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# Editor's Desk

Dear Alumni of Planet-I,

The spirit of IIM Indore continues to thrive and evolve, powered by the ever-growing strength of our alumni community. As we reflect on the month gone by, one initiative that truly embodies our shared legacy is the Alumni Talk Series – Wisdom (प्रज्ञा).

More than a lecture series, Wisdom (प्रज्ञा) is a bridge between past and present—a vibrant platform where the journeys, insights, and innovations of our alumni become guiding lights for the IIMI fraternity. We are proud to announce the call for Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the 2025–26 edition of this flagship initiative. These sessions are hosted on weekends for wider participation and archived on our YouTube channel to serve as a lasting resource.

We are proud to share a series of recent milestones that reflect IIM Indore's growing impact and commitment to excellence. Our PGPMX (Weekend MBA) programme has been ranked 25th in Asia Pacific in the 2025 QS Executive MBA Rankings, reaffirming our dedication to flexible, high-quality executive education. The 15th edition of CERE 2025 united researchers from over 70 institutions, pushing the boundaries of knowledge in the evolving economy. Our global outreach was further strengthened with a warm welcome to the 20th batch of GMPe in the Middle East. Executive Education continues to thrive with impactful programmes for professionals and senior leaders. Adding to this momentum, we were honoured to receive the AMBA reaccreditation—another significant step in our journey of academic distinction.

At IIM Indore, we continue to grow not just in scale, but in soul. Each milestone reflects our commitment to shaping leaders who are compassionate, conscious, and capable of meaningful change.

We also urge all alumni to register on the IIM Indore Alumni Portal ([Register Here](#)) and become a member of the IIM Indore Alumni Association ([Join IIMIAA](#)). As a registered member, you gain access to exclusive networking events, career advancement opportunities, mentoring initiatives, and the latest updates from campus. Your active engagement strengthens the IIMI bond—today and for generations to come.

Stay connected, stay engaged—and most importantly, stay inspired.

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

## Be a part of Wisdom (प्रज्ञा) - our Alumni Talk Series for the academic year 2025–26.

Have an inspiring story, industry insights, or lessons worth sharing? We are inviting Expressions of Interest (EOI) from alumni who would like to deliver talks that empower students and connect the IIM Indore community.



Deadline: June 25, 2025



Format: 30-min Talk + 15-min Q&A



Weekend sessions for wider reach



Catch previous sessions here:

<https://iimidr.ac.in/alumni/alumni-talk-series-wisdom-प्रज्ञा/>



Submit your EOI now:



<https://forms.gle/27rrwHYsjtEpW99t7>

Let's build knowledge, inspire minds, and strengthen the IIMI bond.

## Stay Connected, Stay Engaged – Register Today!

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## News from the Campus

### EatRight | They say ideas grow where minds are fed right—turns out, so do futures.

With our Eat Right Campus certification by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, every plate at IIM Indore now reflects a commitment to health, sustainability, and excellence.

Here's to cleaner kitchens, healthier habits, and a campus that truly walks the talk.



A promotional poster for the QS Executive MBA Rankings 2025. It features the IIM Indore logo at the top left and a QS World University Rankings badge at the top right. The main text reads 'QS Executive MBA Rankings 2025' and 'Post Graduate Programme in Management for Working Executives in Mumbai - PGPMX'. A large graphic shows the campus building with the text 'Ranked #25 in Asia Pacific!'. At the bottom, there are logos for EQUIS, AACSB, and AMBA accreditations, and the website 'www.iimdr.ac.in'.

**Delighted to share that our Weekend MBA, the Post Graduate Programme for Working Executives in Mumbai (PGPMX), has been ranked 25th in Asia Pacific in the 2025 QS Executive MBA Rankings!**

Designed for ambitious professionals, PGPMX is a weekend MBA programme tailored for working executives—empowering you to learn, lead, and level up without pressing pause on your career.

Admissions Open for the upcoming batch!

Join a programme that's shaping leaders and making a global impact.

Apply [here](#)



## **AMBABGA25 Global Conference with the presentation of reaccreditation certificate by AMBA Chief Executive Andrew Main Wilson to Prof. Himanshu Rai, Director, IIM Indore**

AMBA holds a special place for us—it is a mark of excellence, global relevance, and continuous improvement in management education.

As per Prof. Rai, on a personal note, these conferences are always deeply enriching. They offer a space to reflect, learn, and exchange ideas with global academic leaders—broadening my perspective and reaffirming the shared purpose we all carry: to shape ethical, future-ready leaders for the world.



## **Research Seminar | What does it take to improve students' well-being in today's tech-driven classrooms?**



Can simple digital tools, when guided by teachers, create meaningful change?

Exploring these questions, IIM Indore was pleased to host Prof. Upasak Das, Senior Lecturer in Development Economics at the Global Development Institute, University of Manchester, UK, for a research talk under the IIM Indore Seminar Series on April 29, 2025.

Titled "Enhancing Students' Well-Being through App-based Teacher-led Interventions: Experimental Evidence from India," the talk offered compelling insights from field experiments on how targeted digital interventions can positively shape student outcomes.

The session was coordinated by Prof. Karthikeya Naraparaju, Faculty in the Economics area at IIM Indore.

## New Batch Alert

**As we continue expanding our footprint in the UAE and the Middle East, we are delighted to welcome the 20th batch of the General Management Programme for Executives (GMPe) to the IIM Indore family!**

The batch was virtually inaugurated by our Director, Prof. Himanshu Rai, who shared words of wisdom that resonated deeply. He spoke of networking with conscientiousness—building connections rooted in integrity and purpose.

He highlighted the quiet power of discipline, the joy of doing what truly sets your spirit alight, and the profound truth that a healthy mind can only thrive in a healthy body.

His message was a call to live with intention, to stay curious, and to embrace growth: not just as professionals, but as evolving human beings.



Prof. Manoj Motiani, Associate Dean - Executive Education; Prof. Manish Popli, Programme Coordinator; and Dr. Mahesh Chotrani, Founder Director, Anisuma Training Institute, were also present on this occasion. They welcomed the new batch with warmth and encouragement—inviting them to learn deeply, grow collectively, and share the wealth of their wisdom and experiences as they journey forward together.

This diverse batch includes 20 participants with an average of 19 years' work experience across industries such as aviation, banking, energy, and IT, representing Oman, Qatar, KSA, Kuwait, and Bahrain. We look forward to welcoming them at Planet-i soon!

Looking to upskill, lead with impact, and grow in a global business environment? Explore IIM Indore's executive education programmes across the UAE, the Middle East, and the GCC. Join a dynamic community of professionals, deepen your expertise, and take the next bold step in your leadership journey.

Explore programmes [here](#).

**Executive Education | At IIM Indore, we don't just shape managers—we nurture future-ready leaders.**



On April 30, 2025, we celebrated the valedictory of the Senior Management Programme, marking the successful completion of an enriching journey for 42 accomplished participants. Certificates were presented by Prof. Manoj Motiani, Associate Dean, Executive Education, who also addressed the cohort with inspiring words.

He encouraged the participants to believe in themselves, be passionate about their beliefs and embrace and accept the cycle of time.

Prof. Kajari Mukherjee, Programme Coordinator, congratulated the participants on their journey, emphasizing that they now wear two crowns: one for their professional achievements and the other as proud IIM Indore alumni. May these crowns shine with honor and humility, she said. Programme Coordinator Prof. Mit Vachhrajani, too, congratulated the participants on their achievement and delivered the vote of thanks.

**Executive Education | At IIM Indore, we believe that the future of organisations is shaped by visionary HR leadership, and that's exactly what we witnessed as Batch 04 of the Advanced Human Resource Management Programme for HR Leaders completed their course on May 07, 2025.**

The valedictory ceremony was held in the esteemed presence of Prof. Himanshu Rai, Director, IIM Indore, Shruti Tewari, Dean (Research), who presented certificates and congratulated the participants. Prof. Manoj Motiani, Associate Dean (Executive Education), and Prof. Mit Vachhrajani, Programme Coordinator, also applauded the cohort's journey and commitment to excellence.





## CERE - 2025

### What does it take to lead in today's knowledge-driven world?



A shift in perspective, purpose, and practice — and that's exactly what IIM Indore's weekend of ideas and impact is championing.

The 15th edition of the International Conference on Excellence in Research and Education (CERE) kicked off on May 2, 2025, with the theme "Paradigm Shift in the Knowledge Economy."

Inaugurating the conference, Prof. Himanshu Rai, Director, IIM Indore, urged the scholars and institutions alike to rethink their roles. "Research isn't just about theory—it must solve real-world problems, be ethically grounded, and create meaningful change," he emphasized. He left the audience with three timeless mantras: be compassionate, know your true identity beyond designations or wealth, and always do the right thing, both as researchers and as individuals.

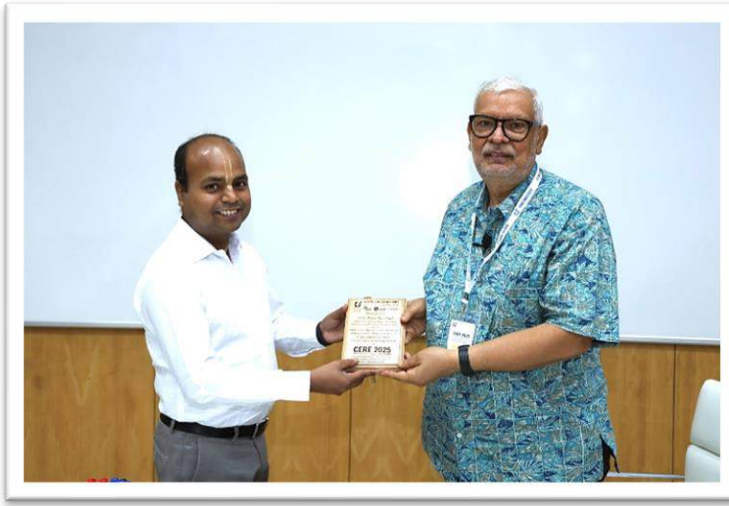
Prof. Shruti Tewari, Dean – Research, welcomed participants and highlighted CERE's role as a bridge between academic excellence and real-world relevance.

With over 350 submissions from 640 authors and participation from more than 70 leading institutions across the country, CERE 2025 is setting the stage for academic discourse by shaping the future of research, leadership, and learning in the evolving knowledge economy.



## CERE - 2025

### Day 1 of CERE at IIM Indore set a high bar with three impactful workshops led by experts



Prof. Ramadhar Singh (Distinguished University Professor, Ahmedabad University) emphasized system-level thinking in research design. Prof. Debjit Roy (Professor, IIM Ahmedabad) showcased how digital tools can transform supply chain decisions. Prof. Sushanta Mishra (Professor, IIM Bangalore) decoded the nuances of curvilinear relationships. A day filled with insight, inspiration, and rigorous academic exchange to kickstart a powerful conference.

### The second day of CERE 2025 unfolded with a captivating mix of theory, practice, and innovation, as distinguished professors led workshops that challenged and inspired.

Prof. Tara Shankar Shaw (IIT Bombay) decoded the empirical dimensions of corporate governance, spotlighting the disconnect between theory and practice in emerging markets.

Prof. Sayantan Banerjee (IIM Indore) took participants deep into Financial Time Series Analysis, combining ARIMA, GARCH, LSTM, and Gradient Boosting for actionable forecasting.

Prof. Devi Vijay (IIM Calcutta) inspired critical reflection through Writing with Care and Sabr, weaving feminist and decolonial perspectives into healthcare and organizational research.

Prof. Lakshmi Goyal (IIM Ahmedabad) challenged scholars to rethink assumptions in Problematization in Management Research, pushing for stronger theoretical contributions. Prof. Belgin Okay-Somerville (University of Glasgow) led an introspective journey through Finding

Your Career Metaphor, helping participants envision their paths in the knowledge economy. A day filled with cutting-edge research, hands-on learning, and thought-provoking conversations — laying the groundwork for an intellectually enriching conference.



## CERE - 2025

**What happens when over 70 institutions, 66 top-notch papers, and brilliant minds collide across various areas, including marketing, economics, finance, strategy, OB, HRM, operations, IT and more?**

The final day of the 15th International Conference on Excellence in Research and Education at IIM Indore was a celebration of scholarship, rigour, and impact! Scholars presented cutting-edge research that tackled real-world challenges from every angle.

The valedictory session was graced by Prof. Ramadhar Singh, Distinguished University Professor, Ahmedabad University, and Prof. Shruti Tewari, Dean - Research, who reflected on the insights and inspiration the conference delivered over three intellectually rich days.



A big congratulations to our Best Paper Award winners:

1: Sneha Singhania (Indian Institute of Technology, Madras).

Paper title: The Word of Machine: From solicited to unsolicited recommendations.

2: Shweta Bahl (Indian Institute of Management Rohtak) & Prof. Ajay Sharma (IIM Indore)

Paper Title: Vocational Education and training and labour market outcomes of women: Evidence from India

3: Abhinav Anand, Sankarshan Basu, M. Joel Christopher, Nitin Vishen (Indian Institute of Management Bangalore)

Paper title: Banking Against the Odds: Performance and Lending Efficiency of Government Banks during Crisis.

## Faculty Development Programme

**The pursuit of academic excellence finds its truest expression in the hands of those who teach.**



We were delighted to celebrate the successful completion of IIM Indore's Annual Five-Week Faculty Development Programme on May 10, 2025.

The valedictory ceremony was graced by Prof. Prabin Panigrahi, Dean – Programmes, and Programme Coordinator, Prof. Rajhans Mishra, who applauded the participants for their commitment to enhancing pedagogical impact and research depth.

To all the educators who joined us—may the insights gained here echo through your classrooms and institutions, inspiring generations to come.

## IIMI Impact | A world of giggles, games, and growing up has been reborn!

The newly renovated Children's Park at IIM Indore is now open, buzzing with joy, laughter, and little footsteps chasing dreams.

Inaugurated on May 28, 2025, by our Director, Prof. Himanshu Rai, this vibrant space is thoughtfully redesigned for the children of our IIM Indore family.

A heartfelt gift to our tiniest residents, making campus life even more magical. Here's to brighter smiles and beautiful memories ahead.



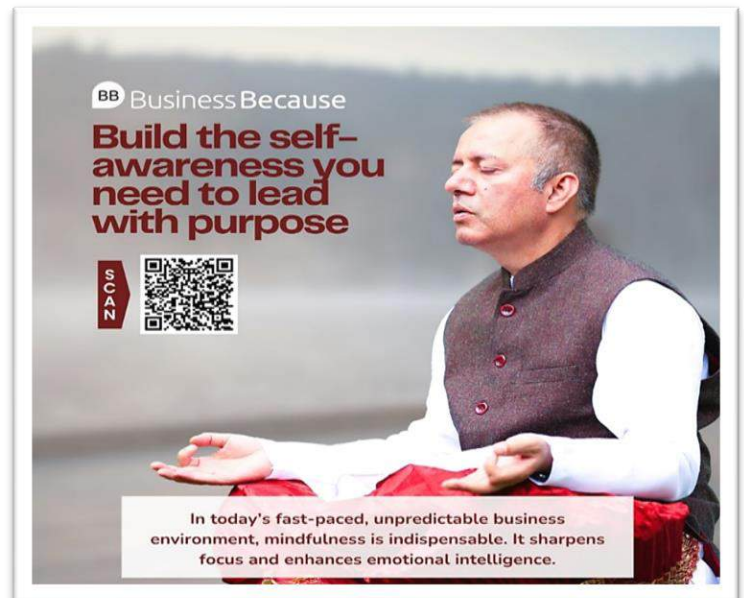


**IIMI Impact | Read Prof. Himanshu Rai's views in Business Because on how IIM Indore blends mindfulness, ethics, and real-world exposure to shape purposeful, compassionate leaders.**

At IIM Indore, we lead with heart. As per Prof. Rai, he believes business leadership must be rooted in purpose, self-awareness, and compassion.

We integrate mindfulness into our curriculum, not as an add-on, but as a core capability. Through initiatives like our Rural Engagement Programme, we expose students to real-world challenges, helping them grow into empathetic, ethical leaders who create impact beyond the bottom line.

[Link](#) to Prof. Rai's views in Business Because.



**One must strive with full strength and capacity to achieve success in any endeavour"**



Prof. Himanshu Rai, Director, IIM Indore, shared the unique qualities of influencers, leadership traits, their responsibilities toward followers, and the art of communication at the inaugural session of a Digital Marketing Workshop organized by the Tribal Research Institute (TRI) for tribal social media influencers.

## Announcements

**Admissions Open:** Master the intersection of data and decision-making with IIM Indore & IIT Indore's MSDSM – a 2-year blended programme designed for future-ready professionals.

Highlights:

- 900 hours of learning
- 14–15 hrs/week live online lectures
- 30 days on-campus
- Taught by top faculty from both institutes

Blend business insight with data expertise.

Learn. Lead. Transform.

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**PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS**

- Two-year master's degree programme.
- 14-15 hours per week of live lectures online.
- Total 900 hours of learning.
- Benefit from academic proficiency of faculty from both the institutes.
- 30 days on-campus teaching.
- Combination of foundational business knowledge, analytical expertise, and big-picture perspective.

**ELIGIBILITY**

- First class (as defined by the awarding Institute/University) or 60% or 6.0 CGPA (on a scale of 10) [relaxation for SC/ST/PWD category as per Government of India rule] degree in:
  - B.Tech/BE/BS/BPharm/BArch/BDes/BFTEch/Four years BSc/MSc/MCA/MBA
- OR
- Equivalent with having done at least two courses in Mathematics and one in Computer Programming at qualifying degree level.

**AND**

- CAT/GATE/CMAT/GRE/JAM test score obtained anytime in the last three years.
- OR
- DMAT (Data Science and Management Aptitude Test) will be online as well as in physical mode on June 08, 2025.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Application starts from: April 02, 2025  
Last date of application: May 02, 2025  
Registration will start from: August 01, 2025

**ONLINE CLASSES WILL START FROM AUGUST 12, 2025**

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**Admissions | Great educators build great institutions, and great educators need visionary leadership.**

**Nurturing Future Leadership Program under the aegis of Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MMTTP) (Batch - 05)**

Date: July 14-18, 2025 | Venue: IIM Indore Campus

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At IIM Indore, we're proud to nurture the next generation of academic leaders through the Nurturing Future Leadership Program under the Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme (MMTTP), Ministry of Education.

This immersive, residential programme empowers faculty with the tools to lead with impact. It includes understanding self and teams to managing change, resolving conflicts, and shaping institutional culture.

So far, 104 faculty members from HEIs across India have transformed their leadership journey with us through four successful batches.

The next batch begins July 14, 2025. If you're a faculty member aspiring to lead in higher education, this is your moment.

Discover more & [apply](#)

## **Upcoming Executive Education 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.

[Degree and Diploma Programmes](#)

[Short Duration Certificate Programmes](#)

[Long Duration Certificate Programmes](#)

[International Programmes](#)

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

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