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# INDIA MANAGEMENT RESEARCH CONFERENCE IMRC 2026

December 4 - 6, 2026 | Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad

• Conference Theme •

**Reimagining Organizations:  
Transformation and Value-Creation in the Age of AI\***

## NETWORKING FORUM 2026

Where Scholarship Meets Career  
Opportunities in Management Education





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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

The Networking Forum was launched in 2024 as part of the India Management Research Conference (IMRC) with a simple but important objective: to create meaningful connections between management institutions and the next generation of academic talent. Over the past two years, it has evolved into a unique platform where doctoral scholars and early-career researchers can interact directly with leading institutions, explore academic career opportunities, and gain a deeper understanding of the academic job market.

The initiative enables institutions to engage with a diverse pool of promising candidates from across the country, while offering aspiring academics an opportunity to learn about different institutions, their expectations, and the opportunities they offer. By bringing scholars and institutions together in an open and collegial setting, the Networking Forum seeks to make the faculty recruitment process more accessible and engaging for all participants.

The enthusiastic participation and positive feedback received over the last two editions have reaffirmed the value of creating such a space for meaningful interaction. I am delighted to see this initiative becoming an important annual meeting point for scholars and institutions alike.

As we gather for the 2026 edition, I warmly invite you to make the most of the conversations, connections, and opportunities that this platform offers. Whether you are exploring academic career paths or seeking future faculty colleagues, I hope your participation leads to rewarding exchanges and lasting professional relationships.

I look forward to welcoming you to IMRC 2026 and wish you a productive and enriching experience.

**Prof. Tanvi Gupta**

## ABOUT THE NETWORKING FORUM

The Networking Forum was launched in 2024 as part of the India Management Research Conference (IMRC). It is an initiative aimed at fostering academic engagement and talent discovery within the management research community in India. The forum provides a platform for management institutions to interact with promising doctoral candidates and early-career researchers, while facilitating meaningful academic networking and recruitment opportunities. This year's forum will consist of bilateral meetings with candidates selected a priori based on their CVs, followed by an open house attended by all participants registered for the Forum.



## NETWORKING FORUM 2026 HIGHLIGHTS

Connecting Academic  
Talent with Institutional  
Opportunity

1

**Enhance awareness of your institute's opportunities among potential faculty hires.**

2

**Showcase your institute's strengths and growth aspirations.**

3

**Access an extended talent pool of PhD candidates and early-career researchers entering the academic job market.**

4

**Access to CVs of interested participants prior to the event.**

5

**Access dedicated syndicate rooms for bilateral interactions and engage with a wider pool of scholars during the open forum.**

6

**Opportunity to attend research presentations by doctoral candidates participating in the conference.**





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## NETWORKING FORUM IMPACT 2024-2025

Building Connections. Creating Opportunities. Shaping The Future Of Management Research



**2**

• **Successful Editions**



**286+**

• **Doctoral Candidates & Early-career Researchers from 140+ Institutions**



**100+**

• **Bilateral Interactions with 14 Participating Institutions**

## PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS (2024 - 2025)

- ▶ University of Southampton Delhi
- ▶ Jagdish Sheth School of Management (JAGSoM)
- ▶ SP Jain Institute of Management & Research (SPJIMR)
- ▶ Institute of Management Technology Nagpur (IMT Nagpur)
- ▶ Management Development Institute Gurgaon (MDI Gurgaon)
- ▶ Institute of Management Technology Ghaziabad (IMT Ghaziabad)
- ▶ Institute of Management Technology Hyderabad (IMT Hyderabad)
- ▶ IILM University
- ▶ Krea University
- ▶ UPES Dehradun
- ▶ Nirma University
- ▶ Plaksha University
- ▶ T A Pai Management Institute
- ▶ Sparsh Global Business School

## VOICES FROM PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS

“ It was great meeting bright scholars in different domains of management. ”

“ It was great. Very well organised. ”

“ Some of the students were indeed promising with a lot of thought clarity. ”

“ We had an opportunity to discuss the culture and support that we promise to new faculty. ”

“ It was intellectually stimulating. Enjoyed talking to scholars from different institutions and exchanging thoughts and ideas. ”

## PARTICIPATION PACKAGES

### Package 1 – INR 55,000

- ▶ Registration fee for 2 representatives from the institute
- ▶ Dedicated Syndicate Room for one day
- ▶ Stall for one day
- ▶ Conference kit for 2 people
- ▶ Meals during the 3-day conference

### Package 2 – INR 82,500

- ▶ Registration fee for 3 representatives from the institute
- ▶ Dedicated Syndicate Room for one day
- ▶ Stall for one day
- ▶ Conference kit for 3 people
- ▶ Meals during the 3-day conference

### Package 3 – INR 1,10,000

- ▶ Registration fee for 4 representatives from the institute
- ▶ Dedicated Syndicate Room for one day
- ▶ Stall for one day
- ▶ Conference kit for 4 people
- ▶ Meals during the 3-day conference

**Note: All fees mentioned above are inclusive of applicable GST**



## GLIMPSES FROM THE PREVIOUS EDITIONS OF THE NETWORKING FORUM



**Dedicated Syndicate Rooms**



**Institutional Engagement**



**Open House Networking**



**Research Presentations**



**Networking in Action**

## NETWORKING FORUM COMMITTEE

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