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# Editor's Desk

Dear Alumni,

I am writing to introduce myself as the new Chairperson of the Alumni at our esteemed Institute. I feel proud and privileged to take on this role and to serve our alumni community.

I will work with the alumni and the Institute administration to organize events that bring together alumni from different programmes of the Institute. Our goal is to create opportunities for alumni to network, collaborate, learn, and share their experiences and expertise. Your input and involvement will be invaluable in shaping the future of our alumni activities. I invite you to join me in this exciting journey as we strive to strengthen our alumni network and contribute to the growth of our Institute. I look forward to your continued support.

We are excited to present this issue of our newsletter, which celebrates the addition of new alumni to our thriving network of former participants. At the 24th convocation held on April 1, 2023, we were delighted to have the presence of parents to share in this momentous occasion. It is the start of a new journey, and we encourage all of our alumni to maintain the same spirit of determination and perseverance that they have demonstrated during their time with us.

As every end has a new beginning, our participants are now proud members of our Institute's alumni network. We hope they will come back to visit the campus, share their hard-earned wisdom with our current students, and tell us about their experiences.

As a part of our membership drive for the Alumni Association, our Middle East Alumni conducted a UAE Chapter Meet in Dubai, which was a tremendous success. We hope to have more such events in the future.

Finally, we would like to share our joy at the first reunion of the EPGP e-Governance Batch 2013-14, which was held on the campus from April 28 to 29, 2023. The alumni of this batch come from a diverse range of fields and are domain experts with around 13 to 30 years of experience in their respective domains as well as in the field of IT

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Consulting and e-Governance. It was a pleasure to have them back on campus, and we hope they will continue to stay in touch with us and with each other.

This newsletter is distributed through email to nearly 10,000+ alumni. We know our alumni are doing amazing things, including founding and leading promising businesses and pursuing unique personal pursuits. If you have a personal or professional update you want to share in the next edition of the newsletter, please submit a brief update with your photograph and relevant web links.

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We welcome your suggestions at [alumnioffice@iimidr.ac.in](mailto:alumnioffice@iimidr.ac.in) to make this newsletter a strong connection between the Institute and alumni. All IIMI Alumni Chapters are requested to submit the Alumni Office regular updates on events and news that should be shared with the IIMI community. These updates will be included in future editions of the newsletters.

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With warm regards,  
Dipayan Datta Chaudhuri  
Chair, Alumni  
IIM Indore

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## News & Events

### News from Campus and Alumni Chapters

#### 24th Annual Convocation

The 24th Convocation of the Indian Institute of Management Indore (IIM Indore) was a momentous occasion marked by academic achievement, personal growth, and joy. Held on April 01, 2023, the ceremony saw a total of 739 participants receiving their degrees. Shri Arun Kumar Singh, Chairman of ONGC, was the Chief Guest who delivered the Convocation Address. Shri M M Murugappan, Chairman of the Board of Governors for IIM Indore, and Prof. Himanshu Rai, Director, IIM Indore, were also present.



The event was a testament to the Institute's unwavering commitment to maintaining rigorous academic standards and to the dedication and hard work of its faculty, staff, and students. The presence of the distinguished guests, parents and families of the participants and the happiness on their faces added to the grandeur of the occasion.

Shri Murugappan, in his welcome address, congratulated the batch of 2023. He acknowledged the hard work of the students, their families, and the faculty, and commended IIM Indore's reputation as a top institution for management education. He emphasized the importance of

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lifelong learning and the role of education in all-around development, both in and beyond the classroom. He also applauded the role of the Director and the faculty in creating outstanding graduates and building the institution of IIM Indore to its current eminent position. He expressed his commitment to enhancing the institution's infrastructure, outreach, and embrace of technology. He said, "Learning is meaningful when it is lifelong and knowledge gained in and beyond the classroom is vital to all-round development. To the graduating class of 2023, our congratulations on your achievements and very best wishes in your future endeavors." He urged the graduating class to use their education and leadership to make India and the world a better place with a commitment to the environment.

Professor Rai delivered an inspiring message to the graduating participants, urging them to hold on to their self-belief and positive thinking. He emphasized the importance of unyielding faith in one's own abilities, and urged the graduates to approach every challenge with a mind ready to absorb every positive aspect. He advised the participants to contribute to their nation, beloved India, with a zeal akin to the Avengers fighting for the greater good. He also urged them to be compassionate, spreading kindness and positivity wherever they go.

Additionally, Professor Rai advised the participants to build their friendships stronger and to dedicate their degrees to their parents. He also shared some latest initiatives of IIM Indore, including the establishment of the Centre of Excellence that will focus on WASH – water, hygiene, and sanitation, and the re-accreditation of the institute by



EQUIS, thereby maintaining its coveted Triple Crown. He also shared various academic achievements and the collaborations of the institute in the last academic year. His message was met with enthusiastic applause, and the graduating participants left the ceremony feeling inspired and motivated to embrace positivity, contribute to a better tomorrow, and make the most of their degrees.

In his Convocation Address, Mr. Arun Kumar Singh emphasized the importance of consistent hard work, sincerity, and adaptability in achieving success. He shared his own experiences from his professional and personal life to highlight how these qualities can help one tackle difficult situations and overcome obstacles. He also stressed the need for graduates to be net givers to their organizations and society, rather than net takers. The convergence of the four Ds- demographic shift, digitalisation, decarbonisation, and partial deglobalisation- is creating

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endless opportunities. Our education system is producing individuals with infinite potential to solve mankind's greatest challenges. Decarbonisation is saving us billions while opening up new opportunities in exporting abundant sunshine. Partial deglobalisation presents infinite opportunities for those willing to take risks. To shape the future, we need to remain focused and committed to innovation. With these forces at play, the sky's the limit. Mr. Singh highlighted the role of IIM Indore in producing some of the finest management graduates in the country, who have excelled in their respective fields. He mentioned ONGC's long-standing partnership with IIM Indore for imparting management training to their officers identified for leadership roles in the organization. He also spoke about how ONGC recruits graduate trainees from IIM Indore, through campus placements and direct recruitment exercises.

### **15th Batch of EPGP Begins at IIM Indore**

IIM Indore inaugurated the new batch of 41 participants of the One-Year Full-Time Executive Post Graduate Programme in Management (EPGP – Batch 15) on April 6, 2023. The EPGP



programme is designed to prepare experienced executives to take on senior leadership roles. The programme's curriculum includes a mix of theoretical concepts and practical case studies, which enables students to develop the critical thinking and analytical skills required for effective leadership in today's fast-paced business environment. The inauguration took place in the presence of Prof. Himanshu Rai, Director, IIM Indore and Chief Guest Mr. Saurabh Chandra, MD, BCG.

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**Congratulations to the Executive Programme in Operations and Supply Chain Management Batch 01 Graduates** for successfully completing the programme!

Our faculty members, Prof. Prabin Panigrahi, Dean - Faculty, Prof. Subin Sudhir, Chair - Executive Education, Prof. Amit Vatsa, and Prof. Saurabh Chandra, Programme Coordinators, congratulated the graduates on this significant achievement. The valedictory function held on April 21, 2023.



With the latest skills in operations and supply chain management, our 56 graduates are now well-equipped to tackle complex challenges in their respective fields. We are delighted to have contributed to their professional growth and development.

**Many congratulations to the graduating participants of the Advanced Management Programme for Corporate Leaders - AMPCL Batch 02** for their successful completion of the course!

The valedictory function held on April 14, 2023 in the presence of Prof. Prashant Salwan, Dean - Programmes and Programme Coordinator, and Mr. Darayas Mehta, Founder Director of VCNOW.in, was a testament to their exceptional achievements.



With comprehensive knowledge and hands-on experience in Operations Management, Business Models, Brand and Product Management, Digital Strategies, Strategic Agility, Analytics, and more, the participants are now equipped to excel in their careers.

IIM Indore welcomed the participants of the **13th edition of the Faculty Development Programme (FDP)**! Prof. Prashant Salwan, Dean-Programmes, and Prof. Rajhans Mishra, Programme Coordinator, warmly welcomed the new batch during the inauguration on April 10, 2023, and briefed them about the curriculum.



This 5-week residential programme is specifically created for faculty members of management education and training institutions with the goal of boosting research and teaching capacities of management educators. Led by IIMI faculty and guest faculty from industry and other institutions, the programme covers a range of exciting topics, including participant-centered learning, writing cases, research methodology, simulations

and games, evaluation and assessment, communication skills for teachers, and more! This comprehensive FDP aims to prepare management educators for the challenges of the future. Congratulations to the new batch and we wish them a successful learning journey ahead!

The **GMPE Batch 11 participants in Dubai** experienced an enlightening two-day session on the **Art of Negotiation by Prof. Himanshu Rai**, Director of IIM Indore. They explored the intricacies of negotiation with great enthusiasm, getting insights that will prove invaluable in their management journey.





Congratulations to the graduates of the **Executive Post Graduate Certificate Programme in Management - Batch 02** on completing this intensive and rigorous programme. The valedictory was held on April 07, 2023, in the presence of IIM Indore's CAO Col. (Dr.) Gururaj Pamidi (Veteran); Prof. Subin Sudhir, Chair - Executive Education, and Prof. Nishit Sinha, VLPE Coordinator.



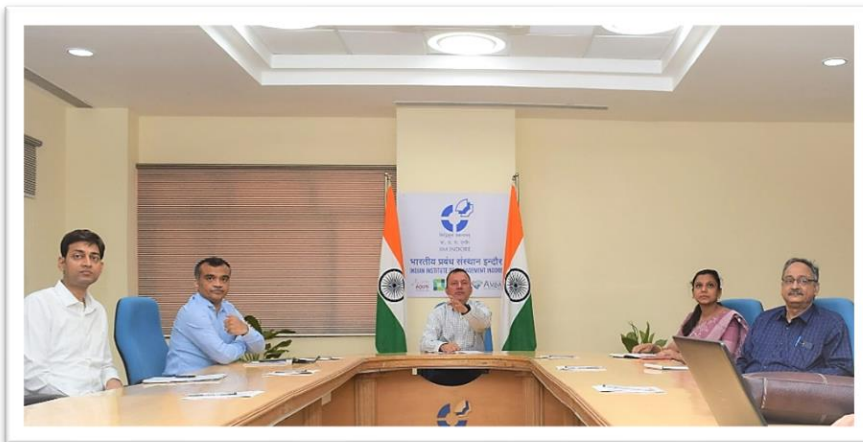
Congratulations to the **126 graduating participants of the Integrated**



### **Programme in Business Analytics Batch 12!**

The valedictory function was held on April 06, 2023, in the presence of Prof. Saumya Ranjan Dash, Dean - Research; Prof. Subin Sudhir, Chair - Executive Education; Prof. Arnab Koley, Programme Coordinator; and Mr. Siddharth Panth, Programme Head from Jigsaw Academy.

**Congratulations to the graduating 46 participants of the 7th batch of the Post Graduate Certificate Programme in Product Management - PGCPPM at IIM Indore.** The valedictory function was held on April 28, 2023, in the presence of Prof. Himanshu Rai, Director, IIM Indore and Prof. Abhishek Mishra, Programme Coordinator.



**CISF IG Prateek Mohanty** and his team visited IIM Indore campus on April 27, 2023. Institute will be working with the Sentinels of India's Critical Assets, and help them become more productive and efficient. Yet another step towards Nation Building.



Prof. Himanshu Rai, Director, IIM Indore, took a session on negotiation skills to strengthen state commissions for the protection of child rights for members and chairpersons of several state commissions. This session was delivered during the consultative programme to discuss **Mechanisms to Strengthen the State Commissions for Protection of the Child Rights at LBSNAA, Mussoorie, during April 24-26, 2023.**

IIM Indore embarks on a transformative journey towards Nation Building with the completion of the **Rural Engagement Programme (REP) 2022!** Six hundred forty-four students ventured out to assess the impact of SHGs, Pushkar and Amrit schemes, and PM Awas Yojana across 107 villages in Madhya Pradesh, creating a roadmap for grassroots evaluation by state authorities. Prof. Himanshu Rai, Director, IIM Indore launched the detailed report on



April 6, 2023 prepared by students, who visited and stayed in 107 villages across 13 districts in Madhya Pradesh. The idea of conducting these studies at village level is to provide grassroots assessment to state authorities. These students carried out the Impact Assessment of the following:

SHGs: social empowerment of women, addressing distress needs, and livelihood enhancement possibilities in villages.

Pushkar and Amrit schemes implemented in Madhya Pradesh.

PM Awas Yojana: citizens' response to changes in implementation strategy and success rate.

**"The Union Budget and its impact on the education sector is definitely a step in the right direction and checks the right boxes" - Prof. Himanshu Rai's article in Business Line.**

**Read the article on the following link:**

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/decoding-the-impact-of-the-budget-on-the-higher-education-sector/article66683805.ece>



Many congratulations to Prof. Abhishek Mishra, Faculty - Marketing, and Abdul Wahid Khan, FPM 2019, for emerging as one of the Global Winners at the 2023 DoCCA Proposal Competition organized by AMS Review and The Sheth Foundation!

Competing with 55 exceptional proposals from around the world, Prof. Mishra and Abdul emerged as one of six winners globally and the only winners from India. This remarkable achievement reflects IIM Indore's commitment to excellence in research and education, both in India and beyond.

Their groundbreaking research on psychological ownership of AI-enabled products and services is aimed at addressing the challenge of developing psychological ownership with such products. As AI continues to transform our daily lives, understanding how people

develop psychological ownership of such products is crucial for businesses.

We extend our warmest congratulations to Prof. Abhishek Mishra and Abdul Wahid Khan on this incredible feat and look forward to seeing them continue to push the boundaries of research in the fields of marketing and AI.

## The EPGP e-Governance Batch 2013-14 Reunion



From April 28 to 29, 2023, the EPGP e-Governance Batch 2013-14 held a reunion on campus. This batch's alumni come from various fields and are domain experts with 13 to 30 years of experience in their respective domains, including IT consulting and e-governance. The reunion drew alumni from across the country and abroad who were eager to reconnect and reminisce about their time at the campus. Many alumni were pleased to see the changes that had taken place since their graduation and took the opportunity to share their favorite memories of their time at the campus, as well as their future plans.

## UAE Chapter Alumni Meet to educate alumni about Membership and Contribution Drive



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The post Covid maiden meet up of the IIM Indore Alumni Association UAE Chapter was held on April 15, 2023 at Hitchki Restaurant, Grand Millennium Hotel in Dubai. The networking event was attended by over 20 Alumni from across multiple programmes of PGP, IPM, EPGP and PGPX. Alumni had a wonderful evening getting to know each other and building relationships. A number of initiatives and plans were discussed to keep up the spirit of meeting frequently.

Many thanks to Diptiranjana Panda, Dhiraj Mirchandaney and Pranav Agarwal for organizing this informal meet.

## Announcements

### Upcoming Executive 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 organizations. 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 programme which suits your requirement.

[Customized Programmes](#)

[Short Duration Programmes \(Online and On-campus\)](#)

[Long Duration Online Programmes](#)

[Executive Programmes in UAE](#)

[General Management Programme for Executives \(GMPE\)](#)

[Virtual Learning Programme for Executives \(VLPE\)](#)

[Certificate Course in Business Management for Defence Officers](#)

[Faculty Development Programme \(FDP\)](#)

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