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Editor's Desk

Dear IIM Indore Alumni,

Each month, as we look back at the moments that connect us all, we are reminded of the enduring spirit that makes our alumni community so special—dynamic, compassionate, and forever curious.

We take immense pride in the remarkable milestones achieved by our alumni. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Naveen Pandey (PGP 1999–2001) on his appointment as Managing Director of Bajaj Consumer Care, Dr. Vineet Sikka (Executive Certificate Programme, Strategy & Leadership) for his new leadership role at Apollo Hospitals, and Bhavya Taneja (Certificate Programme in Digital Marketing and Strategy) for becoming Chief Marketing Officer at PNB Housing Finance Limited. Your accomplishments remind us that the IIM Indore spirit is truly boundless.

Our community thrives on connections—this was beautifully reflected in the warm gatherings in Dubai, Mumbai, and Delhi. From the informal meet hosted by our UAE Alumni Chapter to the special PGPMX alumni reunion and Rendezvous 2025 that brought together alumni and incoming students in Delhi, each event showcased the power of staying engaged and giving back.

Back at campus, we continue to strengthen our standing globally, with IIM Indore securing top positions in the Financial Times Executive Education Rankings 2025. We are equally proud of our recognition as a Pioneering School in the Positive Impact Rating 2025 by UN PRME, a testament to our sustained leadership in driving meaningful impact across governance, sustainability, and public engagement.

We remain committed to fostering leaders who transform communities and industries alike. From welcoming global defence officers to advancing projects like DAKSH for senior executives in Public Sector Enterprises, to our continued efforts in empowering educators and promoting financial literacy among our campus community—each initiative is a reflection of our mission to build a better tomorrow.

As you flip through this issue, I urge you to pause and reflect on your own journey and how it intertwines with the larger IIM Indore story. If you haven't already, I invite you to register on our [Alumni Portal](#) and become a member of the [IIM Indore Alumni Association](#). Let's continue to build a vibrant network that nurtures ideas, unlocks opportunities, and creates lasting impact—together.

Stay connected. Stay inspired. And above all, stay proud of the institution we call home.

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/>

Stay Connected, Stay Engaged – Register Today!

We invite all our alumni to register on the **Alumni Portal** (<https://alumniportal.iimidr.ac.in/>) and also become a member of the **IIM Indore Alumni Association** (<https://iimidr.ac.in/alumni/iimiaa-membership-contributions/>). Being a registered member unlocks a host of benefits including access to exclusive alumni events, networking opportunities across batches and geographies, career advancement support, mentoring initiatives, and updates from the institute. Your membership helps strengthen the IIMI alumni community, fostering collaboration and lifelong engagement. Join us in building a stronger, more vibrant alumni network—register today!

Alumni Achievement

We congratulate Naveen Pandey (PGP 1999-2001) on being appointed as the Managing Director of Bajaj Consumer Care.

With a rich career across the FMCG space: Asian Paints, PepsiCo, Marico Bangladesh, and most recently, CEO of Unibic India, he brings deep strategic and operational expertise to his new role.

Wishing him continued success as he steers the brand into its next chapter of growth and innovation.



We congratulate Dr. Vineet Sikka, alumnus of our Executive Certificate Programme in Strategy & Leadership for Senior Professionals (Batch 05), on his appointment as Vice President – Group Head, Growth & Strategic Alliances at Apollo Hospitals!

With over 17 years of experience spanning hospital operations, marketing, corporate sales, and digital health across India and the UK, he brings a wealth of expertise to his new role. He has previously held leadership positions at Narayana Health, MediBuddy, Credihealth, and NHS Grampian (UK).

In his new role, he will lead the Institutional Business segment and Strategic Alliances verticals. He will oversee corporate business development for the Group Revenue team, driving engagement with insurance firms, public sector undertakings, and private corporates.

We congratulate Bhavya Taneja, an alumnus of our Certificate Programme in Digital Marketing and Strategy, on his appointment as the Chief Marketing Officer at PNB Housing Finance Limited!

With years of experience in brand management, product marketing, and activations, Bhavya has been associated with PNB Housing Finance for nearly 6 years, previously serving as the National Head of Marketing.

His career also includes leadership roles at IIFL Wealth and Asset Management, HSBC, and Kotak Mahindra Bank.



Alumni Meet in UAE



An informal alumni meet was held in Dubai by UAE Alumni Chapter on 21st June 2025. A total of 20 alumni joined for networking over lunch.

Alumni who attended the meet: Diptiranjan Panda, Dhiraj Mirchandaney, Easwaran Narayanan, Zeba Kamal, Gaurav Agarwal, Rizwan, Vinit Saraogi, Vikash Thakur, Chaitanya Golla, Radhika Khandelwal, Darpan Mahajan, Pranav Agarwal, Akshay Ravi, Mayank Shree Jain, Veerendra Kumar, Parul Rawat, Tanmay Patel, Shubham Bhawsar, Mohammed Saheel and Aishwary Yadav.

Kudos to Diptiranjan Panda and Dhiraj Mirchandaney for organizing the meet!

Special Alumni Meet – PGPMX Cohorts 2019–2021 and 2020–2022



A special alumni meet for the PGPMX cohorts of 2019–2021 and 2020–2022 was held on Sunday, 22 June 2025, at Hotel Meluha – The Fern, Mumbai. Prof. Mit Vachhrajani, Programme Chair – PGPMX, welcomed the alumni, setting the tone for an engaging evening of reconnecting and learning.

Prof. Prabin Kumar Panigrahi, Dean (Programmes), delivered an insightful talk on “Impact of AI in the Current Business Environment and Work Dynamics,” highlighting emerging trends and their implications for professionals. The gathering was also addressed by Prof. Rohit Kapoor, Dean (Planning & Development), Prof. Bipul Kumar, and Prof. Srinath Jagannathan, who shared their thoughts and engaged with the alumni on future opportunities and collaborations.



The event was a memorable occasion for the cohorts to reconnect, exchange ideas, and strengthen their bond with the Institute.



Rendezvous 2025

Reconnect | At IIM Indore, we believe in blending the wisdom of our alumni with the energy of our incoming students, and Rendezvous 2025 in Delhi was a perfect reflection of that spirit.

Rendezvous 2025 held on Saturday, 7th June 2025, the evening was full of warmth, inspiration, and guidance. Our Director, Prof. Himanshu Rai, spoke about how IIM Indore is not merely revolving around the sun, but creating bright suns, i.e., individuals who lead with purpose, courage, and self-awareness. He encouraged the participants to stay curious and not hesitate from trying out new things because growth often begins where comfort ends.



With over 60 participants, including senior alumni Mr. Rahul Razdan and others shared stories and advice, the event became a true celebration of community, mentorship, and the enduring IIMI Impact.

Group Photograph Rendezvous 2025



News from the Campus

IIMI Rankings | At IIM Indore, we take pride in delivering executive education that matches world-class standards.

Ranked 65th globally in Open and 83rd in Custom Executive Education in the Financial Times Executive Education Rankings 2025, we are also proud to be ranked 3rd among IIMs in Open and 4th among IIMs in Custom programmes.

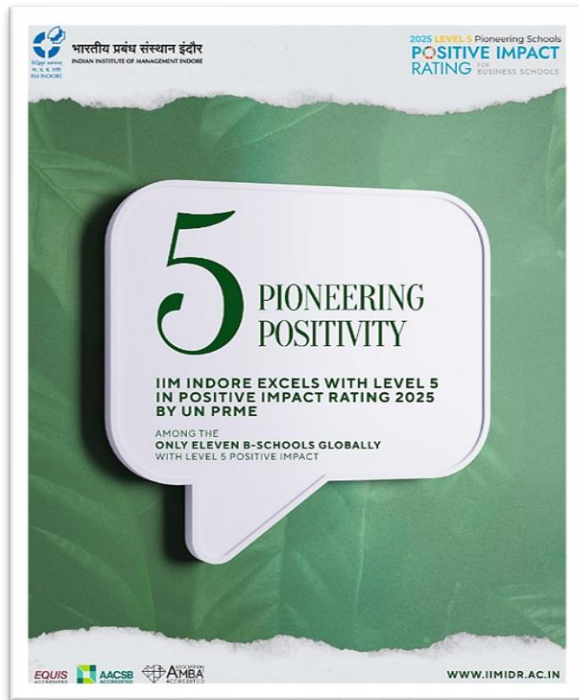
These rankings reflect our commitment to academic excellence, global relevance, and impactful learning.

From AI to leadership, healthcare to strategy, our programmes are designed to prepare professionals for the future of work.

With 200+ open and custom programmes offered across formats, we ensure professionals gain future-ready skills, industry-aligned insights, and transformative learning experiences. Discover your path to leadership. Explore our programmes and upskill for tomorrow:
<https://iimidr.ac.in/programmes/executive-programmes/>



IIM Impact | IIM Indore has been rated a Level 5 "Pioneering School" in the Positive Impact Rating 2025 by UN PRME, placing us among only eleven business schools globally.



This recognition reflects our unique, sustaining leadership in all seven dimensions of impact, namely, Governance, Culture, Programs, Learning Methods, Student Support, Institution as a Role

Model, and Public Engagement.

From classrooms to communities, we are committed to shaping leaders who drive meaningful change for people, planet, and purpose.

Creating Impact. Sustaining Excellence.

Continuing with our mission of shaping visionary leaders and contributing to nation-building, we at IIM Indore, in partnership with Egon Zehnder, we have signed a contract with the Capacity Building Commission (CBC) and the Standing Conference of Public Enterprises (SCOPE) to deliver a strategic leadership development programme for senior executives of Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs).



As an Academic Partner, IIM Indore will design, develop, and deliver the programme titled DAKSH: Development of Aspiration, Knowledge, Succession and Harmony, which will be institutionalised and housed at the IIM Indore campus.

The initiative aims to cultivate a cadre of digitally-savvy, strategic, and collaborative leaders equipped to take on top management and board-level roles across PSEs. With a strong focus on customer-centricity, innovation, and long-term

sustainability, DAKSH aspires to transform PSEs into agile, competitive, and future-ready organisations in today's dynamic global marketplace.

At IIM Indore, we are always open to welcoming diverse perspectives, sharing knowledge, and building meaningful partnerships.



It was a delight to host 61 foreign army officers and 2 staff from the Army War College, Mhow, representing Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Niger, Mozambique, Nepal, and Bhutan. During their visit, they interacted with our Director, Prof. Himanshu Rai, who spoke about inclusive leadership, purpose-driven education, and creating responsible leaders. Col. Gururaj Gopinath Pamidi, COA, also engaged in enriching dialogue with the officers. The delegation

appreciated the spirit and infrastructure of IIM Indore. Interactions like these deepen our commitment to making a lasting impact across borders, sectors, and generations.

Delighted to see the growing energy and ambition of the fourth batch of MSDSM, our programme with IIT Indore.

5 June 2025: Explore how MSDSM can help you upskill and lead in a data-powered world:

Each new batch brings a fresh wave of curiosity and drive, reaffirming our vision of nurturing future-ready professionals equipped to lead in the era of data and digital transformation.

<https://msdsm.iiti.ac.in/>



Executive Education | Congratulations to the participants of the Advanced Management Programme for Corporate Leaders, Batch 05, for completing the course!

The valedictory session was graced by our Director, Prof. Himanshu Rai, who awarded certificates to the participants.



He reminded the cohort:

"You have only one obligation in your life and that is to realise your own destiny." Prof. Prashant Salwan and Prof. Aditya Maheshwari, Programme Coordinators, and Mr. Darayus Mehta, Founder Director, VCNow by Unified Collaboration Services, also congratulated the cohort.

At IIM Indore, we continue our commitment to delivering impactful learning experiences for working professionals. Our

open executive education programmes have been ranked 65th globally in the Financial Times Executive Education Rankings, which is a reflection of our dedication.

At IIM Indore, we equip professionals with tools to lead projects that drive impact. On June 25, 2025, we celebrated the valedictory of the Certificate Programme in Project Management (CPPM), applauding the dedication and growth of a dynamic cohort of professionals who successfully completed the programme.

Certificates were awarded by Prof. Manoj Motiani, Programme Coordinator, Associate Dean, Executive Education, who addressed the group with inspiring reflections on leadership, adaptability, and continuous growth.

As they join the growing community of IIM Indore Executive Education Alumni, we congratulate each participant on this milestone and look forward to the many projects they will lead to success.



Here's to every professional who believes learning never stops.

IIMI Impact | We continue our mission to empower educators through the 10th Batch of the Capacity Building Programme for SIEMAT.



12 June 2025 : Here's to a future of meaningful impact in schools and communities across the state.

We are proud to continue our mission of empowering educators with the launch of the 10th Batch of the Capacity Building Programme in collaboration with SIEMAT. This milestone reflects our sustained commitment to strengthening the capabilities of school leaders and educators who are at the heart of meaningful change in the education system.

Through this programme, we aim to equip participants with the knowledge, tools, and leadership skills necessary to create inclusive, innovative, and outcome-driven learning environments. Each batch brings renewed energy and purpose, contributing to the broader vision of improving educational standards and transforming the lives of students across the state.

Guest Session | It was a pleasure to host Dr. Pankaj K. P. Shreyaskar, Deputy Director General (Administrative Statistics & Policy Division), Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI), Government of India, for a session under the IIM Indore Seminar Series on June 13, 2025.

The session was titled: "Brainstorming for Leveraging Non-conventional Data Sources for Official Statistics: Identifying Avenues for Harnessing Administrative Data and Triangulation of New Data Sources such as GST, E-commerce Sales Data, etc., with Conventional Data Sources."

Dr. Shreyaskar discussed MoSPI's recent proposal inviting interest in conducting exploratory studies to identify avenues where administrative data can be effectively utilized as inputs for statistical activities. He highlighted potential strategies for triangulating administrative datasets with other non-conventional sources, such as GST data and E-commerce sales data, to complement and enrich conventional statistical approaches. The session was coordinated by Dean - Research Prof. Shruti Tewari, and chaired by Prof. Karthikeya Naraparaju, Faculty in the Economics area at IIM Indore.



Research Seminar | It was a pleasure to host Dr. Priyadarshi Amar, Post-Doctoral Fellow at the Universidad Carlos III de Madrid (UC3M), for a research talk under the IIM Indore Seminar Series recently.



17 June 2025: The session was titled: "Countering Misinformation Early: Evidence from a Classroom-Based Field Experiment in India."

The talk explored insights from a field experiment aimed at addressing misinformation through early educational interventions.

The session was coordinated by Prof. Ajit Phadnis, Faculty in the Humanities & Social Sciences area at IIM Indore.

Research Seminar | What do shareholder votes really reveal about a firm's financial reporting quality?

22 June 2025: Exploring this critical question, IIM Indore Recently hosted Prof. Naman Desai, Associate Clinical Professor at the Robert H. Smith School of Business, University of Maryland, College Park, USA, for a research talk under the IIM Indore Seminar Series.

Titled "Shareholder Ratification of Financial Statements: Earnings Quality, Shareholders' Dissent, and its Consequences," the talk unpacked the relationship between shareholder dissent, earnings quality, and the broader implications for firms and markets.



The session was coordinated by Prof Keyur Thaker, Faculty in the Finance & Accounting area at IIM Indore.

"Be brave and don't shy away from experimenting; be adaptable and focus on areas that are in your control; be open to network with a diverse set of people for diversity fuels creativity; and introspect - not just like engineers, but as strategic thinkers who can craft technical solutions for battlefield superiority."

20 June 2025: Prof. Himanshu Rai's advice to the officers at the 107th Convocation Ceremony of the Military College of Electronics and Mechanical Engineering (MCEME), Secunderabad.



IIMI Impact | Ever wondered what the last few days at our Olympic-size swimming pool looked like?



17 June 2025 : Let's just say, waves were made, spirits soared, and splash-talk ruled! From ages 6 to 60, our campus swimmers dove into Swimmero with energy that could rival a tidal wave!

Our Director, Prof. Himanshu Rai, awarded medals to the champions and reminded us that swimming isn't just about strokes, it's about strength, serenity, and letting go. Big kudos to every participant, every cheer, every lap, and of course, our amazing coaches.

At Planet-I, we don't just make a splash, we ripple with pride and create a positive impact!

IIMI Impact | IIM Indore marked the International Day of Yoga 2025 with an inspiring morning of mindfulness, movement, and meaning, led by our Director, Prof. Himanshu Rai, and guided with precision by Yoga Instructor Mr. Akash Borasi.

21 June 2025 Prof. Rai shared profound insights on Ashtanga Yoga, focusing on Yama (ethical disciplines) and Niyama (personal observances)—the timeless foundations that bring integrity, restraint, and inner clarity to a purposeful life.



Participants across the IIMI community, including students, staff, and families, came together with enthusiasm, embodying the true spirit of well-being. From posture refinement to shared reflection, the session was a living example of yoga as a union of heart, mind, and community.

Top performers were also recognised for their excellence and dedication, making it a celebration of both discipline and grace.

Through this collective experience, IIM Indore echoed the national vision of Yoga Sangam 2025 and One Earth, One

Health—a step towards shaping not just healthier individuals but a more conscious nation.

Quiz | Smiling faces, sharp minds, and echoes of "Yes, I got it right!" filled the air at IIM Indore during the quiz competition, "Battle of the Brains: इतिहास से गौरव तक", conducted yesterday.

The event saw enthusiastic participation from over 10 teams, celebrating India's rich history and culture through every round. Congratulations to the winning teams: Sardar's Shield, Gandhian Grid, and Paramveer Patrol!

The energy was electric, the competition fierce, and the learning unforgettable. Glimpses from the event!



Chai With Director Rai | From the stage to the studio, from passion to purpose, this one's got range!

The kettle's been whistling... and it's finally time to pour!

The full episode of Chai with Director Rai featuring the dynamic voice-over artist and actor, Mr. Vijay Vikram Singh, is now live.

From finding his voice to voicing his journey, this conversation with Prof. Himanshu Rai is steeped in insight and brewed just right.



Sip into something inspiring, watch now: https://youtu.be/R7RqrglQX_o

It's important to implement wellness education starting at the school level"



7 June 2025: Prof. Himanshu Rai at the Spiritual Wellness Summit 2025 in Ujjain. IIM Indore, under the leadership of Prof. Himanshu Rai, was lauded at the Ujjain Spiritual Wellness Summit 2025 as key enablers in training the next generation of wellness professionals.

"True good governance stems not just from policy, but from ethical leadership and a spirit of service."



Prof. Himanshu Rai conducts the opening session for the Ministers of Chhattisgarh at the Chintan Shivir 2025 and shares insights on Transformational Leadership:

Cultivating Empathy, Vision, and Wisdom in Governance. Ethics Governance Leadership Education India Ministry of Education CMO Chhattisgarh.

Thinking of an MBA in the USA?

Read Prof. Himanshu Rai's views as he suggests a "wait and watch" approach amid rising concerns about studying in the U.S., an Insightful perspective for global MBA aspirants navigating uncertain times.

For more details, [click](#)

A promotional graphic for Poets & Quants. It features a portrait of Prof. Himanshu Rai, a man in a dark suit and tie, standing with his arms crossed. The background is a blue and white torn-paper effect. In the top left corner, the logo "POETS & QUANTS" is visible. In the top right corner, there is a QR code with the word "SCAN" next to it. A large quote is displayed in a white box on the right side, and a caption at the bottom right identifies Prof. Himanshu Rai as the Director of IIM Indore, India, and mentions his advice on choosing U.S. B-schools.

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“
The biggest fallout of this is the uncertainty around the educational policies in the U.S., which will be difficult to mitigate even if there is a reversal of the decision.
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PROF. HIMANSHU RAI
Director, IIM Indore, India,
urges a 'wait and watch' on
choosing U.S. B-schools
amid global uncertainty.

IIMI Impact | The academic block at IIM Indore now shimmers with a fresh touch of modernity!



2 June 2025: As part of our continued commitment to upgrading campus infrastructure, a brand-new LED display has been installed at the main reception, adding vibrance, clarity, and a dynamic way to showcase our Guests of Honour, key updates and achievements.

This vibrant addition was unveiled by our Director, Prof. Himanshu Rai, marking yet another step in enhancing the communication experience within the Institute.

From important announcements to glimpses of our milestones, this LED screen stands as a glowing symbol of progress.

IIMI Impact | Vrooming the eco-friendly way! With three new CNG buses on campus, we are shifting gears toward a safer, smarter, and greener tomorrow.



IIMI Impact | Financial freedom begins with awareness, and we start from home.

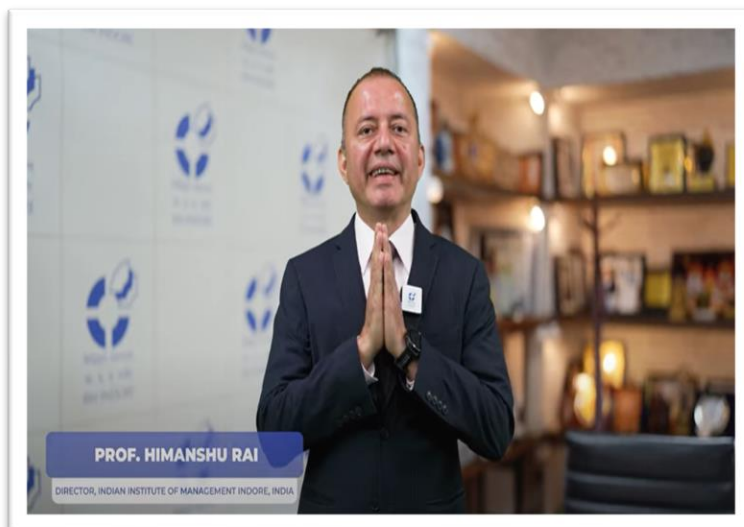
Through IIM Indore's Financial Literacy initiative, the women who support our campus every day are taking charge - opening savings accounts, making digital payments, and planning their future with confidence.

Creating impact, one empowered step at a time.



Announcements

We at IIM Indore look forward to welcoming you to the Eduniversal World Convention 2025 from November 10–13, 2025!



Let's come together in India to exchange ideas, build connections, and shape global management education.

From the heart of Incredible India, we at IIM Indore are thrilled to host the Eduniversal World Convention 2025 (Nov 10-13, 2025). As tradition meets transformation, we welcome the world's brightest minds to our campus to connect, collaborate, and co-create the future of management education.

Watch video for more information: <https://youtu.be/DuCjPmFYjWA?feature=shared>

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 organisations. 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 requirements.

[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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