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Message from the Director



It gives me great pleasure to connect with you through AlmaMatters, our monthly alumni newsletter.

The alumni of IIM Indore are the Institute's greatest strengths. Across sectors, geographies, and leadership roles, you carry forward the values of excellence, integrity, and innovation that define our Institute beyond borders. You are our most visible brand ambassadors, and your achievements continue to inspire our current students and the wider community.

As the Institute grows and evolves, our bond with our alumni remains central to our journey. We are deeply proud of the impact you are making and grateful for the many ways in which you stay engaged – with your time, expertise, mentorship, and goodwill. Your continued association enriches the academic ecosystem and strengthens IIM Indore's standing globally.

AlmaMatters is yet another step in our effort to nurture a vibrant, lifelong relationship with our alumni. Through this newsletter, we aim to share institutional updates, celebrate alumni milestones, and create opportunities for meaningful engagement and collaboration.

I encourage you to stay connected with your alma mater – your Planet-i, and participate actively in alumni initiatives, and continue to be part of IIM Indore's ongoing story.

Together, let's continue building a future that reflects our shared aspirations and collective pride.

Prof. Himanshu Rai
Director, IIM Indore

Editor's Desk

Dear Alumni,

As we step into 2026, we extend our warmest wishes to every member of the IIM Indore alumni fraternity for a year filled with good health, meaningful achievements, and renewed purpose. The turn of the year offers an opportunity to reflect, reconnect, and recommit—to ourselves, to our professions, and to the institution that continues to shape leaders with values.

The past month has been a testament to IIM Indore's growing national and global footprint. The Institute's continued leadership in the UI GreenMetric World University Rankings 2025, with a significant rise in score, reaffirms our deep-rooted commitment to sustainability, responsible governance, and environmentally conscious growth.

We are equally proud of IIM Indore's expanding role in nation-building and public governance, exemplified by strategic collaborations such as the MoU with Uttar Pradesh Jal Nigam (Rural). These partnerships underscore the Institute's mission to translate academic excellence into real-world impact, strengthening institutions and improving lives.

December 2025 also witnessed vibrant international engagement, from hosting defence officers from friendly nations to launching a Global Leadership Development Programme for Entrepreneurs in collaboration with the Adam Smith Business School, University of Glasgow. Such initiatives reinforce IIM Indore's position as a globally connected, future-ready institution.

We invite you to actively participate in shaping our collective legacy through the [Alumni Awards 2025](#). These awards celebrate excellence, impact, and service, and we encourage you to nominate deserving alumni—or yourself—whose journeys reflect the values and spirit of IIM Indore.

As the Institute continues to foster rigorous research, interdisciplinary dialogue, executive education, and value-based leadership, the role of our alumni becomes ever more critical. Your engagement—through mentoring, collaboration, thought leadership, and participation—strengthens the fabric of this growing global community. We welcome your suggestions on alumnioffice@iimidr.ac.in.

As we begin this new year 2026, let us stay connected, engaged, and inspired, carrying forward the IIM Indore spirit of excellence with humility, integrity, and courage.

Wishing you and your families a very Happy, Purposeful, and Prosperous New Year 2026.

With warm regards,

Manish Popli
Chair, Alumni
IIM Indore

To read earlier editions of the newsletter, please visit <https://www.iimidr.ac.in/alumni/newsletter/>

Stay Connected, Stay Engaged – Register Today!

We invite all our alumni to register on the **Alumni Portal** (<https://alumniportal.iimdr.ac.in/>) and also become a member of the **IIM Indore Alumni Association** (<https://iimdr.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 Talk Series

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://iimdr.ac.in/alumni/alumni-talk-series-wisdom-प्रज्ञा/>

Call for Nominations Alumni Awards 2025



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Inviting Nominations

Categories

- (i) Distinguished Alumni Award
- (ii) Young Alumni Achiever Award
- (iii) Distinguished Contribution to the Alma Mater and Alumni Award
- (iv) Exemplary Public Service Award
- (v) Entrepreneur/Social Entrepreneur of the Year Award
- (vi) Global Impact Award



Last Date to Apply
January 7, 2026



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News from the Campus

Rankings | IIM Indore continues to hold the top position among all IIMs in the UI Green Metric Rankings 2025.



With the overall score increasing from 6010 in 2024 to 6437.5 in 2025, the Institute reinforces its focus on sustainable practices, eco-friendly infrastructure, and green initiatives, demonstrating that sustainability is at the heart of campus life.

IIM Indore is committed to nation-building by leveraging academic excellence, research, and capacity-building to strengthen public governance.

14 December 2025: Continuing with our mission, we have joined hands with Uttar Pradesh Jal Nigam (Rural) (UPJN(R)) to strengthen governance and innovation in the water and sanitation sector.

The MoU was signed by Prof. Himanshu Rai, Director, IIM Indore, and Dr. Rajshekhar, IAS, Managing Director, UPJN(R), formalizing this collaboration.

Through this partnership, IIM Indore will bring its academic excellence, research expertise, and capacity-building capabilities to support UPJN(R) in driving technology-driven solutions, enhancing service delivery, and fostering sustainable, citizen-focused initiatives. Together, the two institutions aim to enable smarter governance, stronger institutions, and long-term impact for rural communities across Uttar Pradesh.



At IIM Indore, we take great pride in welcoming defence officers from friendly nations and promoting meaningful international exchanges.

10 December 2025: We were delighted to host officers from Tanzania, Eswatini, and Kazakhstan on December 9, 2025.

The officers got an opportunity to interact with our Director Prof. Himanshu Rai, who welcomed them to India and highlighted the strong bonds of friendship and cooperation between our countries.

They also interacted with Col. Dr. Gururaj Pamidi (Veteran), Chief Officer - Administration, who briefed them on IIM Indore's sustainability initiatives, administrative excellence, and vibrant campus ecosystem.



Prof. Punyashlok Dwibedy, Chair – Industry Interface Office, who highlighted IIM Indore's academic and executive programmes, including specially curated offerings for defence personnel.

The engagement offered a valuable platform for professional dialogue, strengthened cross-cultural understanding, and reinforced the bonds of friendship and collaboration between our nations, leaving a lasting impression on both the delegates and the institute.

Executive Education | IIM Indore hosted the valedictory ceremony of the Management Development Programme for Indore Management Association, marking the successful completion of a purposeful learning journey in leadership and entrepreneurship.



1 December 2025: The ceremony was graced by our Director, Prof. Himanshu Rai, who shared three key lessons for entrepreneurs—know your true self and keep improving continuously; seek responsibility and take ownership of your actions and your people; and use your full potential by combining capability with self-motivation.

He illustrated each principle through inspiring stories from the Mahabharata, connecting timeless wisdom to contemporary business challenges.

Programme Coordinator, Prof. Punyashlok Dwibedy, congratulated the participants and appreciated their enthusiasm and commitment to applying learning in their professional roles.

We extend our warm congratulations to the cohort as they join the IIM Indore Executive Education Alumni community, and we look forward to the leadership they will demonstrate ahead.

Executive Education | IIM Indore and the Adam Smith Business School (University of Glasgow), UK, join forces to launch the inaugural Global Leadership Development Programme for Entrepreneurs.



16 December 2025: Designed for visionary founders, this nine-month journey blends global strategy, innovation, and digital-first leadership to equip entrepreneurs for international growth.

Speaking on the launch, Prof. Himanshu Rai, Director, IIM Indore, emphasized the programme's aim to build purpose-led, globally competitive enterprises while sharpening strategic judgement and resilience.

Participants will gain insights into navigating complex business environments, scaling ventures, and embracing leadership that transcends borders - truly a platform for shaping the next generation of global entrepreneurial leaders. [Read More](#)

Research Seminar | What global challenges shape Information Systems and IT projects, and how can researchers navigate them to publish in top-tier journals?



18 December 2025: To explore these critical questions, IIM Indore had the pleasure of hosting Prof. Prashant Palvia, Emeritus Professor and Past Joe Rosenthal Excellence Professor at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, USA, for a research talk, under the IIM Indore Seminar Series on December 17, 2025.

His talk, titled “The World IT Project: Global IS/IT Issues Unraveled (and Publishing in High Quality Journals),” offered invaluable insights into global IT project dynamics, research challenges, and strategies for impactful publication in high-quality journals. The session was coordinated by Prof. Rajhans

Mishra, Faculty in the Information Systems area at IIM Indore. At IIM Indore, we continue to contribute to knowledge-sharing and global academic dialogue through our Seminar Series.

Research Seminar | How have global intellectual traditions shaped the evolution of management thought in India? And how do ideas travel, adapt, and take root across contexts?

24 December 2025: To explore these intriguing questions, IIM Indore had the pleasure of hosting Prof. Nidhi Srinivas, Professor of Management at The New School, New York City, USA, for a research talk, under the IIM Indore Seminar Series on December 19, 2025.

His talk, titled “Gramsci Travels: An Intellectual History of Management Studies in India,” offered a rich and reflective examination of how critical theory and global ideas have influenced management scholarship in the Indian context.

The session was coordinated by Prof. Srinath Jagannathan, Faculty in the Organizational Behaviour & HRM area at IIM Indore, and chaired by Prof. Nimmagadda Bhargav, Faculty in the Communication area at IIM Indore. At IIM Indore, we continue to nurture interdisciplinary conversations that deepen academic inquiry and broaden perspectives through the Research Seminar Series.



Research Seminar | Why do we instinctively favor “us” over “them”? How deeply does ingroup bias shape everyday social behavior?



24 December 2025: To examine these compelling questions, IIM Indore hosted Prof. Ark Verma, Associate Professor, Department of Cognitive Science, Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, for a research talk under the IIM Indore Seminar Series on December 22, 2025.

His talk, titled “Us versus Them: Evidence for Pervasive Ingroup Bias in Social Behavior,” presented insightful evidence on how cognitive processes influence social interactions and group dynamics. The session was coordinated by Prof. Shruti Tewari, Faculty in the Humanities & Social Science area.

At IIM Indore, we remain committed to fostering thoughtful academic dialogue that bridges cognitive science and social understanding through the Research Seminar Series.

Research Seminar | Does the way a discount is framed in time change how consumers perceive its value? And can timing influence consumption decisions more than the price itself?

To explore these intriguing questions, IIM Indore had the pleasure of hosting Prof. Subhash Jha, Associate Professor of Marketing and George Johnson Research Fellow in Marketing at the Fogelman College of Business & Economics, University of Memphis, for a research talk under the IIM Indore Seminar Series on December 24, 2025.

His talk, titled “Temporal Framing of Price Promotions: Effects on Consumer Perceptions of Deal Transience and Consumption Judgments,” offered valuable insights into how promotional timing shapes consumer psychology and decision-making.



The session was coordinated by Prof. Sanjeev Tripathi, Faculty in the Marketing area at IIM Indore. At IIM Indore, we continue to encourage rigorous research conversations that deepen understanding of markets, consumers, and managerial decision-making through the Seminar Series.

Research Seminar | How does corporate climate risk shape real shifts toward renewable energy?



To explore this timely question, IIM Indore had the pleasure of hosting Prof. Neelam Rani, Associate Professor in the Finance & Control Area, Indian Institute of Management, Shillong, for a research talk under the IIM Indore Seminar Series on December 05, 2025.

Her talk, titled “The Impact of Corporate Climate Change Exposure and ESG Media Coverage on Renewable Energy Consumption,” offered valuable insights at the intersection of sustainability, finance, and corporate behavior.

The session was coordinated by Prof. Keyur Thaker Thaker, Faculty in the Finance & Accounting area at IIM Indore. At IIM Indore, we remain committed to fostering impactful research conversations that advance knowledge and inspire responsible decision-making.

Research Seminar | Does the language we speak shape the quality of audits? Can shared linguistic backgrounds subtly influence professional judgments and outcomes?

9 December 2025: To explore these fascinating intersections of language and financial reporting, IIM Indore had the pleasure of hosting Prof. Siddharth M Purohit, Assistant Professor in Accountancy, College of Business, University College Dublin, Ireland, for a research talk under the IIM Indore Seminar Series on December 09, 2025.

His talk, titled “Words that Bind: The Relation Between Language Homophily Between Audit Partner and Client Executives and Audit Outcomes,” offered unique insights into how linguistic similarity can impact trust, communication, and ultimately, audit quality. The session was coordinated by Prof. Surya Bhushan Kumar, Faculty in the Finance & Accounting area at IIM Indore. At IIM Indore, we continue to foster meaningful academic dialogues that deepen understanding and broaden perspectives across disciplines.



JCBR | Volume 1, Issue 2 (December 2025) of the Journal of Contemporary Business Research (JCBR) is now available online!

22 December 2025 : This issue continues to bring cutting-edge insights from leading scholars and practitioners, covering diverse areas such as strategy, marketing, finance, human resources, public policy, and more. JCBR is designed for researchers, practitioners, and policymakers seeking evidence-based perspectives and in-depth analyses of contemporary business challenges.

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Celebrating the timeless legacy of Gita Jayanti at IIM Indore, our community came together once again in the Spiritual Garden to immerse in the sacred verses of Chapter 12 - Bhakti Yoga, the path of devotion and inner strength.



1 December 2025: Under the inspirational leadership of Prof. Himanshu Rai, Director, IIM Indore, the gathering reflected deeply on the essence of Dharmic leadership, conscious decision-making, and the pursuit of excellence rooted in integrity and compassion.

Mr. Pravesh Vaishnav enriched the occasion with reflections that bridged ancient wisdom and modern relevance.

The celebration reaffirmed our collective commitment to build leaders who rise with purpose, serve with humility, and act with courage, guided always by the eternal light of the Gita. May its message continue to illuminate minds, strengthen resolve, and inspire transformation.

Madhya Pradesh's first Gen Z Post Office was inaugurated at IIM Indore today by our Director, Prof. Himanshu Rai.

20 December 2025: This café-style, digital-first space is designed to make India Post's services more accessible and relevant for young users. From savings schemes and IPPB banking services to insurance products and postal services, everything is available through simple digital platforms in a relaxed, student-friendly setting.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Rai highlighted the 150-year legacy of India Post, its long-standing association with IIM Indore, and the nostalgia evoked by songs like "Daakiya Daak Laya" and "Chitthi Aayi Hai Watan Se", which reflect the emotional bond between the Postal Service and generations of Indians. He also emphasized India Post's ability to evolve with the needs of the next generation. Ms. Preeti Agrawal, Postmaster General of the Indore Region, and other senior officials from India Post were also present on this occasion. The initiative brings trusted public services closer to campus life, offering simple, seamless, and future-ready solutions.



कार्यशाला | आईआईएम इंदौर में राजभाषा हिंदी के प्रभावी उपयोग को बढ़ावा देना संस्थान की प्रमुख प्राथमिकताओं में से एक है।



23 December 2025: इसी उद्देश्य के साथ संस्थान में "राजभाषा के कार्यान्वयन में आने वाली कठिनाइयाँ एवं उनके समाधान" विषय पर हिंदी कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया गया। अतिथि वक्ता कवयित्री एवं लेखिका डॉ. आरती वर्मा मुक्ति ने कार्यशाला को संबोधित किया तथा राजभाषा के कार्यान्वयन में आने वाली व्यावहारिक चुनौतियों और उनके समाधान पर उपयोगी विचार साझा किए।

इस अवसर पर मुख्य अधिकारी :प्रशासन कर्नल (डॉ) गुरुराज गोपीनाथ पामिडी सेवानिवृत्त ने प्रतिभागियों को संबोधित करते हुए आधिकारिक कार्यों में हिंदी के प्रभावी कार्यान्वयन हेतु अनुशासन, स्पष्टता एवं

निरंतरता के महत्व पर प्रकाश डाला। कार्यशाला में समुदाय सदस्यों की उत्साहपूर्ण सहभागिता रही, जो प्रशासनिक एवं शैक्षणिक प्रक्रियाओं में हिंदी के प्रभावी उपयोग को सुदृढ़ करने की दिशा में आईआईएम इंदौर की प्रतिबद्धता को दर्शाती है।

At IIM Indore, we prepare our students for a world that's constantly evolving.

By combining technology, creativity, and emotional intelligence with rigorous academics, we nurture leaders who can navigate complexity with confidence.

How? Read Prof. Himanshu Rai's exclusive interview in [Business Today](#)



What propels IIM Indore into the elite 5 Palmes of Excellence category?

A powerful combination of innovation, global engagement, and a consistently rising academic and research profile.

Read Prof. Himanshu Rai's views in [Poets & Quants](#).

Chai With Director Rai | Watch our Director Prof. Himanshu Rai, sit down with Dr. Belgin Okay-Somerville, Senior Lecturer at the Adam Smith Business School, University of Glasgow, for a deep and engaging conversation on youth careers, wellbeing, and life's transitions.

Watch the full episode [here](#)



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.

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