Mr. Raj Kumar Sharma, Batch: PGP 1999 – 2001, Topic: Digital Transformation in Finance.
13. Mr. Neeraj Joshi, Batch: PGP 2000 – 2002, Topic: "Disruption of Marketing Over Decades: An Insider's View"

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14. Mr. Anupam Chakraborty, Batch: EPGP 2007 – 2009, Topic: "Digital Transformation and Innovation - sharing experiences from real life"
 15. Mr. Prashant Kumar, Batch: PGPMX 2019, "Fintech and Digital Highway"
 16. Prof. Vamsidhar Ambatipudi, Batch: PGP 1999-2001, Topic: "Applications of ML in the Insurance Sector"
 17. Panel Discussion on "Panel Discussion on the Current VC/Angel investment Scenario in India" by Panel Members, Adarsh Sharma (PGP 2009 – 2011) Revenue Lead, FS Life, Dr Preet Pal Thakur (PGP 2005-2007) Co-Founder and Director Glamyo Health, Mr. Shankar Sivan (PGP 2011 – 2013) Investment Professional, Mr. Tushar Agrawal (PGP 2012 – 2014), Partner, Dexter Angels, Dr. Mayank Gurnani (EPGP 2009-10), Programme Director JUMPstart, NUS.
 18. Mr. Pranav Agarwal, Batch: PGP 2006-2008, Topic: "Demystifying Crypto: the what, why & how!"
 19. Mr. Vivek Bajaj, Batch: PGP 2003-2005, "How to Build Your Personal Digital Brand to Benefit Your Business!"
 20. Dr Preet Pal Thakur, Batch: PGP 2005-2007, "Entrepreneur's Journey: from Seed to Scale".
 21. Panel Discussion on: "Fintech in India: Evolution of Lending in the Digital New Age" by Panel Members, Mr. Pratik Adatia, (PGP 2004-2006), CFO, Ziploan, Mr. Prasad Ajinkya, (PGP 2004-2006), Co-founder and CTO, Homeville, Mr. Amish Dedhia, (PGP 2005-2007), Principal, Chiratae Ventures, and Mr. Kamal Chhabra, (PGP 2008-2010), Business Head (NBFC lending), Caspian Impact Investments.
 22. Mr. Hariganesh C, Batch: PGP 2010-2012, " Career in Mergers & Acquisitions".
 23. Mr. Aditya Ghosh, Batch: PGP 2013-2015, "Introduction to Client Advisory Services: Decoding the Arcane World of Investment Banking and Strategy Consulting".
 24. Mr. Karan Barua, Batch: PGP 2014-2016, " Decoding What Organizations seek in Candidates".
 25. Mr. Kumar Abhishek, Batch: PGP 2012-2014, "Decoding Product Management + How to Get Into PM" .

Celebrating our exceptional alumni!

Many Congratulations to Mrs. Priyamvada Shende (Alumni PGP Batch 2017-19) for her achievements in a beauty pageant.

She was Qualified as one of the 71 finalists competing at the finale of Mrs India Asia 2023, held on 2nd Oct, 2023 at Grand Hyatt, Gurgaon and Won the sub-title of Mrs Designer's Choice.

15000 women across India applied for this competition, out of which 800 were shortlisted for auditions. 71 women were then selected for the finale.

(Source: As received from Mrs. Priyamvada Shende)



Entrepreneurs of Planet-I



Ravi Soni

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How did your entrepreneurial journey start?

It started in December 2019, when I got an opportunity to lead a research project to understand the malnutrition of tea workers in Assam. The research was being conducted by Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN), a Geneva based organisation. I had undertaken this project, while I was still pursuing my Executive MBA from IIM Indore. The project was an eye opener for me, as it gave a wider perspective of GAPS that exist in Nutritional and Food Value chain. When I discussed the idea of forming a company, that would fill the GAP in agri value chain through technological interventions, I could generate the interest of Dr. Sunil Patil and Maneesh Mishra, who were my batchmates. In 2020, we registered the company and during peak of Covid also, our clients such as GAIN India, GAIN Nigeria, Harvest Plus, Nirani Sugar, Star Heath, etc. showed the confidence in our approach and deliverables.

We started the deep research in the entire journey of Agri Value chain, supply chain, finance as well as GAPS in agri ecosystem. As we completed the study of Digitalisation of Agri Value chain for commercialisation of Bio-fortified food grain (a research project conducted on behalf of GAIN and HarvestPlus) and Procurement management solutions for Nirani Sugar, we could figure out the existing GAPS and Challenges in Agri Value chain. This beginning helped us to conceptualise our independent business opportunities by introducing technological innovation for mitigating risk, automation and quality management in agri supply chain.

Briefly describe your business and why you chose this particular field?

We are an Agri Fintech company, that primarily works on to create a digital public infrastructure for the entire agri value chain. We optimise the application of blockchain technology for quality management, traceability, trust and transparency in Agri supply chain. The automation of transactions in the supply chain has been enabled using smart contracts, thus it reduces the TAT for transaction of goods through our Agri Tech Platform 'UPAJGURU'.

We have integrated farmers, farmer aggregators, agri input suppliers, market place as well as financial institutions through one platform, and our deep learning enabled solutions provide the yield prediction, demand curve prediction, customer and product segmentation based on prioritisation of purchasing patterns. This helps the farmers understand the best arbitrage opportunities on real time basis, while an IOT enabled traceability tools ensures the consumers the best quality.

In the year 2012, I was working as a Branch Manager with State Bank of India in a remote rural area of Himachal Pradesh. During those days, I often used to get a complaint from most of the farmers who used to visit the bank, that they have been cheated by Mandi, or have not been paid the dues since more than 2-3 years. This was a regular problem and when we conducted the research for GAIN, HarvestPlus and Nirani sugar, we observed that the similar pattern of problem existed for almost all the farmers PAN India. This triggered the opportunity GAP and we started developing the infrastructure around this common problem.

What were the major challenges you faced in starting your business?

We started the business when it was peak of Covid. In fact I was struck in a single room of a hotel in Bagalkot District of Karnataka for three months in 2020. But despite restrictions in movement, we had generated enough interest with our clients, and the business took off quite well. The real problems started later on in the business, when we pivoted different models, and there were some setbacks. It was difficult to search the right team, with a very strong sense of motivation and passion and a common vision with values intact. It takes a lot of effort for a new startup to search the right partners, and execute the plan to action.

Did you go for external funding for your startup/firm?

We were boot strapped for couple of years, but since we were generating revenues from the very first year, the capital was not a constraint initially. In the alter growth phase and development phase we needed the funds and raise Rs.1.7 cores from Angel Investors. We are under negotiation for the next phase of investments, as the growth path of the company are well established.

Funding is primarily a function of your commitment, ideation, team and innovation. We had these factors, and convincing the Angels was not a challenge.

What would be your advice for an MBA who is considering a startup?

Start early, select the right team, have the right idea, go and do a deep market research before developing any solutions, and look for the right customers who are willing to pay, and the size of the market for growth.

News from Campus and Alumni Chapters



Under the exemplary guidance of our Director, Prof. Himanshu Rai, the IIM Indore family has also embraced the **pledge to become Swachhata Ambassadors** of the institute.

Inspired by the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi, we are dedicated to setting a shining example by upholding cleanliness in our workspaces and beyond.

This initiative, supported by our Center of Excellence, ANVESHAN, encourages us all to unite in our mission for a cleaner, healthier India.

'Be the change you wish to see in the world.' – Mahatma Gandhi

On October 2, 2023, the IIM Indore family came together to celebrate Gandhi Jayanti and Lal Bahadur Shastri Jayanti.

Prof. Himanshu Rai's words echoed the essence of this day, reminding us that their lives convey a powerful message, emphasizing the enduring strength of humility, honesty, and simplicity.



All members of our community paid tribute on this occasion.

Let the timeless principles of truth, non-violence, simplicity, and compassion, inspired by these great leaders, continue to guide us in today's world.

IIM Indore Celebrates its 27th Foundation Day

- IIM Indore to launch new MDP courses in Hindi, first batch to begin in January 2024
- The Institute will introduce special courses for women looking to resume their careers
- The G8 project: expanding and enhancing our campus infrastructure



Institute celebrated its 27th Foundation Day on October 03, 2023, with great fervor and reverence. The event was inaugurated by Prof. Himanshu Rai, Director, IIM Indore.

In his Foundation Day Address, Prof. Rai made three significant announcements that reflect IIM Indore's commitment to nurturing culture, encouraging empowerment, and enhancing innovation.

He also shared the upcoming initiative for women empowerment, emphasizing the institute's dedication to supporting and uplifting women in their professional journeys.

He also mentioned that the institute's G8 project is in progress and soon IIM Indore will have an expansion in terms of state-of-the-art infrastructure and facilities. "This ambitious expansion plan represents a significant leap forward on our journey toward excellence. With the construction of state-of-the-art academic buildings and multi-story hostel blocks, we are poised to accommodate 870 exceptional students who will shape the future. Offices for our esteemed faculty and dedicated staff will ensure a conducive environment for nurturing brilliance", he said.

A longstanding tradition at IIM Indore, the Best Teacher Awards were presented to distinguished faculty members who excelled in various aspects of their roles. The criteria for selecting the recipients included teaching feedback, development of new courses, innovative teaching pedagogy, and practical orientation. This year, the esteemed Best Teacher Awards were bestowed upon Prof. Jatin Pandey and Prof. Sayantan Banerjee, who received a citation and a cash award of Rs. 1 Lakh each.

Adding to the celebration, IIM Indore also recognized its dedicated staff members through the presentation of the Best Staff Award. The deserving awardees included Mr. Manas Parihar, Mr. Shashikant Jatwa, and Ms. Neha Gupta.

Additionally, the top five percentile faculty members who garnered the highest feedback from students were acknowledged for their exceptional contributions to education. These were:

Prof. Jatin Pandey
Prof. Manoj Motiani
Prof. Harshal Lowalekar
Prof. Bhavin J Shah
Prof. Sanjeev Tripathi
Prof. Mit Vachhrajani

To honor the commitment and dedication of long-serving employees, IIM Indore also presented the 10 (42 employees), 20 (2 employees) and 25 (7 employees) Years of Service Awards to those who have been associated with the institution for a decade or two.

The IPM Late Adya Prabha Scholarship was awarded to B Aditi Singh (IPM 2019-24) in absentia, as she is attending a student exchange programme in France. This scholarship was given as to her for securing the highest CGPA in the fourth year of IPM, in fond memory of Late Adya Prabha, a student of IIM Indore.

The event concluded on a high note, filled with optimism and enthusiasm for the future. As we embark on this transformative journey, we are poised to make a profound impact not only on our campus but also to the lives of countless individuals and communities.

Many congratulations to the remarkable 43 graduates of the Post Graduate Certificate Programme in Product Management (PGCPPM Batch 09)!

The valedictory function was held on Oct 06, 2023. Prof. Prashant Salwan, Dean-Programmes and Prof. Abhishek Mishra, Programme Coordinator, graced the occasion. They urged the new graduates to keep learning, sharing knowledge, and utilizing the knowledge they gained during the course to add value to the sectors they work in.



Our Post Graduate Certificate Programme in Product Management has been recognized as one of the top Product Management Courses in India by Forbes Advisor India this year.

These graduates from all over the nation have acquired a versatile skill set through this transformative programme, empowering them to excel in the ever-evolving field of Product Management.

IIM Indore is delighted to announce two significant MoUs, furthering our commitment to bolstering skill development initiatives in Madhya Pradesh and our nation.

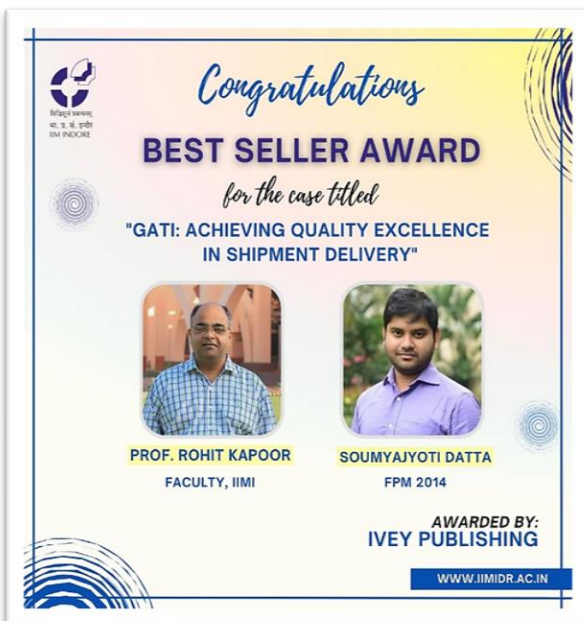
The first **MoU establishes a Centre of Excellence (CoE) for skill development at the Sant Shiromani Ravidas Global Skill Park, Bhopal (GSP)**. The MoU was signed by our Director, Prof. Himanshu Rai, and Shri Shamim Uddin (Senior Director, GSP).

The second MoU solidifies the partnership for a Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Indore, in **collaboration with the Madhya Pradesh State Skill Development And Employment Generation Board (MPSSDEGB), signed by Prof. Himanshu Rai and Shri Somesh Mishra (CEO, MPSSDEGB)**.



"I envision with these two departments, a dynamic partnership where we take the lead in shaping content, curriculum, and educational methodologies. We will also play an active role in providing placement assistance and support, ensuring holistic and impactful Centers of Excellence (CoE) for skill development", says Prof. Himanshu Rai.

These two CoEs collectively represent a significant stride in our ongoing commitment to Madhya Pradesh and in our mission to create employment opportunities for the state's youth. These visionary initiatives are not just steps; they are leaps towards empowering the youth of Madhya Pradesh, enhancing our national #skilldevelopment landscape, and sculpting a brighter, more creative future for all.



We **congratulate Prof. Rohit Kapoor and our FPM 2014 Participant, Soumyajyoti Datta** (Faculty, Xavier Institute of Management(XIM Bhubaneswar), on receiving the prestigious Best Seller Award 2022-23 from Ivey Publishing for their remarkable case study titled 'Gati: Achieving Quality Excellence in Shipment Delivery.'

This case study, set in a real-life context, provides a deep dive into the complexities of managing a large-scale logistics service provider. It explores essential managerial aspects, emphasizing the application of statistical quality control through control charts. The case also employs causal analysis to investigate reasons for shipment delivery delays, identifying key issues for further examination.

One of the central challenges in the case is the pursuit of a target defect percentage of 0.0005 percent, which presents a significant dilemma. "It is a valuable resource for MBA participants, offering lessons in statistical quality control using p-charts, cause-and-effect analysis with fishbone diagrams, Pareto charts for identifying critical causes of defects, and the connection between process capability, capability index, and defect percentage using tools like Excel", says Prof. Rohit Kapoor.

We congratulate them for their outstanding achievement in academia!

Prof. Surbhi Dayal and FPM 2019 participant Poonam Barhoi shed light on the hidden challenges faced by Adivasi women temporary workers in India's tea gardens during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Their groundbreaking study, titled "Adivasi women temporary workers in tea gardens and the Covid-19 pandemic", published in the journal "Equality, Diversity and Inclusion" (ABDC - B), delves into the intersectional realities these women endure. As members of Tea Tribes, these women grapple with job insecurity, gender-based disadvantages, and the unique impacts of the pandemic on their lives.

This research underscores the urgent need to address the gender-blind labor practices and the exploitation of these women, who belong to ethnic minority groups in the global south. In a world that often overlooks their struggles, this study serves as a vital contribution, exposing the harsh realities faced by Adivasi women workers in the tea industry during the pandemic.



Congratulations to the graduates of the third batch of the Certificate Programme in Digital Marketing and Strategy at IIM Indore!

October 18, 2023. With a comprehensive understanding of digital, social media, and mobile applications for marketing, these participants have honed their skills to perfection. They are now equipped with skills to dive deep into the minds of consumers, analyze data, and create effective marketing campaigns.



India at 2047: Amrit Kaal Event at IIM Indore Marks a Vision for a Prosperous Nation



IIM Indore conducted a special event on the theme “India at 2047: Amrit Kaal” on October 21, 2023. The event was inaugurated by Prof. Himanshu Rai, Director, IIM Indore. Ms. Anjana Om Kashyap, Managing Editor of Aaj Tak, was the Guest Speaker.

Prof. Rai, in his inaugural address, painted a vivid picture of “Amrit Kaal” as a call to turn the pages of India’s rich mythology and scriptures into a blueprint for its future. He envisioned a developed India, free from the shackles of a colonial mindset, united in purpose and proud of its roots. He emphasized the pivotal role of the youth in realizing this vision and highlighted the immense potential of academic institutions, particularly IIM Indore, in contributing to this noble cause.



Ms. Anjana Om Kashyap began her address by planting a seed of thought that made the crowd wonder about India’s progress over the years, how we still have a long way to go, and how the citizens should give back to their country. What followed was her insights on the five main mantras, the ‘Amrit Paans’ of what Amrit Kaal truly means and what we as citizens can do to achieve that goal. The most pivotal and crucial step towards achieving Amrit Kaal starts with gender equality. Ms. Kashyap addressed how our country

has progressed to a great extent in this sphere and yet there is a long way to go. “It is extremely important for women to fight to speak out their thoughts bravely and believe that their dreams and aspirations are second to none. It is high time that women break these shackles and society and today’s youth help and support them in doing so”, she said.

IIM Indore Conducts ITEC Executive Course on Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) for Senior Officials



The Indian Institute of Management Indore (IIM Indore) is conducting the ITEC (Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation) Executive Course on Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) from October 23-28, 2023. The programme is being conducted in cooperation with the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. Thirty senior officials from a diverse group of nations, including Honduras, Cuba, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and

Grenadines, Guatemala, El Salvador, Dominican Republic, Suriname, Bolivia, Brazil, Jamaica, Lao PDR, Nigeria, Maldives, Cambodia, Egypt, Vietnam, and Sri Lanka are participating in the 6-day programme. IIM Indore's Director, Prof. Himanshu Rai, inaugurated the programme. Prof. Rajhans Mishra, Programme Coordinator was also present on this occasion.



The auspicious occasion of **Maha Ashtami** was full of festivities organised by the cultural committee at IIM Indore. The day commenced with Ashtami Bihit Puja, ushering in a divine aura. From there, it was a mesmerising journey through a series of events that left us spellbound throughout the day. As the sun set, the atmosphere became even more enchanting. An Aarti filled with devotion, leading into a graceful performance of Dhununchi Naach that left our hearts dancing to its rhythm. Our esteemed Director, Prof. Himanshu Rai, and a constellation of faculty members, students, and staff graced the festivities. Together, we sought blessings from the divine Goddess Durga, enveloping ourselves in a realm of divine energy and boundless positivity.



The valedictory function of the very first batch of the Certificate Programme in Corporate and Public Leadership in a VUCA World was held on October 20, 2023, at

IIM Indore. Prof. Prabin Panigrahi, Dean Faculty; and Programme Coordinators Prof. Ajit Phadnis, Prof. Aparna Vincent, and Prof. Venkat Raman (online) joined to congratulate the participants for completing the course.

They mentioned that this programme equips leaders to tackle 'wicked' problems, fostering collaboration between public, private, and non-profit organizations. Prof. Ranjeet Nambudiri also shared his insights, and Ms. Ranjita Raman, CEO of Jaro Education, extended her heartfelt congratulations.

IIM Indore 5th Among IIMs in the QS Global MBA Rankings 2024

The recently released QS Rankings for 2024 have brought some encouraging news for our institution, IIM Indore. While we continue to hold our position among the top ten business schools in India, there are some notable developments to mention.

IIM Indore stands at the 27th position in Asia in the Global MBA Rankings, with a 5th rank among the IIMs. This reflects our global reach and strong international footprint as well. Maintaining its position in the 151+ band, the institute has secured the 6th Rank among the IIMs in MiM Rankings as well, solidifying our commitment to excellence and nurturing future leaders.

“As we journey towards excellence, we remain committed to continuous improvement. Nurturing future leaders through quality education and research has always been our ethos. The path ahead is clear – to expand our horizons and leave an indelible mark on the global educational landscape”, says IIM Indore’s Director, Prof. Himanshu Rai. Our plans include increasing the number of seats for the PGP and IPM programmes, ensuring more students benefit from our world-class education. We are also set to expand our international footprints, fostering global connections and enriching the learning experience, he added.

In the QS Global MBA Rankings, our Thought Leadership score has seen a remarkable increase from 48.4 in 2023 to an impressive 50.6 in 2024. This signifies the continuous growth and recognition of our faculty’s expertise and the thought-provoking research they undertake. Over the past two academic years, our dedicated faculty has made significant strides in research, collectively authoring 239 research papers. Notably, these contributions include one publication in the esteemed FT 50 category, 27 in the prestigious A* category, and an impressive 121 in the A category. In the last academic year, Our Employability score has also made a significant leap from 36.5 to 38.8, reflecting the trust that leading employers place in our graduates. In the academic year 2022-23, 12 of our students received a placement package of Rs. 1.14 Crores. This incredible figure represents an exponential rise of 132.6% from the previous year.

In the QS MiM Rankings, our scores in the Value for Money parameters have increased from 31.5 to 33.2 in 2024. Moreover, our Alumni Outcomes score has surged from 20 in 2023 to 23.5 in 2024, showing that our alumni are not just successful but thriving in their careers. Similarly, our Thought Leadership score has surged from 46.6 to an impressive 53, and the Employability score has shown remarkable growth, increasing from 36.8 to 43.9. These improvements signify our commitment to academic excellence and the enhanced value we provide to both our students and the professional world.

These achievements underscore our commitment to academic excellence, research, and fostering future leaders. We look forward to further growth and making a lasting impact in the educational landscape.



EPGP Batch 2023-24 Concludes its International Immersion

Thirty-eight EPGP participants Visited SDA Bocconi for their international immersion term. A principal component of the learning experience designed for IIM Indore's one-year full-time Executive Post Graduate Programme in Management (EPGP), is the International Immersion Programme at the world-renowned SDA Bocconi School of Management, Milan, Italy. The participants of IIM Indore EPGP Batch spend an entire month in Milan, Italy, learning from

the best minds in Europe and the world in varied sectors of management studies. This year, a total of 38 participants from the EPGP Batch 2023-24 visited SDA Bocconi from September 11 – October 06, 2023, for the Advanced Leadership Programme.

IIM Indore and AKTU Uttar Pradesh Unite to Empower Women in 75 Districts of Uttar Pradesh



Institutes sign an MoU to conduct specialized programmes to enhance women's financial literacy and entrepreneurship skills.

IIM Indore and Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Technical University, Uttar Pradesh, are embarking on a collaboration focusing on the transformation of women's empowerment through specialized programmes. This collaboration represents a significant milestone in fostering academic excellence and societal impact. Prof. Himanshu Rai, Director of IIM Indore, and Prof. J.P. Pandey, Vice-Chancellor of AKTU, signed the MoU on October 30, 2023.

Diversity finds its rhythm in the heart of IIM Indore, where a harmonious symphony of cultures plays on.

October 25, 2023. Our campus pulsed with smiles as 30 senior officials from 20 nations, here for the ITEC Digital Public Infrastructure Programme, swayed to the lively beats of Garba. Adorned in vibrant Garba attire, they embraced the spirit of India's festivities, creating a night of laughter, camaraderie, and timeless memories alongside our spirited students. The dance floor became a bridge where cultural exchange flourished, and the energy was electric, with smiles that were truly infectious.

Amid a treasure trove of clicks, here are just a handful, each a cherished memory to keep forever.



We at IIM Indore, are not just imparting knowledge; we're forging connections that transcend borders.

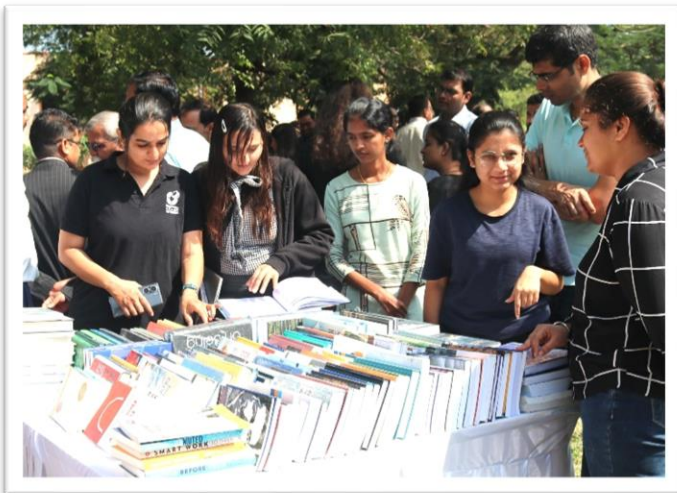
IIM Indore roars at Runveer 5.0 Infantry Day Marathon!



A total of 116 spirited contenders from IIM Indore showcased our institute's passion for sports and unity, celebrating the 77th Infantry Day, at the Infantry School, Mhow. Led by Runner's High Team captains, our students Lewil S and D Manikandan, IIM Indore's participation was graced by our COA, faculty, and students and highlighted the significance of this historical event. A stellar victory came as Mr. Vikash Kaushal, our dedicated security caretaker, clinched the 5KM category, setting a blazing record at 14 minutes and 53 seconds!

Embark on a literary voyage at the heart of knowledge and exploration with the **2-day book exhibition at IIM Indore Learning Centre commenced on October 31, 2023.**

Inaugurated by COA Col. Gururaj Gopinath Pamidi (Veteran), it's a celebration of the enduring power of books in fostering connections. "Amidst the digital era, written words remain pivotal in connecting us more profoundly", he said.



Prof. Biswanath Swain, Chair - Library, emphasized the diverse collection, spanning subjects like management, personality, religion, and more—catering to varied tastes in both English and Hindi.

With hundreds of books, including poetry and novelties, this exhibition promises a treasure trove for eager minds.

Announcements

Upcoming Executive Programmes

IIM Indore is at the forefront of providing carefully curated programmes that cater to the needs of executives. We help Executives gain new perspectives in an increasingly complex business environment. Our courses deliberate relevant real-world business challenges, and we keep on evolving them with world trends. We impart learning which provides immediate value and impact on the organizations. Executive Education Programmes at IIM Indore consist of a wide array of offerings carefully designed to meet your specific needs. The programmes are conducted at our campuses in Indore and Mumbai, online through technology-enabled platforms, and at specified client locations. We have a diverse portfolio of on-campus and online Executive Education Programmes for working professionals at different levels. Please explore the programmes listed below to find the programme which suits your requirement.

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[Virtual Learning Programme for Executives \(VLPE\)](#)

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Visit: <https://www.iimidr.ac.in/executive-programmes/> for more details.

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