

## Department of Management Studies, IIT Roorkee

**Theme: National Conference “Innovation, Future of Work and Sustainable Development”**

**Dates: 2nd – 3rd May 2026**

**Venue: OP Jain Auditorium, IIT Roorkee, Uttarakhand**

On Dated 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2026, The Department of Management Studies, IIT Roorkee, in collaboration with DPIIT-IPR Chair, IIT Roorkee and the Association of Indian Management Schools (AIMS), successfully organized a two-day **National Conference on the theme “Innovation, Future of Work and Sustainable Development.”** The conference brought together eminent academicians, industry experts, policymakers, researchers, and students to deliberate on emerging challenges and opportunities in innovation, evolving work environments, and sustainable development.

The conference commenced with an inaugural session graced by distinguished dignitaries including:

- Prof. Vivek Malik, Dean SRIC, IIT Roorkee;
- Prof. Rajat Agarwal, Head, Department of Management Studies, IIT Roorkee;
- Prof. Parag Kalkar, President, AIMS and Pro-Vice Chancellor, Savitribai Phule Pune University;
- Prof. Harivansh Chaturvedi, Director General, IILM and Regional Vice President (North), AIMS;
- Shri Sudhir Sharma, Past President, AIMS;
- Dr. Y. V. Verma, former COO, LG India and CEO, Onida.



The session began with opening remarks emphasizing the importance of innovation and sustainability in a rapidly transforming global environment, followed by the ceremonial lighting of the lamp and the rendition of the Kulgeet of IIT Roorkee.

Prof. Rajat Agarwal, Head, Department of Management Studies, IIT Roorkee & Conference Patron; delivered the welcome address and warmly greeted all dignitaries, attendees and participants. He presented a unique perspective by referring to the Char Dham Yatra of Uttarakhand and symbolically describing IIT Roorkee as a “fifth Dham,” highlighting the intellectual significance of the campus. He encouraged participants to actively engage with experts and utilize the platform for learning, networking, and professional growth.



**Prof. Parag Kalkar, President of AIMS & Conference Chief Patron**, addressed the gathering and shared insights on the evolving landscape of management education in India. He highlighted the role of AIMS as a representative body of B-schools and emphasized safeguarding the interests of institutions and future managers. He referred to the Rabindranath Tagore Award conferred by AIMS, recognizing excellence in management with a focus on human values and social responsibility. He also discussed the ongoing transition in regulatory frameworks and the implementation of NEP 2020, highlighting the need for collaboration, policy feedback, and alignment between academia and national priorities.



A key highlight of the session was the launch of the book *“The Strategy Paradox: A Practical Approach to Real-World Challenges”* authored by **Dr. Y. V. Verma**. In his address, Dr. Verma emphasized that large-scale success in organizations such as Reliance stems from the ability to execute projects with strategic clarity and scale. Drawing from his experience with the Tata Group, he highlighted the importance of strong value systems, particularly the belief that employee welfare is fundamental to customer satisfaction and long-term success. He further discussed global corporate examples such as General Motors, illustrating how leadership rooted in courage, humility, and customer-centricity can drive organizational transformation and recovery. His address underlined the importance of adaptability, ethical leadership, and strategic thinking.



**Prof. Vivek Malik** delivered the inaugural address, emphasizing the importance of industry-academia collaboration and translating research into practical solutions. He highlighted the role of innovation in addressing societal challenges and contributing to sustainable development.



The session concluded with a **vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Prachi Jain**, Organizing Secretary of the conference.

The academic proceedings continued with an opening address by **Prof. Parag Kalkar**, followed by a **keynote address by Dr. Y. V. Verma**, both emphasizing innovation, adaptability, and strategic leadership.

**The first thematic panel discussion on *Leadership and Strategic Choices: Innovation and Sustainability amidst Volatility*** was chaired by Dr. Santosh Rangnekar, Professor, Department of Management Studies, IIT Roorkee. The panelists included Prof. Shubrangshu Sekhar Sarkar, Professor, Tezpur University; Prof. Mohua Banerjee, Director, International Management Institute Kolkata; Prof.

Anurag Singh, Director, Institute of Business Studies, GLA University; and Prof. Praseon Tripathi, Director, Institute of Management Studies, Ghaziabad. The discussion emphasized leadership's role in fostering innovation, ensuring sustainability, and building resilient organizations capable of navigating uncertainty.



The second thematic panel discussion on **Disruptive Technology and Future of Work: Issues and Challenges** was chaired by Prof. Anand Mohan Agarwal, Vice Chancellor, United University, Prayagraj and Executive Board Member, AIMS. The panelists included Prof. Usha Lenka, IIT Roorkee; Prof. Mahendra Babu Kuruva, Head, Department of Business Management, HNB Garhwal University; Prof. Shamik Tiwari, Founding Dean, IILM University; and Prof. Kartik Dave, Dean, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar University Delhi. The discussion highlighted the transformative impact of artificial intelligence and digital technologies, the need for continuous reskilling, and the evolving role of educational institutions.



The conference further progressed into parallel sessions, including a round table conference on the *Viksit Bharat Shiksha Adhighthan (VISA) Bill, 2025 and the Future of Management Education*, along with research paper presentations conducted at the Department of Management Studies. These sessions enabled in-depth academic discussions and exchange of ideas.



Additionally, multiple parallel Paper Presentations were conducted.

## Rapporteur Report

The conference concluded with a comprehensive Rapporteur Report presented by Dr. Prachi Jain, Organizing Secretary. She highlighted that the conference witnessed a rich confluence of ideas, perspectives, and scholarly engagements. She identified two key themes emerging from the discussions. The first theme focused on leadership in an era of innovative volatility, emphasizing that artificial intelligence is not a threat to employment but an enabler of innovation. She stressed the importance of lifelong learning, upskilling, and a holistic understanding of sustainability across environmental, economic, and social dimensions. The second theme centered on the future of management education in the context of evolving national priorities. She emphasized the need to embed innovation within education systems and strengthen alignment between academia, industry, and governance.



From a research perspective, she highlighted emerging areas such as the role of MSMEs in driving innovation and sustainability, inclusive innovation for uplifting marginalized communities, and the balance between speed and sustainability in a technology-driven world. She concluded by stating that the future of work and innovation is not something that unfolds automatically but something that must be actively shaped.

## Valedictory Session and Conclusion

The conference concluded with a valedictory session attended by senior academicians and dignitaries. The session reflected on the key learnings and outcomes of the conference. Certificates were distributed to all participants in recognition of their active involvement. Additionally, the Best Paper Awards were announced for both online and offline presentation categories. The following participants were recognized for their outstanding research contributions:



- Mr. Aman Kumar
- Dr. Aparna Jain
- Dr. Anshul Agrawal
- Ms. Afreen Shah
- Ms. Bhavya Gupta
- Mr. Mohit Singla
- Prof. Ranu Srivastava
- Ms. Radhika
- Ms. Shruti Singhal
- Ms. Tanvi Madaan



and the contributions of speakers and organizers were acknowledged. The conference successfully provided a dynamic platform for intellectual exchange, interdisciplinary dialogue, and collaboration between academia and industry. It fostered meaningful discussions on innovation, the future of work, and sustainable development, and contributed significantly to shaping perspectives for building resilient and future-ready systems.

## Organizing Team

The successful organization of the conference was made possible through the dedicated efforts of the organizing team. The event was effectively hosted and coordinated by *Gunjan Bhatt and Anindita Sarkar* whose anchoring ensured smooth conduct of all sessions.

The conference also benefited from the active support of student volunteers, Dr. Usha Sharma, Mohit, Afsari, Gokulpriya, Vaibhav, Jyoti Nandy, Sagar, Pankaj, Saima, Shivani, Aya Shubham, Arnab Aakash, Aarti. Their efforts played a crucial role in ensuring the seamless execution of the event.



## Glimpse of the Event



**Assam Institute of Management (AIM), Bigyan Path, Paschi Boragaon, Guwahati, Assam**

**Topic: Two-Days Regional Conference on Driving Sustainable & Inclusive Growth Through Innovation, Digital Transformation, and Industry- Academia Collaboration for Viksit Bharat 2047.**

**Date: 30th and 31 May, 2026, at AIM campus in Guwahati**

The Assam Institute of Management (AIM), in collaboration with the Association of Indian Management Schools (AIMS), successfully organized a two-day Regional Conference on “Driving Sustainable & Inclusive Growth through Innovation, Digital Transformation, and Industry Academia Collaboration for Viksit Bharat 2047” on 30–31 May 2026 at its Boragaon Campus. The conference brought together eminent academicians, industry leaders, policymakers, entrepreneurs, and researchers from across the country to deliberate on critical pathways for achieving sustainable and inclusive development in North East India and contributing to the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

The inaugural session was graced by Prof. Rajendra Prasad Das, Vice-Chancellor, Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University (KKHSOU), along with distinguished dignitaries including Dr. Rama Kanta Patra, Former President, AIMS; Er. Saroj Kumar Sahoo, Regional Vice-President (East), AIMS; Dr. Ajay Pathak, Chairman, AIMS-West Bengal Chapter (Including Assam, Manipur & Meghalaya); and Dr. Sanjib Raj, Director, AIM. Over two days, experts participated in four panel discussions covering Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Digital Transformation, Industry-Academia Collaboration, and Inclusive & Sustainable Growth.



The first Panel Discussion on Innovation and Entrepreneurship was titled as “From Jugaad to Deep Tech: Reimagining an Innovation Ecosystem for North East India’s Sustainable Future”. It was moderated by Shri Mukunda Madhab Pujari, CEO, Intellisight Consulting Pvt. Ltd. The panelists in this discussion included Prof. Sabyasachi Dasgupta, Globsyn Business School; Shri Partha Pratim Baruah, CEO, Vidhi Analytica LLP; Dr. Archana Sinha, Incubatee, BioNEST, IASST; Shri Himangshu Baruah, Founder, CEO & CMO, Finderbridge; and Dr. Ajay Pathak (details as noted above). In this panel discussion, important contemporary issues like Synthetic Biotech, means of increasing productivity of various food crops, Deeptech, organic farming, Digital fluency, appropriate use of Artificial Intelligence (AI), development of a proper entrepreneurial mind-set from student level and need for improvement of India’s Innovation Index were discussed.



The second Panel Discussion on Digital Transformation was titled as “Bridging the Digital Divide: Harnessing Technology for Equitable Growth in North East India’s Hilly, Tribal, and Rural Regions”. It was moderated by Shri Kalyanjit Hatibaruah, Chairman, Flugelsoft Group. The panelists in this discussion included Prof. Pratul Chandra Kalita, Department of Design, IITG; Shri Mukunda Madhab

Pujari (details as noted above); and Dr. Aishwarjya Gogoi, Outstanding Scientist, Aeronautical Development Agency, Ministry of Defence, Govt. of India. In this panel discussion, key current issues like User Experience (UX) Design, digitalization of essential information like land records etc. and essential public services, higher emphasis on research and academics in the STEM field, need for more focus on developments of indigenous defence equipment, and use of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) as a strategy to create goodwill were discussed.



The third Panel Discussion on Industry-Academia Collaboration was titled as “Building the Bridge: Redesigning Industry-Academia Partnerships for a Skilled, Research-Driven, and Employable North East India Workforce”. It was moderated by Dr. Sriparna B. Baruah, Director (Entrepreneurship & Innovation), The Assam Royal Global University, and Co-founder, Margdarshak Advisory. The panelists in this discussion included Prof. Sanjeeb Kumar Jena, Department of Commerce, Rajiv Gandhi University; Prof. Debomalya Ghose, Head, Department of Business Administration, Assam University; Shri Mukul Kumar Das, Director, Intellisight Consulting Private Limited; and Dr. Rama Kanta Patra (details mentioned above). In this panel discussion, key present-day issues like emphasis on industrial visits, internships, appropriate sensitization and grooming of faculty members and students, recruitment of faculty with proper skills and experience, and reverse internship in the light of the above Industry-Academia Partnerships were discussed.



The fourth Panel Discussion on Inclusive & Sustainable Growth was titled as “Green Growth or Greenwashing - Charting a Credible Path to Environmental Sustainability and Social Inclusion in North East India’s Emerging Economy”. It was moderated by Dr. Sinmoy Goswami, Assistant Professor, AIM. The panelists in this discussion included Prof. Ambika Prasad Pati, Dept. of Commerce, North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU); Shrimati Nandinee S. Kalita, Lead Principal, Margdarshak Advisory; Shri Partha Pratim Pathak, Managing Director, Fresh Air Group; Dr. Sanmoy Mallick, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Mgmt, University of North Bengal; and Prof. Parag Chandrakant Kalkar, President, AIMS. In this panel

discussion, key present issues like emphasis on sustainable standard of living, Green Finance, gender equality, appropriate handling of different wastes including biomedical waste, and skill based practical oriented education were discussed.



In summary, the above discussions highlighted the importance of fostering innovation ecosystems, bridging the digital divide, strengthening industry academia partnerships, enhancing employability, promoting environmental sustainability, and empowering local communities.

The valedictory session was graced by Prof. Parag Chandrakant Kalkar, President, AIMS, and Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Savitribai Phule Pune University, who emphasized the crucial role of management education, innovation, and collaborative partnerships in shaping a prosperous and inclusive India by 2047. In this regards, Prof. Kalkar mentioned about the significance of appropriate management education to promote creative thinking among students to bring about essential innovations for the all-round development of the country. For this purpose, he rightly highlighted the role of collaborative partnerships particularly industry-academia partnerships in providing much needed practical education to students that can actually foster development of creative thinking skills in them.

The conference concluded with a renewed commitment from academia, industry, and policymakers to work together towards sustainable development, digital inclusion, entrepreneurship promotion, and human capital development in the North Eastern Region.



## **CMS Business School, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University), Bengaluru**

**Topic: Two-Day National Seminar on "Research to Publication: Journal & Case Methods – Develop, Design and Publish"**

**Date: 13th and 14th May 2026**

The Faculty of Management Studies, CMS Business School, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University), Bengaluru, in association with the Association of Indian Management Schools (AIMS), successfully organized a Two-Day National Seminar on "Research to Publication: Journal & Case Methods – Develop, Design and Publish" on 13th and 14th May 2026. The seminar was conceived as an intensive academic engagement for faculty members, research scholars, and postgraduate learners seeking to strengthen their research capabilities and publication readiness. A total of 51 participants from 15+ institutions across Karnataka participated.

### **Foundations and Advanced Methodologies**

Participants registered from 8:30 AM, followed by an Invocation & Lamp Lighting ceremony at 9:00 AM. The Welcome Address was delivered by Dr. Dinesh N, Professor & Area Chair – OB and HRM, CMS Business School. Dr. Krishna Koppa, Deputy Director, provided an Overview of the Seminar.

The Inaugural Address was delivered by Dr. Jitendra Kumar Mishra, Vice-Chancellor (I/C) & Registrar, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University). The Chief Guest Address was by Dr. Nandagopal R, Dean-Accreditation, SCMS Group of Educational Institutions, Cochin, Kerala.

Special Talk: Dr. S. Durga Prasad, Executive Director, Association of Indian Management Schools (AIMS), Hyderabad, delivered a special address emphasizing AIMS's mission to strengthen research and publication culture in Indian management institutions, and encouraged participants to actively contribute to scholarly knowledge creation.

The Vote of Thanks was delivered by Dr. Vijaya G S, Professor & Area Chair – Decision Science, followed by Group Photo.

Research Paradigms and Methodological Positioning: Dr. Nishant Kumar, Associate Professor, Christ (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru, guided participants through research paradigms, methodological positioning, qualitative research design, manual coding techniques (open, axial, selective), theme development, theory building, and designing qualitative studies for high-quality publications.

Mixed Methods and Research Strategy: Dr. N. Gopinathan, Associate Professor, School of Business, RV University, Bengaluru, covered mixed methods as a research strategy, sequential and convergent designs, integration logic, meta-inference, and positioning mixed-method studies for publication.

Aligning Theory, Hypotheses, and Statistical Models: Dr. Vinoth S, Professor, Faculty of Management Studies, CMS Business School, JAIN University, addressed construct operationalization, scale development, CFA/PLS-SEM orientation, machine learning applications, AI-assisted data screening, and analytics workflow demonstration.

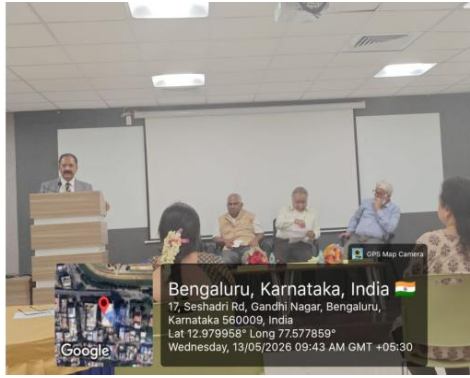
### **Integrated Methods, Case Writing and Publishing**

An inaugural session by Dr. Vijaya G S, Professor & Area Chair, FMS. The Chief Guest Address was by Dr. Parthasarathy Sampathkumar, Head – Biocon Group COE. The Keynote Address on "Pathway to Publications: Books, Journals, Open Access & AI for Research" was delivered by Dr. Gagandeep Singh, Senior Publisher (STEM), Taylor & Francis.

Dr. Bharathi S Gopal, Professor, ICFAI Business School, Bangalore, conducted the Case Writing Guidelines session and the Handholding Session – Fine-Tune the Publish-Ready Cases, guiding participants through organizing case narratives, formatting norms, and refining drafts based on academic feedback. The event concluded with a Valedictory session covering key takeaways, participant reflections, research roadmaps, and certificate distribution.

### **Impact and Outcomes**

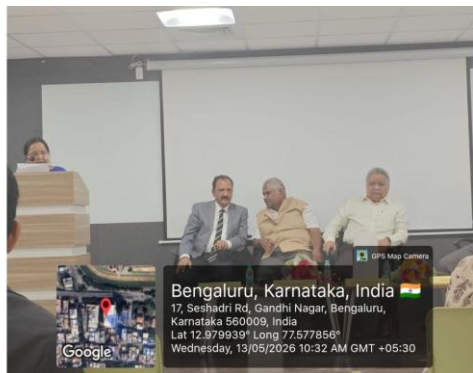
51 participants comprising faculty, research scholars, and postgraduate learners from CMS Business School and 14 other institutions across Bengaluru gained competence in identifying research gaps, designing rigorous studies, leveraging AI tools, understanding global publication pathways, and developing publish-ready case studies.



**Photo 1: Inauguration – Dignitaries on the Dais, Day 1 (13th May 2026)**



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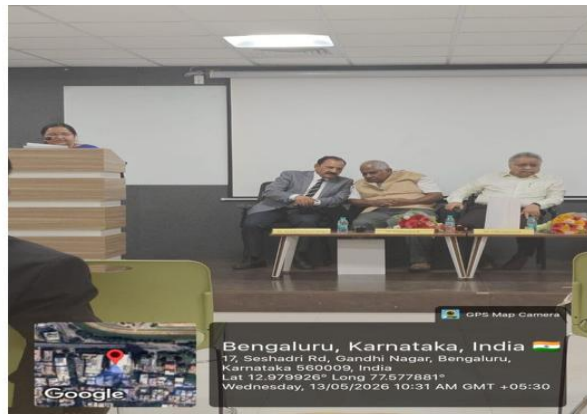
**Photo 2: Inaugural Session in Progress – Dignitaries Seated, Day 1**



**Photo 3: Chief Guest Dr. Nandagopal R Delivering Address, Day 1**



**Photo 4: Felicitation of Resource Person – Day 1 Session**



**Photo 5: Felicitation of Resource Person – Day 1 Session**



**Photo 6: Felicitation of Resource Person with Bouquet – Day 1**



**Photo 7: Felicitation of Resource Person with Bouquet – Day 1**



**Photo 8: Group Photograph – All Participants with Resource Persons, Day 2**



**Photo 9: Certificate Distribution – Valedictory Session, Day 2 (14th May 2026)**



**Photo 10: Group Photograph – Participants and Faculty, Day 2**

## **Supreme Knowledge Foundation Group of Institutions, Mankundu, Hooghly, West Bengal, Hooghly, West Bengal**

Theme: International Conference on "Future Horizons in Management Education: Shaping Ethical, Agile, and Intelligent Business Ecosystems"

Date: 24th & 25th April 2026

The Department of Business Administration Studies successfully organized a two-day International Conference titled "*Future Horizons in Management Education: Shaping Ethical, Agile, and Intelligent Business Ecosystems.*" The conference served as a vibrant academic platform, bringing together scholars, practitioners, policymakers, and students to deliberate on emerging paradigms in management education and practice.

The conference was thoughtfully structured around six thematic tracks that reflected the evolving contours of global business environments.

Track 1, *Future of Marketing — Personalization, Purpose & Platform Economy*, explored how digital ecosystems and value-driven branding are redefining customer engagement.

Track 2, *Human Resource Management in the Age of Empathy and Intelligence*, emphasized the growing importance of emotional intelligence, inclusive leadership, and technology-enabled people management.

Track 3, *Financial Innovation, Risk, and Resilience in a Globalized World*, examined contemporary financial systems, risk mitigation strategies, and the need for adaptive resilience in uncertain economic climates.

Track 4, *Business Analytics and Data-Driven Decision Making*, highlighted the transformative role of data science, artificial intelligence, and predictive analytics in managerial decision-making.

Track 5, *Entrepreneurship and Innovation in the Next Decade*, encouraged discussions on startup ecosystems, innovation frameworks, and entrepreneurial resilience.

Track 6, *Sustainability, Circular Economy & Management for Society 5.0 and Industry 5.0*, brought attention to responsible management practices, sustainable development goals, and the integration of human-centric technologies in business processes.

A key highlight of the conference was the inclusion of two high-impact panel discussions.

The first panel, "*NEP 2020: Pathways for Management Education*," offered critical insights into policy-driven transformation in higher education, focusing on interdisciplinary learning, skill-based curricula, and global competitiveness.

The second panel, "*Shaping the Future: Talent Development Strategies for India@2047*," provided a forward-looking perspective on workforce readiness, leadership development, and aligning educational outcomes with national growth aspirations.

The conference witnessed the participation of 24 distinguished Guests of Eminence, including panelists, track chairs, and expert speakers from diverse academic and industry backgrounds. Their rich experiences and intellectual contributions significantly enhanced the depth and quality of discussions, fostering a collaborative and knowledge-driven environment.

In terms of scholarly contributions, the conference featured the presentation of 83 research papers, reflecting a wide range of contemporary issues and innovative research in management studies. These presentations not only showcased rigorous academic inquiry but also facilitated meaningful dialogue and feedback among participants. Additionally, five undergraduate student groups presented their ideas

through poster sessions, demonstrating the institution's commitment to nurturing early-stage research aptitude and encouraging experiential learning.

Overall, the conference successfully achieved its objective of creating a dynamic forum for intellectual exchange, critical reflection, and future-oriented thinking. It reinforced the importance of integrating ethics, agility, and intelligence in management education while aligning academic discourse with real-world challenges. The event stands as a testament to the department's dedication to academic excellence, innovation, and its vision of contributing meaningfully to the evolving landscape of global management education.



## Integral Institute of Advanced Management (IIAM), Visakhapatnam

**Theme: AIMS Regional Conference on NEP-2020 - Pathways for Management Education**

**Date: 27<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

The Association of Indian Management Schools (AIMS), in collaboration with the Andhra Pradesh Chapter, successfully organized the *AIMS Regional Conference on "NEP-2020: Pathways for Management Education"* on 27th September 2025 at the IIAM Business School Visakhapatnam. The conference brought together eminent academicians, industry leaders, and policymakers to deliberate on the transformative agenda of the National Education Policy (NEP-2020) in shaping the future of management education in India.

The Inaugural Session was graced by distinguished dignitaries.

Dr. S.P. Ravindra, Dean & Secretary, READ Group of Institutions welcomed the dignitaries for today's session. He thanked AIMS A.P chapter for giving the opportunity to conduct this event at IIAM Business School.

Prof. V. Krishna Mohan, Director General, READ Group of Institutions & Former Registrar, Andhra University has given entire information of AIMS regional conference in a nutshell.

Prof. P. Narayana Reddy, Board Member, AIMS in his Inaugural Remarks insisted that all the stakeholders in education from student to Management should take responsibility in implementing NEP 2020 to develop problem solving skills in students to make India a developed country.

Prof. M. Vijayabhaskar, Dean, IIM-Visakhapatnam in his keynote address provided deep insights into NEP 2020 shaping the future of management education in India.

The technical deliberations began with a Plenary Session on *NEP-2020: A Paradigm Shift in Management Education* by Prof. V. Krishna Mohan, Director General, READ Group of Institutions & Former Registrar, Andhra University followed by thematic sessions on curriculum reforms, digital pathways, and Industry 4.0 led by eminent speakers including Prof. K.S. Chalam, Dr. Emandi Sankara Rao, and Mr. Ravi Eswarapu.

The Technical Sessions focused on *Skill Development and Employability in NEP-2020* – addressed by Prof. B. Mohan Venkata Ram and Dr. (Ms) Usha Pantula. and *Research, Knowledge Creation, and Innovation* –addressed by Dr. Anuradha.

A Panel Discussion on *Strategic Roadmap for Excellence in Management Education under NEP-2020*, chaired by Prof. V. Balamohandas, Former Vice-Chancellor, ANU, Prof. H. Lajipathi Rai and Dr. Lubza Nihar, I/c Director, GITAM provided key recommendations for institutional strategies and collaborative practices.

The Valedictory Session featured a summary of deliberations by Dr. G. Krishna Kumari, Secretary, NIPM, followed by the Valedictory Address and Certificate Distribution by Shri A. Chandrasekhar, Founder & Partner, SARC Associates; Dr. A. Adishesha Reddy, Chairman, AIMS AP Chapter; and Prof. A. Narasimha Rao, Principal, AU College of Arts & Communication.

The conference concluded with a collective resolve to strengthen management education in India by adopting innovative, inclusive, and globally relevant practices as envisioned in NEP-2020.





## The ICFAI University, Raipur

**Theme:** International Conference on Future-Ready AI, Law for Sustainability, and Inclusive Economy: Mapping the Path to Viksit Bharat 2047 (ICFAI-2026).

Date: April 24 & 25

The “International Conference on Future-Ready AI, Law for Sustainability and Inclusive Economy: Mapping the Path to Viksit Bharat 2047 (ICFAI-2026)” was successfully organized by The ICFAI University, Raipur. The two-day conference brought together academicians, researchers, policymakers, and industry experts from India and abroad to deliberate on the evolving intersection of artificial intelligence, legal frameworks, sustainability, and inclusive economic growth.

The Chief Guest, Shri Shashank Sharma, emphasized the need to align technological advancement with cultural and ethical values. He highlighted that artificial intelligence should not operate in isolation from society but must actively contribute to inclusivity, human dignity, and sustainable development.

The inaugural addresses reinforced the idea that India’s journey towards Viksit Bharat 2047 requires responsible innovation. The discussions stressed that while AI offers immense opportunities in governance, business, and public service delivery, it must be guided by ethical frameworks and legal safeguards. The integration of law, sustainability, and technology was presented as a critical pathway for ensuring equitable growth.

Er. Saroj Kumar Sahoo, Regional Vice President-East, Association of Indian Management Schools, highlighted the importance of strengthening collaboration between academia and industry. He pointed out that institutions must move beyond theoretical teaching and focus on innovation, research application, and leadership development. According to him, future-ready professionals will be those who can integrate technological knowledge with societal needs.

The Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. (Dr.) Shiv Dayal Pandey, emphasized interdisciplinary learning as the cornerstone of modern education. He underlined that artificial intelligence, legal systems, and sustainability are interconnected domains. He urged institutions to adopt outcome-based education models that focus on research, problem solving, and real-world impact.

The inaugural session was attended by distinguished dignitaries including Registrar Dr. Archi Dubey, Organising Secretary and Chairman-East AIMS Dr. Jayant Isaac, Executive Member AIMS Dr. Anshu Shukla, and Heads of Departments including Dr. Ramesh Yadav, Dr. G. V. V. J. Rao, Dr. Ramana Rao, and Dr. Animesh. Faculty members, researchers, and students participated with enthusiasm, reflecting the academic vibrancy of the university.

The second day, 25 April 2026, marked the successful culmination of the conference with a rich exchange of academic research and global perspectives. A major highlight was the technical sessions, where researchers from national and international institutions presented high-quality papers across multiple thematic tracks. The hybrid format enabled seamless participation from both offline and online presenters, ensuring wider academic engagement.

The diversity of research topics demonstrated the growing importance of AI-driven solutions in sustainability, legal innovation, and inclusive economic models. Participants engaged in meaningful discussions, knowledge sharing, and collaborative dialogue, which added depth to the conference outcomes.

The keynote sessions added global perspectives to the conference. Distinguished speakers included:

- Dr. Tufail Sayed, President, Rushford Business School, Switzerland
- Dr. Ranjan Choudhury, Professor of Digital Marketing, Ecole de Management, Paris, France
- Dr. Ikpenmosa (Ike) Uhumuavbi, Senior Lecturer, School of Law, University of Greater Manchester

These speakers shared insights on digital transformation, global business practices, legal challenges in emerging technologies, and the role of AI in shaping future economies. Their inputs enriched the academic discourse and provided participants with international exposure and practical understanding.

The conference concluded with a formal Valedictory Session that reflected on the achievements of the two-day event. The session began with a welcome address by Dr. Riya Goel, followed by a comprehensive report presented by Co-Convener Dr. R. Vijaya Lakshmi, summarizing key activities, sessions, and outcomes.

The Hon'ble Vice Chancellor delivered an inspiring address, reiterating the university's commitment to academic excellence, research innovation, and nation building. The Special Guest, Shri Ashok Sharma (Retd. District Judge), and Chief Guest, Dr. Varnika Sharma, State Minister and President of the Rajya Baal Adhikaar Sanrakshan Aayog, shared valuable insights on governance, justice, and social responsibility.

One of the most significant moments of the valedictory session was the announcement of the Best Paper Awards by Co-Convener Dr. Pratibha Barik, followed by certificate distribution to participants. This recognition encouraged research excellence and academic contribution.

The event concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Convener Dr. Archi Dubey, who acknowledged the efforts of all stakeholders. The session ended with the rendition of the Rashtra Geet, Vande Mataram, marking a dignified close to the conference.

The successful organization of ICFAI-2026 was made possible through the continuous guidance of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and the dedicated efforts of the organizing team. Special appreciation is extended to the Faculty of Management Studies and Faculty of Law for their coordination and execution.

The conference served as a platform for meaningful dialogue, academic collaboration, and knowledge exchange. It successfully highlighted the role of AI, legal frameworks, and sustainability in shaping an inclusive and future-ready India. The outcomes of this conference will contribute to academic research, policy discussions, and institutional practices aligned with the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.



# **GANDHI INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT (GITAM)**

**Theme: Emerging Trends of Indian Business**

**Date: April 24 & 25 2026**

The Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on “Emerging Trends of Indian Business” was successfully conducted over two days, 24th and 25th April 2026, with the objective of enhancing the academic and professional competencies of faculty members and providing them with insights into the dynamic landscape of Indian business.

The programme brought together eminent academicians, industry experts, and participants from various institutions, creating a platform for knowledge exchange, intellectual engagement, and professional networking.

The programme commenced with an inaugural session that set a formal and inspiring tone for the event. The session began with a warm welcome to the guests and participants, followed by the ceremonial lamp lighting, symbolizing the dissemination of knowledge and wisdom.

The BPUT anthem further added to the institutional spirit. Distinguished dignitaries were invited to the dais and felicitated with bouquets as a mark of respect and appreciation.

The inaugural session featured insightful addresses from eminent personalities.

The Principal, Prof. (Dr.) Ajaya Kumar Pradhan, delivered the welcome address, emphasizing the importance of continuous learning and faculty development in today’s rapidly evolving academic and industrial environment. This was followed by the inaugural address by Prof. (Dr.) Tapan Kumar Panda, CEO, who highlighted the growing relevance of aligning academic practices with industry expectations. Prof. Santosh Dash, Managing Director of Pinnacle HR, spoke about the significance of industry-academia collaboration in shaping future-ready professionals.

The Guest of Honour, Dr. Sujata Mangaraj, and the Chief Guest, Prof. (Dr.) Ranjan Kumar Bal, shared their valuable perspectives on emerging business trends and the need for adaptability in the Indian business ecosystem. The session concluded with a vote of thanks by the convenor, Prof. B.K.N. Satapathy.

The session provided a forward-looking perspective on the future of Indian business. It discussed trends such as sustainability, innovation, entrepreneurship, and globalization. The speaker highlighted the need for skill development, adaptability, and strategic thinking to thrive in the modern business environment and emphasized the role of education in preparing future leaders.

The programme concluded with a valedictory session that celebrated the successful completion of the FDP. The session included a welcome address by the principal, followed by a valedictory address by Er. Saroj Sahoo, who appreciated the initiative and encouraged participants to apply the knowledge gained in their academic and professional pursuits.

Certificates were distributed to all participants, recognizing their active involvement and commitment. The guests were felicitated with mementos as a token of gratitude.

The convenor, Prof. B.K.N. Satapathy, delivered the vote of thanks, expressing appreciation to all speakers, participants, and organizers for their contributions to the programme’s success.

The FDP concluded with a photo session, capturing memorable moments of the event and symbolizing the collaborative spirit of the programme. Overall, the Faculty Development Programme was highly informative and impactful, equipping participants with valuable insights into emerging trends, challenges, and opportunities in Indian business. It successfully fostered an environment of learning, collaboration, and professional growth, aligning with its objective of strengthening academic excellence and industry relevance.



## St. Joseph's Degree & PG College, King Koti, Hyderabad

**Theme: "Leveraging Digital Innovations for Ethical and Sustainable Management Practices"  
Three-Days International Conference.**

**Date: 30th March – 1st April 2026**

St. Joseph's Degree & PG College, Hyderabad, organised a 3-Day International Conference on "Leveraging Digital Innovations for Ethical and Sustainable Management Practices" from 30th March to 1st April 2026. The conference brought together academicians, industry experts, research scholars, and students on a single platform to deliberate on the convergence of digital technology, ethics, and sustainability in management practices.

The conference was inaugurated in the presence of Chief Guest Mr. Amit Kumar Soni, Keynote Speaker Prof. S. S. Prasada Rao, international resource persons, and senior institutional leadership. The inaugural session addressed digital governance including the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, the 'AI paradox', and the imperative of vision-driven leadership in the era of Artificial Intelligence.

The conference was held in collaboration with AIMS and the Department of Business Management, Osmania University. AIMS's institutional support, brand recognition, and endorsement played a pivotal role in attracting quality paper submissions, eminent speakers, and diverse participation from across India and abroad.

With AIMS's support, the conference was able to attract 2 international participants and international faculty including Dr. Ganga Karuna Hota and Dr. U.L.T.P. Gunasekare from Sri Lanka, who shared global perspectives on digital transformation and ethical management.

Across nine sessions spanning two conference days, the event covered a rich spectrum of themes: Reimagining Governance in the Digital Age, Data-Driven Decisions, Global Digital Frontiers, Digital Marketing Frontiers, Financial Management through digital innovation (Capital, Code & Conscience), and HR Management in a tech-driven world (People, Purpose & Pixels). Two structured Panel Discussions facilitated interactive dialogue among scholars and practitioners on Responsible AI, ethical leadership, and sustainable growth. A total of 120 papers were received, of which 59 were presented across five technical sessions. Best paper awards were conferred in each technical track to encourage quality research.

The conference concluded with a Valedictory Session presided over by Mr. Shrikant Sinha, CEO, Telangana Academy for Skill and Knowledge, along with distinguished international guests. A city tour for outstation and international participants was organised on Day 3. The event received wide media coverage across leading Telugu dailies and news channels. Participant satisfaction ratings averaged 4.88/5, underscoring the high quality of academic content and organisation.





## INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT EXCELLENCE

### REPORT ON TWO-DAY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

**Theme: CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN MANAGEMENT (CIM 2026) [14<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE].**

**Dates: 20<sup>TH</sup> & 21<sup>ST</sup> February 2026**

The 14th International Conference on Contemporary Issues in Management (CIM26) was successfully inaugurated on 20/02/2026 at ISME (International School of Management Excellence), marking a significant academic milestone for the institution. The conference brought together academicians, researchers, industry experts, and students from diverse backgrounds to deliberate on emerging trends and contemporary challenges in the field of management. The inauguration ceremony set the tone for insightful discussions, knowledge sharing, and collaborative learning, reflecting ISME's commitment to academic excellence, research innovation, and global engagement.

Dr. Rony George Kurien, Dean of ISME and Conference Chair, delivered a compelling welcome address at the inauguration of the 14th International Conference on Contemporary Issues in Management (CIM 26). He began by extending a warm welcome to all the distinguished guests, participants, and delegates from various parts of the world. Dr. Kurien emphasized the significance of the conference in providing a platform for academicians, researchers, practitioners, and industry experts to come together and share their insights on contemporary management challenges.

He highlighted the diverse range of topics that would be covered during the conference, including the political and economic environment, business excellence and competitiveness, sustainability, functional areas of business, management of technology, and the redefinition of management education. Dr. Kurien underscored the importance of collaboration and knowledge sharing in addressing these issues and driving innovation in the field of management.

Dr. Nitin Garg, Director of ISME and Conference Patron, delivered an inspiring inaugural address at the 14th International Conference on Contemporary Issues in Management (CIM 26).

Dr. Harold Andrew Patrick addressed the gathering at the CIM-26 Conference with an insightful and inspiring speech, drawing upon his extensive experience in Industrial and Organizational Psychology. According to the CIM-26 conference brochure, Dr. Patrick is a seasoned academic and practitioner with over 35 years of experience, currently serving as Professor and Director at Alliance Ascent College, Alliance University. His distinguished career includes prior leadership roles as Professor and Dean at CMS Business School and senior management experience at the Infosys Leadership Institute.

At the **CIM-2026 (International Conference on Contemporary Issues in Management)** hosted by the International School of Management Excellence in Bengaluru on 25 February 2026, the prestigious **Lifetime Achievement Award** was conferred upon **T. V. Rao**, a pioneer in Human Resource Development and co-founder of the National HRD Network.

The award recognized Dr. Rao's outstanding and enduring contributions to HRD, management education, and organizational development in India. During his acceptance address, he highlighted the importance of balancing technological advancement with human wisdom. Emphasizing the role of artificial intelligence in research and academia, he remarked that while AI can perform tasks efficiently, it cannot handle unforeseen situations with the depth of human judgment.

The ceremony formed a key highlight of CIM-2026, which focused on AI, research ethics, and industry-ready methodologies. Dr. Rao's recognition symbolized the conference's core message — that while technology may transform management practices, integrity, critical thinking, and human-centered leadership remain fundamental to academic and professional excellence.

Dr. S Haritha, outlined the main themes and objectives of the conference, emphasizing the importance of fostering collaboration and knowledge sharing among academicians, researchers, and industry professionals. She then introduced the different tracks that would be covered during the conference, each focusing on a specific aspect of contemporary management issues.

The tracks included:

- Political and Economic Environment
- Business Excellence and Competitiveness
- Sustainability
- Functional Areas of Business
- Management of Technology
- Redefining Management Education

Dr. S Haritha's comprehensive overview set the stage for an engaging and informative conference, encouraging participants to actively engage in the sessions and make the most of the opportunities to learn and collaborate.

Dr. Shampaa Nandi delivered the Vote of Thanks at the valedictory ceremony of CIM-26 with grace and sincerity.

Concluding her speech, **Dr. Shampa** expressed her sincere gratitude to the sponsors, **Pearson plc**, **Association of Indian Management Schools (AIMS)**, and **Renaissance Hotel**, for their valuable support in making the conference a success.



## IMS Unison University, Dehradun, Uttarakhand, India (North Zone)

### Topic: International Conference On “Confluence of AI, Sustainability and Innovation in Industry 5.0 Era” April 4–5, 2025

The Two-Day International Conference on “Confluence of AI, Sustainability, and Innovation in Industry 5.0” was held on April 4–5, 2025, at IMS Unison University, Dehradun in collaboration with GEDU College of Business Studies, Bhutan, and supported by AIMS.

The event began with a grand inaugural ceremony that included Saraswati Vandana and lamp lighting, setting a traditional tone. Dr. Priyanka Chopra, the Convener, welcomed the attendees and introduced the central theme, emphasizing its relevance in today's dynamic industrial and academic landscape. Dr. Rajeev Srivastava, Conference Chair, delivered a thought-provoking inaugural address, focusing on the transformative power of AI, sustainability, and innovation in shaping Industry 5.0. Prof. (Dr.) Anil Subbarao Paila, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, IMS Unison University stressed that technology should enhance, not replace, human potential, covering vital issues such as ethical AI, green technology, renewable energy, circular economies, and eco-conscious innovation.



**Lamp Lighting by the Dignitaries**

*Inaugural ceremony commenced with traditional Saraswati Vandana and ceremonial lamp lighting by esteemed dignitaries, symbolizing the light of knowledge and wisdom.*

### MOU exchange between SOM-IUU & GCBS

A significant highlight of the conference was the announcement of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between SOM of IMS Unison University and GEDU College of Business Studies, Bhutan, to foster academic collaboration and shared research.



**Exchange of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)**

*A historic moment marking the formal academic partnership between SOM of IMS Unison University, India, and GEDU College of Business Studies, Bhutan, to foster research and innovation-driven collaboration.*



**Felicitation of Chief Guest and Keynote Speaker Ms. Nitu Agarwal  
CFO at FISERVE Global Services, being felicitated for delivering an insightful keynote address on the future of  
AI and innovation in the financial services sector.**



**Panel Discussion  
Distinguished panelists engaged in a panel discussion on “Accelerating Business Excellence through AI and  
Sustainable Innovations,” moderated by Prof. Abhijit Chattoraj**



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**Dr. Ambedkar Memorial Institute of IT & Management Science (DAMITS) (East zone)**

**Topic: National Seminar "The Impact of AI on Organizational Culture and Workplace Dynamics " on 21st June , 2025.**

The event was inaugurated with a ceremonial opening that included the lighting of the lamp and a welcome note by **Dr. Bhabani Shankar Dash**, Principal and Seminar Convenor.

The **Chief Guest, Prof. Rohan Dhiman**, Registrar, NIT Rourkela

**Prof. Ramesh Chandra Rath**, Guest of Honour and General Secretary of AIMS, Odisha Chapter, spoke on the role of AI in redefining leadership styles and communication frameworks within organizations

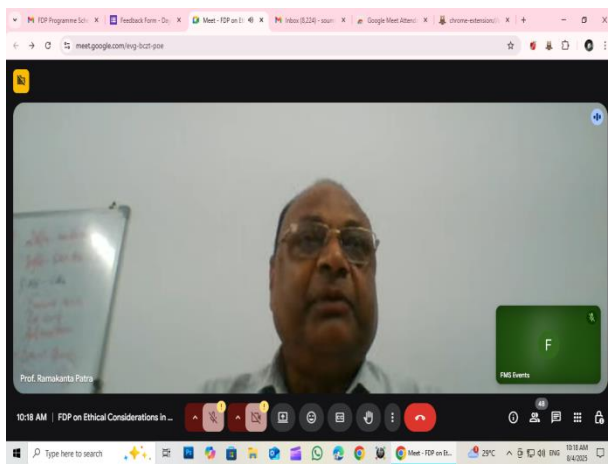


**Dr. B. C. Roy Engineering College, Durgapur (East Zone)**

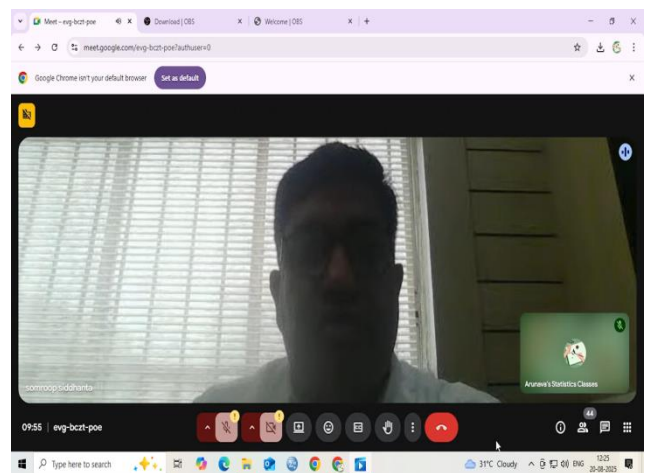
**Topic: FDP “Ethical Considerations in AI-Driven Research: Navigating Challenges, Opportunities, and Best Practices”. 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2025. FMS, BCREC – Online**

The Faculty of Management Studies, Dr. B. C. Roy Engineering College, Durgapur, organized a Five-Day Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on “Ethical Considerations in AI-Driven Research: Navigating Challenges, Opportunities, and Best Practices” in **Online Mode** to examine the ethical dimensions of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in research, teaching, and academic practice. The programme engaged 55 faculty members from diverse institutions and featured distinguished speakers from India and abroad, focusing on AI’s challenges, opportunities, and ethical implications.

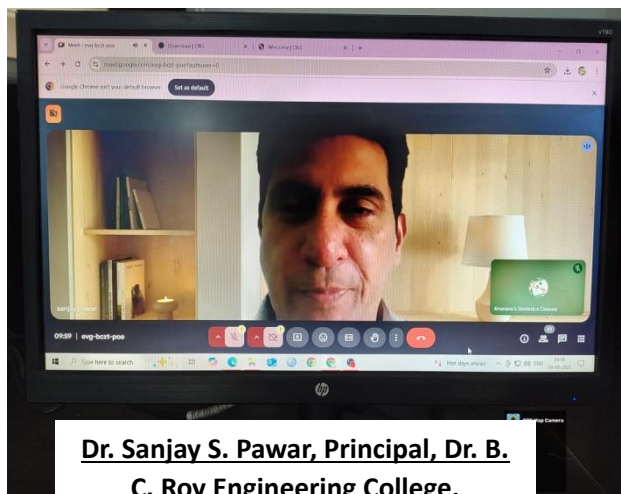
**DAY 1: 4<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2025.**



**Dr. Ramakanta Patra, President  
AIMS**



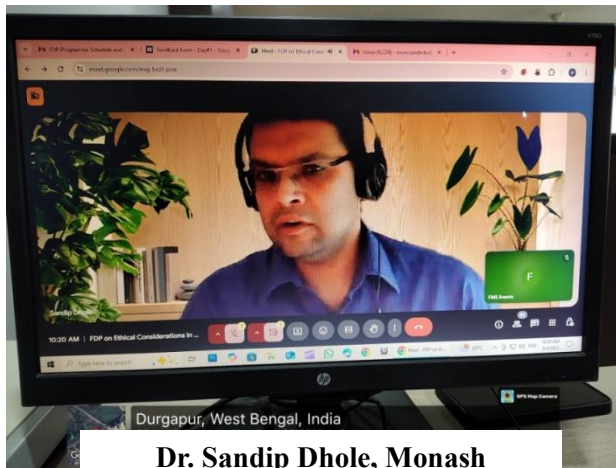
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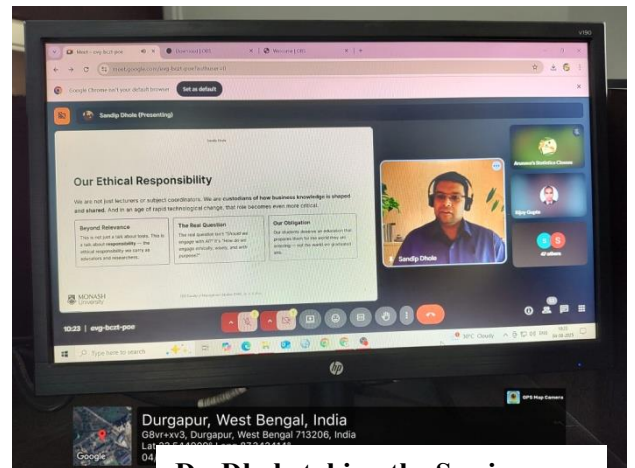
**Dr. Sanjay S. Pawar, Principal, Dr. B.  
C. Roy Engineering College,  
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**Dr. Sandip Mukherjee, Associate Professor,  
Faculty of Management Studies, Dr. B. C. Roy  
Engineering College, Durgapur**



**Dr. Sandip Dhole, Monash University**

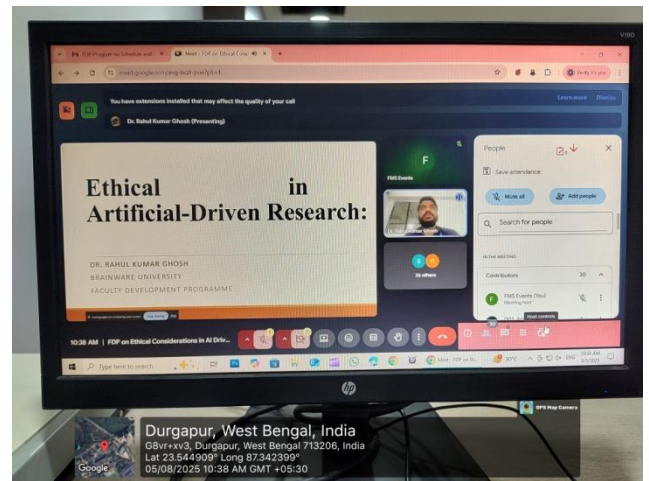
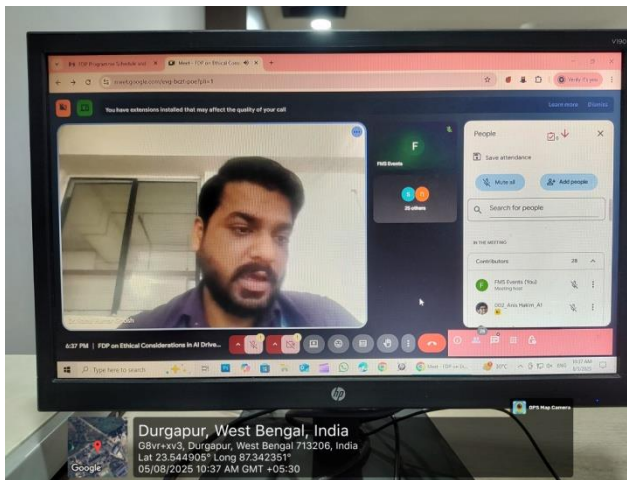


**Dr. Dhole taking the Session**

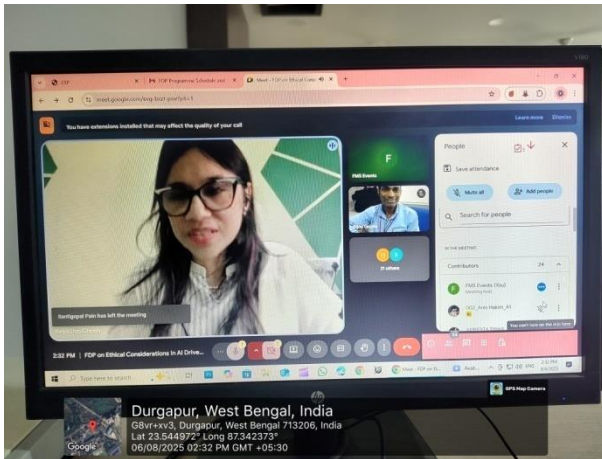
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**Dr. Rahul Kumar Ghosh, Brainware University**

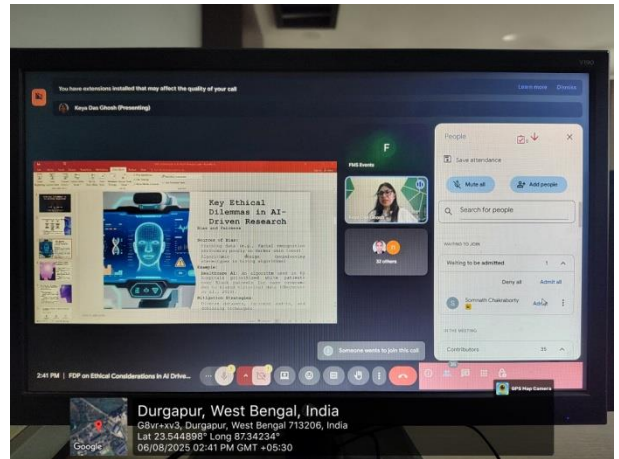
**Dr. Ghosh taking the session**



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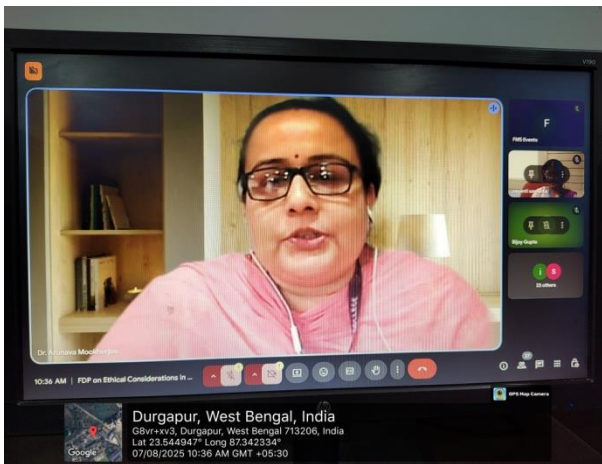


**Dr. Keva Das Ghosh, Swami**  
**Vivekananda University**

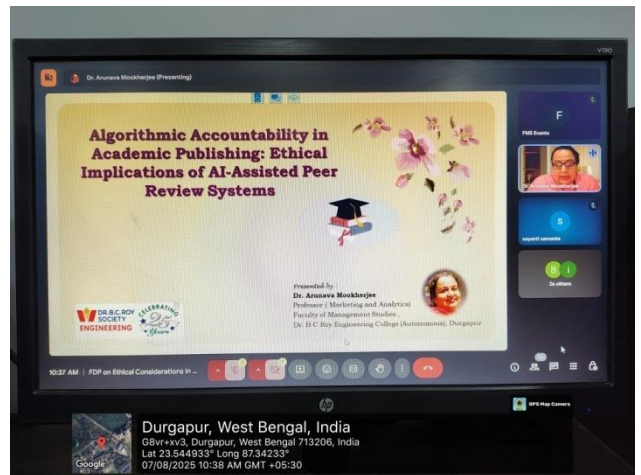


**Dr. Keva Das Ghosh taking the**  
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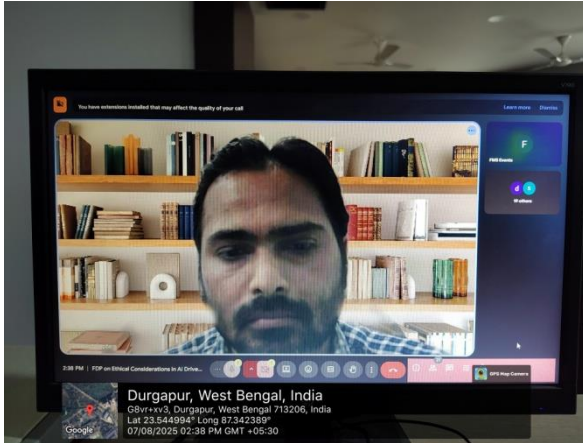
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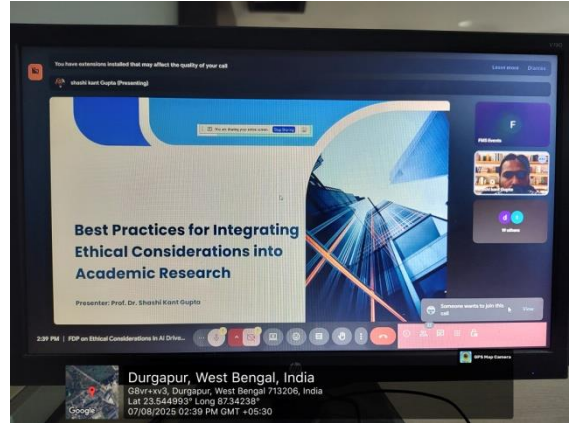
**Dr. Arunava Mookherjee, Faculty**  
**of Management Studies, Dr. B. C.**  
**Roy Engineering College,**  
**Durgapur**



**Dr. Mookherjee taking the session**

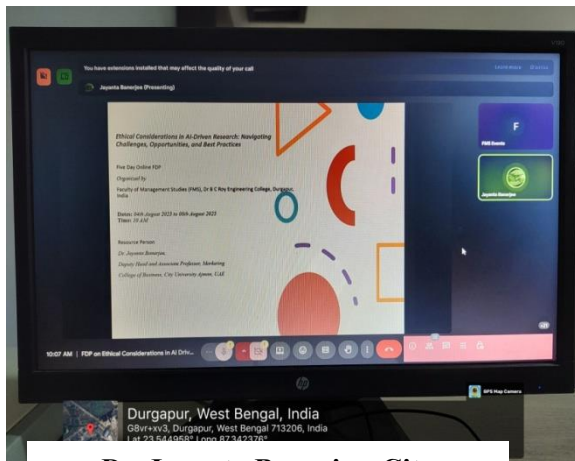


**Dr. Shashi Kant Gupta, Victorian Institute of Technology**

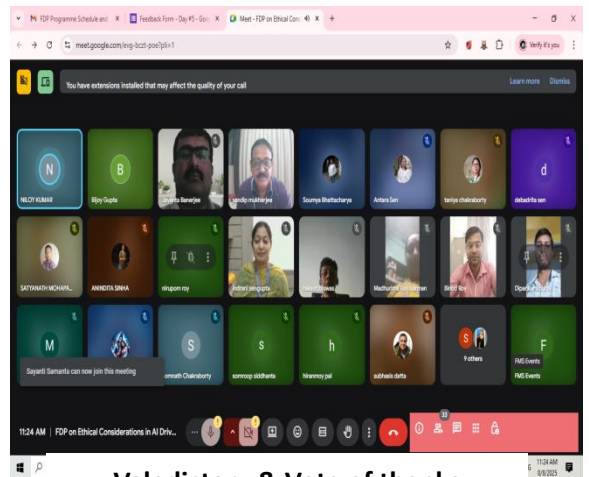


**Dr. Gupta taking the session**

**DAY 5: 8<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2025**



**Dr. Jayanta Banerjee, City University, Ajman, taking the session**



**Valedictory & Vote of thanks**

## West Bengal Chapter (East Zone)

### One Day Faculty Development Programme On “Evolving Technologies in Management Education and Research” 26.07.25

The AIMS’ West Bengal Chapter successfully organized a one-day Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on “Evolving Technologies in Management Education and Research” on 26th July 2025, at the IISWBM Campus, Kolkata. The event witnessed the presence of eminent dignitaries from academia and industry, with more than 50 participants attending the programme in a blended mode.

#### Welcoming the Guest on Dias & lighting the Lamp



**United School of Business Management, Bhubaneswar (East Zone)**

**Topic: FDP “Indian Knowledge System in Higher Education: A Perspective of NEP 2020”- 12th and 13th September 2025**

United School of Business Management, Bhubaneswar, conducted a 2 day FDP on “Indian Knowledge System in Higher Education: A perspective of NEP 2020”, in collaboration with Association of Indian Management Schools (AIMS) on 12th and 13th of September 2025.



**INAUGURAL SESSION**



**SPEAKER SESSION 1**



**VALEDICTORY SESSION**

## ITM University, Turari, Gwalior (West Zone)

### 5th International Conference on “Transformational Impact of AI on Business Competitiveness” April 14–15, 2025 Mode: Hybrid (Offline and Online Sessions).

The 5th International Conference commenced with a ceremonious lamp lighting and Saraswati Puja, symbolizing the illumination of knowledge. This was followed by a warm Welcome Address by Prof. (Dr.) Yogesh Upadhyay, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of ITM University. He emphasized the need for understanding and leveraging AI for academic and industrial progress.



**Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology(UGC,Autonomous), Proddatur, Kadapa Dist (South Zone)**

**TWO- DAY FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ON NEP-INNOVATIVE TEACHING AND LEARNING METHODOLOGIES ORGANISED BY DEPARTMENT OF MBA 02.04.2025 & 03.04.2025, CBIT, Proddatur**

The Department of MBA at CBIT College, Proddatur, Kadapa Dist, organized a significant two – day FDP Programme on NEP- Innovative Teaching and Learning Methodologies, targeting Faculty Members, Research Scholars &PG students. The event took place on April 2nd and 3rd, 2025 and featured Prof. K. Rani Rajitha Madhuri, Dr. Madhuri, Head. Department of English and Foreign Languages, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University. Hyderabad. Telangana. INDIA



**Welcoming the chief guest Dr.T.Sreenivas**



**Dr.R.UmaDevi, HOD, Dept of MBA**



**Dr.Sruthi,Principal,CBIT**



**Dr.G.Sreenivasula Reddy, addressing the Gathering**



**Felicitation of Dr.K.Rani Rajitha Madhuri**



**Felicitation to the Guest Dr. T. Sreenivas**



**Welcoming Keynote Speaker Dr.P.Narayana Reddy**



**Department of MBA, HOD, Staff with Director, Principal, CBIT and the Chief Guest of the Program**

## Al-Ameen Institute of Management Studies, Bangalore (South Zone)

**Topic : Adoption of AI in Knowledge Creation and Delivery in Management Education, 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> April 2025. Offline**

The Inauguration of the Two-day Workshop for Faculty on “Adoption of AI in Knowledge Creation and Delivery in Management Education” commenced with Qirath by Abdul Rahman Sarim, MBA student on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025. Dr. B. A. Anuradha, Principal welcomed the erudite guest and in her introductory address said that “AI is the new electricity” since its transforming, revolutionizing and reshaping every aspect of our world in profound ways, enhancing the capabilities & automating tasks, thus playing a duet with humans. While emphasizing on the importance of AI, she said that AI bots cannot replace a teacher; it can only enhance their role as educators. She opined that the Key to Success is a continuous learning & collaborating process.





## DC SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT AND TECHNOLOGY, VAGAMON, IDUKKI (South Zone)

**Topic: Number Crunching, Emotional Intelligence, and Decision Making - 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> May , 2025 , DCSMAT, Vagamom**

### Management Development Program

A two-day intensive workshop on "*Number Crunching, Emotional Intelligence, and Decision Making*" was successfully conducted on May 9th and 10th. The program was designed to provide participants with a deep understanding of the interplay between human emotions and data-driven decision-making.



## KLE Society's Institute of Management Studies & Research, Hubli (South Zone)

### Topic: FDP Career Development & AI in Research - 8/8/2025 & 9/8/2025

The two-day program was jointly organized by AIMS Karnataka & Kerala Chapter and KLE Society's Institute of Management Studies & Research (KLE-IMSR), Hubballi. This event brought together students, faculty, and academic leaders to explore the transformative role of technology and artificial intelligence in education and research. The event, held on 8th and 9th August 2025, featured a student-focused workshop on the first day, followed by the prestigious AIMS Chapter Meet 2024-25 and a Faculty Development Program (FDP) on "AI in Research" on the second day.



**OTHERS:**

**National Summit on “Women in Leadership for Viksit Bharat” (West Zone)**

The National Summit titled “Women in Leadership for Viksit Bharat” was successfully held on 11th July 2025 at S.P. Mandali’s Prin. L. N. Welingkar Institute of Management Development and Research (WeSchool), Mumbai.

This prestigious event was **jointly organized by the Ratan Tata Maharashtra State Skill University (RTMSSU) and the Association of Indian Management Schools (AIMS), with WeSchool as the Academic Partner.**



**Round Table Conference of the Women Serving as Deans & Directors**



Group photo with Women Deans & Directors

## Chapter Chair

### Master of Business Administration (South Zone)

Report on AIMS AP-Chapter Meeting held at Lakireddy Bali Reddy College of Engineering (Autonomous) on 15-04-2025



Board Members, Office Bearers of AP & TGS Chapters, and other AIMS members attended the AIMS AP-Chapter Meeting



Dr. A. Adishesha Reddy, Chairman AIMS, AP-Chapter initiated the discussion with the members attended.

**Master of Business Administration (South Zone)  
Report on AIMS AP-Chapter Meeting held at SRK PG & Degree College (Autonomous) on 25-08-2025**



Appreciation of new member institutions

## **Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Institute of Management Science**

**Topic: Digital Transformation for Phygital Future: Paving the Way towards Viksit Bharat - 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2025.**

Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Institute of Management Science, Kolkata, in association with Association of Indian Management School (AIMS) & Indian Economic Association (IEA), successfully hosted the International Management Conference – Coherence 2025 on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

The central theme of the conference revolved around “Digital Transformation for Phygital Future: Paving the Way towards Viksit Bharat”.

The event brought together academicians, researchers and practitioners from across the country and abroad creating a vibrant platform for the exchange of ideas and research.

The conference began with a grand Inaugural Ceremony attended by distinguished dignitaries from the academic and corporate fraternity, including Dr. Shekhar Chaudhuri, Former President of AIMS and Dr. Anirban Sarkar, Joint Secretary of IEA.

The event commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp followed by welcome addresses from the organizers. A cultural performance by one of our students who performed an exquisite classical dance recital, enthralled the audience and set an inspiring tone for the sessions ahead.



## Shri Vaishnav Institute of Management and Science, Indore M.P.

### Topic- Two Days National Conference on “Artificial Intelligence: Redefining Managerial Excellence for Sustainable Development” July 11-12, 2025 - Hybrid Mode.

The Department of Management at Shri Vaishnav Institute of Management & Science, Indore, in association with AIMS, CII, and IMA, successfully hosted a two-day national conference on the theme ‘*Artificial Intelligence: Redefining Managerial Excellence for Sustainable Development*’. The inaugural session commenced with the traditional Kulgeet and lamp lighting ceremony, which set a vibrant tone for the event.

The conference chairperson and Director of the institute, Dr. George Thomas, welcomed all dignitaries and attendees with an insightful address that emphasized the relevance of artificial intelligence in shaping future-ready management practices.

Dr. Kshama Ganjiwale, conference convener, offered opening remarks highlighting the purpose and expected outcomes of the academic gathering. Eminent personalities including Shri Devendra Kumarji Muchhal (Chairman, Shri Vaishnav Institute of Management & Science) and special guest Dr. Sanjeev Khanna (COO, Patanjali Foods Ltd. and Founder & CEO, Academy for Self-Maximization Pvt. Ltd.) delivered thought-provoking addresses, offering perspectives from institutional leadership and corporate innovation.

CA Navin Khandelwal (President, IMA) inspired the audience with a dynamic presentation as Guest of Honour, while the Chief Guest, Prof. (Dr.) Vinith Kumar Nair (Vice Chancellor, Symbiosis University of Applied Sciences, Indore), delivered a compelling keynote on the role of AI in educational transformation. Shri Vishnuji Pasari (Secretary, Shri Vaishnav Institute of Management & Science) extended heartfelt gratitude to the guests, formally concluding the inaugural proceedings.



## Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies, Delhi & Haryana Chapter

### Topic: Seminar-Panel Discussion on August 20, 2025, at School of Leadership and Management, Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies

#### Unravelling Success – From Passion to Purpose

Organized by the Association of Indian Management Schools (AIMS), Delhi & Haryana Chapter, in collaboration with the School of Leadership and Management (SLM), MRIIRS. The event “Unravelling Success: From Passion to Purpose” was held at 11:00 AM in the Amphitheatre setting of SLM. The session aimed to inspire future leaders through meaningful discussions on aligning passion and purpose in personal and professional life. The event began with the Lamp Lighting Ceremony, followed by the Welcome Address by Dr. Deepthi Dabas Hazarika, Dean, SLM, and Secretary of AIMS Delhi & Haryana Chapter. She expressed gratitude to senior dignitaries of MRIIRS and highlighted the collaborative effort behind the event.

Dr. Jain, Director, IILM University & Chairman, AIMS Delhi-Haryana Chapter, shared the role of AIMS in shaping management education since 1988, representing 700+ business schools across 17 chapters. He encouraged students to engage actively during the panel discussion.





## School of Management, IILM University, Gurugram

### Topic: “The MBA Advantage: How MSMEs Can Partner with Academia to Drive Innovation” - September 20, 2025.

School of Management, IILM University, Gurugram, jointly organised with the Association of Indian Management Schools (AIMS)-Delhi & Haryana Chapter, launched the MSME Experiential Learning Lab on 20th September 2025 to empower MSMEs in Haryana and across India through hands-on mentorship, live projects, and innovation driven training.

The event was graced by Dr. H. P. Kumar, Ex-Chairman & MD, NSIC and Advisor, MSME Cell, PHDCCI; Dr. Ravi Kumar Jain, Director, School of Management, IILM University and Chairman, AIMS Delhi-Haryana Chapter; Prof. (Dr.) Sudha Sarin, Professor of Practice, School of Management, IILM University and moderator of the session; Mr. D. P. Goel, Co-Chair, MSME Cell, PHDCCI; Mr. Sumanta Mahakul, Director, Power2SME; Dr. Prasoon M. Tripathi, Director, IMS Ghaziabad; and Dr. Deepti Dabas Hazarika, Dean, MRIIRS.

In his keynote, Dr. Kumar outlined “MSME 2030: Vision for the Future of Small Business,” stressing digital-first operations, sustainability and rural enterprise growth.

A panel discussion on “The MBA Advantage: How MSMEs Can Partner with Academia to Drive Innovation” highlighted the synergy between academia and industry.

The event concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Prof. (Dr.) Saurabh Trivedi, Associate Professor & CEO, Incubation Centre, IILM University, Gurugram, who emphasized the Lab’s role in nurturing future ready graduates and strengthening India’s MSME sector.





**Department of Business Administration, Prasad V. Potluri Siddhartha Institute of Technology, Kanuru, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh.**

**Topic: Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on Empowering Youth in Building India's Viksit Bharat 2047: The Role of the Faculty. 17th –18th October, 2025.**

PVP Siddhartha Institute of Technology, established in 1998, is one of the pioneering institutions among the 18 academic establishments managed by the prestigious Siddhartha Academy of General & Technical Education, Vijayawada. The institute attained autonomous status in 2012 and is approved by AICTE, with permanent affiliation to JNTUK, Kakinada. Renowned for its academic excellence and commitment to quality, the institute is ISO 9001:2015 certified and has been accredited with an 'A+' grade by NAAC. All its undergraduate programmes are accredited by NBA.

The Department of Business Administration at Prasad V. Potluri Siddhartha Institute of Technology (PVPSIT) offers a full-time MBA programme, established in 2008. With state-of-the-art infrastructure and a vibrant learning environment, the department nurtures innovation, collaboration, and holistic growth. It is committed to equipping students with strong managerial skills, leadership qualities, and the confidence to excel in the dynamic business world.

### **About FDP**

The Faculty Development Programme focuses on the pivotal role of educators in nurturing the youth who will shape India's vision of Viksit Bharat 2047—a developed, self-reliant, and sustainable nation. The programme aims to empower faculty to adopt innovative pedagogies, integrate sustainability and social responsibility into academics, and inspire entrepreneurial and leadership mindsets among students.

By aligning with the objectives of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, the FDP emphasizes the need for a holistic and future-ready education system that promotes critical thinking, innovation, inclusivity, and environmental stewardship. Faculty members are envisioned as change agents who can motivate youth to become responsible citizens and active contributors to nation-building through knowledge, values, and sustainable practices.

### **Themes of the FDP**

- Faculty as Catalysts for Viksit Bharat 2047
- Empowering Youth through Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- National Development through Skill-Based Education
- Leveraging Digital Pedagogy for Youth Empowerment
- Building Innovation Ecosystems in Academic Institutions
- Entrepreneurial Mindset and Design Thinking in Higher Education
- NEP 2020 and the Vision of Viksit Bharat 2047
- Bridging the Academia–Industry Gap for National Growth
- Character Building and Ethical Education for a Developed India
- Global Competence and Local Relevance: Faculty as Change Makers
- Bridging Academia, Industry, and Society for Sustainable Growth

### **Overview of the Program**

The two-day Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on “Empowering Youth in Building India's Viksit Bharat 2047: The Role of the Faculty” was successfully organized by the Department of Business Administration, Prasad V. Potluri Siddhartha Institute of Technology (PVPSIT), Vijayawada, in collaboration with the Association of Indian Management Schools (AIMS), Andhra Pradesh Chapter, from 17th to 18th October 2025. The programme brought together 41 faculty participants representing various reputed institutions across Andhra Pradesh, creating a vibrant platform for academic exchange, collaboration, and professional growth. The FDP aimed to strengthen the role of faculty as catalysts in nurturing youth toward realizing the national vision of Viksit Bharat 2047—a self-reliant, innovative, and developed India. Over two enriching days, participants engaged in insightful sessions led by eminent academicians, researchers, and industry experts from across India. The sessions covered diverse themes such as innovative pedagogy, entrepreneurship, ethical education, digital learning, and academia–industry collaboration, offering holistic perspectives on the evolving role of educators in nation-building.

The interactive discussions, panel sessions, and practical insights inspired faculty members to adopt learner-centric teaching approaches, promote ethical values, and encourage innovation and entrepreneurship among students. The programme concluded with the Valedictory Session, where participants shared their positive feedback and expressed their commitment to applying the learnings in their institutions. Overall, the FDP served as a meaningful initiative in fostering academic excellence, professional development, and the spirit of Viksit Bharat 2047.



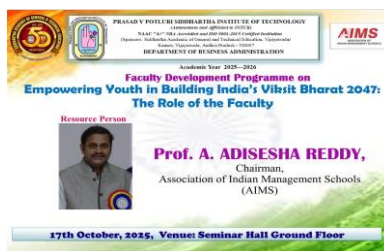
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## MCKV Institute of Engineering, Liluah, Howrah, West Bengal

**Topic: AI Tools, Techniques, and Transformative Practices in Management and Technology Research, 10th – 14th November 2025, Online FDP hosted by Department of Management Science, MCKV Institute of Engineering.**

The 5-Day Online Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on “AI Tools, Techniques, and Transformative Practices in Management and Technology Research” was organized by the Department of Management Science, MCKV Institute of Engineering (MCKVIE), in association with the Association of Indian Management Schools (AIMS). Conducted from **10th to 14th November 2025**, the programme aimed to empower faculty members, research scholars, and postgraduate students with the latest knowledge and practical exposure to Artificial Intelligence (AI) applications in academic research, management studies, and technology-driven investigations.

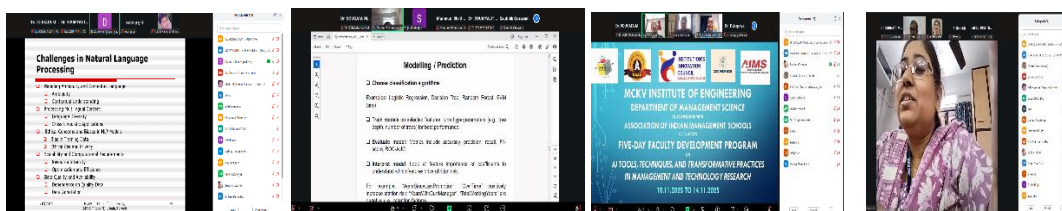
This FDP was delivered through live online interactive sessions and featured expert speakers from reputed academic institutions, industry organizations, and research bodies including IIT Kharagpur, Capgemini, MAKAUT, and NIT Durgapur. Across five days, participants were engaged in conceptual discussions, hands-on demonstrations, case analyses, Q&A interactions, and assessment sessions designed to deepen their understanding of the transformative potential of AI.

The overarching goal of the programme was to **equip participants with cutting-edge AI knowledge** relevant to modern research methodologies. The specific objectives included:

- Introducing foundational concepts of Artificial Intelligence in empirical research.
- Developing competence in machine learning and predictive analytics.
- Enhancing participants’ ability to use NLP and text-analytics tools for social science and business research.
- Demonstrating practical applications of generative AI for literature review, content creation, and academic writing.
- Familiarizing researchers with AI-enabled data analysis and visualization tools.
- Exploring ethical issues and responsible practices in the use of AI for research.
- Building capacity to integrate AI across management, engineering, and interdisciplinary research domains.
- Providing a future-oriented AI research roadmap suited to higher education environments.

The 5-Day Online Faculty Development Programme on “AI Tools, Techniques, and Transformative Practices in Management and Technology Research” successfully fulfilled its objective of enhancing the AI capabilities of academicians and researchers. Through expert-led sessions, practical demonstrations, and interactive discussions, participants gained a robust understanding of contemporary AI tools and their applications in research.

The collaboration with AIMS further enriched the academic value and reach of the programme. As AI continues to reshape global research landscapes, the FDP has effectively contributed to building a community of educators and researchers equipped to lead innovation, uphold ethical research practices, and advance scholarly excellence.



## AIMS Regional Conference at Bangalore

**Topic: Emerging Trends in AI and Sustainability: Shaping the Future of Higher Education, 18th September 2025.**

**Host:** St. Joseph's Institute of Management, Bangalore [SJIM]  
**Co-Hosts:** International School of Management, Excellence-ISME, Bangalore  
Indus Business Academy (IBA), Bangalore [IBA]

**Association of Indian Management Schools [AIMS]**, in collaboration with SJIM, ISME & IBA, hosted the one-day regional conference on Emerging Trends in AI & Sustainability: Shaping the future of Higher Education on Thursday, 18th September 2025, from 9:00 a.m. onwards.

The first part of the day was the inauguration session attended by key leaders from the AIMS organization's governing body and other leaders. They included **Dr. Ramakant Patra**, National President (AIMS), **Dr. P Narayan Reddy**, AIMS National Executive Board Member, and **Dr. Saroj Kumar Sahu**, AIMS Regional Vice President [East], **Rev. Dr. Roshan David Pereira, SJ**, Director of SJIM, Bangalore, **Dr. Rony Kurien**, Director AIMS Karnataka & Kerala / Dean ISME, Bangalore, **Dr. Nandeesh V Hiremath**, Vice President, AIMS Karnataka & Kerala / Dean -Strategic Partnerships, IBA, Bangalore and **Dr. Rajiv Noronha**, Dean, SJIM, Bangalore

This session included a Welcome Address by Rev. Dr. Roshan Pereira, S.J. He provided an overview of SJIM, highlighting its focus, and invited all dignitaries, speakers, participants, and volunteers to participate wholeheartedly in the event. Next, Dr. Rony Kurien followed with an address wherein he shared the context and purpose of the conference. He highlighted how AIMS had grown to be one of the largest networks of business schools in the world and was shaping various facets of management education over the years. He emphasized the preparation of management graduates who are not just industry-ready but also socially and environmentally responsible.

Dr. Ramakant Patra spoke of the relevance of the topic for the day's event, where AI has taken the driver's seat, and how each has to become techno-savvy to address both AI and sustainability. Responsible engagement is important in this new environment. As practices and technologies evolve, faculty members must keep pace and update their skills accordingly. He also elaborated on various programs conducted by AIMS, including conferences, publications, and training.

Dr. P Narayan Reddy addressed the audience, congratulating the Kerala and Karnataka chapters for organizing the conference. He spoke of the ten regional conferences being organized across India, and how this was one of the series of meetings in the 36<sup>th</sup> year. He spoke of giving space and place for future generations, emphasizing sustainability.

Mr. K.S. Vishwanathan of NASSCOM delivered the keynote address. He spoke on the job market impact of AI and the significance of GCCs in India. Relevance of MBA Education and Growth of GCCs in India. He spoke of over 1900 GCCs in the country, developing innovative solutions, and this represents over 50% of total GCC work outside respective home countries. The potential being leveraged was approximately 350,000 people added to the GCC employee headcount annually.

Dr. Nandeesh spoke about the National Conference to be held in Bhubaneswar in December 2025. He spoke of the ten themes to be addressed at the conference.

In the **second session**, Sunil Patil from IBM spoke of industrial AI and how it is becoming a new discipline in the era of AI across industries. He traced the path of industry evolution from early industrialization to Industry 5.0. Now we are focused on human-machine collaborations. He spoke of the emerging technologies that industries are adopting to gain business benefits.

There was a keynote speech by Prof. Edwin Moses, who spoke about how higher education institutions and universities can leverage the opportunities of deeper industry-academia collaboration. He emphasized how objectives drive strategy in the collaboration. He emphasized crossing the sea of disruptions while executing these collaborations. The first panel discussion centered around the theme of industry-academia relations in the context of the entry of global universities in India. Two Senior industry participants and three academic leaders participated in this highly interactive session, which

examined various aspects of how the entry of new universities would pose challenges for the current system, as well as the impact of AI and sustainability on the education system itself. The ubiquitous nature of AI has created a significant emphasis on AI dispersion.

The **Third Session** included a talk by Dr. Sowmya Narayanan. She is an expert in workplace effectiveness, education, and training, with expertise in Bloom's taxonomy. She emphasized how human intelligence can never be replaced. Emerging trends in Learning development systems for training the 21<sup>st</sup> century. She emphasized the ability to learn, unlearn, and relearn. She emphasized experiential learning and a continuous skilling journey to be lifelong learners.

The afternoon panel discussion was hosted by Dr. Vikku Aggarwal, featuring five panelists who were mostly industry professionals. She addressed the readiness of education to handle AI disruptions. Knowing about yourself and the knowledge and skills you apply daily. We need to shift from a profit-centric to a purpose-centric approach. The focus was also on the differences between Western and Indian universities. Bringing art, craft, and logic was discussed as a pressing need.

The **valedictory** session was the last session of the day. Dr. T. V. Rao, former IIMA professor and founder and Chairman of TVR Learning Systems, gave the valedictory address. He founded NHRD and AHRD. He emphasized the proliferation of AI and how you can anticipate how they will respond to this with ChatGPT. He emphasized that AI cannot surpass humans, as it relies on the collective information that machines accumulate. He emphasized MIT studies that explored the loss of critical thinking ability due to the overuse of AI. He emphasized that students should maintain their reading habits and understand how to use and avoid misuse of AI effectively. He emphasized a balanced approach that combines mastering and using technology with thinking ahead.



**Department of Management, University of North Bengal, Siliguri, West Bengal, India, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

**Topic:** Aligning Business Transformation with The Global Sustainability Agenda

The National Seminar 2025, themed “Aligning Business Transformation with the Global Sustainability Agenda,” organised by the Department of Management, University of North Bengal, in collaboration with the Association of Indian Management Schools, served as a crucial platform for exploring how contemporary business practices and academic research can harmonise with urgent global sustainability imperatives. The discussions and presentations throughout the seminar were deeply aligned with this overarching theme, emphasizing the holistic integration of sustainability principles across the economic, social, and environmental dimensions of business transformation.

The Inauguration Session of the **National Seminar 2025**, jointly organized by the **Department of Management, University of North Bengal**, and the **Association of Indian Management Schools (AIMS)**, began with the traditional *Saraswati Vandana* by the students of the Department, followed by the lighting of the ceremonial lamp.

The **Chief Guest of the session, Professor (Dr.) Mukulesh Barua**, Member Secretary, SLET Commission, Assam (N.E. Region), delivered an insightful valedictory address. He acknowledged the intellectual depth of the seminar and appreciated the efforts of the organizers, presenters, and attendees in contributing to meaningful academic discourse.




All participants of the seminar received certificates in recognition of their active involvement and academic contribution.

A **Vote of Thanks** was delivered by **Dr. Dipanjan Moitra**, Assistant Professor, Department of Management, University of North Bengal, and Organizing Secretary of the National Seminar 2025. He expressed gratitude to the dignitaries, presenters, faculty members, organizing team, and volunteers for their collective efforts.

The seminar was officially declared closed by **Dr. Sanmoy Mallick**, Head of the Department of Management and Seminar Director, National Seminar 2025. He highlighted the overall success of the event and acknowledged the teamwork and dedication that made it possible.






**National Seminar : 2025**  
**“Aligning Business Transformation with  
 The Global Sustainability Agenda”**  
**Date: 13 & 14 November 2025**

*Jointly Organized By:*  
 Department of Management, University of North Bengal  
 & Association of Indian Management Schools (AIMS)  
 Venue: Conference Hall, Administrative Block, University of North Bengal



Department of Management, University of North Bengal

**Call for Papers**  
 A call for papers. Department of Management, University of North Bengal, invites research papers to the National Seminar. The seminar explores business transformation for the global pursuit of United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), emphasizing innovation, responsibility, and inclusive growth.

**Suggested Sub-Themes (other related topics are also welcome):**

- SDG-Oriented Business Strategies and Corporate Social Responsibility

## **C. K. Shah Vijapurwala Institute of Management (CKSVIM)**

### **Topic: ONE-DAY WORKSHOP ON AI TOOLS FOR RESEARCH AND DATA ANALYSIS**

The rapid advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AI) has significantly transformed academic research, data analysis, and knowledge creation. In this context, C K Shah Vijapurwala Institute of Management (CKSVIM), in association with the Association of Indian Management Schools (AIMS), organised a One-Day Workshop on AI Tools for Research and Data Analysis on 29th November 2025. The workshop aimed to equip participants—faculty members, research scholars, and students—with the knowledge and hands-on skills required to effectively integrate AI tools into the research lifecycle.

Bringing together distinguished speakers and experienced resource persons, the workshop provided deep insights into AI-powered literature review, writing assistance, research planning, and multivariate data analysis. The structured sessions ensured progressive learning—from foundational orientation to advanced analytical techniques.

The Inaugural Session set the tone for the day. *Dr. Ganesh Rao*, Vice President, West Zone–AIMS, delivered the Welcome Address, introducing the objectives, scope, and expected outcomes of the workshop

He emphasized the need for embracing AI tools as essential components of modern research methodologies and encouraged participants to actively engage with the resource persons throughout the sessions.

The first technical session, was led by *Dr. Hitesh Parmar*. This session provided a conceptual overview of Artificial Intelligence and its growing role in academic research. Participants were introduced to the evolution of AI-driven tools, their capabilities, and the ethical considerations in using AI for scholarly activities.

*Dr. Parmar* highlighted how AI is redefining traditional research by enhancing efficiency in literature discovery, data handling, conceptual development, and manuscript preparation. The session created a strong foundation for the more advanced practical sessions scheduled later in the day.

*Dr. Kerav Pandya* conducted Session focusing on Multivariate Data Analysis, specifically Factor Analysis. Participants were introduced to:

- Conceptual understanding of factor analysis
- Data suitability tests (KMO, Bartlett's Test)
- Extraction and rotation methods
- Interpretation of factor loadings in social science research

This session bridged the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical data analysis, preparing participants for real-world applications in SPSS.



## PSG Institute of Management, Coimbatore

### Faculty Development Program on Leveraging AI for Smarter Classrooms

The Faculty Development Program (FDP) titled “Leveraging AI for Smarter Classrooms”, held on November 14–15, 2025 at PSG Institute of Management in association with Association of Indian Management Schools (AIMS) and supported by PSG Center for Academic Research and Excellence (CARE), was a two-day, hands-on training initiative designed to equip educators with practical skills in Artificial Intelligence and its pedagogical applications. The program addressed the growing need for educational institutions to adopt emerging technologies, particularly AI, to enhance teaching effectiveness, student engagement, and academic innovation.

Sessions on Research with AI and new assessments in the AI era demonstrated integrity considerations, detection of bias, and responsible use of AI for scholarly work. The module on AI Ethics, Policies & Governance offered insights into hallucination risks, security, privacy, and governance frameworks relevant to AI adoption in education. Later sessions introduced practical AI tools used by students such as NotebookLM, Perplexity, and ChatGPT and demonstrated workflow automation through Notion and Google Sheets. The concluding sessions covered AI course preparation, TILT-based instructional design, and advanced evaluation approaches involving Custom GPTs, Boodlebox, Magic school AI automation, APIs, and intelligent assessment systems.

The most appreciated elements included:

- Exposure to a wide range of AI tools
- Hands-on demonstrations
- Practical classroom applications
- Prompt-engineering techniques
- Discussions on AI ethics and responsible use
- Interactive teaching strategies using AI
- Real-world academic scenarios to illustrate AI capabilities

Several faculty members noted that the sessions helped them discover tools they were previously unaware of and clarified ways to integrate these tools into their teaching and research processes.

Participants recognized the importance of:

- Understanding both the potential and limitations of AI
- Appreciating ethical considerations and responsible use
- Leveraging AI to strengthen student engagement
- Utilizing new AI tools for day-to-day academic functions
- Exploring comparative strengths of platforms such as Notebook LLM, Google Colab, Gemini, Perplexity, and others

The majority of respondents emphasized that AI can significantly simplify academic work and improve teaching effectiveness when used wisely.



**School of Management, Dhaneswar Rath Institute of Engineering & Management Studies  
(DRIEMS) University**

**Topic: National Conference on “Sustainable Business Practices: A Roadmap to Viksit Bharat 2047”.**

The School of Management, DRIEMS University, successfully organized a two-day National Conference on “Sustainable Business Practices: A Roadmap to Viksit Bharat 2047” on 24th and 25th October 2025. The conference aimed to provide a platform for academicians, researchers, policymakers, corporate professionals, and students to deliberate upon sustainable strategies and business models that align with India’s vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

A total of 148 participants from various universities, institutes, and corporate organizations participated in the event, and 119 participants presented their research papers across four technical sessions.

The inaugural ceremony commenced with a welcome address by Dr. Praneeta Sahu, Dean, School of Management, DRIEMS University.

The session was graced by eminent dignitaries:

Chief Guest: Prof. (Dr.) Gitanjali Dash, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, Berhampur University. Guest of Honour: Smt. Nandita Panda, Director, Bharat Masala Pvt. Ltd.

Presidential Address: Prof. (Dr.) Prakash Kumar Hota, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, DRIEMS University.

In her keynote address, Prof. Gitanjali Dash highlighted the essence of sustainability in achieving India’s developmental goals by 2047. Smt. Nandita Panda, in her address, underlined the significant contribution of startups and sustainable entrepreneurs in nation-building. Prof. Hota elaborated on the concept of the Triple Bottom Line (People, Planet, Profit) as the guiding principle for sustainable growth.

During the inaugural session, the conference souvenir was released. The School of Management also conferred the following awards:

Lifetime Achievement Award to Sj. Balaram Kar, Director (Administration), DRIEMS University

Young Educationist Award to Mrs. Chinmayee Rath, Director (Coordination), DRIEMS University.

The first plenary session on the theme “Redefining Growth: Sustainable Business Models for India’s 100-Year Vision” featured distinguished speakers:

Prof. (Dr.) Tushar Kanta Pany, Ravenshaw University Prof. (Dr.) Dindayal Swain, Sri Sri University, Cuttack Mr. Debakaanta Misra, Global Capability Center, Tata Consultancy Services

The session was moderated by Ms. Pratikshya Tripathy, Assistant Professor, GITA Engineering College, Bhubaneswar. The vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Smita Dash, Assistant Professor, School of Management, DRIEMS University.

The second plenary session on the theme “Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Strategic Foresight: Roadmap to Viksit Bharat 2047” featured the following resource persons:

Dr. Chandra Sekhar Mishra, Associate Professor, VGSOM, IIT Kharagpur Mr. Radhanath Agasti, Vice President, HSBC Bank

Dr. Rabi Narayan Subudhi, Professor, Centurion University

Dr. Sharada Prasad Sahoo, Assistant Professor, Berhampur University Moderator: Ms. Pratikshya Tripathy

Mr. Pabitra Nayak, Assistant Professor, School of Management, DRIEMS University.

The valedictory ceremony was held on 25th October 2025. The Chief Guest of the session was the Hon'ble Commissioner, Cuttack Municipal Corporation, who delivered an enlightening address on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and their alignment with the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

The Guest of Honour, Er. Saroj Kumar Sahoo, Chairman, Srusti Academy of Management and Regional Vice President (East), AIMS, delivered an address on the strategic role of sustainability in nation-building.

The Best Paper Awards for all sessions were distributed during this ceremony. The event was graced by Prof.(Dr.) Prakash Kumar Hota, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, DRIEMS University, and Sj. Baram Kar, Director (Administration), DRIEMS University.

Dr. Praneeta Sahu, Dean, School of Management, delivered the concluding remarks, and Mr. Sabyasachi Barik, Co-Convenor, proposed a formal vote of thanks.

The proceedings of the conference were anchored by Ms. Sheetal Behera (MBA 3rd Semester) and Ms. Khusboo Gupta (BBA 5th Semester).

The two-day National Conference on "Sustainable Business Practices: A Roadmap to Viksit Bharat 2047" concluded successfully with active participation from scholars, academicians, and corporate experts. The deliberations throughout the sessions enriched the academic discourse on sustainability and reinforced the School of Management's commitment to contributing towards India's sustainable growth and development.





## One Day Women Conclave 2025

### Nari Shakti: The Driving Force of Viksit Bharat @2047

**Organized by Disha Institute of Management and Technology, Raipur  
In collaboration with Association of Indian Management Schools (AIMS)**

**Date: 15 November 2025 | Venue: Seminar Hall, DIMAT**

The One Day Women Conclave 2025 at Disha Institute of Management and Technology unfolded as an inspiring gathering that celebrated the strength, resilience, and leadership of women. With the theme “*Nari Shakti: The Driving Force of Viksit Bharat @2047*,” the conclave brought together distinguished leaders from governance, industry, academia, and entrepreneurship to deliberate on women’s evolving roles in shaping India’s future. Organized in collaboration with the Association of Indian Management Schools (AIMS), the event created a vibrant platform for dialogue, reflection, and empowerment for students and professionals alike.

The conclave was designed around three major dimensions of women empowerment—governance, entrepreneurship, and education—each addressed through insightful panel discussions. It attracted a dignified gathering that included administrators, academicians, entrepreneurs, beauty pageant achievers, medical professionals, media representatives, and students from all institutions under the Disha Education Society.

The day witnessed a rescheduled yet smooth start due to the late arrival of guests, but the enthusiasm of the audience remained undiminished. The formal session commenced at 12:30 PM as the dignitaries arrived, beginning with the soulful rendition of the *Chhattisgarh Rajya Geet – Mahataari Vandana*, sung collectively with deep reverence. A traditional lamp-lighting ceremony followed, symbolizing the illumination of knowledge and the spirit of empowerment. A graceful Saraswati Vandana presented by MBA student Geetanjali Sahu added devotional elegance to the inaugural ambience.

The keynote welcome was delivered by Dr. Anshu Shukla, who eloquently introduced the vision of the conclave, emphasizing the importance of women’s participation in national progress and acknowledging the presence of all distinguished guests. Her remarks set the tone for the event, highlighting the significance of creating platforms where women’s voices, experiences, and aspirations can be shared freely.

As the inaugural speeches progressed, the audience heard powerful reflections from respected leaders. Dr. Ramakanta Patra, President of AIMS, spoke passionately about women’s growing influence across fields and encouraged students to embrace leadership with confidence. Dr. A.K. Tiwari highlighted the timeless role of women in shaping society and reminded the audience of the innate strength women have always possessed. The Chief Guest, Hon’ble Mayor of Raipur, Mrs. Meenal Choubey, delivered an impactful address, drawing from her life as a public representative and a woman navigating multiple responsibilities. Her words resonated deeply as she touched upon the challenges women face both at home and at work, while praising DIMAT for hosting a conclave that fosters meaningful dialogue.

Upon conclusion of the inaugural session, everyone proceeded for lunch, where additional distinguished guests including Mrs. Muskan Jagyasi, Mrs. India International 2018, and Dr. Monika Sethi, Pro Vice Chancellor, K.K. Modi University, joined the gathering.

The post-lunch session opened with the combined panel discussions of Panel 1 and Panel 2, bringing together experts from governance and entrepreneurship on a shared platform. Their interactions created a rich interdisciplinary dialogue. Dr. Abhishek Pallava, Superintendent of Police, shed light on the changing mindset of youth, the influence of technology, and the specific challenges young girls face in a fast-evolving digital world.

His perspective from law enforcement offered students a practical understanding of safety, awareness, and self-discipline.

Dr. Abhilasha Behar, Secretary of Rajya Bhasha Aayog, contributed reflections on the significance of regional languages, women’s intellectual contributions in traditional India, and the cultural depth that shapes societal mindsets. Her emphasis on preserving language and identity added a rooted dimension to the discussion.

The entrepreneurial segment brought valuable insights through leaders like Mrs. Shilpa Saxena, Vice President and Cluster Head at HDFC Bank, who spoke on women’s financial literacy, opportunities in banking careers, and the institutional support available for women entrepreneurs. Her practical advice on certifications, internships, and skill-building was highly appreciated by students. Mrs. Muskan Jagyasi offered a heartfelt perspective on confidence-building, societal pressure, workplace expectations, and mental wellness, making the session relatable and deeply engaging.

The final panel discussion centered on the theme *“She Teaches, She Transforms, She Leads,”* focusing on women in academia and their contribution to nation-building through education. Prof. Ashok Mishra elaborated on the vision of NEP 2020 and how the policy aims to transform India’s educational landscape. Dr. Monika Sethi highlighted the role of women educators in shaping learning environments and fostering critical thinking. Dr. Nighat Hussain from AIIMS shared her personal journey, speaking openly about the academic, emotional, and mental pressures she faced as a medical student and offering practical guidance to students on managing stress and staying resilient.

Each panelist was felicitated with a memento as a gesture of respect and appreciation for their valuable contribution to the conclave.

The day concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks by Dr. Priyank Mishra, who acknowledged the collective effort of faculty, students, guests, media partners, and the management of Disha Education Society in making the conclave a meaningful and memorable experience.

The One Day Women Conclave 2025 stood as a remarkable celebration of womanhood, leadership, and empowerment. It succeeded in encouraging students to broaden their perspectives, reflect on real-life role models, and aspire to become agents of change. Through the diverse narratives, experiences, and insights shared by the esteemed speakers, the conclave reaffirmed its central message—that women are indeed the driving force of a progressive and developed India envisioned for 2047.





**GH Raisonni College of Engineering & Management, Jalgaon**  
**5th International Conference on Innovation, Technology, and Entrepreneurship (ITE 2026)**  
**Date: 12th – 13th February 2026**

**Theme: “Driving Strategic Competitiveness through Digital Transformation and Sustainable Innovation”**

**Venue:** G H Raisonni College of Engineering and Management (GHRCEM), Jalgaon Campus  
**Sponsor:** Association of Indian Management Schools (AIMS)

**Collaborative Partners:** MAGIC (Marathwada accelerator for Growth & Incubation Council, Aurangabad) & State University of New York SUNY MORRISVILLE

**Hosted by Department of Management at GHRCEM Jalgaon as an initiative under AICTE’s MOE Institute Innovation council.**

The 5th International Conference on Innovation, Technology & Entrepreneurship (ITE 2026) was successfully organized at the Jalgaon campus to address the critical intersection of digital evolution and sustainable business practices. Sponsored by the **Association of Indian Management Schools (AIMS)**, the event brought together a diverse group of academicians, research scholars, and industry professionals to explore how strategic competitiveness can be achieved in an increasingly complex global market.

The conference was designed around six comprehensive tracks:

1. **Digital Transformation & Strategic Management**
2. **AI, Emerging Technology & Business Intelligence**
3. **Sustainable Innovation & Industry 5.0**
4. **Finance & Corporate Governance**
5. **Education, Pedagogy & Design Thinking**
6. **Global Business & Hospitality Management**

**Key Leadership Addresses:**

**Conference Chairperson Address:** Prof. Preeti Agrawal (Director, GHRCEM) welcomed the delegates and emphasized the importance of academic-industry synergy in fostering innovation.

**Chief Guest Address:** Mr. Makarand Kulkarni (CEO, MAGIC, Aurangabad) delivered a compelling session on *"Nurturing Start-ups & Strengthening Regional Ecosystems,"* providing practical frameworks for entrepreneurship.

**Guest of Honour Addresses:** \* Mr. Pramod Sancheti (MD, Winley Polymers) shared global perspectives on *"Sustainable Polymer Innovation"*.

Dr. Kshipra Moghe (COEP Pune) discussed *"The Role of Design Thinking in Industry 5.0,"* highlighting the shift toward human-centric technological application.



"Fostering Industry-Academic Synergy: **Prof. Preeti Agrawal**, Director of GHRCEM Jalgaon, extends a warm welcome to Chief Guest **Mr. Makarand Kulkarni**, CEO of MAGIC, Aurangabad and Dr. Kshipra Moghe at the inauguration of ITE 2026."



**Recognition of Scholarly Excellence:** Chief Guest **Mr. Makarand Kulkarni** and Director **Prof. Preeti Agrawal** felicitating GHRCEM faculty members for their recent book publications and academic contributions during ITE 2026.



**12<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026: GHRCEM Jalgaon: Expert Session:** Dr. Kshipra Moghe (COEP) conducting the ITE 2026 workshop on 'Education by Design'

## International Collaboration and Workshops

A highlight of the conference was the emphasis on global knowledge sharing:

**Innovation & Creativity Workshop:** Registered participants benefited from a high-impact online workshop titled "*Innovation and Creativity for Future Goals*," led by Dr. Scalzo Christopher from **SUNY MORRISVILLE, USA**. This session provided participants with international management perspectives on fostering creative problem-solving within corporate and academic frameworks.

The poster is for the 'Innovation & Creativity Workshop for Future Goals' at the ITE 2026 conference. It features the logos of GHRaison College, AIMS, MAGIC, and the Institution's Innovation Council. A purple box highlights 'SDG : 4,8,9,17'. The main title is 'Innovation, Technology and Entrepreneurship'. It mentions the workshop is in association with AIMS | SUNY Morrisville (USA) | MAGIC Aurangabad. A photo of Dr. Christopher M. Scalzo is shown. The date is 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2026, from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM (IST), online/remote. A registration link is provided: <https://forms.gle/T1ZJBWTAIZ2lgGaQ9>. The access note states: 'A Zoom link will be provided to all registered participants via their registered email ID prior to the session.' The organizers listed are Dr. Jyoti Jakhete (Conference Convener), Dr. Yogita Patil (HoD, Department of Mgmt), Dr. Sanjay Shekhawat (Dean Academics, GHRCEM), and Dr. Preeti Agarwal (Director, GHRCEM).

## Outcomes and Impact

**NEP 2020 Alignment:** The workshop provided practical tools for implementing the National Education Policy's vision of holistic and value-based education.

**Ethical Frameworks:** Participants gained a deeper understanding of why sustainability and ethics must be the foundation of all future innovative projects.

**Capacity Building:** Faculty members were empowered with new pedagogical strategies to make their teaching more intentional and result-oriented.

## Conclusion

The workshop served as a vital bridge between the theoretical themes of the ITE 2026 conference and practical classroom application. By focusing on "Design, not Default," Dr. Kshipra Moghe successfully inspired the participants to view innovation as a purposeful, ethical, and sustainable journey.

**Arka Jain University, Jamshedpur**  
**Two-Day National Conference: “Zero Investment Innovations in Education: Challenges & Opportunities”**  
**Organised by: Department of Management (MBA) and Department of Research Arka Jain University, Jamshedpur**  
**In Association with Association of Indian Management Schools (AIMS)**  
**Dates: 16–17 January 2026 (In Physical Mode)**  
**Venue: JEH Auditorium, Arka Jain University Campus, Jamshedpur, Jharkhand**

### **Introduction and Objectives**

Arka Jain University, through its Department of Management (MBA) and Department of Research, successfully organised a Two-Day National Conference on “Zero Investment Innovations in Education: Challenges & Opportunities” on 16th and 17th January 2026, in association with the Association of Indian Management Schools (AIMS).

The conference was conceptualised against the backdrop of increasing financial, infrastructural, and accessibility constraints faced by educational institutions across India. In the spirit of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, which emphasizes access, equity, flexibility, and lifelong learning, this conference foregrounds the growing importance of zero-investment and low-cost innovations in education. With the expansion of MOOC platforms, open educational resources, and digital knowledge repositories, quality learning is no longer constrained by financial limitations. Collaborative platforms, peer-learning networks, virtual research communities, and interdisciplinary forums are redefining how knowledge is created, shared, and applied. This conference sought to highlight how intellectual capital, institutional collaboration, and technology-enabled ecosystems can serve as powerful non-financial drivers of educational excellence. The overarching objective was to demonstrate that meaningful academic innovation is achievable even in resource-constrained environments through strategic intent, ethical practice, and collaborative learning.

### **Inaugural, Valedictory Sessions and Academic Leadership**

The inaugural session on 16 January 2026 set the academic tone of the conference through the presence of eminent dignitaries and thought leaders. The Chief Guest, Er. Saroj Kumar Sahoo, *Vice President (Eastern Region), AIMS*, emphasised that the future of education lies not in capital expansion but in innovative thinking, academic leadership, and responsible institutional governance.

The session was further enriched by the participation of Dr. Ramakant Patra, *Immediate Past President, AIMS*; Dr. Rajesh Kumar Tiwari, *Principal, RVS College*; and Dr. Mohammad Reyaz, *Principal, Karim City College*. The keynote address delivered by Prof. (Dr.) Angad Tiwary, *Pro Vice Chancellor, Arka Jain University*, highlighted the relevance of zero-investment innovations in ensuring long-term sustainability and equity in higher education. The conference concluded with a valedictory session on 17 January 2026, graced by Dr. Shahnawaz Alam, *Vice President, Tata Workers’ Union and Working President, JCAPCPL*. His address effectively bridged academic deliberations with industry and workforce perspectives, reinforcing the societal relevance of the conference outcomes.

The technical sessions were academically governed by experienced scholars serving as Track Chairs, including Dr. Deepa Sharan (Dean Faculty of Commerce & Management, Jamshedpur Women’s University), Dr. Rajesh Kumar Tiwari Principal (RVS College), Dr. Swati Sudha (NIT Jamshedpur), Dr. Ashok Jha (LBSM College) ensuring rigor, relevance, and structured discourse throughout the conference.



*Registration desk welcoming presenters with identification badges and conference kits during the Two-Day National Conference at Arka Jain University, Jamshedpur.*



Lamp lighting ceremony during the inaugural session, attended by the Chief Guest, Eminent Guests, Deans, and Heads of Departments of Arka Jain University.



*The Chief Guest Er. S.K Sahoo (Vice President East Region AIMS) addressing the participants*



*Dr Mohammad Reyaz (Principal Karim City College) addressing the participants*



**Dr Rajesh Tiwary (Principal RVS College) addressing the participants**



**Dr Ramakant Patra(Immediate Ex President AIMS) in an interactive session with the participants**



**Dr. Swati Sudha, Assistant Professor, NIT Jamshedpur, presenting a certificate of presentation to a research presenter during the National Conference.**



**Felicitations of Dr. Ashok Jha, Track Chair, in recognition of his academic contribution during the National Conference.**



**Felicitations of Dr. Shahnawaz Alam, Eminent Guest, during the valedictory session of the National Conference.**



**Group photograph of presenters, guests, organisers, and participants post the valedictory session of the National Conference.**

**Centurion University of Technology and Management**  
**International Conference on Innovation, Business and Digital**  
**Transformation (INNOVA 2026)**  
**Organised by**  
**School of Management,**  
**Centurion University of Technology and Management (CUTM),**  
**Bhubaneswar, Odisha**  
**Dates: 8–9 January 2026**  
**Venue: Bhubaneswar Campus,**  
**Centurion University of Technology and Management**

### **Introduction**

The International Conference on Innovation, Business and Digital Transformation (INNOVA 2026) was successfully organized by the School of Management, Centurion University of Technology and Management (CUTM) on 8th and 9th January 2026. The conference aimed to provide a global academic and industry-oriented platform to deliberate on contemporary issues, emerging technologies, and transformative business practices shaping the future of organizations and society.

INNOVA 2026 brought together academicians, researchers, industry professionals, entrepreneurs, policymakers, and practitioners from India and abroad, fostering meaningful dialogue and collaboration across disciplines.

### **Conference Theme and Objectives**

The central focus of INNOVA 2026 was to explore innovation-led, technology-driven, and sustainable approaches to business and societal development. The conference objectives included:

- Promoting industry–academia collaboration
- Encouraging interdisciplinary research and innovation
- Exploring digital transformation, AI, Industry 4.0/5.0, FinTech, ESG, and sustainability
- Supporting inclusive growth, entrepreneurship, and start-up ecosystems

### **Participation and Paper Statistics**

The conference received an overwhelming response with 96 research paper submissions from academicians, researchers, and industry personnel. After a rigorous review process, papers were presented across *6 broad themes* in *12 parallel technical tracks* and *2 dedicated online presentation sessions*, ensuring inclusive participation from national and international contributors.

### **Inaugural Session**

The conference commenced with a formal Inaugural Session on 8th January 2026, featuring a warm welcome address by Dr. Girija Nandini, Associate Dean, School of Management, who emphasized the growing relevance of innovation-driven strategies and digital transformation in sustaining competitiveness in today's rapidly evolving business environment. She also highlighted the role of academic institutions in nurturing future-ready leaders.

The Convener's Report presented by Dr. Ronismita Mishra, provided an overview of the conference objectives, thematic focus, and expected outcomes. She elaborated on how INNOVA 2026 aimed to bridge the gap between academia and industry by encouraging interdisciplinary research, knowledge exchange, and collaborative thinking in the domains of innovation, business excellence, and digital technologies.

The Chief Guest was Dr. Damodharan Varadarajan Swamy, Department Chair for the Business Program at Al Jazirah Institute of Science & Technology (AJIST), part of the Abu Dhabi Vocational Education and Training Institute (ADVETI) in the UAE. He is an experienced academic and chartered accountant known for expertise in

quality assurance, accreditation, and business education. He delivered an impactful address focusing on the integration of artificial intelligence, digital technologies, and strategic management, and elaborated on how these elements are reshaping global business practices and redefining workforce requirements.

The conference also featured insightful sessions by eminent academicians and thought leaders, including Prof. D. N. Rao, Vice-President, Centurion University, Prof. Dr. Supriya Pattanayak, Vice-Chancellor, Centurion University, and Prof. Dr. Mukti Kanta Mishra, President, Centurion University. Dr. Kumar Mohanty who is a management professional and academic leader serving as Director of KIIT School of Management (KSOM), as well as Director of Industry Engagement and Director of Faculty Development at KIIT University, and Dr. Binod Atreya, Chairman, Banking Finance and Insurance Institute of Nepal, Nepal, were also present as distinguished guests of the inaugural session. Their deliberations covered a wide range of topics such as innovation-driven leadership, digital disruption, sustainable business practices, entrepreneurship, and the evolving role of management education in the digital era. The speakers stressed the importance of adaptability, ethical leadership, and continuous learning in navigating technological change.



**Distinguished guests at the Inaugural**

A major highlight of the conference was the Keynote Address by Mr. Priyadarshi Mohapatra, Founder & CEO of CureBay, who shared valuable insights on leveraging digital transformation and innovation to build scalable, inclusive, and sustainable business models.

The session also included the release of the conference souvenir and felicitation of distinguished guests, recognizing their valuable contributions to academia and industry.





**Acharya Institute of Management and Sciences (AIMS Institutes)**

**AIMS School of Business, Bangalore**

**REPORT ON TWO-DAY FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (FDP)**

**Theme: Emotionally Intelligent Teaching for Contemporary Classrooms: Faculty Well-Being, Classroom Management & Engagement of Gen Z and Gen Alpha Learners.**

**Dates:** 29–30 January 2026

AIMS School of Business & Commerce, AIMS Institutes, Peenya, Bengaluru, in association with the Association of Indian Management Schools (AIMS), successfully organized a **two-day Faculty Development Programme (FDP)** titled *“Emotionally Intelligent Teaching for Contemporary Classrooms: Faculty Well-Being, Classroom Management & Engagement of Gen Z and Gen Alpha Learners”* on **29th and 30th January 2026**.

The FDP aimed to equip educators with emotional intelligence-based pedagogical strategies to enhance faculty well-being, effective classroom management, and meaningful engagement with Gen Z and Gen Alpha learners. Faculty members from management institutions, universities, and research organizations participated actively in the programme.

**Inaugural Session**

The programme commenced on Day 1 with an **Inauguration Ceremony**, including invocation and lighting of the lamp.

- **Dr. B. M. Ramamurthy**, Principal, AIMS Institutes, delivered the welcome address and highlighted the importance of emotionally intelligent teaching in nurturing holistic and inclusive learning environments.
- The **Guest of Honour, Dr. Swapna**, Principal and Academic Director, Ramaiah Institute of Management Studies (RIMS), and Treasurer, AIMS Karnataka–Kerala Chapter (2025–26), shared valuable insights on the relevance of emotional intelligence in contemporary higher education and faculty effectiveness.
- **Dr. Kalpana Venugopal**, Associate Director, School of Business & Commerce, AIMS Institutes, introduced the FDP theme and outlined the objectives and expected outcomes of the programme.

**Knowledge Takeaways**

The FDP was comprehensive and practice-oriented. Faculty gained:

- A structured understanding of Emotional Intelligence components and their classroom relevance
- Skills to recognize emotional triggers and respond constructively
- Emotional regulation techniques to manage stress and prevent burnout
- EI-based classroom management strategies promoting psychological safety

- Deeper insight into Gen Z and Gen Alpha learner expectations
- Approaches for aligning emotional preparedness with academic and industry expectations

### Outcomes and Impact

- Enhanced awareness of emotionally intelligent teaching practices
- Improved faculty readiness to manage emotionally diverse classrooms
- Strengthened focus on faculty well-being and resilience
- Greater understanding of contemporary learner psychology
- Increased reflection on balancing empathy with accountability

The **immediate impact** was visible in faculty commitment to consciously improving classroom climate and student engagement.

Participants appreciated the programme for its expert-led sessions, practical relevance, and interactive design. The FDP reaffirmed AIMS Institutes’ commitment to faculty empowerment, innovative pedagogy, and academic excellence.

The valedictory session, attended online by **Dr. Nandeesh V. Hiremath**, Dean – Strategic Partnerships, Global Accreditations & Collaborations, Indus Business Academy, and Chairman, AIMS Karnataka–Kerala Chapter (2025–26), provided valuable reflections on the importance of emotionally intelligent teaching practices in contemporary higher education. His address reinforced the relevance of the FDP outcomes and encouraged faculty members to embed emotional intelligence into their academic and professional practices.

Overall, the programme laid a strong foundation for integrating Emotional Intelligence into institutional teaching practices, fostering emotionally responsive, inclusive, and learner-centred academic environments.





## **SIES SCHOOL OF BUSINESS STUDIES**

### **International Management Research Conference 2026 (IMRC SIES)**

**Theme- “AI and Industry 5.0: Redefining the Future of Business and Management”**

**Date: February 12-14, 2026 – Hybrid**

The SIES School of Business Studies successfully organized the International Management Research Conference (IMRC–SIES 2026) from 12th to 14th February 2026 under the theme “*AI and Industry 5.0: Redefining the Future of Business and Management.*” The conference was conceived as a dynamic academic platform to facilitate intellectual dialogue among academicians, researchers, industry practitioners, and students on emerging developments in Artificial Intelligence and Industry 5.0, and their transformative implications for business and management.

IMRC–SIES 2026 was conducted in a hybrid format over three days. The event comprised a Pre-Conference Workshop held online on 12 February 2026, Online Plenary Sessions and Paper Presentations on 13 February 2026, and an On-Campus Conference with panel discussions and the Valedictory Ceremony on 14 February 2026.

The conference was chaired by Prof. Dr. Deepa Dixit, Director, SIES School of Business Studies, and supported by a dedicated organizing committee comprising senior faculty members across disciplines.

#### **Objectives of the Conference**

The primary objectives of IMRC–SIES 2026 were:

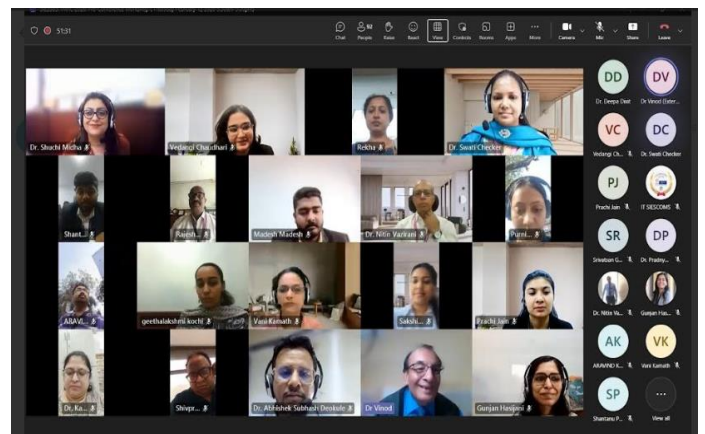
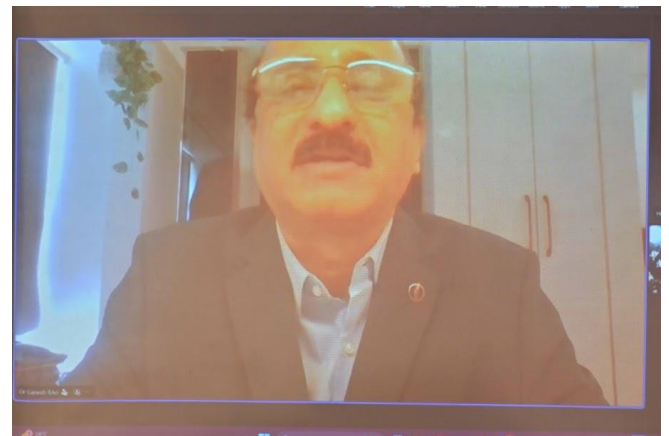
- To explore the transformative role of Artificial Intelligence and Industry 5.0 in reshaping business and management practices.
- To provide a scholarly platform for presenting contemporary and interdisciplinary research.
- To strengthen industry–academia collaboration.
- To promote methodological rigor and research excellence.
- To enhance research competencies among faculty members, scholars, and postgraduate students.
- IMRC–SIES 2026 successfully emerged as a vibrant platform for academic exchange, collaborative research, and industry interaction. The conference reinforced the importance of integrating Artificial Intelligence and Industry 5.0 perspectives into multidisciplinary management research.
- Through insightful plenary sessions, engaging panel discussions, and high-quality research presentations, the conference fostered meaningful dialogue between

academia and industry. The event created a lasting academic impact and strengthened the foundation for future collaborations, innovation-driven learning, and sustained scholarly advancement.

**Dr. Ganesh Rao, Vice-President (Western Region), AIMS and Director, Pune Business School,** delivered the Guest of Honour address. Dr. Rao emphasized:

- The critical role of AI in reshaping management education.
- Need for curriculum redesign to include AI-driven decision-making.
- Importance of ethical leadership in digital transformation.
- Collaboration between institutions under AIMS for research excellence.

He encouraged faculty and scholars to pursue interdisciplinary and industry-relevant research.





**Centre for Sustainable Development, VIPS-TC and DSB**

**REPORT ON TWO-DAY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**

**Theme: Transforming Minds, Transforming Earth: Education and Climate Action for Sustainable Living.**

**Dates: 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

The International Conference on *Education and Sustainability*, held on 24–25 February 2026, brought together scholars, academicians, industry professionals, policymakers, and students to deliberate on the growing importance of sustainability in education, governance, technology, and business practices. The conference served as a multidisciplinary platform for knowledge exchange and discussion on innovative approaches to address global environmental challenges and promote sustainable development.

On day one, the conference commenced with the registration of delegates. The inauguration began with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp and the presentation of *Saraswati Vandana*, symbolizing the pursuit of knowledge and wisdom. This was followed by the felicitation of distinguished guests.

The Welcome Address was delivered by Prof. Rattan Sharma, Chairperson, Centre for Sustainable Development (CSD), who highlighted the urgent need to integrate sustainability and climate consciousness within educational systems. Prof. Sourindra Bhattacharjee, Director, DSB, addressed the gathering and stressed the institutional responsibility of universities in advancing sustainability discourse through research initiatives, policy engagement, and collaborative academic efforts. The Convener of the conference, Prof. Ramesh Sharma, presented the vision and objectives of the conference, emphasizing its interdisciplinary nature and the importance of cooperation between academia, industry, and policymakers.

The Inaugural Session featured distinguished speakers who shared their insights on sustainability and leadership. Prof. Parag Kalkar, Pro Vice Chancellor, Savitribai Phule University, Pune, attended as the Chief Guest and highlighted the transformative role of higher education institutions in promoting sustainable development and responsible leadership. Sh. Arya Dev, Assistant Manager, United Nations Global Compact, served as the Guest of Honour and discussed the significance of global frameworks that encourage corporate accountability and sustainable business practices. The keynote address was delivered by Sh. Arun Pandit, Co-founder, Hyphen SCS, who emphasized leadership in climate governance and the role of corporate responsibility in addressing environmental challenges. The session concluded with the formal release of the *Conference Abstract Book*, followed by a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Sandhya Sharma.



## KL UNIVERSITY, VADDESWAREM

**Topic: ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE ON STRATEGIC CAREER BUILDING OF MANAGEMENT GRADUATES IN THE TECHNOLOGY DRIVEN ECONOMY”**

**AP CHAPTER OFFICE BARERES AND MEMBERS MEETING**

**Date: 07.03.2026**



The **First Chapter Meeting of AIMS AP Chapter** was held at KL Deemed to be University on **7th March 2026**. The meeting was chaired by the Chairman of the AP Chapter and the members discussed various agenda points related to the activities and development of AIMS in Andhra Pradesh.

The Round Table Conference aims to deliberate on the evolving landscape of management education and career opportunities in a rapidly transforming, technology-driven economy. With the increasing integration of Financial Technology, Artificial Intelligence, and policy reforms in higher education, management graduates must strategically align their skills and competencies to stay competitive and future ready.

This conference will provide a collaborative platform for **Faculty, Industry Experts, and Students to engage** in meaningful dialogue, share perspectives, and explore innovative strategies for career building.