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"My heart is filled with pride as I look at my students standing on the threshold of a new beginning at the Indian Institute of Management Indore. Over the years, I have watched them grow, and here at Planet-i, experiences have shaped them into resilient, thoughtful, and capable individuals ready to take on the world."

Prof. Himanshu Rai, Director, IIM Indore, on the traditional batch photoshoot for the graduating batches on February 13, 2026.

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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,

At the Indian Institute of Management Indore, growth is never confined to classrooms—it is intellectual, personal, and collective. This month's edition reflects a dynamic ecosystem where alumni excellence, research depth, and global engagement converge with purpose.

The Alumni Talk Series “Wisdom (प्रज्ञा)” continues to serve as a powerful bridge between experience and aspiration. In recent sessions, our distinguished alumni Manomoy Chatterjee (EPGP 2020–21), Prasanth Kumar Sahukari (EPGP 2020–21), and Aniruddha Chowdhury (EPGP 2020–21) enriched the community with practical, future-focused insights. These talks are preserved as a lasting knowledge resource for the entire IIM Indore community on the institute's [YouTube channel](#).

We are equally proud to showcase alumni achievements spanning entrepreneurship, corporate leadership, financial innovation, and authorship. Their milestones reflect not only professional excellence but also the courage to build, reinvent, and contribute meaningfully to society.

Our continued rise in the Financial Times Global MBA Rankings for the EPGP programme, along with expanding executive education initiatives and interdisciplinary collaborations, reflects an institution that is forward-looking yet value-driven.

On campus, February witnessed international research seminars to the Youth for Impact Conference organized in collaboration with the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India. IIM Indore strengthened its role as a convener of ideas that matter—across disciplines and geographies. Dialogues on sustainability, inclusion, entrepreneurship, governance, and belonging reaffirm our commitment to shaping socially responsible, globally aware leaders.

As you turn these pages, we invite you not just to read, but to reconnect. Register on the [Alumni Portal](#), Alumni Network App [Apple App Store](#) / [Google Play](#), engage with the [Alumni Association](#), mentor a student, attend a talk, share your achievements, or simply reach out. Every interaction strengthens the fabric of our community.

Together, let us continue building a future that reflects our shared pride, purpose, and possibility.

With warm regards,

Manish Popli
Chair, Alumni
IIM Indore

To read earlier editions of the newsletter, please visit <https://www.iimdr.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/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://iimidr.ac.in/alumni/alumni-talk-series-wisdom-प्रज्ञा/>

Latest "Wisdom" (प्रज्ञा) Alumni Talks:

Alumni Talk No. 58



Speaker:

Manomoy Chatterjee

Alumni: EPGP Batch 2020-2021

Shipper & Customer Experience Leader at Amazon Shipping.

Topic: " Importance of Seller and Customer Experience"

Date and time of the talk:

Saturday, 7 February 2026, at 4:00 pm (IST)

Link to the recorded version of the talk:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ejp7CS58SYk>

Alumni Talk No. 59

Speaker:

Prasanth Kumar Sahukari
Alumni: EPGP Batch 2020-2021

A domain consultant and subject matter expert with deep experience in the manufacturing sector across Metals and Mining, Automotive, and Aerospace and Defense.

Topic: "Enterprise Reinvention in the Age of AI"

Date and time of the talk:

Sunday, 8 February 2026, at 4:00 pm (IST)

Link to the recorded version of the talk:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uj3PWr8D-QY>



Alumni Talk No. 60

Speaker:

Aniruddha Chowdhury
Alumni: EPGP Batch 2020-21
AVP – Product at GyFTR

Topic: "Building Scalable Products in QSR and Fintech"

Date and time of the talk:

Sunday, 15 February 2026, at 4:00 pm (IST)

Link to the recorded version of the talk:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1zTpSJ0uf_I



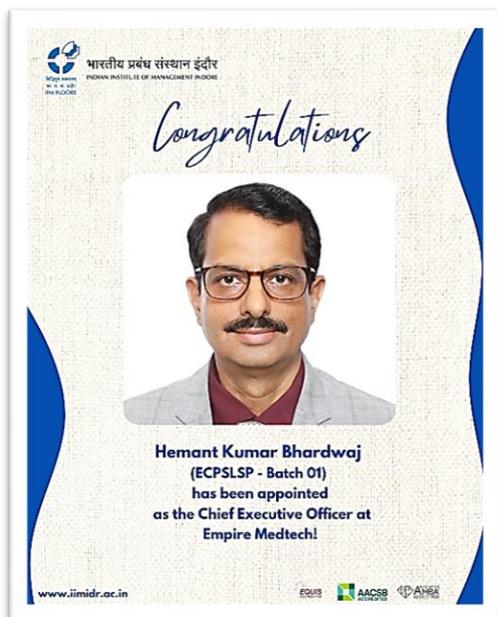
Alumni Achievements

We are proud to share that Kumar Vaibhav, Founder of Moms Home, has been featured in FAST42, curated by Inc42—India’s most coveted list of the fastest-growing D2C brands.

Alongside brands such as Longway, Sweet Karam Coffee, BabyOrgano, Uppercase, and Auric, Moms Home is a leading Indian D2C brand founded in 2015, specializing in eco-friendly, GOTS-certified organic cotton and muslin baby essentials featuring traditional hand-block prints. Trusted by over 20 lakh parents, they offer skin-safe products, including clothing, swaddles, quilts, and nursing items. This represents a new era of D2C growth—driven by strong fundamentals, sharper positioning, robust unit economics, and disciplined omnichannel execution, with growth rates touching nearly 400% at the top end.



We are proud to share that Hemant Kumar Bhardwaj, an Executive Education Alumnus of the Executive Certificate Programme in Strategy and Leadership for Senior Professionals (Batch 01) at IIM Indore, has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer at Empire Medtech.



With a distinguished track record across the healthcare and medical technology sector, he has led transformational growth, built high-performing teams, driven regulatory milestones, and strengthened local manufacturing initiatives.

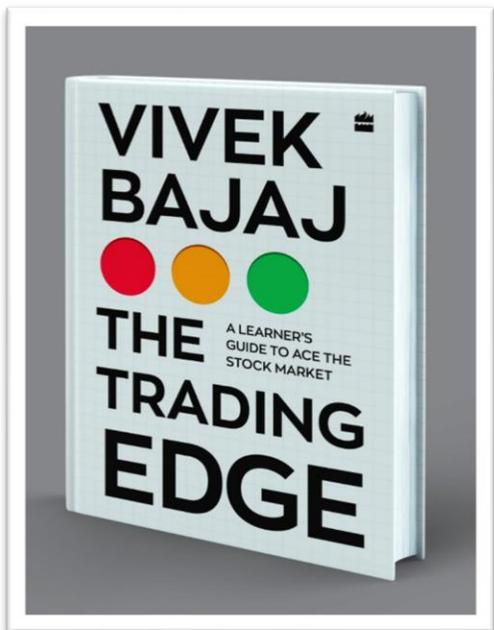
His strategic leadership and operational excellence will play a pivotal role in shaping the next phase of Empire Medtech’s journey.

We are delighted to share that Avijit Mishra, Founder of Alt DRX, has achieved a significant milestone with the platform receiving in-principle approval from International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) at GIFT City.

This approval enables Alt DRX to test-launch a limited user tokenisation platform, allowing Resident Indians, for the first time, to invest in US dollar-denominated tokens backed by offshore properties. The development marks an important first step by Indian regulators toward overseeing real-world asset tokenisation. While the journey toward a comprehensive regulatory framework continues, this achievement signals an exciting beginning for global real estate investing from India.



We are delighted to share that Vivek Bajaj (PGP Batch 2003–2005, IIM Indore), Co-Founder of StockEdge, will be launching his first book on 15 March 2026, marking a significant milestone in his 20-year journey in the markets.



This launch goes beyond networking and learning—it celebrates decades of experience distilled into 400 insightful pages, supported by 300 charts and shaped through two years of deep, disciplined effort.

The book captures practical market wisdom, structured frameworks, and lessons drawn from real-world participation. The event will bring together over 150 serious market participants for an evening of knowledge-sharing and meaningful dialogue.

Available on <https://amzn.in/d/0c6HYcA7>

Alumni Activities

Sports Events by IIM Indore Bengaluru City Alumni Chapter

Organizing Team from IIMI: Ashwani, Jyoti, Sankalp, Shagun.



First-ever DINK DERBY - TEAM RESULTS & HIGHLIGHTS

What a fantastic day of pickleball, camaraderie, and elite-level “friendly competitiveness”

Champions: **Winning Team** Dink Dynasty (IIM I) Players - Soumik, Sachin, Vidhi, Ishan, Ashwani (Left to Right).

Shoumik, Ishan, Vidhi, Ashwani, Sachin Dink Dynasty edged the finals 3–2, taking the Men’s Singles, Mixed Doubles, and Open Doubles.

Their path to the title was straight out of a sports movie. They defeated Smash Syndicate in the semis and then The Five Racketeers in the finals, the two teams that had topped the league with perfect records. Giant-slaying mode activated.

Beyond results, the day stood out for seamless self-management. Players refereed, coordinated fixtures, adapted strategies on the fly, and kept the energy competitive yet warm.



INDIVIDUAL HONOURS & STANDOUT PERFORMANCES

Some players brought paddles. Some brought magic.

Best Doubles Pair: Ishan & Shoumik (IIMI)

Best Male Player: Shoumik (IIMI)

Best Beginner Male: Ashwani (IIMI)

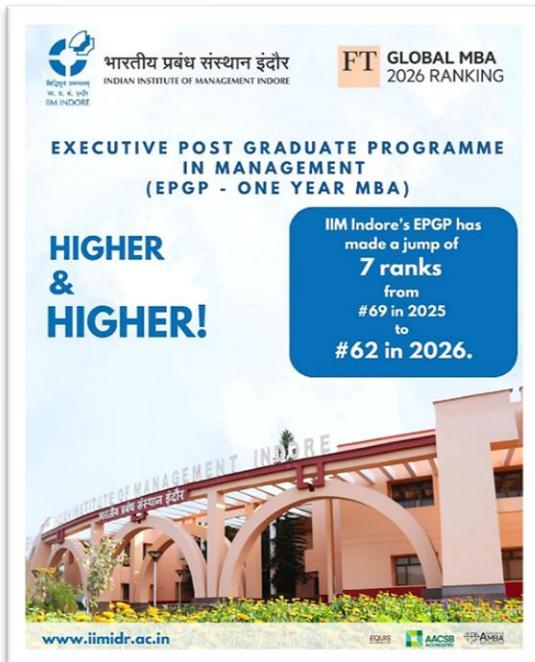
Best Beginner Female: Vidhi (IIMI)

From clutch rallies to calm match management, these performances lifted the quality of play across the tournament.

A special shoutout to every player who stepped up beyond their matches. Refereeing, coordinating games, supporting teammates, and proving that great sport is equal parts skill, spirit, and community.

News from the Campus

Ranking | Delighted to mark a significant milestone as our EPGP (One-Year MBA) advances to 62 in the Financial Times Global MBA Rankings 2026, climbing seven places from last year.



Strong gains in Career Progress, Careers Service and Carbon Footprint reflect our continued emphasis on transformative participant outcomes, robust institutional support and a deeply embedded sustainability agenda.

Here's to shaping responsible leaders who create meaningful impact in an evolving global landscape.

IIM Indore is committed to sharing knowledge and culture beyond borders, beyond disciplines, beyond geographies, to encourage and nurture ideas with a shared purpose.

18 February 2026: In that very spirit, it was an absolute delight to host and engage with the distinguished Rotary Friendship Exchange delegation at IIM Indore from Sicily and Malta.

Prof. Himanshu Rai, Director, had an enriching interaction with the Italian professionals, namely, Rtn. Rita Maccagnano, Dr. Cettina Giannetto, Rtn. Emanuele Miceli, Ms. Maria Francesca Ragusa, Ms. Mariangela Maccagnano, and Prof. Darwin Melloni, a group full of excellence spanning law, forensics, medicine, engineering, management, IT, social service, and academia. The discussion evolved into a deeply insightful conversation on global citizenship, leadership, institution-building, and the role of higher education in encouraging meaningful international collaboration, and on how IIM Indore is contributing to its mission of nation-building and bridging cultures.



From classrooms to command centres, leadership knows no borders. We at the Indian Institute of Management, Indore were delighted to welcome officers from six different countries attending the Junior Command Course at the Army War College, Mhow.

7 February 2026: The delegation included officers and ambassadors from Sri Lanka, Lesotho, Ivory Coast, Tanzania, Malawi, and Peru. During their visit, the officers interacted with Col. Dr. Gururaj Pamidi (Veteran), Chief Officer – Administration, who shared insights into IIM Indore’s campus culture, administrative practices, and sustainability initiatives. The visit, coordinated by the Industry Interface Office, offered a meaningful platform for dialogue, exchange of perspectives, and deeper people-to-people connections between India and friendly foreign nations.



Executive Education | Entrepreneurship rooted in leadership and purpose has the power to transform economies and societies alike.

9 February 2026: With this belief, the “Udyam Samvaad – Business Leadership Programme” was inaugurated at IIM Indore by our Prof. Himanshu Rai, in partnership with Dainik Bhaskar.



During the inauguration, Prof. Rai spoke about the critical role of entrepreneurial leadership in building a Viksit Bharat, emphasizing that businesses must serve as engines of innovation, employment, and social progress. He highlighted how sectors such as healthcare, education, and real estate play a pivotal role in shaping the nation’s future and called upon entrepreneurs to align purpose with performance.

The inauguration was attended by Programme Coordinators Prof. Bhavin J. Shah and Prof. Ashish Sadh, who welcomed participants from the health, education, and real estate sectors and set the context for meaningful dialogue and sector-specific learning.

Through Udyam Samvaad, IIM Indore continues to encourage collaboration between academia and industry, nurturing leaders who will drive sustainable growth and contribute meaningfully to a self-reliant and developed India.

At IIM Indore, we are always committed to building bridges between India and the world through management education, sustainability, and policy engagement.



23 February 2026 : In this endeavour, it was a delight to host the delegates of the Global South Young Diplomats Forum from 40 countries, from the Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service (SSIFS), New Delhi.

In his special video message, our Director, Prof. Himanshu Rai, welcomed the delegates and spoke about IIM Indore's role in shaping socially responsible, globally engaged leaders and our contributions through public policy, digital transformation, sustainability, and Swachh Bharat-aligned practices reflected in our green campus. He shared various initiatives that reflected how management education can meaningfully serve society and strengthen India's development partnerships across the Global South.

In an insightful session on the "Working Model of the Cleanest City – Indore", Additional Commissioner, Shri Prakhar Singh, explained Indore's clean-city model, detailing scientific waste segregation, bin-based collection, processing, and disposal systems, and how the IMC transforms waste into wealth through advanced facilities and citizen participation.

Prof. Bhavani Shankar, Faculty, IIM Indore, shared insights on the institute's contribution to the Govt. of India's "One District One Product" initiative, highlighting the importance of promoting indigenous enterprise and fostering inclusive, region-led growth.

The delegates' visit was marked by vibrant discussions, thoughtful exchanges, and deep appreciation for the institute's academic ecosystem and sustainability-driven initiatives.

We were truly delighted to be a part of their India journey and to contribute to this shared dialogue of the Global South.

Research Seminar | Do the words organizations use to explain their mistakes influence leadership accountability? Can tone and sentiment shape executive outcomes?

5 February 2026 : Exploring these nuanced questions, IIM Indore had the pleasure of hosting Prof. Anish Purkayastha, Senior Lecturer in the Discipline of International Business at the University of Sydney Business School, Australia, for a research talk, under the IIM Indore Seminar Series on February 05, 2026.

His talk, titled “The Language of Accountability: How Negative Sentiment in Restatement Disclosures Differentially Affects Executive Turnover,” examined how disclosure language and sentiment play a critical role in shaping perceptions of responsibility and leadership consequences.



The session was coordinated by Prof. Manish Popli, Faculty in the Strategic Management area at IIM Indore.

Through such research seminars, IIM Indore continues to encourage rigorous dialogue on governance, accountability, and contemporary management challenges.

Research Seminar | How did Bombay, now Mumbai, emerge as the “Billionaire Capital of Asia”? What forces have shaped wealth accumulation in the city over time?



5 February 2026 :Exploring these thought-provoking questions, IIM Indore hosted Prof. Sripad Motiram, Associate Professor in the Department of Economics at the University of Massachusetts, Boston, USA, for a research talk under the IIM Indore Seminar Series on February 05, 2026.

His talk, titled “Wealth and its Accumulation in Bombay/Mumbai, the ‘Billionaire Capital of Asia,’” offered rich historical and economic insights into the patterns, drivers, and implications of wealth concentration in India’s financial capital.

The session was coordinated by Prof. Karthikeya Naraparaju, Faculty in the Economics area at IIM Indore. Through such seminars, IIM Indore continues to encourage rigorous inquiry into economic history, inequality, and contemporary development challenges.

Research Seminar | How do borrowers decide when to refinance, or default on a mortgage? What factors shape these critical financial decisions?

10 February 2026: Delving into these questions, IIM Indore hosted Prof. Rina Ray, Associate Professor at the University of Colorado Denver Business School, USA, for a research talk under the IIM Indore Seminar Series on February 09, 2026.

Her talk, titled "Optimal Exercise of Mortgage Options: Default and Refinancing," offered valuable insights into mortgage decision-making, shedding light on the dynamics of refinancing and default from an analytical and policy-relevant perspective.



The session was coordinated by Prof. Sujay Kumar Mukhoti, Faculty in the Operations Management & Quantitative Techniques area at IIM Indore. Through such seminars, IIM Indore continues to promote rigorous research discussions on finance, risk, and real-world economic behavior.

Research Seminar | What makes a traveller return to the same destination again? Is it the experience, the emotional connection, or the motivation behind the journey?



20 February 2026 : To explore the psychology behind repeat tourist behaviour, IIM Indore had the pleasure of hosting Prof. Dr. Manisha Agarwal, Senior Lecturer in the Business and Psychology programs at James Cook University, Singapore, for a research talk, under the IIM Indore Seminar Series on February 17, 2026.

Her talk, titled "Why Tourists Return: Motivation and Experience as Psychological Drivers of Repeat Tourist Behaviour," offered insightful perspectives on how experiences and intrinsic motivations shape destination loyalty. The session was coordinated by Prof. Swati Ghulyani, Faculty in the

Organizational Behaviour & HRM area at IIM Indore. Through such seminars, IIM Indore continues to foster interdisciplinary conversations that connect psychology, consumer behaviour, and management research.

Research Seminar | What makes people truly feel that they belong at work? And why does it matter more than ever?

20 February 2026 : To explore this vital question, IIM Indore had the pleasure of hosting Prof. Alex Newman, Associate Dean (Faculty) and Professor of Management at Melbourne Business School for a research talk, under the IIM Indore Seminar Series on February 19, 2026.

His talk, titled "Belonging at Work: A Systematic Review of the Literature and Agenda for Future Research," provided a comprehensive overview of existing scholarship while outlining promising directions for future research on workplace belonging and its organizational impact.



The session was coordinated by Prof. Nobin Thomas, and chaired by Prof. Swati Ghulyani, both Faculty in the Organizational Behaviour & HRM area at IIM Indore. Through such conversations, IIM Indore continues to advance research that places people, purpose, and organizational well-being at the centre of management thought.

Research Seminar | What does it take to make last-mile delivery faster, smarter, and more sustainable in today's on-demand economy?



26 February 2026: To explore the latest developments in this critical area, IIM Indore had the pleasure of hosting Prof. Tolga Bektas, Professor of Logistics Management and Associate Dean (International) at the University of Liverpool Management School, U.K., for a research talk under the IIM Indore Seminar Series on February 24, 2026.

His talk, titled "Recent Insights from Last-Mile Logistics Research," presented cutting-edge perspectives on optimizing delivery networks and addressing the operational challenges of

the final leg of the supply chain. The session was coordinated by Prof. Saurabh Chandra, Faculty in the Operations Management & Quantitative Techniques area at IIM Indore.

Through such seminars, IIM Indore continues to advance dialogue on contemporary operational challenges and innovation-driven logistics research.

Guest Talk | It was a delight to host Prof. Neha Chatwani, from Vienna University of Economics and Business and University for Continuing Education Krems, for an insightful talk on “Exploring Psychological Safety as a Bedrock for Diversity”, today at IIM Indore.

13 February 2026: She emphasized that genuine inclusion begins with cultivating spaces where individuals feel safe to share their ideas, opinions, and identities without fear of judgment or backlash. Psychological safety, she explained, strengthens trust within teams, encourages open dialogue, and enables diverse perspectives to thrive. “When people feel heard, valued, and respected, collaboration deepens, and innovation follows naturally”, she said.

She also underscored the vital role of leadership in nurturing inclusive cultures through empathy, active listening, and equitable practices. Diversity, she reminded us, flourishes not merely through representation, but through a true sense of belonging.



Session | How do researchers move beyond individual studies to arrive at findings that are more robust, generalizable, and evidence-based?



23 February 2026: Addressing this crucial methodological question, a special session on “Meta-Analysis” was conducted for the doctoral scholars of IIM Indore on February 19, 2026, by Dr. Ronald Fischer, a distinguished cultural and cross-cultural psychologist affiliated with the D’Or Institute for Research and Education (IDOR), Brazil, and Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand.

The session introduced meta-analysis as a powerful statistical technique for synthesizing findings from multiple studies to develop a comprehensive understanding of research questions. Dr. Fischer emphasized its relevance in management research, where it helps identify patterns and trends across studies, enhances statistical power, resolves inconsistencies, and strengthens evidence-based decision-making.

He also outlined the key steps, essential dos and don’ts, and best practices for conducting a rigorous meta-analysis, equipping doctoral scholars with practical methodological insights for their research journeys. The session was coordinated by Prof. Shruti Tewari, Dean – Research. Prof. Rajhans Mishra, Chair – DPM, was also present on this occasion. By demonstrating how aggregated evidence can inform managerial practice and policy, the session significantly enriched the research toolkit of the participating scholars.

Workshop | How do researchers make sense of vast volumes of unstructured text - from interviews and reviews to open-ended surveys - in a rigorous and scalable way?

27 February 2026 : Doctoral scholars at IIM Indore explored this question during a four-hour intensive workshop on Leximancer and Qualtrics-Based Sentiment Analysis, conducted on February 19, 2026, by Dr. Manisha Agarwal, Senior Lecturer (Business & Psychology Programs) and Head of Accreditation at James Cook University, Singapore.

The first session introduced Leximancer, demonstrating how automated concept identification, co-occurrence analysis, and visual concept maps can uncover hidden themes in large textual datasets.

The second session provided hands-on exposure to sentiment analysis using Qualtrics, enabling participants to extract emotional valence and thematic patterns from open-text responses and integrate them into empirical research models.

The workshop highlighted the growing importance of computational text analytics across management, marketing, tourism, psychology, and organizational research, particularly for studies involving large-scale feedback and digital narratives.

Coordinated by Prof. Swati Ghulyani, the session equipped scholars with contemporary digital tools, significantly expanding their methodological and analytical research capabilities.



Youth For Impact | We were delighted to host the International Conference on “Youth for Impact: Social Innovation and Inclusive Leadership - Empowering Youth, Transforming Futures” in collaboration with the Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India.



16 February 2026: Social Innovation & Inclusive Leadership – Empowering Youth, Transforming Futures in coordination with the Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, today at IIM Indore.

The conference was inaugurated by our Director, Prof. Himanshu Rai. During his inaugural address, he reflected on this as a golden moment in India’s growth journey, urging youth to lead with integrity, embrace social innovation, act inclusively, stay rooted in self-awareness, connect globally, and create meaningful impact for a sustainable tomorrow.

Conference Convener Prof. Shruti Tewari highlighted the power of compassionate innovation, ethical use of AI, wellbeing, responsible citizenship, and youth-led transformation.

With an inspiring lineup of speakers and thought leaders, we look forward to three days of powerful ideas, dialogue, and impact.

Youth For Impact | Day 1 of the International Conference on Youth for Impact:



16 February 2026: Social Innovation & Inclusive Leadership – Empowering Youth, Transforming Futures unfolded with four powerful keynote addresses that brought global thought leadership to the IIM Indore campus.

The speakers included Prof. Ronald Fischer, Instituto D'Or de Pesquisa e Ensino, Prof. Jolanda Jetten from The University of Queensland, Dr. Belgin Okay-Somerville, University of Glasgow, and Prof. Alex Newman, University of Melbourne. Together, these voices infused the conference with

intellectual depth and renewed our shared commitment to youth empowerment, inclusion, and sustainable futures.

Youth For Impact | One of the most engaging highlights of Day 1 of the International Conference on Youth for Impact

17 February 2026: Social Innovation & Inclusive Leadership – Empowering Youth, Transforming Futures was the panel discussion on “Investing in Youth through Social Internship Programmes.”

It was a true delight to host Mr. Vishal Reddy, Impact Investors Council; Ms. Mehak Sood, IPE Global; and Mr. Malik Faizan Ghizali, ONGC Foundation, whose presence brought depth, experience, and a shared commitment to creating meaningful opportunities for youth. The session, thoughtfully moderated by Atharv Verma and Jagannath Athmaraman, Social Placement Coordinators, IIM Indore, created an energetic space for dialogue on building pathways that connect classrooms with communities.



What unfolded was more than a conversation: it was a collective recognition that when institutions and organizations come together to invest in experiential learning, they enable young people to lead with empathy, purpose, and impact.

Youth For Impact | When stories of grit, purpose, and impact take the stage, the conversation becomes far more than a discussion.

17 February 2026: The panel on “Young Social Entrepreneurship” at the International Conference on Youth for Impact: Social Innovation & Inclusive Leadership – Empowering Youth, Transforming Futures was one such moment that brought together experience, honesty, and inspiration in equal measure.

It was truly a pleasure to host Ms. Geeta Solanki, Founder, Unipads; Mr. Harsh Neekhra, Novorbis Itus Pvt. Ltd.; and Ms. Pinky Maheshwari, Founder, Surprise Someone, with the session thoughtfully moderated by Prof. Punyashlok Dwibedy, IIM Indore.



Through their journeys, the discussion reflected the realities of building purpose-driven ventures, the resilience required to sustain them, and the possibilities that open up when innovation is aligned with social good. The energy, authenticity, and openness of the interaction made the session deeply engaging and meaningful for everyone present. An inspiring exchange that reaffirmed the power of youth-led enterprise in shaping a more inclusive and compassionate future.

Youth For Impact | The keynote sessions on Day 2 of the International Conference on Youth for Impact:



17 February 2026: Social Innovation & Inclusive Leadership – Empowering Youth, Transforming Futures brought together powerful global perspectives on entrepreneurship, inclusion, and responsible citizenship.

Prof. Andrea Sianesi (Politecnico di Milano, Italy) reflected on innovation, sustainability, and the role of young founders in shaping impact-driven enterprises. Dr. Saneesh Edacherian (University of Birmingham, Dubai) spoke on cross-national entrepreneurship and the importance of inclusive innovation in building equitable ecosystems. The

day concluded with a deeply reflective address by Prof. Ramadhar Singh (Ahmedabad University, India), who reminded us that enduring institutions are built on responsibility, ethics, and shared human values. An enriching exchange of ideas that continues to inspire our journey towards youth-led, inclusive, and sustainable futures.

Youth For Impact | The Valedictory Ceremony of the International Conference on Youth for Impact

18 February 2026: Social Innovation & Inclusive Leadership – Empowering Youth, Transforming Futures was held in the esteemed presence of our Director, Prof. Himanshu Rai, who awarded certificates to the winners of the Best Paper Presentations. Out of 92 submissions, 66 papers were selected for presentation, reflecting the depth and diversity of research ideas shared at the conference. From these, four outstanding papers were recognized for their originality, rigor, and contribution to the conference themes.



Heartiest congratulations to Sona Varghese & Bhanumathi S (VIT-AP University), Nitish Kumar Minz (VIT Business School Vellore), and Maitri Kate (Kristu Jayanti University) for this remarkable achievement. Your work truly embodies the spirit of youth-led inquiry and transformative impact. The ceremony concluded with a warm vote of thanks by Conference Convener Prof. Shruti Tewari, who acknowledged the invaluable contributions of speakers, participants, partners, and the organizing team. As the conference drew to a close on a high note, it left behind not just memories, but a renewed commitment to innovation, inclusion, and youth-driven change.

Youth For Impact | An unforgettable cultural evening of soulful music, where rhythm, melody, and togetherness filled the air, turning the conference into a celebration of heritage, harmony, and shared joy.



Youth For Impact | Ideas found their voice across powerful themes at the International Conference on Youth for Impact: Social Innovation & Inclusive Leadership - Empowering Youth, Transforming Futures.

18 February 2026: The paper presentation tracks on Inclusive Leadership and Social Impact, Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship, and Health, Well-being, and Resilience sparked rich academic dialogue and practice-driven insights, bringing together diverse perspectives committed to meaningful change.

The Round Table on “Youth as Catalysts: Identity, Equity, and Ethics” created a reflective space for deeper conversations on responsibility, representation, and the values shaping tomorrow’s leadership.

This international conference organized by IIM Indore in collaboration with Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, was a vibrant confluence of research, experience, and purpose.



Conclave | Ideas that move industries begin with conversations that matter.

At IIM Indore, we welcomed thought leaders and practitioners, for the Industry Conclave organized by the Industry Interface Office on 17 February 2026.



Centred on 'Innovation and Sustainability in the Automotive Industry: Driving the Future of Mobility,' the conclave unpack emerging technologies, evolving business models, and the sustainability imperative shaping tomorrow's mobility landscape.

Mr. Sangeet Kapoor, Advisor and Technical Specialist, explored how automotive innovation is no longer just about performance but about redefining sustainability as a core engineering and business priority. Bringing the MSME lens to the discussion, Mr. Rohit Thawani, Managing Director, Renata Precision Components Pvt. Ltd. (EPGP 2004-06), highlighted how agility, frugal innovation, and ecosystem collaboration are enabling smaller firms to lead big transformations.

Dr. Vikas Prasad, President & Managing Director, Webasto Roofsystems India Pvt. Ltd., demonstrated how sustainable roof systems are becoming platforms for smart, energy-efficient mobility solutions.

Mr. Anil Vijayan, Managing Director, Tadpole Engineering Consultancy Pvt. Ltd., connected the evolution of sheet metal to circularity, lightweighting, and responsible manufacturing.



The dialogue culminated in a thought-provoking Q&A moderated by Prof. Punyashlok Dwibedy, Chair-IIO, turning insights into inspiration and collaboration into action.

Books bring ideas to life and minds together.

10 February 2026: The IIM Indore Learning Centre hosted a vibrant Book Exhibition, reinforcing our commitment to learning beyond the classroom, inaugurated by our Director Prof. Himanshu Rai.

Prof. Biswanath Swain, Chair - Learning Centre and faculty, staff, students and other community members were also present on this occasion. Featuring a diverse collection across management, social sciences, technology, languages, and Hindi literature, the exhibition invited the IIM Indore community to pause, explore, and reconnect with the joy of books.



IIMI Greens | First harvest of the year



18 February 2026: From campus soil to community plates, the fresh organic bounty marks a powerful step toward sustainability, healthy living, and mindful growing, proving that at Planet I, every seed sown today shapes a greener tomorrow.

A celebration of colours, creativity, and culture unfolded at IIM Indore as our Director, Prof. Himanshu Rai, inaugurated Mithilakriti on February 18, 2026.

The exhibition featured numerous Mithila Art paintings by our PGP students, created as part of the distinctive Mithila Art for Managers elective under the guidance of Prof. Surbhi Dayal.

Showcasing the seamless blend of artistic expression and management learning, the event reflected our commitment to holistic and experiential education.



At IIM Indore, fitness isn't an individual pursuit; it's a shared culture.

3 February 2026: The 12th Union Bank Indore Marathon became a powerful reflection of that spirit as 180 members of the Runner's High community - the students, faculty, and international participants ran together under the theme 'दिल से दौड़े, दिल के लिए'.



From first-time runners to seasoned athletes, every stride echoed discipline, resilience, and collective growth. A historic milestone was set with over 50 runners conquering the 21.1 km Half Marathon, the largest such contingent our campus has ever seen, complemented by standout elite performances that raised the bar for excellence.

Yet, beyond timings and rankings, what truly defined the day was togetherness: the early morning runs, shared fatigue, louder cheers, and stronger bonds. We run to build habits, support hearts, and strengthen Planet-I as one community. Here's to miles run together and many more ahead.

Announcement

Date Extended | The paper submission deadline for the 16th International Conference on Excellence in Research and Education (CERE 2026) at IIM Indore has been extended to 28 February 2026.

Centered on the theme Business Excellence Reimagined: Competing in the Age of AI, the conference brings together thought leaders and scholars to examine how artificial intelligence is transforming organizations, strategy, and innovation.

Take advantage of the extended timeline to showcase your research, gain valuable feedback, and be part of this global academic dialogue.

[Register here](#)



The poster for CERE 2026 features the IIM Indore logo at the top left, with the text 'भारतीय प्रबंध संस्थान इंदौर' and 'INDIAN INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT INDORE'. It also lists accreditation logos for EQUIS, AACSB, and AMBA. The main title 'CERE 2026' is prominently displayed in purple, with the subtitle '16TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH AND EDUCATION'. Below this, the theme is stated as 'THEME / BUSINESS EXCELLENCE REIMAGINED: COMPETING IN THE AGE OF AI'. A yellow banner highlights 'SUBMISSION DEADLINE EXTENDED!'. A timeline shows three key dates: 'SUBMISSION DEADLINE' on 'FEBRUARY 28, 2026', 'REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT DEADLINE' on 'APRIL 10, 2026', and 'CONFERENCE DATES' from 'MAY 01 - 03, 2026'. At the bottom, there is a 'CONTACT US' section with the email 'care@iimdr.ac.in' and a 'CONNECT US ON' section with social media icons for LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.

Admissions Open | Take the next step in your academic journey with the Faculty Development Programme at IIM Indore.



The poster for the Annual Faculty Development Programme 2026 features the IIM Indore logo at the top left, with the text 'भारतीय प्रबंध संस्थान इंदौर' and 'INDIAN INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT INDORE'. It also lists accreditation logos for EQUIS, AACSB, and AMBA. The main title 'ANNUAL FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME' is prominently displayed in white, with the year '2026' below it. The background image shows a person's hands typing on a laptop keyboard. At the bottom, there is a 'CONTACT US' section with the website 'www.iimdr.ac.in', the email 'mdp@iimdr.ac.in', and the phone number '+91-731-2439726/720'. There are also accreditation logos for EQUIS, AACSB, and AMBA.

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Qualifying Examination

- CAT/GATE/GMAT/GRE/JAM scorecard obtained in the last three years,
- OR
- DMAT (Data Science and Management Aptitude Test), which will be conducted in two phases – March 29, 2026 (Phase-1) and June 07, 2026 (Phase-2) – with the option to appear either online or offline exclusively at IIT Indore campus.





Application Starts: February 17, 2026
Last date to apply:
March 19, 2026 (Phase-1)
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Online classes will commence on August 12, 2026

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