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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,

The October 2026 edition of *AlmaMatters* brings together the key achievements and activities of the IIM Indore community during September, while also looking ahead to upcoming opportunities for alumni engagement.

We are proud to share that Minimac Systems Pvt. Ltd., founded by our alumnus Mr. Anshuman Agrawal (PGPMX Batch 2016–18), has raised ₹30 crore in a pre-Series A funding round led by Rainmatter, Zerodha's investment arm. This achievement reflects the growing contribution of our alumni to innovation, sustainability and entrepreneurship. Alumni engagement also continued through Odyssey Talks, where alumni shared practical guidance with students on solving case studies and preparing for interviews.

The Institute received important recognition across the Financial Times, LinkedIn, QS and UI GreenMetric rankings. These recognitions reflect the quality of our programmes, the strength of our alumni network and our continued commitment to academic excellence, responsible management education and sustainability.

IIM Indore also strengthened its academic and institutional partnerships through an MoU with EADA Business School Barcelona and an agreement to establish a Public Transport Innovation and Partnership Cell in collaboration with the Government of Madhya Pradesh. The Rural Engagement Programme, research discussions, interactions with officers from the Armed Forces and friendly foreign countries, and initiatives promoting Indian languages further enriched learning on campus.

We are also pleased to invite our alumni to Footprints 2026, the Annual Alumni Homecoming, and the 25-Year Reunion of the Batch of 2001. Both programmes will be held on the IIM Indore campus from 27 to 29 November 2026. We look forward to welcoming our alumni back to campus to reconnect with friends, revisit memories and renew their association with the Institute.

We hope you enjoy reading this edition. We invite you to remain connected, share your achievements and experiences, mentor students and participate actively in alumni programmes and initiatives.

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

Minimac Systems Raises ₹30 Crore in Pre-Series A Funding

We are pleased to share that Minimac Systems Pvt. Ltd., founded by IIM Indore alumnus Mr. Anshuman Agrawal (PGPMX Batch 2016–18), has raised ₹30 crore in a pre-Series A funding round led by Rainmatter, Zerodha's investment arm. The company works in lubricant lifecycle management and circularity, helping industries reduce waste and extend the useful life of lubricants. The funds will support research and development in miniaturised fluid-treatment systems, fleet automation and fluid analytics, while expanding the company's "Recycling on Wheels" services. The IIM Indore community congratulates Mr. Agrawal and the Minimac Systems team and wishes them continued success in advancing sustainable industrial solutions.

Odyssey Talks: Preparing for Case Studies and Interviews

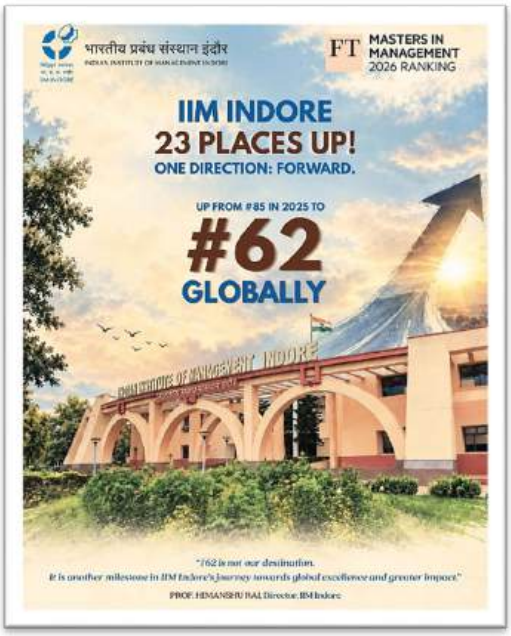
The Alumni Committee and Alumni Office jointly organized Odyssey Talks on 5–6 September 2026. The sessions featured Mr. Prateek Sharma (Batch 2024–25) and Mr. Surya Sasank Vissa (Batch 2020–21), who shared valuable insights on solving case studies and preparing effectively for interviews. Prof. Saumya Ranjan Dash also joined the sessions online from Dubai and interacted with the participants.

Drawing upon their academic and professional experiences, the speakers explained a structured approach to analysing case studies. They emphasized understanding the problem statement, identifying key issues, organizing thoughts logically, and presenting practical, well-supported recommendations. Participants were also encouraged to communicate their ideas clearly, manage their time efficiently, and remain confident while addressing complex business situations.

The sessions also focused on general interview preparation. The alumni shared useful suggestions on researching organizations, preparing for commonly asked questions, presenting personal experiences effectively, and demonstrating clarity, confidence, and professionalism. They highlighted the importance of being authentic, maintaining a positive attitude, and responding thoughtfully during interviews.

News from the Campus

Rankings | IIM Indore has risen 23 places, up from #85 in 2025, to #62 globally in the Financial Times Masters in Management Rankings 2026.



This achievement reflects the strength of our academic ecosystem, the value we create for our students, and our commitment to responsible and impactful management education.

We move ahead with the same ambition: to learn, evolve, and create greater impact.

Ranking | Delighted to share that IIM Indore has been ranked #33 among the Top MBA Programmes in the world in LinkedIn's Top MBA Programmes 2026 list.

We're also proud to be recognized among the Top 5 globally for networking, reflecting the strength and reach of our alumni community across industries and geographies.

LinkedIn's ranking draws on exclusive data to identify MBA programmes that best position their alumni for long-term career success, considering factors including hiring and demand, career advancement, networking, leadership potential, and gender diversity.

Here's to stronger connections, greater opportunities, and continued success for the IIM Indore community around the world.

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Rankings | IIM Indore continues to make its mark on the global stage with its recognition in the QS Global MBA Rankings 2027.

We are proud to share that IIM Indore's Executive Post Graduate Programme in Management – EPGP has been ranked 4th among IIMs, and has secured the 29th position in Asia.

This recognition reflects our continued commitment to academic excellence, global standards, and developing future-ready leaders.

As we continue to push boundaries in management education, we remain committed to creating an enduring impact on the global stage.

Rankings | IIM Indore continues its journey of excellence with a strong showing in the QS Masters in Management (MiM) Rankings 2027, as our Post Graduate Programme in Management – PGP has been ranked 6th in India.

This recognition reaffirms our commitment to academic excellence, impactful learning, and preparing the next generation of responsible and future-ready leaders.

With a continued focus on excellence and innovation, IIM Indore remains dedicated to advancing the frontiers of management education.

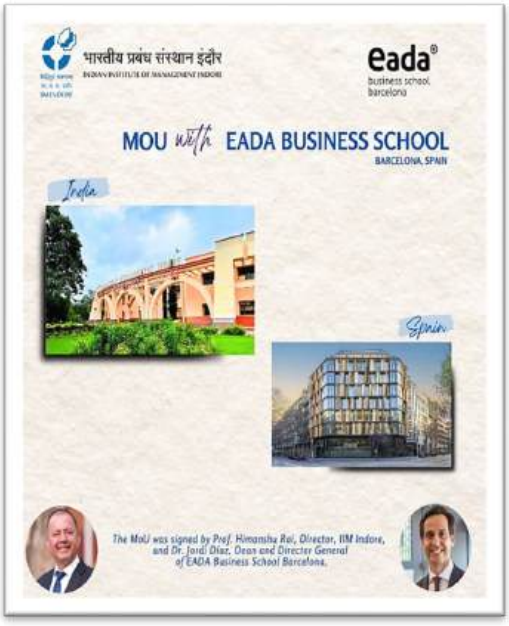
Rankings | Going greener. Moving higher. Leading the way!

IIM Indore has once again emerged as the #1 IIM in the UI GreenMetric World University Rankings 2026, retaining its position for the past 2 years.

This year, IIM Indore has strengthened its overall score from 6,427.5 in 2025 to 6,685 in 2026, an impressive jump of 257.5 points!

A greener campus. A stronger commitment. A continued journey towards a more sustainable future.

MoU | IIM Indore's global network grows stronger in Spain!



Taking another step towards expanding our international presence, we have signed an MoU with EADA Business School Barcelona: our second academic partnership in Spain.

Signed by our Director, Prof. Himanshu Rai, and Dr. Jordi Díaz, Dean and Director General of EADA Business School Barcelona, the agreement opens new avenues for student and faculty exchanges, joint research, academic activities, and the exploration of joint programmes and dual degrees.

With this partnership, IIM Indore continues to strengthen its global academic network, connecting India with leading institutions across Europe and creating more opportunities for our students, faculty, and researchers to learn, collaborate, and grow across borders.

We look forward to building a meaningful India-Spain academic partnership through shared knowledge, research, and new opportunities.

MoU | Reimagining public transport through innovation!

Delighted to share that IIM Indore has signed an MoU with Madhya Pradesh Yatri Parivahan and Infrastructure Limited to establish a Public Transport Innovation & Partnership Cell, bringing together startups, innovators, academia, and industry to develop technology-led mobility solutions. The MoU was signed during the launch of CM Sugam Parivahan Yojna in Bhopal.

IIM Indore's Director, Prof. Himanshu Rai, said, "At IIM Indore, our goal is to turn knowledge and innovation into solutions that improve everyday lives. This partnership brings together government, academia and the innovation ecosystem to reimagine public transport for Madhya Pradesh."

IIM Indore was represented by Prof. Abhishek Mishra on this occasion.
Together, we look forward to driving smarter, safer, more inclusive and sustainable mobility solutions for Madhya Pradesh.

Some lessons can't be learned in a classroom; they have to be experienced on the ground.

At IIM Indore, the Rural Engagement Programme (REP) brings management education closer to the realities of rural India, enabling students to engage with communities, understand government schemes, and learn from their implementation on the ground.

The Rural Engagement Programme (REP) 2026 was inaugurated at IIM Indore on 26 September 2026, ahead of the field immersion scheduled from 5–9 October across Gram Panchayats in 21 districts of Madhya Pradesh.

On this occasion, Prof. Sayantan Banerjee, Chair PGP, highlighted the importance of understanding the realities of the country's rural population.

The orientation also featured insights on Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana (PMAY) from Ms. Manisha Dave and Mr. Anil Pawar, Deputy Commissioners, PMAY, PRD, Government of Madhya Pradesh, who discussed PMAY-G, its distinct approach from PMAY-Urban, and its Centre–State funding structure.

REP Coordinator Prof. Surya Bhushan Kumar encouraged students to embrace the experience, noting that they would return much more enlightened by their understanding of rural India.

Chief Officer: Administration, Col. Gururaj Pamidi was also present on this occasion.

IIM Indore has always welcomed opportunities to engage with the Armed Forces and officers from friendly nations, creating spaces for meaningful interaction and exchange.

It was a delight to welcome 27 Armed Forces officers from 10 Friendly Foreign Countries (FFCs), from the Army War College, Mhow, to our campus.

During the interaction, Prof. Himanshu Rai, Director, IIM Indore, spoke about the institute's close association with the Indian Army, its commitment to nation-building, and the importance of creating knowledge that is contextual, world-class, and socially conscious.

Col. Dr. Gururaj Pamidi (Veteran), Chief Officer – Administration, spoke about the importance of constantly evolving, striving for excellence, and serving selflessly.

The delegation also toured the campus, gaining insights into IIM Indore's academic environment, sustainability initiatives, and infrastructure.

Coordinated by the Industry Interface Office, the visit provided an enriching opportunity for professional interaction and cultural exchange, while deepening connections between IIM Indore, the Armed Forces, and friendly nations.

When leaders from across the world come together, every interaction becomes an opportunity to strengthen understanding and build lasting partnerships.

It was a delight to welcome 47 Army officers from 19 Friendly Foreign Countries (FFCs), along with a representative officer from the Army War College, Mhow, on September 17, 2026, on our campus.

During his interaction with the delegation, Col. Dr. Gururaj Pamidi (Veteran), Chief Officer – Administration, IIM Indore, spoke about the importance of continuously evolving, striving for excellence, and serving with selflessness.

The officers also enjoyed a tour of the campus, gaining insights into the institute's academic environment, sustainability initiatives, and world-class infrastructure.

Coordinated by the Industry Interface Office, the visit served as a meaningful platform for dialogue, cultural exchange, and strengthening the bonds of friendship and cooperation between India and its friendly foreign nations.

Telugu Language Workshop Inaugurated at IIM Indore

"A nation is not merely its soil; a nation is its people."
Inaugurating the Telugu Language Workshop at IIM Indore, Prof. Himanshu Rai spoke about the richness of Telugu and its remarkable literary and cultural legacy. He reflected on how learning a new language takes us beyond words, introducing us to a new culture, a new way of thinking, and a new way of connecting with people.

Prof. Rai particularly highlighted the timeless wisdom of Vemana, whose simple yet profound poetry explores human nature, ethics, humility, and wisdom. His verses remind us that true learning is not only about what we know but also about the person we become.
"Do not be afraid of making mistakes. Practice, curiosity, and participation are what bring a language alive," Prof. Rai advised the participants.

He expressed the hope that this six-month journey would help the students discover Telugu, appreciate India's extraordinary linguistic diversity, and build a deeper connection with the country's shared civilisational heritage.

Research Seminar | Can mindful leadership contribute to building a more peaceful and connected world?

Exploring this question, IIM Indore had the pleasure of hosting Prof. Ramaswami Mahalingam, Director, Barger Leadership Institute and Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Michigan, United States, for a research talk under the IIM Indore Seminar Series on September 2, 2026.

His talk, "Mindful Global Peace Leadership," explored the idea of mindful leadership in the context of global peace.

The session was coordinated by Prof. Nobin Thomas and Prof. Ranjeet Nambudiri and chaired by Prof. Nishit Sinha.

Through such seminars, IIM Indore continues to encourage meaningful conversations on leadership, society, and global challenges.

Himanshu Speaks | Don't let the world decide how your day begins.

Before the messages, emails and noise, give yourself a few quiet minutes to choose who you want to be today.
Begin with intention. The day will follow.
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Himanshu Speaks | Not every quiet moment needs to be filled.

Sometimes, boredom is simply your mind asking for room to breathe.
Sit in silence. See what surfaces.

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Himanshu Speaks | You are not who you've always been.

Sometimes growth begins when you stop protecting an old version of yourself and allow yourself to change.

Stay aware. Stay open to becoming.

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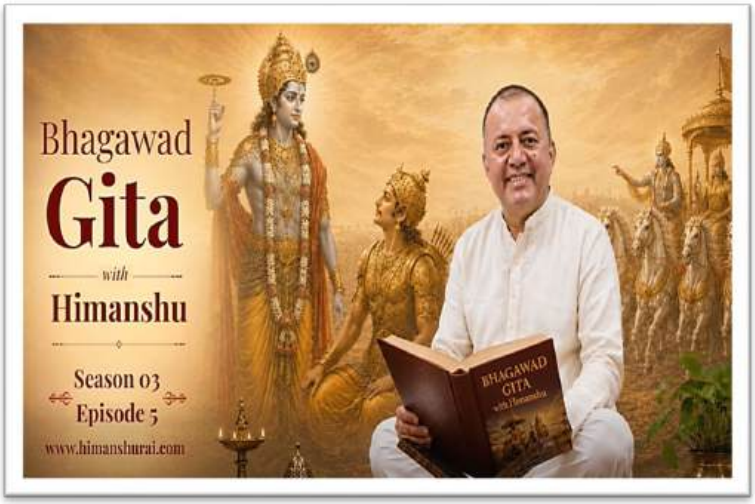
From understanding why action is unavoidable to discovering how duty, contribution, self-mastery and intention can transform the way we live, Karma Yoga has taken us from action to purpose.



In the final episode of Season 3, we bring these lessons together and ask a deeper question: not just how we should work, but how we should live?

Thank you for being part of this journey. The next chapter awaits.

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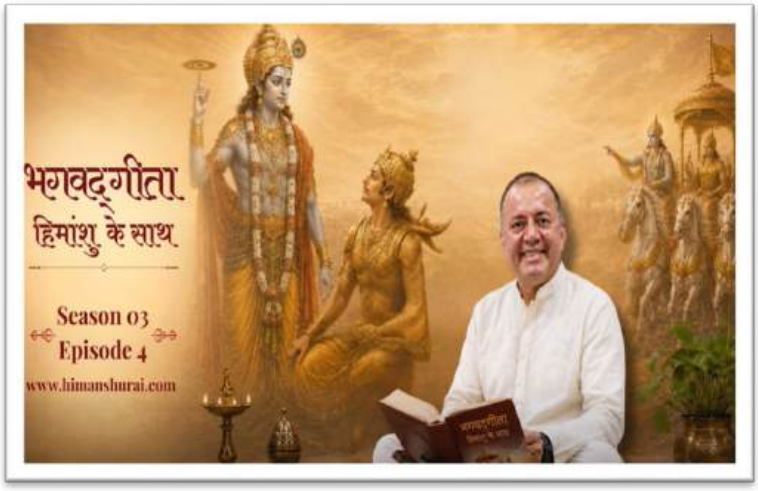
हमारा सबसे बड़ा शत्रु बाहर नहीं, भीतर हो सकता है।

सीज़न 3, एपिसोड 4 में हम श्रीकृष्ण के उस गहरे संदेश को समझते हैं कि कामना, आसक्ति और क्रोध कैसे हमारे विवेक को ढक देते हैं, और क्यों सच्चा नेतृत्व स्वयं पर शासन करने से शुरू होता है।
आत्म-जागरूकता ही आत्म-नेतृत्व की पहली सीढ़ी है।



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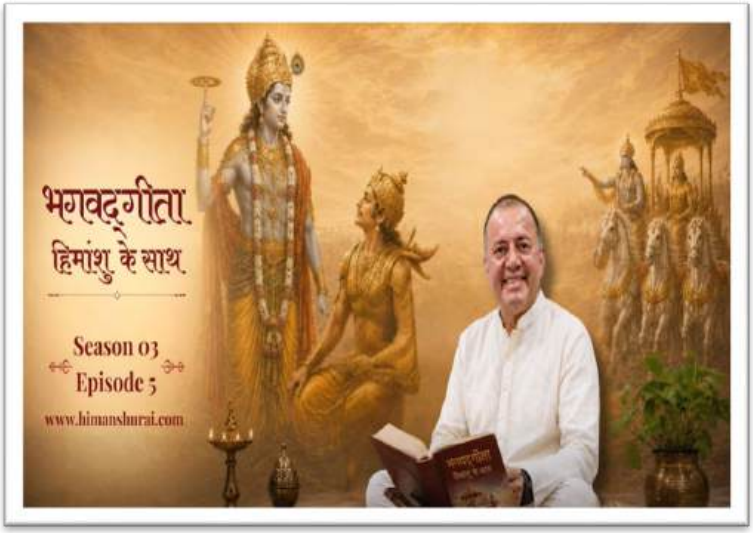
कर्म से भागना नहीं, कर्म को सही दृष्टि से जीना ही कर्मयोग है।



सीज़न 3 के अंतिम एपिसोड में हम कर्तव्य, सेवा, उत्कृष्टता और आंतरिक स्वतंत्रता को एक साथ जोड़ते हैं, और समझते हैं कि कर्म वही रहता है, लेकिन हमारी दृष्टि बदल जाए तो जीवन बदल जाता है।
पूरे मन से कर्म करें, लेकिन मन का ज्वर साथ न लेकर चलें।
सीज़न 3 की इस यात्रा में साथ रहने के लिए धन्यवाद।

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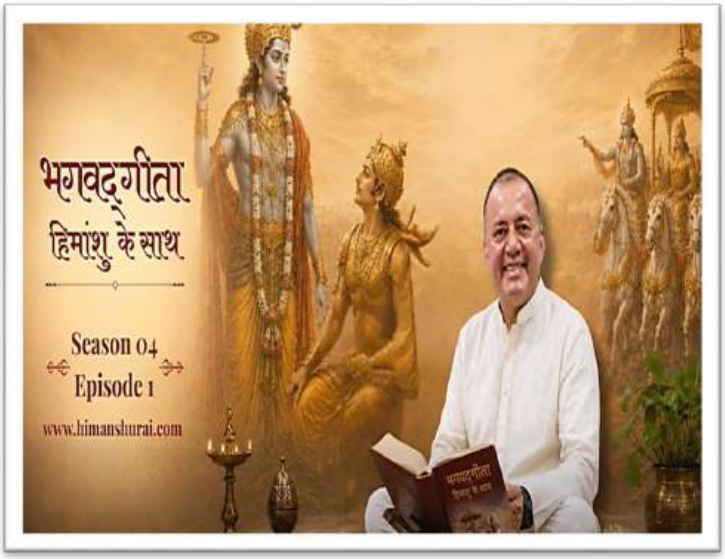
कुछ यात्राएँ हमें जीवन को देखने का नया दृष्टिकोण देती हैं।

भगवद्गीता के तीन अध्यायों, अर्जुनविषादयोग, सांख्ययोग और कर्मयोग, की यात्रा में हमने जीवन के द्वंद्व, समत्व, कर्तव्य और निष्काम कर्म को समझने का प्रयास किया है। इस यात्रा में हम तीन महत्वपूर्ण पड़ाव पार कर चुके हैं।

सीज़न 4 के प्रथम एपिसोड में, हम सनातन ज्ञान की अखण्ड परम्परा और उस अमूल्य विरासत पर चिंतन करते हैं, जो पीढ़ी पीढ़ी मानवता का मार्गदर्शन-दर-करती आई है।

हमने अपने पूर्वजों से जो ज्ञान पाया है, आने वाली पीढ़ियों को हम कौनसी विरासत सौंपेंगे-?



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The Rai Angle | सूचना के इस दौर में, क्या हमने चिंतन करना छोड़ दिया है?

हर बात पर प्रतिक्रिया देना आसान है, लेकिन ठहरकर प्रश्न करना, विचार करना और अपना विवेक विकसित करना ही स्वतंत्र चिंतन की शुरुआत है।

क्योंकि समाज की प्रगति केवल विचार व्यक्त करने से नहीं, स्वतंत्र रूप से विचार करने से होती है।

Hindi Pakhwada | हिंदी से जुड़ना अपनी समृद्ध सांस्कृतिक विरासत और अभिव्यक्ति की जड़ों से जुड़ना है।

आईआईएम इंदौर में हिंदी पखवाड़ा 2026 के दौरान राजभाषा प्रश्नोत्तरी, काव्य-पाठ, गीत-संगीत और अंताक्षरी जैसी विविध गतिविधियों ने हिंदी के प्रति सृजनशीलता, सहभागिता और सम्मान को उत्सव का रूप दिया।

इस अवसर पर आईआईएम इंदौर के मुख्य प्रशासनिक अधिकारी कर्नल डॉ .गुरुराज पामिडी एवं इंदौर इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ लॉ से निर्णायक के रूप में डॉ. आरती वर्मा उपस्थित रहीं।

भाषा विचारों, भावनाओं और संस्कृति को जोड़ने वाली सशक्त कड़ी है।

हिंदी की इसी व्यापक भूमिका और प्रासंगिकता को रेखांकित करते हुए आईआईएम इंदौर में हिंदी दिवस समारोह का आयोजन किया गया।

इस अवसर पर हिंदी पत्रिका 'ज्ञान शिखर' के ग्यारहवें अंक का विमोचन हुआ और 'हिंदी पत्रकारिता: चुनौतियाँ और अवसर' विषय पर परिचर्चा आयोजित हुई, जिसका सञ्चालन कर्नल डॉ. गुरुराज गोपीनाथ पामिडी (सेवानिवृत्त), मुख्य अधिकारी, प्रशासन ने किया।

चर्चा में श्री अनिल कर्मा, स्थानीय संपादक, पत्रिका; डॉ. अमित मंडलोई, स्थानीय संपादक, दैनिक भास्कर; और डॉ. जितेंद्र व्यास, स्थानीय संपादक, नईदुनिया ने बदलते संचार माध्यमों, हिंग्लिश, समाचार पत्रों की प्रासंगिकता, फेक न्यूज़ और पत्रकारिता में कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता की संभावनाओं पर विचार साझा किए। हिंदी पखवाड़े की विभिन्न प्रतियोगिताओं के विजेताओं को भी सम्मानित किया गया।

भारतीय भाषाएँ केवल हमारी विरासत नहीं, हमारी पहचान, विचार और ज्ञान की जीवंत परंपरा हैं।

भारतीय प्रबंध संस्थान इंदौर में भारतीय भाषाओं और हमारी समृद्ध सांस्कृतिक विरासत को नई पीढ़ी से जोड़ने की दिशा में पुनः एक बार संस्कृत और तेलुगु भाषा कार्यशालाओं के नए बैच का शुभारंभ निदेशक प्रो. हिमांशु राय द्वारा गणेश चतुर्थी के अवसर पर किया गया।

इस अवसर पर प्रो. राय ने संस्कृत की उस व्यापक ज्ञानपरंपरा पर प्रकाश डाला, जो वेदों, उपनिषदों, रामायण, महाभारत, भगवद्गीता, अर्थशास्त्र और योगसूत्र जैसे ग्रंथों के माध्यम से भारतीय चिंतन, दर्शन, विज्ञान और जीवन-दृष्टि को समृद्ध करती है। उन्होंने यह भी रेखांकित किया कि भाषा सीखना केवल नए शब्द सीखना नहीं, बल्कि एक नई दृष्टि और विचार-जगत से परिचित होना है।

पिछले वर्ष की संस्कृत एवं कन्नड़ कार्यशालाओं के प्रतिभागियों को इस अवसर पर प्रो. राय द्वारा प्रमाण पत्र भी दिए गए। इस अवसर पर संस्कृत कार्यशाला के संचालक श्री प्रवेश वैष्णव तथा तेलुगु कार्यशाला की संचालिका सुश्री संगीता राव भी उपस्थित रहे।

आईआईएम इंदौर की यह पहल भारतीय भाषाओं को केवल संरक्षित करने तक सीमित नहीं है, बल्कि उन्हें समकालीन शिक्षा, युवा पीढ़ी और ज्ञान-विमर्श से जोड़ने का प्रयास है।

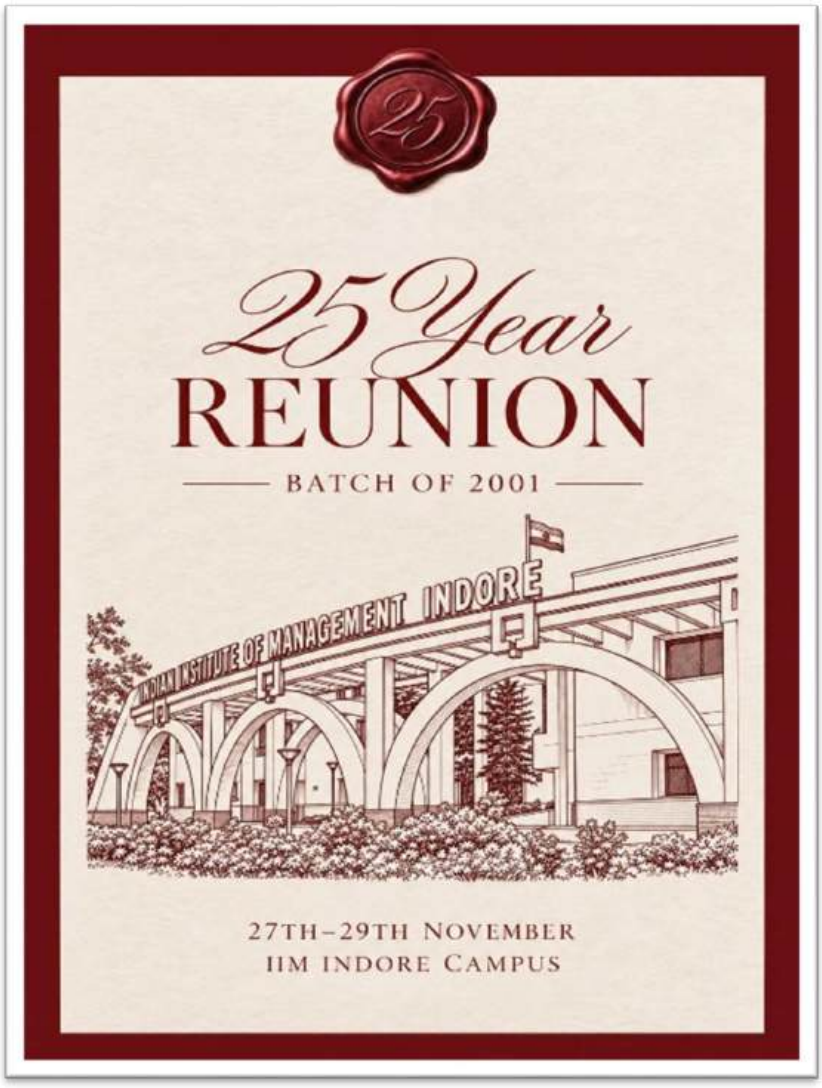
Announcements

Footprints 2026 – Annual Alumni Homecoming

Alumni are warmly invited to Footprints 2026, IIM Indore's Annual Alumni Homecoming, to be held on campus from 27 to 29 November 2026. The homecoming offers an opportunity to revisit the campus, reconnect with fellow alumni and celebrate the lasting bond with Planet - I. For further details, please write to the Alumni Committee at **alumni@iimidr.ac.in**.

25-Year Reunion – Batch of 2001

IIM Indore looks forward to welcoming the Batch of 2001 for its 25-Year Reunion, to be held on campus from 27 to 29 November 2026. The reunion will bring batchmates together to revisit memories, renew friendships and celebrate 25 years of their association with the Institute. For further details, please write to the Alumni Committee at **alumni@iimidr.ac.in**.



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 address relevant real-world business challenges, and we keep on evolving them with world trends. We impart learning that 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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Long Duration Certificate Programmes

International Programmes

For more details, visit: https://www.iimidr.ac.in/executive-programmes/

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