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Editor's Desk

Dear Alumni,

As we mark the conclusion of another inspiring convocation, it is with great joy that we welcome the newest members of the IIM Indore Alumni Network. Congratulations to the graduating class of 2025 — you are now part of a dynamic and growing community that continues to make a difference across industries and around the world.

This year, we had the honour of celebrating the Alumni Awards 2024 during the pre-convocation ceremony. These awards recognize the outstanding achievements of our alumni who have exemplified the values and spirit of IIM Indore through their leadership, innovation, and service. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Mr. Avinash Sethi, Mr. Siddarth Kaushal, Mr. Nishant Upadhyay, Mr. Pranav Agarwal, and Mr. Sonny Laskar for their remarkable achievement and contributions. Your journeys inspire us and serve as shining beacons for future generations.

To all our alumni—whether recent graduates or long-established leaders—we encourage you to remain actively engaged with Planet-I. Your stories, experiences, and insights are powerful tools to inspire and guide our students and fellow alumni. We invite you to return to campus, contribute to mentorship programmes, and share your journey with the broader community.

To stay connected, we invite you to register on the IIM Indore Alumni Portal: <https://alumniportal.iimidr.ac.in/> (please use your IIM Indore email ID to register). The portal offers access to networking opportunities, career development resources, mentorship avenues, and exclusive alumni events. It's your gateway to staying engaged with your alma mater and unlocking a world of possibilities.

This newsletter, reaching over 11,000 alumni worldwide, is a celebration of your successes and a platform to share your stories. If you have personal or professional updates—be it a startup, career milestone, or passion project—we'd love to hear from you. Submit your update along with a photo and relevant links for inclusion in the next edition.

We welcome your feedback and ideas at alumnioffice@iimidr.ac.in. Alumni Chapters are encouraged to share regular updates and event highlights to keep the community informed and inspired.

Thank you for being a valued part of the IIM Indore family. We look forward to staying connected and celebrating your continued success.

With warm regards,

Manish Popli
Chair, Alumni
IIM Indore

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Alumni Talk Series "Wisdom" (प्रज्ञा)

The Alumni Talk Series "Wisdom" (प्रज्ञा) (an invaluable and transformative initiative by the Alumni Office. It brings together the rich tapestry of experiences, insights, and innovations of our esteemed alumni, illuminating the path to success for the IIM Indore community.

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.

We are committed to preserving these pearls of wisdom for posterity. Each session is meticulously recorded and made available on our YouTube Channel. This repository is a treasure trove of knowledge, accessible to all who seek to learn and grow.



Alumni Talk No. 42

Speaker: Vaishali Vakharia

Alumni: PGP Batch 2017-2019

SUGAR Cosmetics

Topic: "Growing Online Business - Zero to Zenith."

Date and time of the talk:

**Saturday, March 08, 2025,
at 4:00 pm (IST)**

Link to the recorded version of the talk:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EZwOaW7G0vE>

Alumni Talk No. 43

Speaker: Sahil Sameer

Alumni: PGP Batch 2020-2022

Founder and CEO, Opengrad Foundation

Topic: "From Corporate to Social Impact: Building One of India's Fastest-Growing Nonprofits in Higher Education."

Date and time of the talk:

**Saturday, March 15, 2025,
at 4:00 pm (IST)**

Link to the recorded version of the talk:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-prHNeMtgYU>



Past Alumni Talks:

For recorded alumni talk series videos, visit: <https://iimidr.ac.in/alumni/alumni-talk-series-wisdom-प्रज्ञा/>

Alumni Achievements

Shining CFOs

A huge congratulations to Rohit Chandak (PGP 2005-2007), CFO of Ayana Renewable Power, for winning the Best CFO in Finance Leadership (Small Enterprise) at The Economic Times CFO Awards!

17 Mar 2025: From driving financial excellence to championing renewable energy, Rohit is setting new benchmarks in the industry. His strategic vision and leadership continue to inspire, and we couldn't be prouder of his achievements!

We wish him even greater success in shaping the future of sustainable finance!



Huge congratulations to our alumnus Pratik Adatia (PGP 2006-2008), CFO of Mintifi, for winning the Best Startup CFO Award at The Economic Times CFO Awards!



His financial leadership and strategic vision have been instrumental in driving Mintifi's growth and innovation in the fintech space.

A true game-changer in the startup ecosystem, Pratik continues to set new benchmarks in financial excellence! We are so proud of you!

We wish him even greater success in shaping the future of fintech!

A huge congratulations to our alumnus, Vijit Anand (PGP 2006-2008), CFO of Purple, for winning The Economic Times Dealmaker CFO of the Year Award!

With his sharp financial acumen and strategic thinking, Vijit has been instrumental in driving Purple's growth and making impactful deals in the startup space. His journey reflects the power of strong leadership and bold decision-making in shaping success.

We wish him even more achievements ahead!



Alumni Outreach Programmes

Delhi NCR Alumni Outreach Programme

02 Mar 2025: The IIM Indore Delhi NCR Alumni Meet was a day of reconnecting, learning, and celebrating the journeys of our incredible alumni. With Prof. Himanshu Rai, Director, IIM Indore, sharing our latest initiatives, we reinforced the power of staying connected.

A key highlight was the insightful panel discussion on 'How AI is Reshaping Leadership



& Decision-Making' featuring Paramdeep Singh (PGP-2005), Dhruv Bhushan (PGP-2008), Ishang Jawa (PGP-2013), and moderated by Abhishek Prakash (PGP-2000). Their perspectives on AI's impact on leadership sparked thought-provoking conversations.

The entrepreneur alumni showcased their products to Prof. Himanshu Rai, Director, IIM Indore and fellow alumni.



The team behind the Delhi NCR Alumni Meet with Prof. Himanshu Rai, Director, IIM Indore.

Bengaluru Alumni Outreach Programme



22 Mar 2025: The Bengaluru Alumni Meet echoed this enduring bond, bringing together alumni from diverse industries to exchange ideas, ignite collaborations, and celebrate the IIM Indore legacy.

Prof. Himanshu Rai, Director, IIM Indore, emphasized the power of alumni in shaping the institute's future. He shared our latest initiatives and encouraged the alumni to stay connected.

The evening featured an insightful panel discussion on 'Cross-border Innovation & AI: Adapting Global Tech Trends,'

moderated by Shireen Sultana (PGP 2003), SVP-Marketing, Klay Preschools

and Daycare, with perspectives from: Anand Ramanathan (PGP 2000), Partner & Consumer Industry Leader, Deloitte Anoop N (PGP 2005), Principal – Investment Team, Chiratae Ventures Ishan Bose (PGP 2014), Chief Marketing Officer, KreditBee.



The Startup Spotlight showcased the entrepreneurial journeys of Vikas Jain (PGP 2007), Co-founder, Multipl; T S Viswanathan (PGP 2010), CFO and Head HR, Rubick AI; Anshul Sharan (PGP 2008), Co-founder and CEO, Elever; Anubhav Jain (PGP 2008), Co-founder and CEO, Rupifi; Ashish Sahare (PGP 2010), Co-founder, Desi Soota, and Vivek Kumar (IPM 2017), Co-founder, CashBook : UPI Wallets for Employees.

The team behind the Bengaluru Alumni Meet with Prof. Himanshu Rai, Director, IIM Indore.

From thought-provoking discussions on AI and global innovation to celebrating the achievements of our alumni, the evening reinforced one truth—IIM Indore is not just an alma mater; it's a lifelong community of leaders, innovators, and changemakers.

We look forward to the next chapter!



Alumni Awards 2024

On March 28, 2025, during the Pre-Convocation ceremony, we proudly celebrated the exceptional achievements of our alumni through the Alumni Awards 2024. These prestigious honors recognize outstanding contributions across diverse fields and exemplify the spirit of excellence that defines our alumni community. The awards stand as a testament to the remarkable impact our graduates continue to make in the world and serve as a powerful source of inspiration for all. This year, five distinguished alumni were honored. Their stories and accomplishments, showcased in the following profiles, reflect the values, ambition, and leadership that our institution nurtures.

Distinguished Alumni Entrepreneur of the Year Award 2024

Mr. Avinash Sethi

Alumnus of the Executive Post-Graduate Programme in Management Batch 2005 – 2007



Mr. Avinash Sethi, an alumnus of IIM Indore's Executive Post-Graduate Programme in Management (Batch 2005 – 2007), has demonstrated exceptional leadership in the software services industry.

As Co-Founder of InfoBeans Technologies Limited, he has driven business growth and global expansion, establishing the company as a trusted provider of innovative software solutions.

Under his leadership, InfoBeans fostered a thriving work culture, earning prestigious accolades such as Great Place to Work and Best Place to Work for Women. He also led strategic fundraising and acquisitions in the U.S. and India, accelerating inorganic growth and creating significant value for stakeholders.

With 29 years of industry experience, Mr. Sethi has played key roles in multiple ventures.

As Board Member and CMO at Sapience Analytics, he helped position it as a leader in employee productivity software. His entrepreneurial expertise extends to co-founding SaveTime Technologies, a healthcare tech startup, and InfoSignz Technologies, a digital signage platform.

Beyond business, he is dedicated to social impact. Through the yearly training programme at InfoBeans Foundation, he has enabled 250 financially disadvantaged individuals to become employment ready software programmers.

An active industry leader, he served on the NASSCOM SME Council (2019–2023) and has led the Disha mentorship programme since then. As a charter member of TiE MP, he mentors entrepreneurs through their Nurture programme.

More information about the awardee, visit: [linkedin.com/in/avinashsethi](https://www.linkedin.com/in/avinashsethi)

Exemplary Public Service Award 2024

Mr. Siddharth Kaushal

Alumnus of the Post-Graduate Programme in Management Batch 2007 – 2009

Mr. Siddharth Kaushal, an alumnus of the Post-Graduate Programme in Management, Batch 2007 – 2009 at the Indian Institute of Management Indore, has demonstrated exceptional commitment and exemplary performance in various assignments since his appointment as an Indian Police Service (IPS) officer in 2012.

Mr. Kaushal, has served in diverse and challenging postings including Assault Commander, Greyhounds (Anti-Naxal Commando Force), Assistant Superintendent of Police, Parvathipuram in Vizianagaram District, Officer on Special Duty, Narsipatnam, Superintendent of Police, Railway Police, Guntakal, Superintendent of Police, Prakasam, Superintendent of Police, Krishna, Superintendent of Police, Kurnool, and Superintendent of Police, YSR District, Kadapa. Since September 2024, he has been serving as Assistant Inspector General, Law & Order, at the Police Headquarters.



Mr. Kaushal's innovative contributions to public service include the development of ElectionMitra, an AI-powered tool recognized with the Election Commission of India Award for Best Electoral Practices in 2025. Additionally, he was awarded the FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry) Smart Policing Award (2022) for his initiative, Project TATA (Trainings and Activities for Technology Adoption) in Law Enforcement.

His unwavering dedication to maintaining law and order, enhancing public safety, and integrating technological advancements in governance has brought immense honour to IIM Indore.

His career exemplifies the highest standards of integrity, innovation, and commitment to the public good.

More information about the awardee, visit: [linkedin.com/in/siddharthkaushal](https://www.linkedin.com/in/siddharthkaushal)

Global Impact Award 2024

Mr. Nishant Upadhyay **Alumnus of the Post-Graduate Programme in Management** **Batch 1998 – 2000**

Mr. Nishant Upadhyay, an alumnus of the Post-Graduate Programme in Management, Batch 1998 – 2000 at the Indian Institute of Management Indore, has performed remarkably in this field.



Currently based in Connecticut, United States, Mr. Upadhyay serves as the Head of Global Fixed Income and Liquid Alternatives, at the State of Connecticut Retirement Plans & Trust Funds.

His remarkable career, spanning over three decades, reflects expertise in leadership, asset allocation, global macroeconomics, and fixed-income markets.

He has held pivotal roles at HSBC Global Asset Management, and PIMCO amongst others, demonstrating excellence across diverse financial domains.

Mr. Upadhyay has successfully managed substantial assets across various investment strategies, including emerging markets, credit, and ESG-focused investments.

His achievements include launching innovative investment strategies, exceeding benchmarks, and contributing to the development of impactful investment models at renowned global institutions.

His work has had a profound international impact, promoting sustainable investment practices and advancing financial excellence globally.

For more information about the awardee, visit: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/nishant-upadhyay-615a66/>

Distinguished Contribution to the Alma Mater and Alumni Award 2024

Mr. Pranav Agarwal

**Alumnus of the Post-Graduate Programme in Management
Batch 2006 – 2008**

Mr. Pranav Agarwal, an alumnus of the Indian Institute of Management Indore's Post-Graduate Programme in Management, Batch of 2006 - 2008, has excelled in his field. A seasoned Web3 investor and the head of Foundership Ventures, Mr. Agarwal brings over fifteen years of expertise in business development, planning, and analysis to the rapidly evolving world of Web3 startups.

Currently based in Dubai, UAE, he plays a pivotal role in nurturing young startups by leading a dedicated team in setting up a Web3 fund, identifying high-potential businesses, and driving their growth. Prior to this, Pranav worked as the CFO & Director for Essar Group's US mining business. He currently also serves as an Independent Director on the Board of Jetking Infotrain, India's first listed company following the Bitcoin treasury strategy.



His influence extends beyond investment, as he has been a consistent thought leader, contributing valuable insights to the Web3 industry and has been recognized as a Top Voice on LinkedIn.

Beyond his professional achievements, Mr. Agarwal remains deeply committed to the IIM Indore alumni network, engaging actively in mentoring students and fellow alumni.

His unwavering dedication to strengthening alumni bonds across the globe has brought immense value to the IIM Indore community.

For more information about the awardee, visit: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/pranava10/>

Young Alumni Achiever Award 2024

Mr. Sonny Laskar

Alumnus of the Executive Post-Graduate Programme in Management

Batch of 2013 – 2014

Mr. Sonny Laskar, an alumnus of the Indian Institute of Management Indore's Executive Post-Graduate Programme in Management, Batch 2013 - 2014, has excelled in his field.



Mr. Sonny Laskar has demonstrated extraordinary leadership and technical expertise, establishing himself as a prominent data scientist on the global stage.

His remarkable journey began with securing a position among the top 250 global Data Scientists by winning an international Kaggle competition. As the Principal Data Scientist at Microland, he has led several industrial projects, most notably as the Chief Scientist for Microland's AIOps product, Intelligeni.

His expertise has earned him a place among India's Top 10 Data Scientists in both 2020 and 2023, along with recognition in the prestigious '40 Under 40 Data Scientists' by Analytics India Magazine.

Mr. Laskar has also led technical initiatives for the State Bank of India's Data Warehouse Project and developed AI solutions for a leading hard drive manufacturer in Southeast Asia, enhancing global product quality.

His contributions across FMCG, banking, and healthcare demonstrate his ability to apply AI to real-world challenges effectively.

With over 20 hackathon victories, including the Guinness World Record-winning Code Gladiators 2018, Mr. Laskar has shown his relentless pursuit of excellence.

His contributions to the open-source community through his YouTube channel, LaymansAI, highlight his passion for sharing knowledge and inspiring future data scientists.

For more information about the awardee, visit: <https://linkedin.com/in/sonnylaskar>

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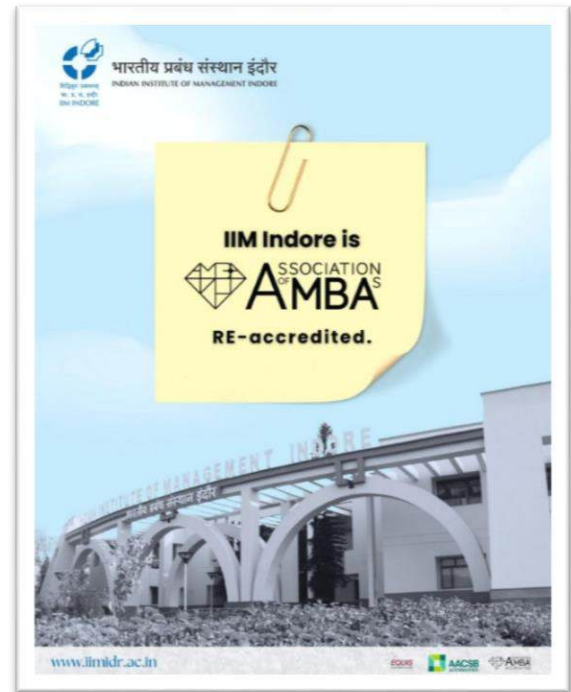
IIM Indore proudly announces its Association of MBAs reaccreditation for five years!

19 Mar 2025: This prestigious recognition now extends to all of our MBA programmes, reinforcing our commitment to global academic excellence and leadership in management education.

With this achievement, IIM Indore continues to uphold the highest standards in management education, ensuring that our participants receive a globally recognized, world-class education.

We remain dedicated to shaping future leaders who will drive meaningful impact.

The journey continues!



Godrej Properties Limited hosted the LEAP Master Class at IIM Indore, offering students valuable insights into the evolving real estate landscape.

04 Mar 2025: A session by Godrej Properties Limited at IIM Indore explored the role of sales and marketing in shaping customer aspirations, post-pandemic shifts driving demand, and career opportunities in channel partnerships, site sales, marketing strategy, international sales, and product management.



Students also gained insights into how super launches, pre-launch marketing, and innovative site experiences are transforming customer engagement in real estate.

The institute extended a special thanks to Puneet Gupta (AVP, Sales & Marketing) and Hullas Arora (DGM, Campus & Learning), for sharing their expertise and engaging with our students. We appreciate Godrej Properties Limited for this insightful session!

At IIM Indore, we believe that nation-building begins with empowered leadership and visionary thinking. With this mission, we inaugurated the 12th batch of ANVESHAN's Leadership Excellence Programme, in association with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs on March 17, 2025.

The batch comprises senior officials from Bihar, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Tripura, Goa, Karnataka, and Maharashtra.



Inaugurating the batch, IIM Indore's Director, Prof. Himanshu Rai, highlighted the need for self-belief, resilience, and knowledge-sharing in shaping India's future. "Only in moments of silence do great ideas emerge," he noted, urging participants to embrace innovation and collaborative thinking.

Prof. Manoj Motiani, Associate Dean – Executive Education, encouraged participants to pause, reflect, and think beyond existing solutions to make a lasting impact.

Programme coordinator Prof. Shruti Tewari, welcomed the cohort, setting the stage for an insightful and action-driven journey.

Prof. Ganesh Kumar, Programme Coordinator, mentioned that over four days, participants will engage in critical discussions on urban governance, waste management, behavioral change, and public policy, learning from both academic sessions and real-world success stories.

Congratulations to the Sixth Batch of the Executive Certificate Programme in General Management (EPGM) for completing the course!

The Valedictory Function on March 19, 2025, was graced by Prof. Prashant Salwan, Dean – Programmes, and Prof. Manoj Motiani, Associate Dean – Executive Education.

Over this journey, participants mastered business strategy, analytics, digital transformation, and AI, equipping themselves with the expertise to lead in an ever-evolving corporate world.

Congratulations to the participants!



At IIM Indore, we continue our mission of empowering leaders to drive India's urban transformation.

The 12th batch of the Leadership Excellence Programme conducted by ANVESHAN, our Centre of Excellence for Waste Management and WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene), in collaboration with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, concluded on March 20, 2025.

The programme brought together 35 senior officials from Bihar, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Tripura, Goa, Karnataka, and Maharashtra for an immersive four-day learning experience.



From strategic leadership and behavioral change to solid waste management, wastewater treatment, and climate resilience, the sessions were designed to bridge policy and practice. Expert-led discussions on circular economy, public-private partnerships, and Indore's pioneering Swachhata model provided actionable insights for real-world implementation.

An exposure visit to Indore Municipal Corporation gave participants a firsthand look at the city's globally recognized waste management success. As this batch concludes, we look forward to the transformative impact these leaders will bring to their cities, strengthening India's path toward a cleaner, sustainable future.

Great leaders aren't born — they're made. In today's fast-changing business world, strong management and leadership skills are the key to driving success, navigating complexities, and staying ahead of the curve.



With that vision, we proudly welcomed the 4th batch of the Senior Management Programme at IIM Indore!

The academic orientation was held on March 16, 2025, in the presence of Prof. Mit Vachhrajani, Programme Coordinator. He introduced the participants to this transformational 12-month journey designed to hone strategic thinking, decision-making, leadership, and digital transformation expertise.

This programme empowers professionals to lead with confidence, embrace innovation, and create lasting impact in their organizations. To our newest batch — get ready to challenge the status quo and unlock your leadership potential!

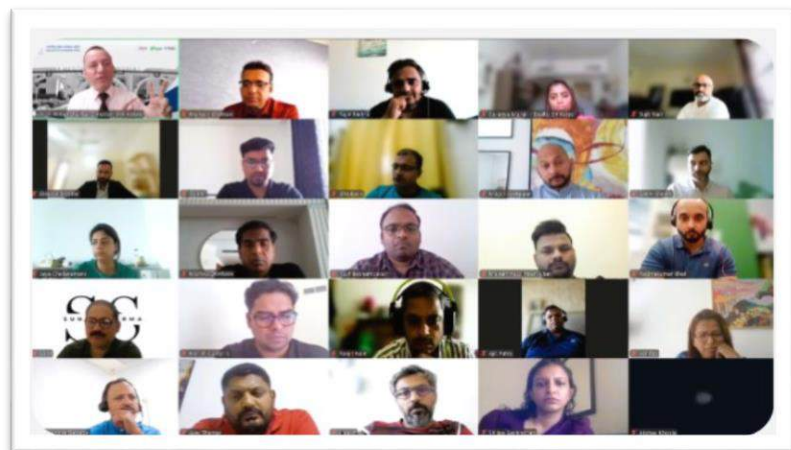
In today's fast-changing business world, strong leadership and strategic thinking are essential for success.

Participants of Batch 08 of the Executive Certificate Programme in Strategy & Leadership for Senior Professionals have embarked on this very journey at IIM Indore.

During the Academic Orientation, Programme Coordinators, Prof. Sunder Dindigul, and Prof. Nishit Sinha emphasized the importance of continuous learning and emphasized how this programme equips participants to navigate challenges, lead with confidence, and drive strategic growth.



A new chapter of leadership begins as we welcome the 21st Batch of the General Management Programme for Executives (GMPE – UAE) – Batch 21!



The batch was inaugurated by Prof. Himanshu Rai, Director, IIM Indore, who set the tone for an inspiring journey ahead.

Encouraging participants to embrace bravery over fear, he emphasized that hard work must be accompanied by resilience, patience, and grit. He spoke about focusing on one's area of control rather than being consumed by concerns, adapting to change, and building strong professional networks.

Prof. Rai also urged participants to practise mindfulness and be fully present in every moment. True success, he noted, comes when one gives undivided attention to their work, relationships, and experiences. "The greatest gift you can give someone is your complete attention," he said, reminding them that being truly present allows one to give their 100% to everything they do. Dr. Mahesh Chotrani, Founder-Director, of Anisuma Training Institute, welcomed all participants, encouraging them to make the most of this transformational journey.

With 45 accomplished professionals from industries spanning aviation, banking, IT, healthcare, and more, including 20% women leaders, this batch represents the diverse and dynamic leadership landscape of the UAE.

Here's to a future of learning, growth, and impactful leadership!

How has Indian politics evolved into a professionalized industry, and what role do campaign strategists play in shaping electoral outcomes?

06 Mar 2025: Delving into these questions, IIM Indore hosted Dr. Amogh Dhar Sharma, Leverhulme Early Career Fellow at the University of Oxford, UK, for an insightful research talk under the IIM Indore Seminar Series on March 6, 2025.

Titled "The Professionalization of Indian Politics: Mapping the Rise of the Industry of Campaign Professionals," the talk explored the growing influence of political consultants, data-driven strategies, and the commercialization of electioneering in India.

Coordinated by Prof. Ajit Phadnis from the Humanities & Social Sciences area, the session sparked engaging discussions on the transformation of political campaigns and the implications of this shift for democracy and governance.



How do scholars successfully navigate the rigorous review process of top-tier journals? What does it take to get published in the Academy of Management Journal (AMJ)?



Addressing these crucial questions, IIM Indore hosted Prof. Lakshmi Goyal, Assistant Professor at IIM Ahmedabad, for an insightful research talk under the IIM Indore Seminar Series on March 24, 2025.

Titled "Publishing and Navigating the Review Process for the Academy of Management Journal (AMJ)," the session offered an insider's perspective on crafting high-quality research, handling reviewer feedback, and increasing the chances of publication in prestigious academic journals.

Coordinated by Prof. Jatin Pandey from the Organizational Behaviour & HRM area, the talk provided invaluable guidance for aspiring researchers and faculty members looking to make a mark in the world of academic publishing.

IIM Indore continues its commitment to women's empowerment and gender equality!

08 Mar 2025: On International Women's Day, Madhya Pradesh CM Shri Dr Mohan Yadav, released the Abhimanyu Survey 2023 report prepared by IIM Indore, in Bhopal. Led by Prof. Himanshu Rai, together with Prof. Shruti Tewari, the extensive study conducted during the Abhimanyu Campaign covering 45,063 voices across 46 districts — provides key insights into societal norms and gender perceptions.

The findings pave the way for impactful policies, awareness campaigns, and a more inclusive future. The report was submitted to the Women Safety Branch, Police Headquarters, Bhopal, to help shape future policies and awareness campaigns.

Together, we move towards a society where safety, equality, and respect are a reality for all!



IIM Indore Hosts its Pre-Convocation Ceremony Ahead of the 26th Annual Convocation

The Indian Institute of Management Indore (IIM Indore) marked the commencement of its 26th Annual Convocation with a grand Pre-Convocation Ceremony held on March 28, 2025 on campus.



The event recognized the achievements and contributions of students across various domains, setting the stage for the main convocation scheduled for March 29, 2025.

During the ceremony, student committee coordinators were appreciated for their exceptional leadership and dedication. Prof. Himanshu Rai, Director, IIM Indore presented them with certificates of appreciation. Additionally, top-performing students across academic programmes were honored for their outstanding scholastic achievements.

Expressing his pride and admiration, Prof. Himanshu Rai said, "Today is a great day as we come together to celebrate the hard work, passion, and perseverance of our students. It fills me with immense joy to witness their achievements and honor their dedication. Tomorrow, 788 talented individuals will receive their degrees, and our gold medalists will be recognized for their extraordinary accomplishments. I look forward to celebrating their success and the limitless possibilities that lie ahead for them."

As part of the celebrations, IIM Indore also announced the Alumni Awards 2024, recognizing distinguished alumni for their remarkable contributions across various fields.

The Pre-Convocation Ceremony concluded with an evening of cultural performance by students of Sunbeam Varuna, Prayagraj. The performance was a mesmerizing blend of poetry, music, and movement, weaving memory and urban landscapes into a living, breathing city of verse. Haunting soundscapes met the rhythms of Kathak and Butoh, while words from Faiz, Kabir, and Ginsberg painted love, loss, and hope. It was an abstract, immersive journey—where poetry became both refuge and revolution.

The celebrations now lead into the 26th Annual Convocation tomorrow, where graduates will take their next step toward a promising future.

Cultural Programmes at the 26th Annual Convocation



An evening of poetry, rhythm, and expression! The students of Sunbeam Varuna, Varanasi, mesmerized the audience with a powerful blend of Kathak, Butoh, and evocative verses from Faiz, Kabir, and Ginsberg. A soulful performance that transformed words into movement, emotion, and art. Kudos to Mr. Parnab Mukherjee for the brilliant direction and to the students and teachers for their incredible dedication and artistry!

IIM Indore Hosts its 26th Annual Convocation



The Indian Institute of Management Indore (IIM Indore) proudly hosted its 26th Annual Convocation today, celebrating the remarkable achievements of its graduating participants. Renowned Chess Grandmaster Mr. Viswanathan Anand graced the event as the Chief Guest and delivered the Convocation Address. This year, 788 students from seven flagship programmes were awarded their degrees, marking a significant milestone in their academic and professional journeys. In his opening remarks, Shri M M Murugappan, Chairman of the Board of Governors, IIM Indore, extended his heartfelt congratulations to the graduating batch and their families. He lauded the perseverance and dedication of the students, highlighting the role of education in shaping future leaders. Acknowledging IIM Indore's growing stature as a premier management institute, he commended the faculty and leadership for encouraging an environment of excellence. "The world of uncertainty presents opportunities for the bold. India's economic momentum is strong but deeply connected to global shifts. Technology is reshaping industries, making global competitiveness tougher beyond policies and geopolitics. These challenges bring immense opportunities, demanding resilience, determination, and a positive mindset. Like a Grandmaster, embrace reflection, strategic pauses, and balance", he said. He mentioned that India needs leaders who are skilled, principled, and ethical. He added, "Let integrity and values guide your decisions, building not just success but lasting institutions. As you step into the professional world, remember that learning never stops. The real test of your knowledge lies beyond the classroom, in the choices you make and the impact you

create. Leverage your education, leadership skills, and values to drive meaningful change for India and the world.”



During the convocation ceremony, Prof. Himanshu Rai, Director, IIM Indore addressed the graduating class with an inspiring message centered around GLOBE, a framework representing the core values essential for a meaningful and impactful life. He emphasized that true success is not just about reaching a destination but about building a bridge that uplifts both oneself and others. He elaborated on the five pillars—Grit, the resilience to overcome challenges; Leadership, the ability to guide and inspire; Optimism, the mindset to navigate uncertainties with confidence; Balance, the wisdom to harmonize ambition with well-being; and Excellence, the pursuit of the highest standards in all endeavors. Encouraging students to embrace these values, he stated, “The world will recognize you not just for what you achieve, but for the values you uphold and the impact you create.” He urged the graduates to remain fearless in their pursuits, adaptable in their approach, and steadfast in their commitment to making a difference. Prof. Rai also highlighted the remarkable achievements and milestones of IIM Indore over the past year, reaffirming the institute’s standing as a center of excellence. From global accreditations and prestigious rankings to groundbreaking collaborations and student accomplishments, he underscored how the institute continues to shape future leaders who drive innovation, progress, and ethical leadership.

In his inspiring Convocation Address, Chess Grandmaster Mr. Viswanathan Anand shared profound insights on learning, unlearning, and the unpredictable nature of success. Drawing from his personal experiences, he emphasized that true mastery comes not just from acquiring knowledge but from continuously adapting, refining, and even discarding what no longer serves a purpose. Mr. Anand spoke about the importance of planning — how we meticulously chart out strategies, prepare ourselves to execute them, and yet, in reality, often find ourselves not using those plans at all. He highlighted that while structured preparation is essential, true success lies in the ability to pivot,

rethink, and embrace new possibilities when circumstances change. He urged the graduates to remain flexible in their approach, open to change, and willing to adapt to challenges.

He also delved into the concepts of success and failure, underscoring that setbacks are an integral part of any journey. Just as in chess, where a single move can change the course of the game, life, too, requires resilience and the ability to bounce back stronger. He encouraged students to view failures as stepping stones rather than obstacles, learning from each experience to refine their strategies. Additionally, Mr. Anand stressed the importance of taking breaks—not just in their careers but in their daily routines. “Rest and reflection are vital for clarity, creativity, and long-term success. Constant motion without pause can lead to burnout, while well-timed breaks allow the mind to reset and approach challenges with renewed energy”, he said. Through his words, Mr. Anand left the graduates with a powerful message: success is not about rigidly sticking to a plan but about staying agile, learning from every experience, and embracing the journey with resilience and adaptability.

This year’s convocation saw 788 participants receive their degrees from the following programmes:

1. Post Graduate Programme in Management (PGP)
2. Post Graduate Programme in Human Resource Management (PGPHRM)
3. Five-Year Integrated Programme in Management (IPM) (including BA degree recipients)
4. Executive Post Graduate Programme in Management (EPGP)
5. Post Graduate Programme in Management for Working Executives (PGPMX – Mumbai)
6. Doctoral Programme in Management (DPM)
7. Executive Doctoral Programme in Management (EDPM)

Adding to the momentous occasion, Gold Medalists were also felicitated for their outstanding academic and overall performance, symbolizing the highest level of excellence achieved by the graduating class. The 26th Annual Convocation of IIM Indore was a grand celebration of excellence, leadership, and lifelong learning, setting the stage for the graduates to embark on their future with confidence and ambition.

Summary of programme-wise new alumni added to the flourishing alumni community

S.No.	Programme	Male	Female	Total
1.	PGP	316	151	467
2.	PGPHRM	04	29	33
3.	IPM	70	36	106
4.	EPGP	61	12	73
5.	PGPMX	35	08	43
6.	DPM	11	02	13
7.	EDPM	05	01	06
8.	IPM – BA Degree	37	10	47
Total				788

Get ready for an exciting episode of Chai With Director Rai!



10 Mar 2025: Dr. Uttiyo Raychaudhuri, Vice Provost for Internationalization at the University of Denver, joined IIM Indore's podcast conversation — bringing insights from his incredible global journey, leadership experiences, and even some nostalgic school memories with Prof. Himanshu Rai!

An enriching conversation you don't want to miss! Chai With Director Rai at IIMI brings you an inspiring episode featuring Prof. Uttiyo Raychaudhuri, Vice Provost for Internationalization at the University of Denver.

From his early days to shaping global education strategies, Prof. Raychaudhuri shared insights on leadership, international collaborations, and personal anecdotes that make this episode both thought-provoking and engaging.

A night of drama, laughter, and pure theatrical magic!



09 Mar 2025 : The Millionairess by G.B. Shaw, directed brilliantly by Prof. Shweta Kushal, set the stage on fire with its wit, charm, and powerhouse performances. A houseful auditorium, thunderous applause, and a cast that brought every scene to life with brilliance!

Hats off to our students who presented yet another spectacular performance and owned the stage. From mesmerizing moments to unforgettable drama, this play had it all!

The evening truly left the audience spellbound.

IIM Indore's sports champs have once again proven that excellence isn't limited to the classroom!

04 Mar 2025: With unstoppable energy, fierce determination, and a game-changing mindset, IIM Indore's students have conquered the field, bringing home a dazzling array of trophies from various competitions and medals this academic year 2024-25.

Their passion and perseverance ignite inspiration, setting new records in both academics and sports. Here's to their incredible achievements and many more victories ahead!



Badminton lovers, it's time to serve up some action!

18 Mar 2025: Our Director, Prof. Himanshu Rai, inaugurated the brand-new Indoor Badminton Court, a world-class addition to our ever-expanding sports infrastructure at IIM Indore. With four premium courts, gallery-style seating, and top-notch amenities, including showers for a post-game refresh, this facility is set to be a game-changer for our fitness enthusiasts.

At IIM Indore, we believe in holistic development, and our commitment to fitness and sports continues to grow in line with the Fit India Movement. So, grab your rackets, get your game face on, and let's make every rally count!



IIM Indore's organic garden bears the fruits (and veggies) of dedication!



01 Mar 2025: Our Director, Prof. Himanshu Rai, kicked off the first harvest of the year on March 1, distributing tonnes of fresh, chemical-free, organic produce — tomatoes, potatoes, eggplants, papayas, and even turmeric — to our community members.

From crunchy greens to juicy fruits, our campus-grown bounty is all about sustainability, health, and mindful eating.

As of March in the FY 2024-25, we have proudly harvested an impressive 12 to 14 tons of fresh, organic vegetables and fruits — nurturing sustainability, health, and mindful eating at IIM Indore!

Here's to nourishing minds and bodies — one farm-fresh bite at a time!

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 program that suits your requirement.

[Customized Programmes](#)

[Short Duration Programmes \(Online and On-campus\)](#)

[Long Duration Online Programmes](#)

[Executive Programmes in UAE](#)

[General Management Programme for Executives \(GMPE\)](#)

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

[Certificate Course in Business Management for Defence Officers](#)

[Faculty Development Programme \(FDP\)](#)

For more details, visit: <https://www.iimidr.ac.in/executive-programmes/>

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