

## **CALL FOR PAPERS**

### **International Conference on YOUTH FOR IMPACT: SOCIAL INNOVATION & INCLUSIVE LEADERSHIP** Empowering Youth, Transforming Futures



**February 16-18, 2026**

**Indian Institute of Management Indore**  
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**Madhya Pradesh, 453556, India**

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The young generation is a powerful agent of change across the sectors, championing innovation, advocating for equity, and designing solutions to pressing global challenges. This conference provides a platform to celebrate their contributions, understand the structural and cultural barriers they face, and discuss pathways to strengthen youth-led and youth-centred leadership ecosystems. In collaboration with the Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, the Indian Institute of Management Indore proposes the International Conference on Youth for Impact: Social Innovation and Inclusive Leadership.

This conference offers a platform for participants to engage with national and international experts, promoting cross-cultural understanding and knowledge exchange. The initiative aims to equip young participants with the confidence and knowledge necessary to articulate their views at international forums while promoting the exchange of ideas, values, and culture. The conference will establish vital linkages between national and international youth and academic institutions of distinction, creating a network of young leaders who can make meaningful contributions to global discourse in their respective fields.

The three-day International Conference on Youth for Impact: Social Innovation and Inclusive Leadership invites academic scholars, practitioners and youth entrepreneurs to submit original research papers, conceptual articles, case studies, and practice-based insights. This conference aims to explore the transformative role of young people in driving social change, advancing inclusive growth, and shaping leadership models for a sustainable future.

### **OBJECTIVES**

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The primary objectives of this International Conference are:

- To foster dialogue on issues and approaches that empower youth to address social innovation and inclusive leadership at the national and global levels.
- To explore effective methods for enhancing youth participation in governance, entrepreneurship, and community development initiatives.

- To exchange empirical knowledge on building youth capacity, promoting innovation, and enabling confident articulation of ideas on national and international platforms.
- To advance strategies and innovative frameworks that strengthen linkages between youth, academic institutions, and leadership networks globally.
- To create forums encouraging the exchange of ideas, values, and cultures that foster inclusive growth and sustainable impact through youth leadership.

## CONFERENCE THEME

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### Youth for Impact: Social Innovation and Inclusive Leadership

Young people are at the forefront of innovation and social change. This conference focuses on their contributions to inclusive leadership, transformative solutions and innovation, and sustainable development.

## SUB-THEMES

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- Inclusive Leadership and Social Impact
- Social innovation and entrepreneurship
- Health, well-being, and resilience
- Youth as Catalysts: Identity, Equity, and Ethics

## CONFERENCE STRUCTURE ( TENTATIVE)

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The proposed international conference will provide all participants with the opportunity to benefit from keynote addresses, poster presentations, and panel discussions featuring eminent national and international academicians, practitioners, and policymakers. Below are the detailed segments that will address various sub-themes related to the conference.

- **Keynote addresses:** Distinguished national and international speakers and industry leaders will deliver keynote addresses on sub-themes.
- **Panel Discussion Proposals:** Participants will be invited to propose topics for interactive roundtable discussions. This track encourages engaging and thought-provoking discourse among attendees.
- **Research Paper Abstracts:** participants will be invited to submit concise abstracts of their research papers. Submissions in all sub-themes will undergo rigorous review.

- **Poster Submissions:** Participants can submit a 250-word abstract along with a poster summarising their work. This track offers an opportunity for visual presentation and discussion.

The aim of these segments is to diversify and enrich the conference experience, fostering dialogue and generating interest across various formats. Submission guidelines and acceptance criteria will be provided in detail.

## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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Submissions of abstracts/papers/presentations that are empirical (qualitative or quantitative), conceptual, or theoretical in nature will be invited, with a focus on the conference theme and its sub-themes.

**The conference will be open to youth researchers (below 35 years), scholars, and practitioners from India and abroad with thematic expertise.**

To ensure the quality and relevance of the submissions, the submitted abstracts for conference presentations will be checked against the following key parameters:

1. *Relevance to Conference Theme:* Abstracts should align with the conference's main themes and objectives. They must address topics relevant to the conference focus areas.
2. *Clarity and Concise:* Abstracts should be clear, concise, and well-structured, typically not exceeding 300-500 words. They should effectively summarise the research or topic, including the problem statement, methodology, results, and conclusions.
3. *Originality:* Submissions should present original research, findings, or innovative ideas that have not been previously published or presented elsewhere.
4. *Quality of Content:* Abstracts should demonstrate a high standard of academic or professional content, including a thorough understanding of the subject matter and significant contributions to the field.
5. *Objectives and Outcomes:* Abstracts should clearly define the study's objectives and outline the key outcomes or findings. The relevance and potential impact of these outcomes should be evident.
6. *Evidence and Support:* Abstracts should provide evidence or support for the claims or conclusions presented. This might include preliminary data, case studies, or theoretical support.
7. *Presentation Format:* Abstracts should specify the preferred presentation format (oral presentation, poster, panel discussion) if applicable.

8. *Authorship and Affiliations:* Abstracts must include the names, affiliations, and contact details of all authors, ensuring the integrity and transparency of the research.
9. *Compliance with Guidelines:* Submissions must adhere to the conference's specific submission guidelines, including formatting, length, and submission deadlines.
10. *Conflict of Interest Statement:* Abstracts should disclose any potential conflicts of interest to ensure transparency and avoid bias.

## SUBMISSION & CONTACT

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**SUBMIT** your abstract via the QR code given below



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## IMPORTANT DATES

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- Abstract Submission Deadline: December 25, 2025
- Notification of Acceptance: January 20, 2025
- Conference Dates: Feb 16-18, 2026

## PARTICIPATION

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The conference welcomes:

- Students and youth delegates/volunteers
- Researchers and scholars
- Government representatives
- Social entrepreneurs and innovators
- Corporate and community leaders

## PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITIES

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Selected papers will be peer-reviewed and published as part of a formal compendium, with support from the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India. This initiative aims to promote youth-led research, foster academic exchange, and contribute to knowledge building across disciplines.

## ORGANISING COMMITTEE

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*Patron:*

Prof. Himanshu Rai, Director, IIM Indore

*Conference Convenor:*

Prof. Shruti Tewari, Professor & Dean (Research), IIM Indore

*Organising Team:*

Prof. Shivani Sharma, Assistant Professor, IIM Indore

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