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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,

It gives us immense pleasure to bring you the June 2026 edition of AlmaMatters, a reflection of the vibrant spirit, achievements, and continued growth of the IIM Indore community.

This month, we celebrate remarkable milestones achieved by our alumni. From leadership appointments in global organisations to entrepreneurial success and recognition for sustainable innovations, these accomplishments showcase the diverse ways in which IIM Indore alumni are shaping the future. The achievements of our alumni are a source of immense pride and serve as a reminder of the influence and responsibility that comes with being a part of this distinguished community.

The spirit of connection was beautifully reflected during Nostalgia, our alumni meet held across Delhi, Mumbai, and Bengaluru. The gatherings brought together alumni from different batches, renewing friendships, sharing memories, and celebrating the lifelong bond that connects every member of Planet-I. These interactions reaffirm that while time and distance may change, the connection with one's alma mater remains constant.

The campus continues to move forward with academic excellence and innovation at its core. The 16th International Conference on Excellence in Research and Education (CERE 2026) brought together scholars and practitioners from across the world to deliberate on the evolving role of artificial intelligence, research, and responsible innovation. Such initiatives reflect IIM Indore's commitment to advancing knowledge and preparing future leaders for a rapidly changing world.

Alongside academic achievements, the Institute continues to nurture holistic development through executive education programmes, faculty development initiatives, and campus activities that foster learning beyond classrooms. These efforts strengthen our mission of creating leaders who combine knowledge, purpose, and impact.

As we share these stories of achievement and progress, we celebrate not only where we are today but also the collective journey that brought us here. Together, let us continue building a stronger, more connected, and more impactful IIM Indore community.

Warm Regards,
Saurabh Kumar
Chair, Alumni
IIM Indore

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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/>

Alumni Achievements and News

Sadev Ventures Appoints Ishan Rishabh Kansal as Co-founder and Managing Partner



We are delighted to share that Ishan Rishabh Kansal alumni, PGP 2012-14, has been appointed as the Co-founder and Managing Partner at Sadev Ventures.

With his strong expertise in entrepreneurship, strategy, and investments, he will play a key role in driving the firm's growth and vision. His appointment reflects the growing influence of industry leaders shaping the startup and venture ecosystem.

The IIM Indore community congratulates him on this remarkable milestone and wishes him continued success in his new role.

Riddhi Chakravorty Appointed Global Vice President at Tech Mahindra

We are delighted to share that Riddhi Chakravorty, an EPGP Batch 2007-09 has recently been appointed as the Global Vice President at Tech Mahindra.

An accomplished professional with extensive experience in technology and business transformation, his achievement reflects the growing global presence and leadership of IIM Indore alumni across industries.

The IIM Indore community congratulates him on this remarkable milestone and wishes him continued success in his new role.



Minimac Systems Pvt. Ltd. led by alumnus Mr. Anshuman Agrawal (PGPMX Batch 2016–18) Received Three Prestigious National Awards



We are delighted to share that Minimac Systems Pvt. Ltd., led by IIM Indore alumnus Mr. Anshuman Agrawal (PGPMX Batch 2016–18), has been recognized with three prestigious national awards: the JSW-ToI 13th Earth Care Award 2025 for Emerging Business in Climate Action, the FICCI RECEIC Award 2025 for Resource Efficiency & Circular Economy Innovations (Emerging Category), and the Rosefield Award 2025 for Customer Service Excellence.

As a deep-tech circular economy company, Minimac is driving sustainable industrial transformation through innovations in lubricant circularity, reliability engineering, and industrial decarbonization.

The IIM Indore community congratulates Mr. Agrawal and the Minimac team on this remarkable achievement and wishes them continued success in advancing sustainability and climate action.

Nostalgia | Our alumni are the heartbeat of IIM Indore's legacy, carrying its spirit across the world.



10 May 2026: Nostalgia, our alumni meet, held simultaneously in Delhi, Mumbai, and Bengaluru, beautifully celebrated these lifelong bonds.

In his virtual address, Director, Prof. Himanshu Rai shared how alumni continue to be the Institute's greatest ambassadors and encouraged them to stay closely connected with their alma mater.

With more than 100 alumni joining the celebrations, the day was filled with conversations, laughter, memories, and pride. Prof. Shruti Tewari, Prof. Jatin Pandey, and Prof. Saurabh Kumar (Chair - Alumni) also interacted with alumni, making it a truly memorable reunion.

Once a part of Planet-I, always a cherished member of the IIM Indore family.

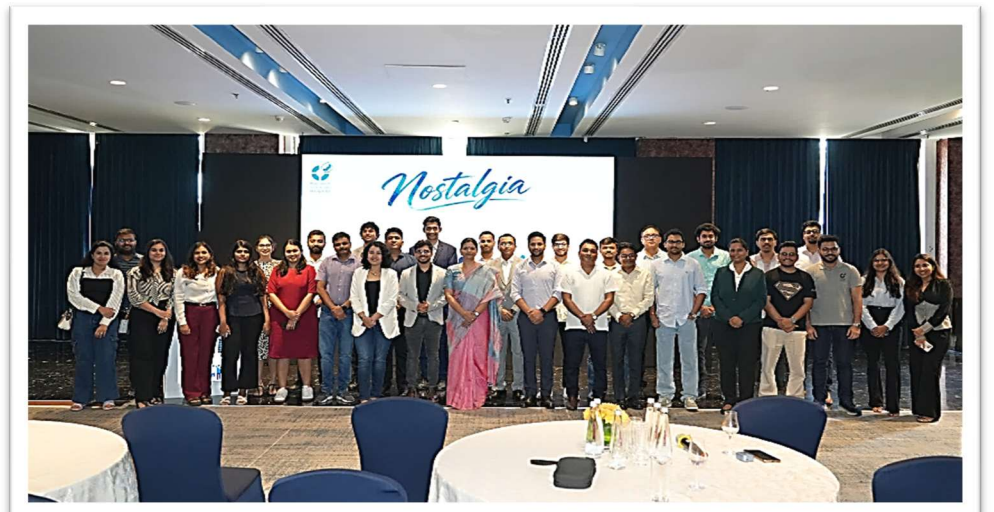
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News from the Campus

CERE2026 | What does business excellence mean in the age of AI? And how must we rethink research, leadership, and innovation to get there?

1 May 2026: This is exactly what we are delving into at CERE 2026.

The 16th edition of the International Conference on Excellence in Research and Education (CERE) was inaugurated by our Director, Prof. Himanshu Rai, on May 1, 2026, at IIM Indore. The conference has brought together global scholars and practitioners around the theme "Business Excellence Reimagined: Competing in the Age of AI."

In his inaugural address, Prof. Rai reflected on the essence of research in an AI-driven world, noting that while AI processes information, the pursuit of truth remains inherently human. He emphasized that research is not created, but discovered, waiting to be uncovered with curiosity and intent, while also highlighting the ethical responsibility in shaping how AI is used.



Welcoming participants, Prof. Rajhans Mishra, DPM Chair and Conference Chair, shared that this year's conference received over 430 submissions from 10 countries, making it the largest edition yet, and underscored the pressing questions AI raises about data, ethics, and the future of work.

As conversations unfold, CERE 2026 sets the stage for deeper dialogue on navigating disruption and building a more responsible, resilient future.

CERE2026 | Day 1 at IIM Indore set the tone with insightful keynote sessions, unpacking the evolving role of data and AI in management.

2 May 2026: Mr. Ben Waber (President & Co-Founder, Humanyze; Visiting Scientist, MIT Media Lab) spoke on “The State of Management and the New Role of Data and AI,” highlighting how data-driven insights are transforming organizational decision-making and workplace dynamics.



Prof. Mukesh Mohania (Department of Computer Science and Engineering, IIIT Delhi) delivered a keynote on “Data Analytics – Then and Now: A Continuous Journey,” tracing the evolution of analytics and its growing significance through AI and data science.

An engaging start to conversations at the intersection of data, technology, and management.

CERE2026 | When conversations move from hype to how, AI becomes a question of choices, not just capability.

3 May 2026: Day 2 at IIM Indore featured thought-provoking panel discussions on whether AI is a tool or a transformative business model.



Experts from industry and academia shared insights on how organizations are embedding AI into strategy, redefining value creation, and navigating challenges around ethics, scale, and governance, while also reflecting on its implications for research, teaching, and responsible innovation.

A nuanced exchange that pushed the dialogue beyond possibilities to real-world application.

CERE2026 | Day 2 at IIM Indore focused on deep learning and real-world application, with expert-led workshops bridging research and impact.

3 May 2026: Prof. Sushanta Mishra (Indian Institute of Management Bangalore) led a session on "Introduction to Response Surface Analysis," demonstrating its relevance in organizational research and advanced empirical modelling.

Prof. Hemant Jain (The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga) conducted a workshop on "Addressing Economic and Health Inequity One Neighborhood at a Time Through AI and Data Analytics," highlighting how technology can drive meaningful, inclusive change at the community level.



Blending methodological depth with practical relevance, the sessions offered participants actionable insights into applying research in an AI-driven world.

CERE2026 | CERE at IIM Indore continued with an expert-led workshop focusing on emerging perspectives in organizational behaviour on the third day.



3 May 2026: Prof. Vishal Gupta (Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad) conducted a session on "HEAL: Conceptualization and Measurement of a New Positive Organizational Behaviour Construct," offering valuable insights into developing and measuring new constructs in the field.

The session enriched participants with contemporary research perspectives and practical relevance.

CERE2026 | On the third day of CERE at IIM Indore, a session on "Presenting Your Research in a Stronger Light" highlighted the importance of effectively communicating research with clarity and impact.

3 May 2026: Prof. Sasanka Sekhar Chanda led the session, guiding participants through key questions that strengthen the foundation of any research narrative: What is the problem? Why is it worth researching? What solution is being proposed? And why does it matter to the academic community?

The session encouraged scholars to critically reflect on their work and present it in a way that is both compelling and meaningful, enhancing its relevance in the broader research landscape.



Executive Education | IIM Indore conducted the valedictory function of the Faculty Development Programme on May 09, 2026, marking the culmination of an enriching learning journey for educators and academic professionals.



Addressing the participants, Prof. Himanshu Rai, Director, IIM Indore, reflected on the importance of introspective reflection, personal vision, and purposeful leadership. He spoke about the idea of being “dwij”: being born twice: first biologically, and second when one discovers the true purpose of one’s existence.

He encouraged the participants to define success on their own terms, rather than through comparisons or societal expectations, and to focus not just on milestones, but also on appreciating the journey itself.

The ceremony was also marked by the presence of Programme Coordinator Prof. Rajhans Mishra, who congratulated the participants on successfully completing the programme.

As the cohort moves forward as part of the IIM Indore executive alumni community, we wish them continued growth, reflection, and purpose-driven impact.



As artificial intelligence transforms industries and workplaces, management education must evolve beyond traditional learning models.

27 May 2026: Future leaders will need a blend of technological fluency, innovation and human-centered leadership to remain relevant.

Read Prof. [Himanshu Rai](#)'s views in Education Times on how business schools can prepare irreplaceable managers for the AI-driven future.

Swimmero2026, the Annual Swimming Competition of IIM Indore, made a powerful splash, culminating in an inspiring prize distribution ceremony.

6 May 2026: With participation growing each year, the event continues to strengthen IIM Indore's vibrant sporting culture, bringing together swimmers of all ages with unmatched energy and enthusiasm.

Our Director, Prof. Himanshu Rai, congratulated all participants and reflected on swimming as far more than a sport. He shared how it teaches us to stay composed in resistance, move with the flow, and discover a rhythm between body, breath, and mind, making it both a powerful workout and a deeply meditative experience.



Kudos to all the winners, participants, and coaches for making this event truly meaningful!

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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