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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,

Every academic year begins with anticipation. New faces arrive on campus carrying ambition, curiosity, and the quiet confidence that something meaningful is about to begin. At the same time, familiar faces return—not as students this time, but as alumni—bringing with them stories of journeys that began in the very same classrooms.

That, perhaps, is what this edition of AlmaMatters is truly about.

Over the past month, we welcomed a new cohort of students to Planet-I while also welcoming back members of the Class of 2020–21 for their five-year reunion. We celebrated alumni who continue to make their mark across industries and witnessed the Institute fostering conversations that brought together academia, industry, policymakers, and practitioners. Seen together, these are not isolated events; they are milestones in the continuing journey of the IIM Indore community.

The campus remained vibrant with learning, dialogue, and collaboration. From industry conclaves and research seminars to executive education programmes, academic workshops, and international engagements, each initiative reflected the Institute's commitment to expanding knowledge, encouraging new perspectives, and preparing leaders for an ever-changing world.

There were also moments that reminded us that an institution is shaped as much by its culture as by its achievements. Whether through the celebration of International Day of Yoga, environmental initiatives, sporting infrastructure, or interactions with distinguished visitors, the month reflected a community that values well-being, responsibility, and meaningful human connections.

As you turn these pages, we hope you see more than a collection of events. We hope you recognise the continuity that binds us together—students who become alumni, alumni who return as mentors and leaders, and an institution that continues to grow through the enduring relationships it nurtures.

Every alumnus contributes to this shared legacy in a unique way—through professional excellence, mentorship, advocacy, partnerships, or simply by staying connected with the Institute and one another. It is this collective spirit that strengthens the IIM Indore community and ensures that its impact extends far beyond the campus.

Thank you for being an integral part of that journey. We look forward to celebrating your achievements, hearing your stories, and welcoming you back to Planet-I in the years ahead.

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

We congratulate Sanjay Singh, alumnus of IIM Indore's Leadership and Change Management Executive Education Programme, on his elevation to Deputy General Manager at Hero MotoCorp.

With over two decades of experience in the automotive industry, Sanjay has built a distinguished career across leading organizations including General Motors, Maruti Suzuki, and Hero MotoCorp.

His expertise in channel sales, dealer development, network expansion, and project management has been instrumental in driving growth and operational excellence.

We wish him continued success as he takes on this expanded leadership role and contributes to Hero MotoCorp's journey ahead.



We congratulate Rohit Chandak (PGP 2005–07) on his appointment as Director – Finance and Chief Financial Officer at Apraava Energy.

A distinguished finance leader with extensive experience across the energy, infrastructure, and investment sectors, Rohit has built an impressive career spanning corporate finance, strategic investments, project financing, mergers and acquisitions, and sustainability-led growth.

Prior to joining Apraava Energy, he served as CFO of Ayana Renewable Power, where he played a pivotal role in the company's growth and transformation.

We are proud to see our alumnus take on a key leadership role at a time when India's energy sector is undergoing a significant transition towards a sustainable future.



We are delighted to congratulate Sanjeev Pathak (EPGP 2009) on his elevation to the position of Senior Director at HP.

This significant milestone reflects his exceptional leadership, strategic vision, and unwavering commitment to excellence. Over the years, Sanjeev has built an inspiring professional journey, earning recognition for his contributions and impact in the technology sector.

His achievement is a proud moment for the IIM Indore alumni community and serves as an inspiration to fellow alumni and aspiring leaders.

We wish him continued success in this new leadership role.



Rendezvous 2026

Conversations. Connections. Community.

5 June 2026: Rendezvous 2026 held in Delhi brought together our accomplished alumni and the bright young minds who will soon begin their journey at Planet-I.



Addressing the gathering, our Director Prof. Himanshu Rai reflected on IIM Indore's evolution and spoke about the importance of courage in the face of uncertainty, self-awareness in a world full of distractions, and the ability to distinguish between what we can control and what we cannot.

He encouraged the incoming batch to embrace failure, stay connected to diverse perspectives, and remain rooted in their identities as they navigate their journeys.

What followed was an evening of stories, laughter, mentorship, and meaningful conversations.

Alumni shared experiences from their professional and personal journeys, while the incoming batch brought with them an infectious energy and curiosity.

Because the true strength of an institution lies not just in its classrooms, but in the bonds that connect generations of learners, leaders, and change makers.





5-year Reunion | Some bonds never fade; they grow stronger with time!

20 June 2026: The Class of 2020–21 returned to Planet-I for their 5-Year Reunion, rekindling friendships, revisiting cherished memories, and reaffirming their lifelong connection with their alma mater.

From heartfelt conversations to a friendly football match, the campus once again echoed with the energy, camaraderie, and laughter that make the Planet-i experience so special.

Prof. Saurabh Kumar, Chair, Alumni Relations, also welcomed the returning batch.

A day filled with joy, nostalgia, and the reminder that while years may pass, the IIM Indore bond only grows stronger. Here's to two days of fun, friendships, and nostalgia!





News from the Campus

New Batch | New aspirations. New perspectives. One shared purpose.

29 June 2026: The journey begins for the newest batches of PGP, PGP-HRM, IPM-IV, and DPM as they step into IIM Indore, ready to challenge conventions, embrace possibilities, and grow into leaders who make a meaningful difference.

The academic year 2026–27 was inaugurated by Prof. Himanshu Rai, Director, IIM Indore, who encouraged participants to pursue excellence with purpose, stay grounded in their values, and embrace lifelong learning. Reminding them that success is measured not just by achievements but by the impact they create, he urged them to lead with integrity, resilience, and empathy.



Chief Guest Lt. Gen. Ajay Chandpuria, Commandant, Army War College, Mhow, shared powerful lessons on leadership, inspiring participants to dream with conviction, lead by example, and remain steadfast through every challenge. He emphasized that true leadership begins with character, courage, and the willingness to put people before outcomes.

Welcoming the incoming cohort, Prof. Sayantan Banerjee, Chair, PGP, encouraged students to make the most of the IIM Indore experience by staying curious, learning from the institute's rich diversity, taking ownership of their journey, and leading with humility, responsibility, and integrity.

Reflecting the spirit of diversity that defines IIM Indore, the incoming cohort brings together participants from across India, representing varied academic disciplines, professional experiences, and perspectives.

With women comprising 54.4% of the PGP batch and 95.35% of the PGP-HRM batch, this year's induction celebrates an inclusive community where different ideas come together to create lasting impact.

The journey ahead is about more than classrooms and careers. It is about discovering purpose, building character, and preparing to lead change with courage, compassion, and conviction.

Proud IIMI | Excellence deserves to be celebrated, and meaningful impact deserves to be recognized.

29 June 2026: During the Induction Programme, IIM Indore honoured the outstanding achievements of participants who have set benchmarks both inside and beyond the classroom.



Certificates of Academic Excellence were presented by Prof. Himanshu Rai, Director, IIM Indore, and Chief Guest Lt. Gen. Ajay Chandpuria, Commandant, Army War College, Mhow, to the top-performing participants from the combined PGP-I and IPM-IV batch, along with deserving achievers from PGP-HRM, in recognition of their exceptional academic performance.

The institute also celebrated the spirit of social responsibility by felicitating student groups whose work under the Rural Engagement Programme (REP) 2025 stood

out for its insightful research, thoughtful analysis, and meaningful community engagement, reaffirming that true learning extends far beyond the classroom.

Every recognition reflects the values that define IIM Indore: academic excellence, purposeful leadership, and a commitment to creating impact where it matters most.

As a new academic journey begins, these achievements serve as a reminder that success is measured not only by what we accomplish but also by the difference we make.



Campus Moments | Before the lectures begin and the deadlines arrive, there are moments that make a campus feel like home.

29 June 2026: A smile exchanged, a conversation started, a dream shared, and a journey waiting to unfold.

These candid glimpses capture the excitement, warmth, and spirit of the newest members of the IIM Indore family as they begin a transformative chapter together.

Here's to friendships, experiences, and memories that will last a lifetime.



Bringing together young minds from across the country, IIM Indore was delighted to host faculty members from the Indian Institute of Technology (Indian School of Mines, Dhanbad), and students from Jharkhand, under Yuva Sangam Phase-VI, an initiative that celebrates the spirit of "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat".

2 June 2026: They got an opportunity to interact with Prof. Ranjeet Nambudiri, Dean (Faculty), who shared an overview of IIM Indore's journey, academic programmes, global accreditations, and its mission of being contextually relevant, world-class, and socially conscious.

He emphasized the institute's commitment to nurturing responsible leaders and shared inspiring examples of initiatives that promote leadership, social responsibility, and nation-building among students.



Col. Dr. Gururaj Pamidi, Chief Officer: Administration, also shared insights into IIM Indore's sustainability-driven campus, eco-friendly practices, and commitment to creating a holistic learning environment.

The delegates explored the campus and gained insights into IIM Indore's sustainability initiatives, state-of-the-art infrastructure, and holistic learning environment.

This interaction embodied the spirit of cultural exchange, mutual learning, and national integration envisioned under the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Programme.

Workshop | At IIM Indore, we remain committed to excellence in teaching and learning through innovative pedagogical approaches and global academic resources.

On June 02, 2026, IIM Indore's Learning Centre organized the Harvard Business Impact Catalog Overview and Simulation Workshop for our community, including DPM, EDPM, and EDPMG participants, and Academic Associates.

The workshop was conducted by Ms. Revati Sahijwani Raj, Strategic Relationship Manager, and Ms. Indrasena Mukhopadhyay, Senior Digital Product Specialist, from Harvard Business Impact, who provided participants with a comprehensive overview of the Harvard Business Impact Catalog and its diverse portfolio of case studies, simulations, and teaching resources.

Through engaging demonstrations and interactive simulation exercises, participants gained practical insights into creating impactful and immersive learning experiences.



Prof. Ranjeet Nambudiri, Dean (Faculty), IIM Indore, addressed the participants and emphasized the importance of integrating experiential learning methodologies into management education. He highlighted how simulations and case-based learning can enrich classroom engagement, strengthen decision-making skills, and create meaningful learning experiences.

The event reflected IIM Indore's continued commitment to academic innovation, faculty development, and the creation of

impactful learning environments that prepare learners for complex business challenges.

Industry Conclave | The future of Indian Pharma will not be shaped by innovation alone, it will be shaped by the ecosystems that make innovation possible.

23 June 2026: This vision set the tone for IIM Indore's Industry Conclave on "Next Era of Innovation in the Indian Pharma Sector," where experts came together to explore the evolving landscape of pharmaceutical innovation.

In his inaugural address, Prof. Manish Popli, Dean (Planning & Development), IIM Indore, highlighted India's transition from manufacturing excellence to knowledge-driven ecosystems, emphasizing the need to transform innovative ideas into impactful execution.

Building on this theme, Mr. Anil Matai, Director General, OPPI, spoke about the importance of moving from a volume-driven to a value-driven pharmaceutical industry and strengthening India's capabilities in innovation and R&D to compete with global leaders.

Adding an industry perspective, Mr. Ashutosh Inamdar, CEO & VP, Lupin Life Sciences Ltd., underscored the importance of quality standards, affordable healthcare access, and the growing potential of trade generics in expanding healthcare reach, particularly across rural India.

The panel was moderated by Prof. Punyashlok Dwibedy, Chair, Industry Interface Office. The discussions further explored how partnerships, policy support, regulatory frameworks, entrepreneurship, and leadership will play a defining role in positioning India as a global pharmaceutical innovation powerhouse.

The conclave reinforced a shared belief: while scientific breakthroughs remain critical, the next era of Indian Pharma will be defined by collaboration, sustainable impact, and strong innovation ecosystems that connect academia, industry, startups, investors, and policymakers.



Outreach Session | How has India's banking sector evolved in recent years, and what do the latest trends reveal about the future of the economy?



30 June 2026: To explore these questions, IIM Indore hosted an outreach session by the Department of Economic and Policy Research (DEPR), Reserve Bank of India (RBI), under the IIM Indore Research Seminar Series on June 23, 2026.

The session, titled "Report on Trend and Progress of Banking in India," was delivered by Shri Binod B. Bhoi (Director), Shri Brijesh P. (Director), Shri Abhinandan Borad (Assistant General Manager), Ms. Rishuka Bansal (Manager), and Ms. Pallavi Pant (Manager).

The speakers shared valuable insights into the performance, developments, and emerging trends shaping India's banking landscape.

The session was coordinated by Prof. Karthikeya Naraparaju, Faculty in the Economics area at IIM Indore.

Leadership is a journey of continuous learning, adaptation, and service.

17 June 2026: We at IIM Indore were delighted to host 21 army officers from Sri Lanka, Nepal, and Bhutan on our campus today, who are attending the Senior Command Course at Army War College, Mhow.

During their visit, the officers gained insights into IIM Indore's academic excellence, institutional values, and commitment to developing future-ready leaders.

Interacting with the delegation, Col. Dr. Gururaj Pamidi (Veteran), Chief Officer – Administration, emphasized the importance of constantly evolving, striving for excellence, and, above all, working selflessly. He noted that these values are closely aligned with IIM Indore's mission



of being contextually relevant, maintaining global standards, and developing managers, leaders, and entrepreneurs who are socially conscious.

The officers also enjoyed our campus tour, and appreciated the sustainability initiatives and world-class infrastructure.

Coordinated by the Industry Interface Office, the visit provided a valuable platform for dialogue, cultural exchange, and strengthening ties with our friendly neighbouring nations.

Executive Education | The true value of general management lies not in knowing a little about everything, but in learning how to connect ideas, people, and decisions to create lasting impact.



IIM Indore conducted the valedictory ceremony of the Executive Certificate Programme in General Management on June 24, 2026, celebrating the successful completion of an enriching learning journey by a distinguished cohort of professionals.

The ceremony was graced by Prof. Shrihari Sohani, Associate Dean (Rankings, Accreditation and Internationalization), and Programme Coordinator Prof. Manoj Motiani (Associate Dean - Executive Education), who congratulated the participants and encouraged them to translate their learning

into purposeful action, stronger leadership, and greater organizational impact.

The programme equipped participants with a holistic management perspective, enabling them to navigate cross-functional challenges with confidence and strategic insight.

IIMI Impact | In a world that moves fast, yoga teaches us the power of pausing with purpose.

21 June 2026: This International Day of Yoga, the IIM Indore community came together for Yoga Sangam 2026, celebrating the timeless connection between physical vitality, mental clarity, and inner resilience.

Our Director, Prof. Himanshu Rai, inaugurated the session and shared reflections on the deeper dimensions of Ashtanga Yoga, highlighting how



the principles of Yama and Niyama continue to shape mindful living and responsible leadership. Guided by Yoga Instructor Mr. Akash Borasi, participants engaged in a rejuvenating practice that brought together focus, discipline, and collective energy.

The occasion also witnessed the felicitation of outstanding performers, recognizing their commitment and excellence.

As we moved in unison, we reaffirmed a simple belief: stronger individuals build stronger institutions, and stronger institutions build a better society.

Here's a smashing addition to campus life - quite literally!



7 June 2026: Thrilled to see the new Padel Court at IIM Indore come to life. Inaugurated by our Director, Prof. Himanshu Rai, this world-class facility is another step in our commitment to fostering fitness, teamwork, and holistic development.

With all-weather astro-turf and floodlit courts, the game never has to stop when the sun goes down. Here's to stronger teams, healthier minds, and many memorable matches ahead.

This Environment Day, we put down deeper roots at Planet-i.

5 June 2026: It was heartening to see the IIM Indore community come together to celebrate nature through a tree plantation drive led by Director Prof. Himanshu Rai.

Sharing his thoughts on the occasion, Prof. Rai reminded us that environmental responsibility begins with understanding our relationship with nature. When we recognize our connection with the earth, water, air, medicinal plants, and all living beings, caring for them becomes second nature.

After all, nature doesn't ask much of us... it simply asks us to remember that what nurtures us deserves to be nurtured back.

Here's to planting more than trees: planting awareness, responsibility, and hope for a greener tomorrow.



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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