

AIMS Annual Convention: 2026

17th - 19th December, 2026

Rejuvenating Management Education: Navigating Disruption,
Sustainability and the AI Era

AIMS – M. R. Rao Doctoral Colloquium Award

The AIMS – M.R. Rao Doctoral Colloquium is a flagship initiative of the Association of Indian Management Schools (AIMS), dedicated to supporting and empowering doctoral students and early-career researchers in management to honour the spirit and legacy of beloved Prof. M. Ramamohan Rao, the past President of AIMS, former Dean, ISB Hyderabad and Former Director, IIM Bangalore.

This unique forum convenes a distinguished assembly of emerging scholars from across the nation to exchange research ideas, present ongoing work, and engage in constructive dialogue with esteemed academicians, mentors, and peers, thereby constituting a significant milestone in the doctoral journey.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- * Research Presentations: Participants showcase their work at various stages (proposals, ongoing research, or near-completion) and receive expert comments.
- * Networking Opportunities: Structured sessions and informal interactions to foster collaboration across institutions and countries.

ELIGIBILITY & GUIDELINES

The colloquium welcomes applications from:

- ❖ Doctoral students in management or related disciplines (at any stage of their Ph.D. program).
- ❖ Early-career researchers (within 3 years of completing a Ph.D.) are seeking constructive feedback and networking opportunities.

RULES

Participants are invited to submit an extended abstract or research proposal (1,500–2,500 words) Directly to the AIMS Secretariat by 16.10.2026 outlining the Following:

- * Research problem and objectives
- * Theoretical framework
- * Methodology (proposed or adopted)
- * Expected contributions

Submissions will undergo review by the academic committee, and selected participants will be invited to present at the colloquium.

- ❖ Best 01 Proposals of each zone selected by the Jury in National level shall be invited for presentation during the Convention on 17.12.2026.