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Director's message on the 50th edition of the Alumni Newsletter, "Alma Matters."



Our alumni are the living legacy of IIM Indore, as they are the leaders, innovators, and change-makers who carry the Institute's values into the world every day. Their journeys, achievements, and continued association are a constant source of pride and inspiration for the entire IIM Indore community.

As our Alumni Newsletter Alma Matters reaches its 50th edition, we celebrate the strong and enduring bond that connects our alumni with their alma mater. Over the years, this newsletter has become a meaningful platform to share stories, celebrate milestones, and stay connected as one growing fraternity.

Our alumni accomplishments reinforce IIM Indore's presence across industries and geographies, and their engagement strengthens our academic and institutional ecosystem.

We are proud of the many ways our alumni contribute to nation-building and to the institute.

This milestone edition reaffirms our commitment to nurturing lifelong relationships with our alumni. We look forward to their continued association as we write the next chapters of IIM Indore's journey together.

Prof. Himanshu Rai
Director, IIM Indore

Editor's Desk

Dear Alumni,

As we present the February 2026 edition of AlmaMatters, we do so with a deep sense of pride and gratitude—this issue marks the 50th edition of our alumni newsletter. This milestone is a celebration not merely of continuity, but of the enduring bond between IIM Indore and its alumni, a relationship that has grown richer with every passing year.

Over the course of fifty editions, AlmaMatters has evolved into a meaningful platform that connects alumni across geographies, generations, and professional journeys, while preserving the shared values and spirit that define our alma mater. It has chronicled stories of achievement, engagement, and transformation, reflecting the collective journey of the IIM Indore community.

This edition once again captures the vibrancy of alumni engagement across multiple dimensions. From intellectually stimulating sessions under the Alumni Talk Series “Wisdom (प्रज्ञा)” to energetic alumni meet-ups in Delhi, Mumbai, and Bengaluru, the strength of our alumni network is evident in its commitment to reconnect, reflect, and contribute. These interactions not only rekindle bonds but also create new avenues for collaboration, mentorship, and collective learning.

We are equally proud to celebrate the accomplishments of our alumni who continue to make a meaningful impact across industries, academia, and society at large. Their achievements reinforce IIM Indore’s standing as an institution that nurtures responsible leaders, critical thinkers, and change-makers.

The campus, meanwhile, remains a hub of energy and ideas—marked by academic excellence, research rigor, executive education milestones, and a deep commitment to ethics, sustainability, and holistic development. These updates reflect an institution that continues to evolve while remaining firmly anchored in its core purpose.

As AlmaMatters completes fifty editions, we reaffirm our commitment to nurturing a vibrant, lifelong relationship with our alumni. We invite you to stay engaged, share your journeys, and participate actively in alumni initiatives. Your continued association strengthens not only the alumni network but also the larger IIM Indore ecosystem.

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.iimidr.ac.in/>) and also become a member of the **IIM Indore Alumni Association** (<https://iimidr.ac.in/alumni/iimaaa-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://iimidr.ac.in/alumni/alumni-talk-series-wisdom-प्रज्ञा/>

Latest "Wisdom" (प्रज्ञा) Alumni Talks:

Alumni Talk No. 54



Speaker:

Nishant Prabhakar

Alumni: PGP Batch 2013-2015

Author of the recently launched book Capital in the Shadows.

Topic: "Private Equity: Capital, Control, and Value Creation"

Date and time of the talk:

Sunday, January 11, 2026, at 2:00 pm (IST)

Link to the recorded version of the talk:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v4Qxbg1ZqM4>

Alumni Talk No. 55

Speaker:

Sujay Kamath

Alumni: PGP Batch 2003-2005

Managing Director at Ambit Capital Institutional Equities

Topic: "How to Critically Think and Connect the Dots in Macroeconomics and Finance"

Date and time of the talk:

Saturday, January 17, 2026, at 4:00 pm (IST)

Link to the recorded version of the talk:

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



Alumni Talk No. 56

Speaker:

Chanakya Joshi

Alumni: EPGP Batch 2010-2011

Founder and Director Content Funnels Technologies Pvt. Ltd.

Topic: "Digital Marketing: The Scale, Scope and Future"

Date and time of the talk:

Saturday, January 24, 2026, at 4:00 pm (IST)

Link to the recorded version of the talk:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aU7S417C17g>



Alumni Talk No. 57

Speaker:

Deksha Gupta

Alumni: IPM Batch 2015-2020

General Manager, Lush Hair Nigeria

Topic: "Growing into Product Leadership Before 30"

Date and time of the talk:

Sunday, January 25, 2026, at 4:00 pm (IST)

Link to the recorded version of the talk:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BdU_M_U5dow



Alumni Achievement



We congratulate Amit Nigam, PGP alumnus of IIM Indore, on his appointment as Deputy Chief Investment Officer at ASK Investment Managers, part of the Blackstone-backed ASK Asset & Wealth Management Group.

With over two decades of experience across portfolio management and equity research at leading global and domestic asset management firms, Amit brings deep market insight and a strong research-driven approach to his new role.

We are proud to see our alumnus take on a key leadership position and wish him continued success in shaping long-term value for investors.

We are delighted to celebrate the achievement of Nishant Prabhakar (PGP Batch 2013–2015) on the launch of his book, *Capital in the Shadows*.

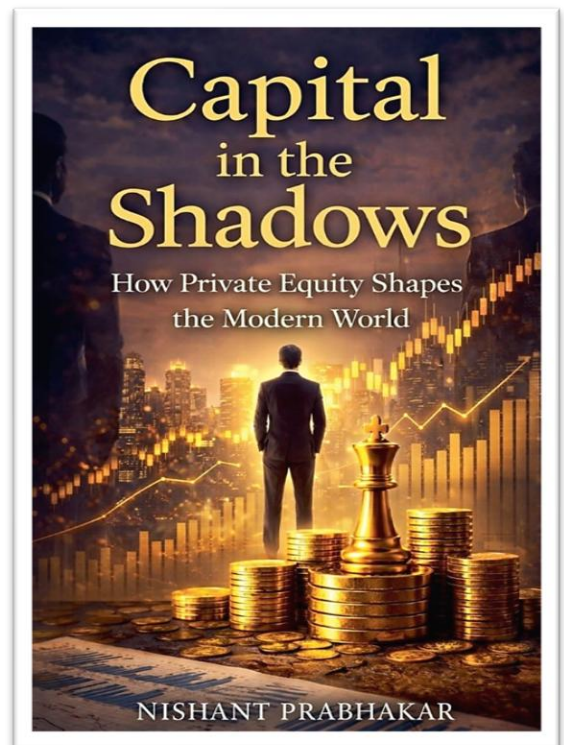
In this thought-provoking work, Nishant explores the lesser-seen forces that shape capital, power, and decision-making in modern economies. Drawing on deep research and practical insights, the book sheds light on how informal systems, hidden incentives, and unseen networks influence financial outcomes—offering readers a fresh perspective beyond conventional narratives.

Capital in the Shadows is a must-read for professionals, entrepreneurs, and anyone curious about the real dynamics behind capital flows.

Read more:

<https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/capital-in-the-shadows-nishant-prabhakar/1149045181>

Congratulations to Nishant on this remarkable milestone!



Alumni Meet – Delhi



17-Jan-2026: The New Year Alumni Meet-up of the IIM Indore Alumni Community in Delhi was a meaningful and memorable evening, hosted by the Indian Institute of Management Indore Alumni Association – Delhi NCR Chapter. The gathering was marked by engaging conversations, insightful learning, and the joy of reconnecting with fellow alumni.

The Chapter extends its sincere gratitude to *Shorthills.AI*, the venture founded by an alumnus, for graciously hosting the event. Alumni found it inspiring to learn about how

the Shorthills.AI team is developing cutting-edge artificial intelligence solutions that drive smarter decision-making, automation, and tangible business impact across industries.

The evening featured a distinguished panel comprising Rahul Razdan (PGP 2000), Paramdeep Singh (PGP 2005, Co-founder, Shorthills.AI), Pawan Prabhat (PGP 2005, Co-founder, Shorthills.AI), and Tarun Minocha (EPGP 2012). Their engaging discussion on artificial intelligence, leadership, and the evolving role of managers, enriched by real-world experiences, added depth and perspective to the dialogue.

A special mention is due to Shaunak (PGP 2014) for thoughtfully curating the mementos presented to the panelists. The customized gifts from *Samatva Sanctum*, a holistic well-being venture founded by Shaunak's spouse, added a warm and personal touch to the evening. In the spirit of the New Year, the Delhi NCR Chapter was also delighted to present return gifts to all attending alumni as a gesture of goodwill.

Above all, the Chapter thanks all alumni who participated and contributed to making the evening truly special. A special acknowledgement goes to Pravin Shekar from the Chennai alumni community for joining the meet despite a demanding travel schedule. The event served as a strong reminder of the vibrancy and strength of the IIM Indore alumni network and the value of coming together to learn, reflect, and celebrate shared journeys. Congratulations to Vikash, Ashish and all the organizers.



Alumni Meet – Mumbai

18-Jan-2026: The IIM Indore Alumni Association – Mumbai Chapter hosted a memorable alumni meet-up marked by lively conversations, renewed connections, and the unmistakable spirit of IIM Indore.



The Chapter expresses its deep appreciation to the alumni community for their enthusiastic participation. With representation spanning batches and programmes from 2006 to 2025, including several first-time attendees, the gathering reflected the diversity and growing strength of the alumni network.

A special mention goes to Vishal Vasudeva from the Delhi alumni community for joining the meet, and to Mayur Jadhav of the Pune Chapter for travelling from Pune to be part of the gathering—both of whom added significant value to the event.

The success of the meet-up was made possible by the creativity and dedication of the organising team led by Mrinal and Srishti and supported by Ishita and Ritu who worked tirelessly behind the scenes, ensuring that every detail was meticulously planned and seamlessly executed.

Alumni Meet – Bengaluru

21-Jan-2026: The Bengaluru Alumni Meet-up was a vibrant and memorable afternoon, distinguished by the enthusiastic participation of alumni and their families. The event brought the IIM Indore spirit alive through meaningful conversations and genuine connections.

With representation across batches and programmes from 2006 to 2025, including several first-time attendees, the gathering reflected a strong sense of inclusivity and community. A special acknowledgement is extended to Ajay Prasad from the Delhi alumni community for taking the time to join the Bengaluru meet.

The Chapter also expressed heartfelt thanks to its consistent pillars of support—Deepak, Avijit, Vishwanathan, Chetan, and Prashant—whose continued involvement strengthens every Bengaluru Chapter initiative.



Adding to the energy of the afternoon were the Chapter's sports achievers, who proudly showcased their well-earned trophies. Ashwani, Chetan, Devesh, Pankhuri, Prakash, Madhu, Aditi, Gaurav, Shubham, Akash, along with over 50 enthusiastic participants, made the Chapter proud, even if a few sore muscles followed the celebrations.

The event would not have been possible without the exceptional efforts of the volunteer team. Ipsita was instrumental in identifying a beautiful venue, Joseph brought enthusiasm and fun through the much-loved Human Bingo activity, and Shreyas captured the moments beautifully as the in-house photographer.

The Bengaluru Chapter continues to thrive on the collective energy, passion, and camaraderie of its alumni, and looks forward to many more such engaging and joyful gatherings in the future. Kudos to Shagun, Ashwani and all the enthusiastic organizers for this wonderful meet-up.

News from the Campus

IIMI News | Our DPM scholar Yashika Shukla's journey shows how IIM Indore empowers its students to think beyond borders.

9 January 2026: Through the Global Business School Network scholarship, she pursued PhD-level courses at the University of St. Gallen, Switzerland, supported by IIM Indore's travel grants and exchange fellowships. The experience enriched her research, expanded her global academic network, and shaped her future in academia.

Read her experience [here](#):



New Batch | A journey of growth, reflection, and transformation begins at IIM Indore with the inauguration of the 24th batch of our Weekend MBA - the Post Graduate Programme for Working Executives in Mumbai (PGPMX) at the Mumbai Campus.



10 January 2026: The batch was inaugurated by our Director, Prof. Himanshu Rai, who inspired the cohort to learn with an open heart and mind, lead with authenticity, compassion, and courage, embrace sustainability, and let go of fear and self-limiting beliefs.

Prof. Mit Vachhrajani, Chair – PGPMX, highlighted the programme's strong career impact. He mentioned that with participant-centred learning and rich peer engagement, PGPMX continues to empower working professionals to grow,

lead, and create meaningful impact. PGPMX is ranked No. 1 in India for Career Progression and 13th globally in the Financial Times Top 100 Executive MBA Rankings.

Want to pursue an MBA while continuing with your job? Explore the details of PGPMX [here](#)

Research Seminar | How do researchers move from powerful ideas to meaningful measurement? What makes research truly impactful and relevant?



1 January 2026: To explore these essential questions, IIM Indore had the pleasure of hosting Prof. Israr Qureshi, Professor of Social Entrepreneurship and Digital Development at Queen's Business School, Queen's University Belfast, for a research talk under the IIM Indore Seminar Series on December 31, 2025.

His talk, titled "From Ideas to Measurement: How to Identify, Conceptualize, and Measure Meaningful Research," offered valuable guidance on building rigorous, impactful research grounded in strong conceptualization and thoughtful measurement.

The session was coordinated by Prof. Manish Popli, Faculty in the Strategic Management area at IIM Indore. At IIM Indore, we continue to nurture a vibrant research culture by facilitating conversations that inspire clarity, rigor, and purpose through the Research Seminar Series.

Research Seminar | What does it truly mean to conduct ethical research—not just in intent, but in design, process, and execution?

4 January 2026: These questions anchored a thought-provoking session at IIM Indore, which hosted Prof. Arup Varma, Professor of Management and Frank W. Conside Chair in Applied Ethics at the Quinlan School of Business, Loyola University Chicago, under the IIM Indore Seminar Series.

In his talk, "From Conception to Execution: A Scientific Model of Ethical Research," Prof. Varma unpacked a structured approach to embedding ethics at every stage of the research journey, offering participants a principled yet practical lens to academic inquiry.



The session was coordinated by Prof. Shruti Tewari and chaired by Prof. Shrihari Sohani. Such conversations reinforce IIM Indore's commitment to responsible scholarship and thoughtful knowledge creation.

Research Seminar | In an era of constant disruptions, how can technology help supply chains stay resilient and responsive?



7 January 2026: Addressing this timely challenge, IIM Indore hosted Prof. Sourav Sengupta, Assistant Professor of Operations and Sustainable Systems and Programme Director for the Masters in Operations and

Supply Chain Management at Trinity Business School, Trinity College Dublin, for a research talk under the IIM Indore Seminar Series on January 06, 2026. His talk, titled “Technology-aided Supply Chain Planning for Resilience,” highlighted how digital tools and advanced planning approaches can strengthen supply chains against uncertainty and shocks.

The session was coordinated by Prof. Tanmoy Kundu, Faculty in the Operations Management & Quantitative Techniques area at IIM Indore, and prompted insightful discussions on building robust and future-ready supply chains. Through such sessions, IIM Indore continues to facilitate conversations that bridge research, technology, and real-world managerial challenges.

Research Seminar | As organizations worldwide move toward sustainability, how can supply chains evolve from traditional models to truly net-zero systems?

8 January 2026: Exploring this critical transition, IIM Indore had the pleasure of hosting Prof. Kannan Govindan, Chair Professor and Director of the Center for Sustainable Operations and Resilient Supply Chains (CSORSC) at the Institute for Sustainability, Energy and Resources (ISER) and Adelaide Business School (ABS), University of Adelaide, Australia, for a research talk under the IIM Indore Seminar Series on January 07, 2026.

His talk, titled “Transition from Traditional to Net Zero Supply Chains,” offered valuable insights into sustainable operations, resilience, and the pathways organizations can adopt to meet global climate goals. The session was coordinated by Prof. Bhavin J. Shah, Faculty in the Operations Management & Quantitative Techniques area at IIM Indore. Through such research conversations, IIM Indore continues to promote forward-looking dialogue on sustainability, innovation, and responsible operations management.



Research Seminar | Can a leader's body language influence how they are perceived, and even how they are compensated?



17 January 2026: Delving into this intriguing dimension of leadership, IIM Indore hosted Prof. Mukesh Garg, Associate Professor at Monash University, Australia, for a research talk under the IIM Indore Seminar Series on January 16, 2026.

His talk, titled "The Silent Signals of Leadership: CEO Body Language Style and Its Effect on Compensation Outcomes," examined how non-verbal cues at the top of organizations can shape perceptions, decision-making, and executive pay outcomes.

The session was coordinated by Prof. Surya Bhushan Kumar, Faculty in the Finance & Accounting area at IIM Indore.

Through such thought-provoking discussions, IIM Indore continues to encourage deeper inquiry into leadership, behavior, and organizational outcomes.

What does it really take to publish in high-impact journals? And how do editors evaluate research that stands out in a competitive global academic landscape?

Bringing valuable editorial insights to the academic community, IIM Indore hosted Prof. Ajay K. Manrai, Professor Emeritus of Marketing at the Alfred Lerner College of Business and Economics, University of Delaware, USA, for a research talk under the IIM Indore Seminar Series on January 28, 2026.

His talk, titled "Crafting Excellence: Tips from the Editors of the Journal of Global Marketing for Publishing in High-Impact Journals," offered practical guidance on strengthening research design, positioning contributions, and navigating the review process for top-tier publications.

The session was coordinated by Prof. Bipul Kumar, Faculty in the Marketing area at IIM Indore.



Through such sessions, IIM Indore continues to support researchers in advancing high-quality, globally relevant scholarship.

Executive Education | Congratulations to the graduating participant's of IIM Indore's General Management Programme for Executives in Dubai (GMPe Batch 20 and 21) and the Global Advanced Management Programme:

24 January 2026: The Emerging Technology Context (GAMP Batch 03), for marking the successful completion of their programmes.



During the ceremony, Prof. Himanshu Rai, Director, IIM Indore, awarded certificates to the participants and congratulated them on their achievement. He encouraged the cohort to overcome fear and doubt by defining their purpose, persevering through challenges, and staying grounded through both success and failure.

The ceremony was attended by Prof. Manish Popli, Programme Coordinator, Dr. Mahesh Chotrani, Founder

Director, Anisuma Training Institute, and Mr. Manohar Punjabi, Director, Anisuma Training Institute, who congratulated the participants and appreciated their commitment to learning and professional growth.

We congratulate all participants on this milestone and wish them continued success as they apply their learning across global and organizational contexts.

Exploring the Art and Science of Negotiation at IIM Indore

22 January 2026: Prof. Himanshu Rai had the opportunity to spend two intensive and enriching days with the GMPe 20 – GCC batch at IIM Indore, engaging deeply with the art and science of negotiation.

He noted the depth and breadth of discussions, which covered themes such as interests versus positions, power and ethics, patience and timing, and the quiet strength of listening. Negotiation, he emphasized, is not about winning an argument, but about creating outcomes that are sustainable and relationships that endure.

Prof. Rai expressed his appreciation for the curious and committed cohort, whose experience, humility, and thoughtful engagement contributed meaningfully to every discussion, and for the warmth and respect they extended throughout the programme.



Strategic Leadership for Responsible and Sustainable Impact



31 January 2026: Strategic leadership is a critical capability in today's complex and multi-stakeholder business environment. At IIM Indore, executive education experiences continue to be designed to blend conceptual depth with practical application.

Prof. Himanshu Rai conducted a power-packed session on Strategic Leadership for the participants of the Advanced Programme in CSR and Sustainable Strategic Leadership. The session focused on honing relevant personality traits, adopting context-specific leadership styles, and cultivating learning

behaviors that support ethical decision-making. Prof. Rai shared that he was truly overwhelmed by the warmth and engagement of the participants, and deeply encouraged by their enthusiasm, thoughtful insights, and strong commitment to applying these learnings in their professional journeys.

Congratulations to Anu Nandal (DPM 2022, SM Area) and Prof. Shubhabrata Basu (SM Area) for winning the Best Conference Paper Award at the INDAM 2026 Conference, held at Symbiosis Institute of Business Management.

13 January 2026: Their award-winning research, "Ideological Imprinting, Pluralistic Ignorance and Ecosystem Degradation: A Study of the Dairy Cooperative in India," offers deep insights into cooperative structures, stakeholder cognition, and performance dynamics in competitive environments.



Heartiest congratulations to Kaustubh Ghanekar (DPM 2023, SM Area) for securing the Runners Up – Best Conference Paper Award at the INDAM 2026 Conference held at Symbiosis Institute of Business Management, Pune on January 07-10, 2026.



13 January 2026: His paper, "AI Adoption, Absorptive Capacity, and Firm Performance in a Post-COVID World," advances understanding of how firms adopt AI, differentiate substance from signaling, and link technology adoption to performance outcomes.

We are proud to see our doctoral scholars contributing rigorous, relevant research to contemporary management discourse.

Congratulations to Prof. Punyashlok Dwibedy and Prof. Swati Ghulyani on their co-authored paper, "The Gendered Face of Employee Well-Being:

Employer-sponsored Childcare in New Ventures and Incumbents," receiving the Best Paper on Methodology Award at the Academy of International Business MENA (AIB MENA 2025) Conference held at the University of Wollongong, Dubai, from 15–17 December 2025.

We are proud to celebrate this recognition of rigorous and impactful research conducted by our faculty.



We are proud to share that our student team “Swaggers,” comprising of Raghav Tripathi (IPM 5), Aaradhya Shrivastava (IPM 5), Deepika Jain (PGP 2), and Namya Jindal (PGP 2), secured 1st Runners-Up at Swiggy’s National Case Competition – Swiggy Food for Thought Challenge.



24 January 2026: Competing at a national level against leading institutions across the country, the team impressed the jury with their innovative vision, strategic depth, and creative problem-solving, earning high commendation for their case presentation.

Congratulations to Team Swaggers for this remarkable achievement and for bringing pride and recognition to our institute.

Workshop | In line with the Institute’s commitment to responsible digital transformation and the ethical use of emerging technologies, a training session on “Safe and Trusted AI” was organised at IIM Indore.

7 January 2026: The workshop aimed to create awareness about AI safety, trust, governance, data privacy, and responsible use of AI-enabled tools in academic and administrative functions.

The session was conducted by Prof. Prabin Kumar Panigarhi, Dean (Programmes). The session reinforced the Institute’s perspective that AI is an enabler of tasks, not a replacement for jobs, with human judgement remaining central to decision-making.

The session witnessed active participation from staff members, reflecting IIM Indore’s continued commitment to leveraging technology responsibly, reaffirming that AI is meant to support tasks, while human expertise and judgement remain at the core of institutional operations.



IIM Indore New Year Celebrations

3 January 2026: A wonderful New Year celebration at IIM Indore, where staff members came together in the true spirit of unity and joy. Inspired by the leadership and vision of our Director, Prof. Himanshu Rai, the campus reflected a strong sense of togetherness, purpose, and shared commitment. Here's to collaboration, gratitude, and a year of collective growth ahead.



Celebrating Knowledge and India's Linguistic Heritage on Basant Panchami



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अविद्यया मृत्युं तीर्त्वा विद्ययाऽमृतमश्नुते ॥

23 Jan 2026: He who knows both - the Knowledge and the Ignorance, by the Ignorance crosses beyond death; and by the Knowledge enjoys Immortality.

On the auspicious occasion of Basant Panchami, a day that celebrates the pursuit of knowledge and learning, we at IIM Indore shared the joy of books with participants of our Indian languages initiatives.

Prof. Himanshu Rai distributed books to participants in our Sanskrit and Kannada language workshops, reflecting our continued commitment to nurturing intellectual curiosity while strengthening connections to India's rich linguistic traditions.

As we invoked the blessings of learning on this sacred day, may our collective journey be guided by wisdom, curiosity, and a deep respect for our cultural heritage.

Inauguration of Parijaat Upwan at IIM Indore: Where Learning Blossoms in Harmony with Nature

24 January 2026: Like the sacred Parijaat that blooms in silence yet carries divine fragrance, knowledge too flowers when rooted in humility and purpose.

On the auspicious occasion of Vasant Panchami, a celebration of learning, wisdom, and new beginnings, Prof. Himanshu Rai inaugurated Parijaat Upwan at IIM Indore. The garden reflects the institute's deep devotion to nurturing not only academic excellence, but also values, sustainability, and inner growth.



As Parijaat is believed to bridge the earthly and the divine, may this space inspire reflection, balance, and conscious leadership—where ideas grow responsibly and learning remains forever in harmony with nature.

The day buzzed with excitement as the IIM Indore Cricket Championship Trophy 2026 was officially inaugurated on campus by our Director, Prof. Himanshu Rai.

25 January 2026: Prof. Rai expressed his delight at the scale of participation and highlighted how cricket goes beyond the scoreboard, teaching patience, discipline, respect for rules, and the importance of placing the team above the individual. He emphasized how the game builds leadership, resilience, and the ability to perform under pressure.



Chief Officer (Administration) Col. Dr. Gururaj Pamidi (Veteran) added that cricket fosters perseverance, teamwork, and a sense of collective purpose, bringing the entire campus together through the spirit of the game.

The tournament, in the coming weeks, will witness enthusiastic participation from numerous teams. With energy high and the

pitch set, the IIM Indore Cricket Championship Trophy 2026 promises thrilling contests, memorable moments, and a shared journey of growth, sportsmanship, and campus camaraderie in the days ahead.

Republic Day | In an atmosphere filled with pride, purpose, and patriotism, we celebrated the 77th Republic Day as the Tricolour rose against the morning sky.



26 January 2026: Prof. Himanshu Rai, Director, IIM Indore, unfurled the flag and reminded us that a republic is sustained not only by rights, but by Dharma: right conduct, responsibility, and character.

Students, faculty, and staff came together as one community, reflecting the quiet strength of unity in diversity. Bound by shared values and a common purpose, the IIM Indore family reaffirmed its commitment to ethical leadership, empathy, and excellence.

In these moments of reflection and pride, the Constitution came alive not just in words, but in collective resolve. Jai Hind!

Championing Sportsmanship and Student Spirit at IIM Indore

31 January 2026: Sports are a powerful platform for building discipline, resilience, teamwork, and lifelong wellness—and this is a belief deeply embraced at IIM Indore.

Prof. Himanshu Rai inaugurated the Inter IPM Sports Match Tournament hosted by IIM Indore. From Cricket and Futsal to Basketball, Badminton, Frisbee, Volleyball, Swimming, Tennis, and Table Tennis, the energy, spirit, and passion on display were truly infectious. He expressed immense pride in the IPM students, who continue to shine well beyond the classroom.



Witnessing the enthusiastic participation of so many teams reinforced the institute's strong commitment to health, fitness, and sportsmanship. Here's to stronger bodies, sharper minds, and unstoppable team spirit—may the games inspire everyone to stay active, united, and resilient.

Announcement

Announcement | Calling all researchers, scholars, and innovators!



The 16th International Conference on Excellence in Research and Education (CERE 2026) at IIM Indore invites you to be part of a transformative dialogue on Business Excellence Reimagined: Competing in the Age of AI.

Join global thought leaders to explore how AI is reshaping strategy, innovation, and organizational excellence. Present your research, exchange ideas, and help define the future of business in an intelligent world.

Submit your paper and be part of the evolution. [More details](#)

Admissions Open | Step into the future of management education and enroll in our 5-Week Faculty Development Programme (FDP) - a transformative learning experience crafted exclusively for management educators.

Designed to strengthen both teaching excellence and research capability, the programme blends participant-centric pedagogy, contemporary research tools, and hands-on guidance in academic writing.

Learn, collaborate, and grow with distinguished faculty and industry experts.

[More Details](#)

Upgrade your skills.
Expand your perspective.
Accelerate your academic journey.



Admissions Open | Ready to turn curiosity into impactful management research?

Admissions are now open for the Doctoral Programme in Management (DPM) at the Indian Institute of Management, Indore.

Join a vibrant research ecosystem and help shape the future of management education.

Last date to apply: 28 February 2026

Apply [here](https://iimindrac.in/programmes/academic-programmes/doctoral-programme-in-management/admissions/):

The advertisement for the Doctoral Programme in Management (DPM) at IIM Indore features the IIM Indore logo and a photograph of the institute's building. The text 'DPM' is prominently displayed in large, bold letters, followed by 'Doctoral Programme in Management' in a smaller font. Below this, the last date to apply is given as 28th February 2026. A list of benefits is provided, including a monthly fellowship of INR 40,000/- to INR 45,000/-, a research development grant, financial support for attending national and international conferences, an opportunity to apply for a variety of fellowships worldwide, no tuition fee, and free boarding and lodging. The advertisement also includes contact information for the Admissions Office (Phone: 0731 - 243 9686 / 687, Email: admissionsdpm@iimindrac.in) and accreditation logos for EQUIS, AACSB, and AMBA. A URL for more details is provided: <https://iimindrac.in/programmes/academic-programmes/doctoral-programme-in-management/admissions/>.

Admissions Open: Ready to deepen your expertise, transition into academia, or emerge as a thought leader in management?

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