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## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

### IIM Lucknow Hosts Foreign Media Delegation from Nepal and Bhutan

IIM Lucknow hosted a delegation of 20 foreign media journalists from Nepal and Bhutan, accompanied by two Media Liaison Officers, as part of the Government of India's Familiarisation Visit Campaign on July 7th, 2025. The visit aimed to provide the delegates with insights into India's development journey, academic excellence, and cultural richness.







Director, Prof. M.P. Gupta; Dean (Programmes), Prof. Sanjay K. Singh; Dean (Research), Prof. Sanjeev Kapoor; Chairperson, International Diaspora, Prof. Neerja Pande; and Chairperson, CCMR, Prof. Payal Mehra, interacted with the delegation. Prof. Sanjay K. Singh presented IIM Lucknow's academic structure, while Prof. Sanjeev Kapoor highlighted its research strengths.



## Foundation Day Lecture by Alumna and IAS Officer Ms. Neha Prakash

The institute celebrated its 41st Foundation Day with a lecture by Ms. Neha Prakash (IAS), Alumna, PGP Batch of 2011, and Director, Training and Employment, Government of Uttar Pradesh, on July 27th, 2025. The event was graced by the presence of Director, Prof. M.P. Gupta; Dean (Faculty), Prof. Sanjeet Singh Phogat; Dean (Programmes), Prof. Sanjay K. Singh; Dean (Research), Prof. Sanjeev Kapoor; and Chairperson, Alumni Affairs, Prof. Rajesh Aithal. Ms. Prakash reflected on her journey from consulting to public service, emphasising the importance of empathy, ethics, and composure in leadership.







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### IIM Lucknow Celebrates 41st Foundation Day

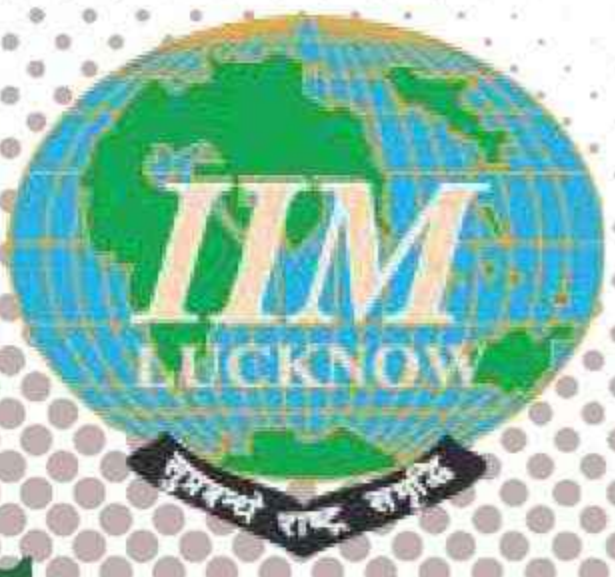
On July 27th, 2025, IIM Lucknow celebrated its 41st Foundation Day with pride and purpose, bringing together faculty, students, staff, and distinguished guests to honour the Institute's journey and values. The celebrations commenced with a tree plantation drive led by Director, Prof. M.P. Gupta, along with Dean (Faculty) & EWC President, Prof. Sanjeet Singh Phogat; Dean (Programmes), Prof. Sanjay K. Singh; Dean (Research), Prof. Sanjeev Kapoor; and Dean (Infra) & CAO, Prof. Sushil Kumar, symbolising IIM Lucknow's commitment to sustainability.



The Institute also honoured Mr. A. Murali, System Analyst, for 25 years of service, and recognised six meritorious students from the faculty and staff community for outstanding academic performance. The day concluded with a vibrant cultural evening celebrating the spirit of IIM Lucknow.







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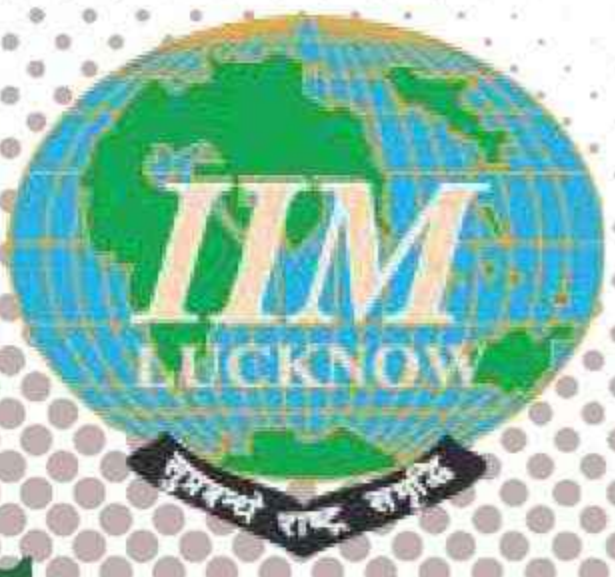
## IIM Lucknow Hosts Mr. Stephen Ezell for a Session on the U.S. Tech and Innovation Ecosystem



IIM Lucknow was honored to host Mr. Stephen Ezell, Vice President, Global Innovation Policy, Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF), for an engaging session on “The Potential of the U.S. Tech and Innovation Ecosystem.” The event was graced by Dean (Programmes), Prof. Sanjay K. Singh; Chairperson, IT&S, Dr. Vivek Gupta; Prof. Arunabha Mukhopadhyay; and Prof. Anirban Chakraborty. Moderated by Ms. Suparna Mukherji, Advisor – Econ, Environment, Science & Tech, and Health, Public Diplomacy Section, U.S. Embassy India, the session explored the US-India technology partnership, digitalisation, AI’s economic impact, and India’s semiconductor opportunity, emphasising the role of policy, institutions, and entrepreneurship in fostering innovation.







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## IIM Lucknow Welcomes Shri Gautam Adani

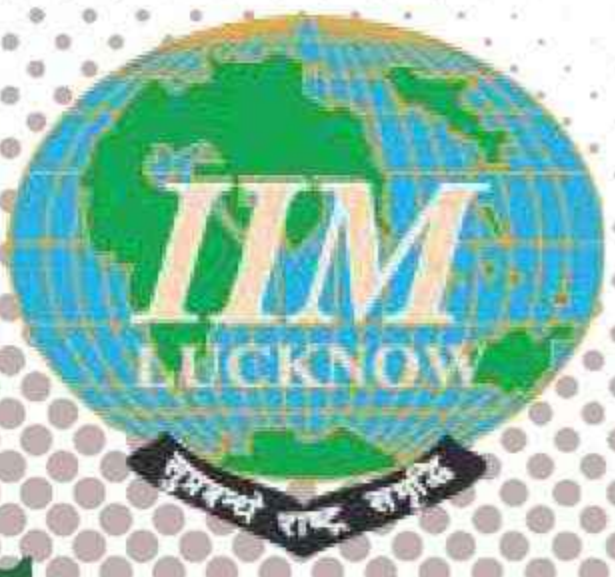
IIM Lucknow welcomed Shri Gautam Adani, Founder and Chairperson, Adani Group, for a address on August 7th 2025, that left a lasting impression on the IIM Lucknow community. The session was attended by Director, Prof. M.P. Gupta; along with faculty and students.

In his address, Shri Adani urged students to embrace courage and conviction, remarking, “The future will never belong to those who play it safe.” He emphasised that meaningful growth must be rooted in humanity, stating, “Only that development is meaningful which is founded on the principles of humanity; otherwise, it merely ends up as an expansion.”



Director, Prof. M.P. Gupta, noted that the session deepened academia–industry collaboration and highlighted Shri Adani’s journey as a beacon of inspiration aligned with the national vision of Viksit Bharat 2047. The visit concluded with a symbolic sapling planting, reflecting a shared commitment to sustainability and purposeful leadership.





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## Samvaad 2025 – Annual Alumni Conclave



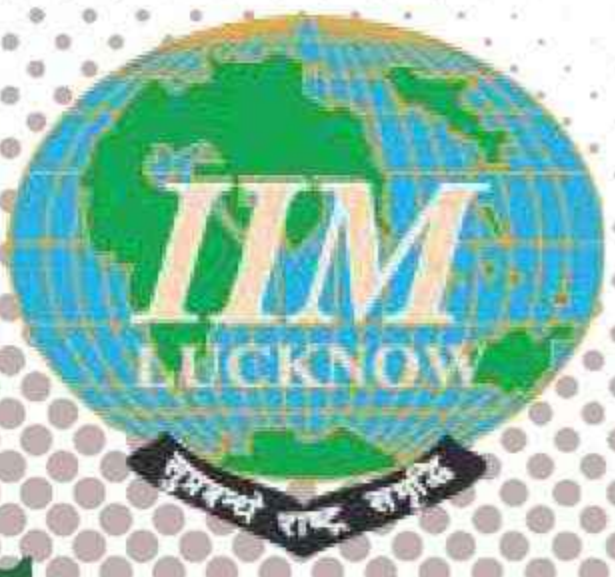
On August 9th–10th 2025, the institute hosted Samvaad 2025, its flagship alumni conclave, celebrating the theme “The India Moment: Ideas, Impact, and Influence.” Director, Prof. M.P. Gupta, in his address, highlighted the importance of alumni perspectives in shaping future leaders, while Chairperson, Alumni Affairs, Prof. Rajesh Aithal, spoke about the strength of the IIM Lucknow’s alumni network.



The Finance panel, comprising Mr. Shivakumar Ramaswami, Mr. Ashish Narula, and Mr. Shubham Jain, was moderated by Mr. Shivahari Raman. The Marketing panel featured Mr. Tejas Chaudhari, Mr. Srinivas S, and Ms. Anshika Maheshwari, moderated by Ms. Ria Jain. The Entrepreneurship panel included Mr. Kiran Shah, Mr. Mohan Prasad, and Mr. Swapnil S. Kumar, moderated by Mr. Abhishek Singh, who also moderated the Strategy panel with Mr. Arjun Myne, Mr. Abhijeet Singh, and Ms. Sakshi Bhalla.







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### IIM Lucknow hosts Mr. Prathap Das

IIM Lucknow welcomed Mr. Prathap Das, Regional Head, South Asia, AACSB International, to commemorate its AACSB re-accreditation, reaffirming the Institute's commitment to global excellence in management education. Mr. Das presented the re-accreditation certificate to Director, Prof. M.P. Gupta, in the presence of Dean (Programmes), Prof. Sanjay K. Singh; Dean (Faculty), Prof. Sanjeet Singh Phogat; Dean (Research), Prof. Sanjeev Kapoor; and faculty members. The visit included discussions on Assurance of Learning (AOL) practices and future collaboration opportunities between AACSB and IIM Lucknow.

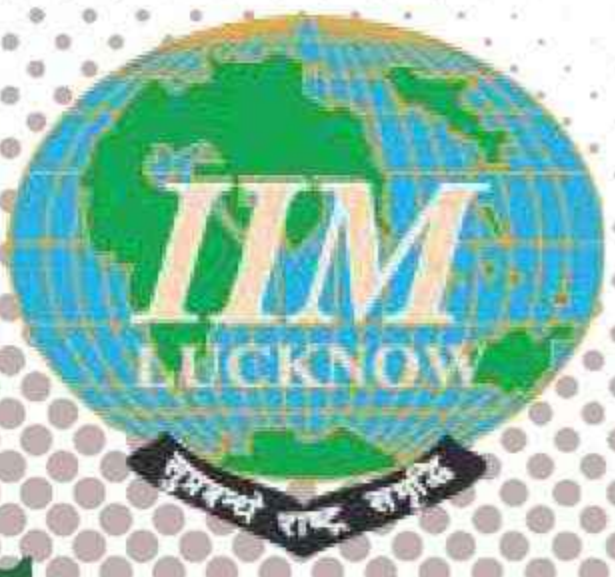


### IIM Lucknow Hosts Mr. Masaaki Taira, Minister of Digital Transformation, Japan

On August 13th, the institute was honoured to host Mr. Masaaki Taira, Minister of Digital Transformation, Government of Japan, for an engaging session on the future of digital innovation at the Noida Campus. The session, graced by Prof. Ajay Singh, Dean (Noida Campus), and Prof. Neerja Pande, Chairperson (International Diaspora), explored India-Japan collaborations in AI, cybersecurity, and sustainability. Mr. Taira highlighted Japan's "AI-friendly" approach fostering innovation, inclusivity, and global digital transformation.







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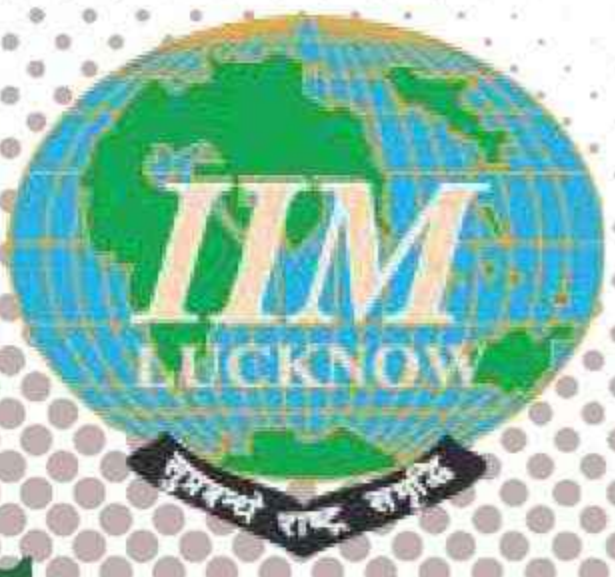
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### 79th Independence Day

IIM Lucknow celebrated the 79th Independence Day with great pride and patriotic fervor, marked by the installation of a majestic 100-foot National Flag on campus. Director, Prof. M.P. Gupta, IIM Lucknow, hoisted the flag in the presence of faculty, staff, students, research scholars, and their families. The celebrations featured vibrant cultural performances reflecting India's rich heritage. The Institute also participated in the Har Ghar Tiranga initiative, reaffirming its commitment to a Viksit Bharat.







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## Sanrakshan 2025 – Business Sustainability Conclave on “Viksit Bharat 2047”



IIM Lucknow’s Noida Campus hosted Sanrakshan 2025 on August 23th to 24th 2025, the institute’s flagship Business Sustainability Conclave themed “Viksit Bharat 2047: Catalysing Growth through Sustainability and Responsibility.”

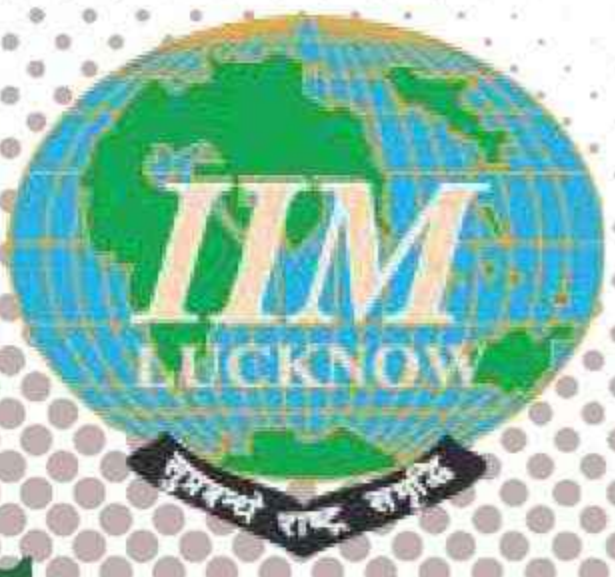
Director, Prof. M.P. Gupta; Chairperson, Centre for Business Sustainability, Prof. Kaushik Ranjan Bandyopadhyay; Chairperson, PGP–Sustainable Management, Prof. Dipti Gupta; and Prof. Kaushik Bhattacharya shared insights on collaboration, leadership, and the role of business schools in shaping a sustainable future.

Chief Guest, Shri Sanjiv Singh (IRS '93), Joint Secretary, DPIIT, Government of India, highlighted India’s roadmap for inclusive and sustainable growth.

The two-day conclave featured eminent speakers, including Dr. Sushanta Chatterjee, Chief (Regulatory Affairs), CERC, and showcased student-led initiatives such as Startup Mela, HaritVitt Case Competition, and Business Quiz. A graceful Kathak recital by SPIC MACAY added a cultural touch to the event.







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### IIM Lucknow Signs MoU with NASSCOM IT-ITeS Sector Skills Council



On August 28<sup>th</sup>, IIM Lucknow signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with nasscom IT-ITeS Sector Skills Council to strengthen collaboration in skill development and emerging technologies.

The MoU was signed in the presence of Director, Prof. M.P. Gupta; Dean (Programmes), Prof. Sanjay K. Singh; Prof. Ashutosh Kumar Sinha; Prof. Arunabha Mukhopadhyay; and Prof. Suresh K. Jakhar, IIM Lucknow. Representing NASSCOM, Dr. Abhilasha Gaur, CEO, SSC NASSCOM, and Ms. Kaamna Jain, Lead, Communication and Collaboration, joined the signing.



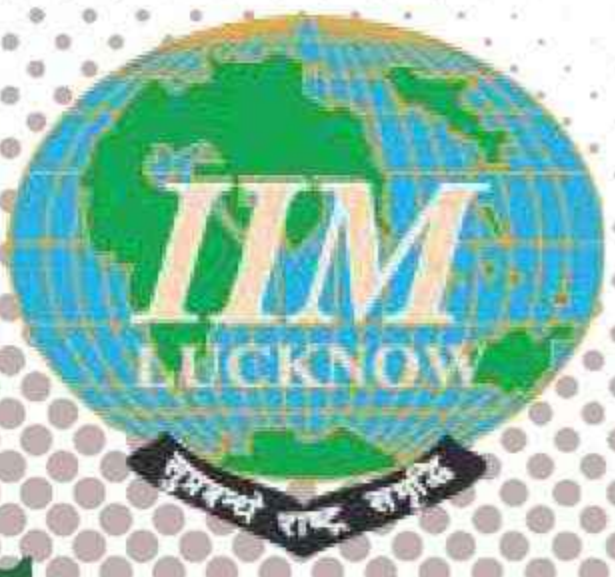
### Mr. Jeet Adani Launches Adani Accelerated Leadership Program (AALP) Scholarship

IIM Lucknow was honoured to host Mr. Jeet Adani, Director, Adani Airport, on September 8<sup>th</sup> 2025 for the launch of the Adani Accelerated Leadership Program (AALP) Scholarship, an initiative that will fully fund the tuition fees of six meritorious students this year, with plans for expansion in future batches.

The event was graced by Mr. Ashish Rajvanshi, CEO, Adani Defence and Aerospace; Mr. Sudhir Mattoo, Group Chief People Officer, Adani Group; Ms. Subhashrie Ramachandra Venkatraj, Senior Vice President & Head of Technology for Talent Acquisition, Adani Enterprises Limited; Dean (Programmes), Prof. Sanjay K. Singh; Chairperson, Placement, Prof. Prem Dewani; and Chairperson, PGP, Prof. Alok Dixit.







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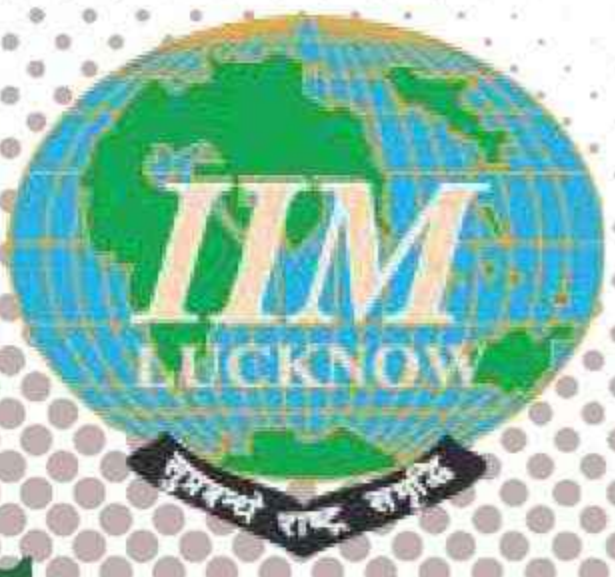
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## IIM Lucknow Observes Swachhata Pakhwada 2025

The institute observed Swachhata Pakhwada from 17th September to 2nd October 2025, reaffirming its commitment to a clean, sustainable, and responsible campus environment. The IIM Lucknow community took a collective pledge to keep the surroundings clean and green, embodying the institute's ethos of responsible leadership.







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## Swachhata Hi Seva 2025

As part of the Swachhata Hi Seva 2025 campaign, a Safai Mitra Suraksha Shivar was organised on September 22nd, 2025, celebrating the contribution of Safai Mitras and promoting their health and well-being. Through awareness drives and collective participation, IIM Lucknow continues to nurture a culture of sustainability and civic responsibility among its members

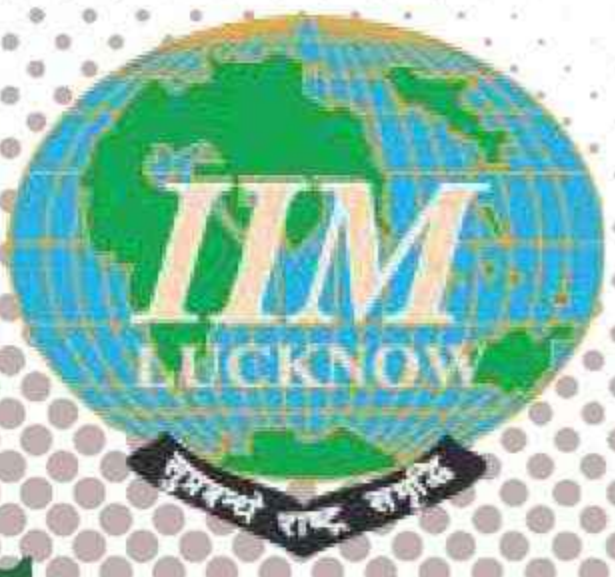


In continuation of the initiative, the IIM Lucknow community came together for voluntary shramdaan drives, a zero-waste celebration, and the felicitation of sanitation workers and volunteers under the Swachhotsav movement, reinforcing the value of collective responsibility and social awareness.

Further, a tree plantation and cleanliness drive was organised, symbolising the institute's commitment to a cleaner and greener tomorrow. Through these initiatives, IIM Lucknow continues to foster environmental consciousness and civic responsibility among its members.







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## IIM Lucknow Inaugurates First Batch of bMBA Programme



On September 25th, 2025, IIM Lucknow inaugurated the first batch of its bMBA Programme, marking a milestone in professional learning. The ceremony was graced by Chief Guest, Mr. Venkatadri Ranganathan, Chief Commercial Officer, Tata Chemicals; Director, Prof. M.P. Gupta; Dean (Programmes), Prof. Sanjay K. Singh; and Chairperson, bMBA, Prof. Omkarprasad S. Vaidya.



Addressing the cohort of 33 professionals, the speakers emphasised continuous learning, courage, and leadership, inspiring participants to balance careers with academics and embrace transformative growth.







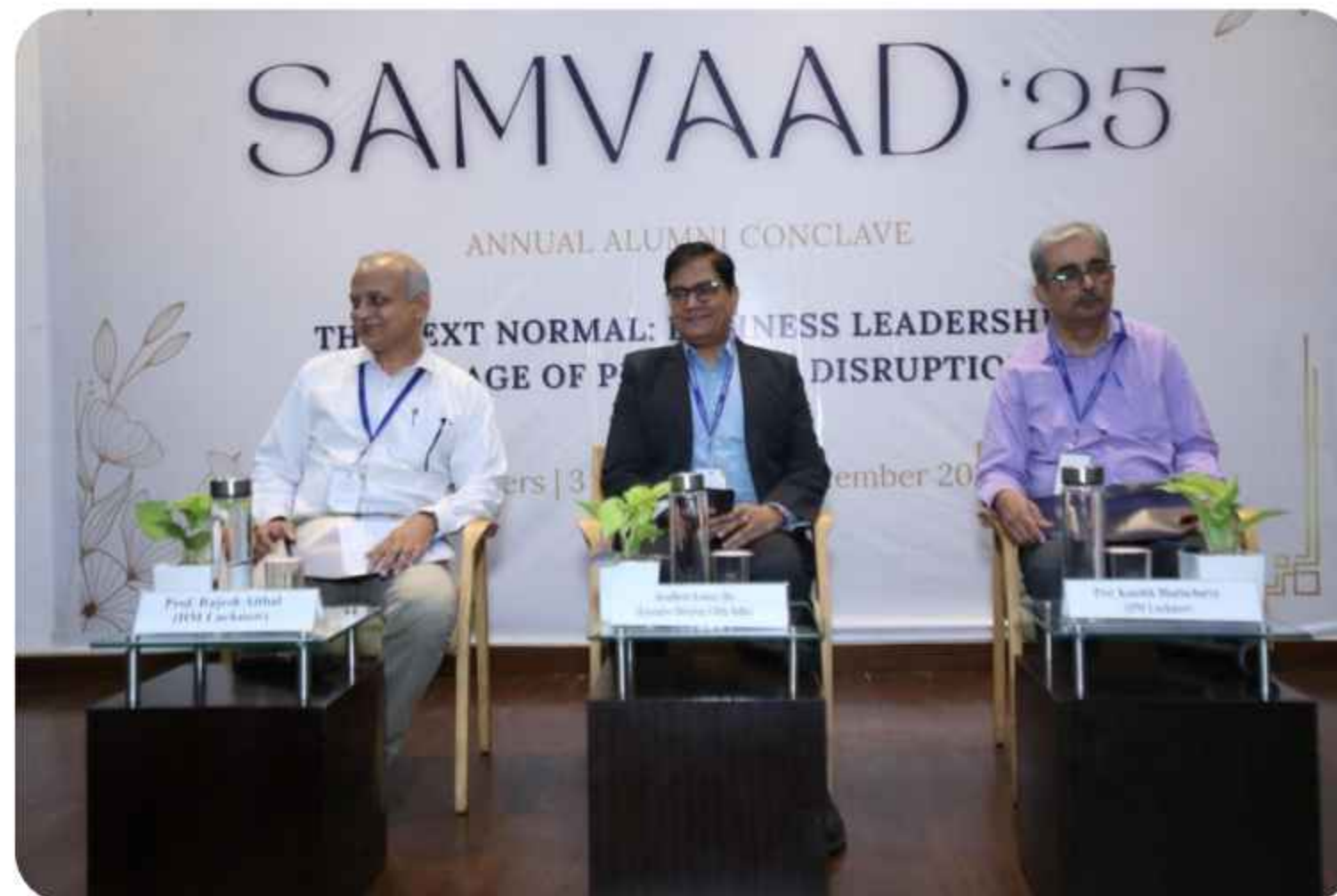
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### IIM Lucknow Noida Campus hosts Samvaad 2025

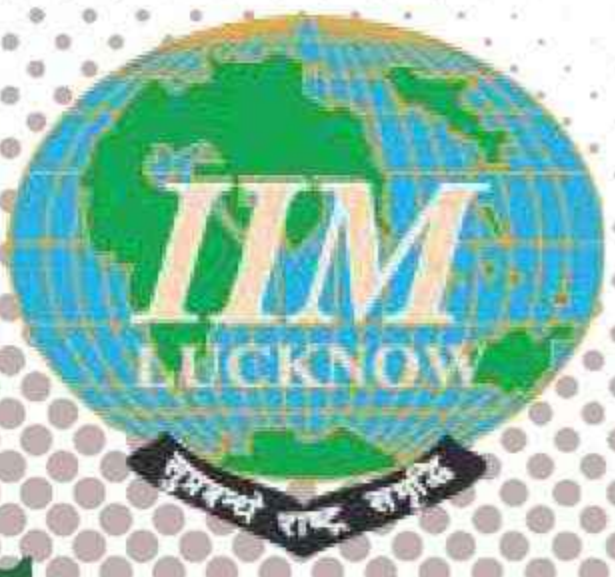
IIM Lucknow hosted Samvaad 2025 on September 27th, at its Noida Campus, bringing together alumni, faculty, and industry leaders for a day of dialogue and reflection. The flagship alumni conclave, themed “The Next Normal: Business Leadership in an Age of Perpetual Disruption,” celebrated the spirit of adaptability, collaboration, and lifelong connection within the IIM Lucknow community



The event commenced with a ceremonial lamp lighting followed by a welcome address by Chairperson, Alumni Affairs, Prof. Rajesh Aithal, and the presidential address by Prof. Kaushik Bhattacharya, who emphasized the strength and mentoring spirit of the alumni network. Mr. Awadhesh Kumar Jha, Executive Director, Glida India, delivered the keynote address on how disruptions have catalysed the electric vehicle revolution.

The day featured three panel discussions on financial leadership, resilient supply chains, and technology-driven innovation, with distinguished alumni and faculty sharing insights on navigating disruption. The conclave concluded with a vote of thanks from the Alumni Committee, reaffirming IIM Lucknow's legacy of leadership in changing times.





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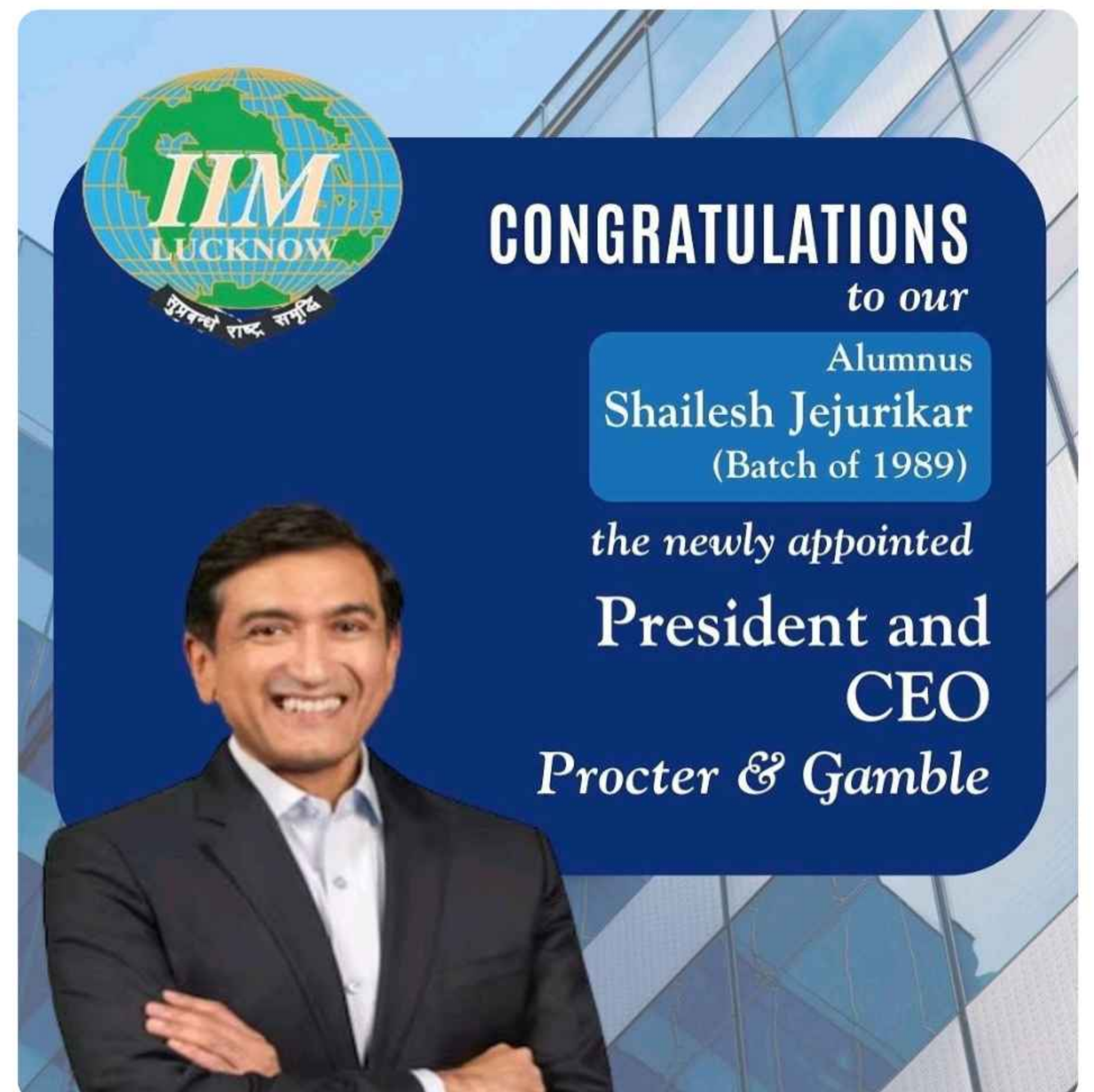
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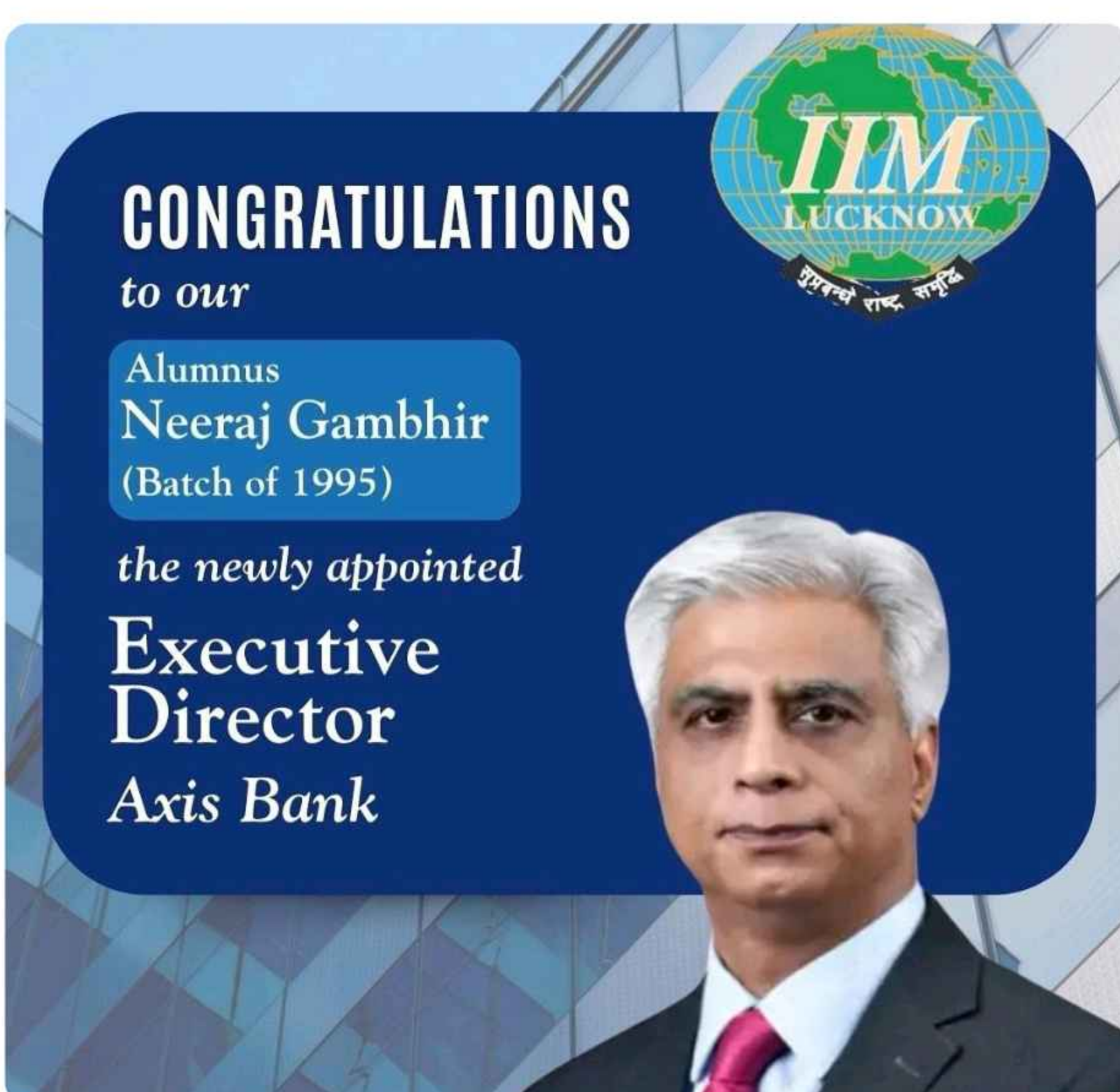
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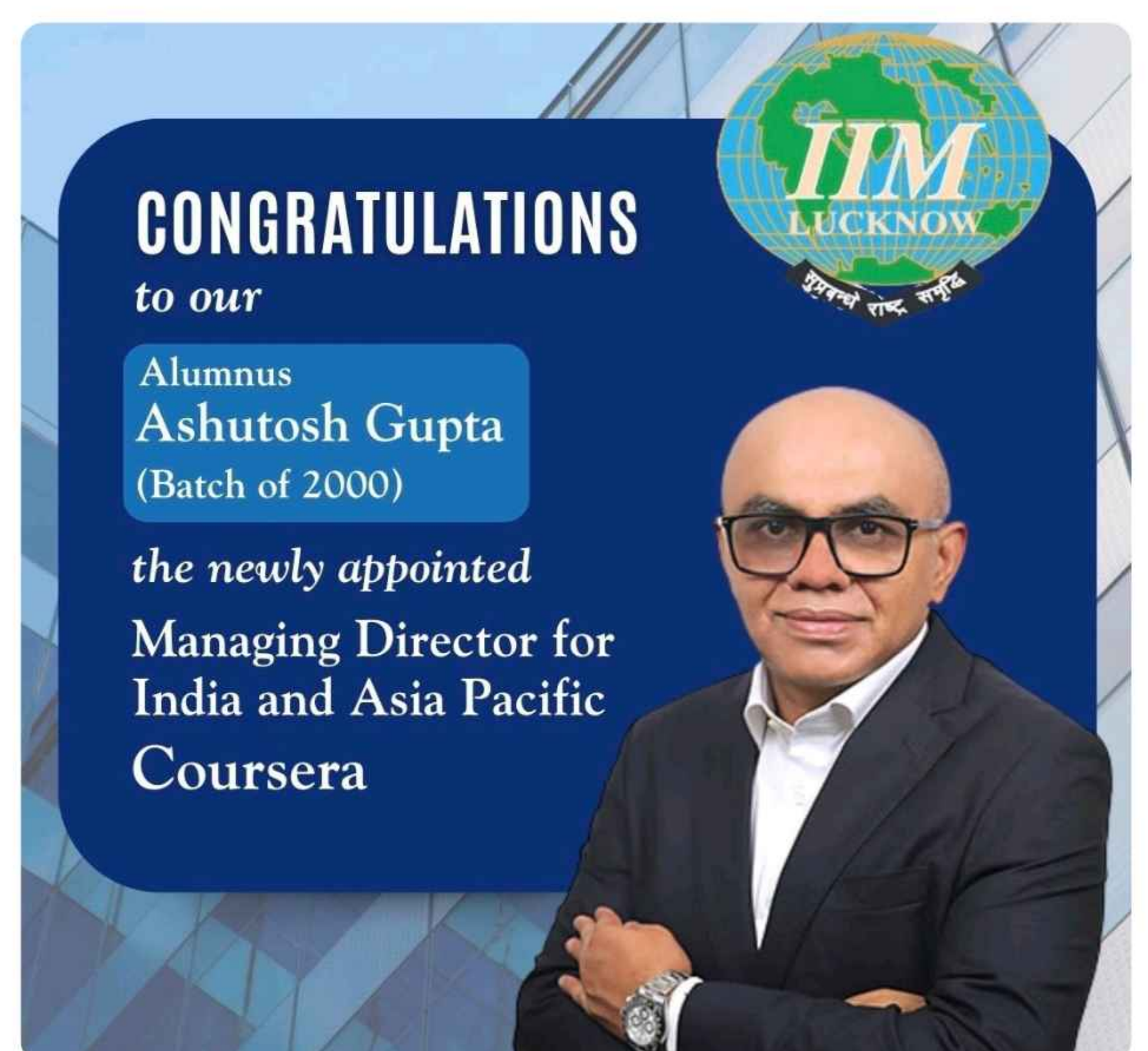
Mr. Rakesh Jallipally, distinguished alumnus, PGP, Batch of 2007, IIM Lucknow, was appointed as Chief Executive Officer of Pepe Jeans India Ltd



Mr. Shailesh Jejurikar, distinguished alumnus, PGP, Batch of 1989, IIM Lucknow, was appointed as President and CEO of Procter & Gamble



Mr. Neeraj Gambhir, distinguished alumnus, PGP, Batch of 1995, IIM Lucknow, was appointed as Executive Director of Axis Bank.



Mr. Ashutosh Gupta, distinguished alumnus, PGP, Batch of 2000, IIM Lucknow, was appointed as Managing Director for India and Asia Pacific of Coursera.





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Prof. Dharendra Mani Shukla, Associate Professor, Strategic Management, was been honoured with the Radhakrishnan Gopalan Young Faculty Researcher Award 2025.

Following a rigorous evaluation by a distinguished panel comprising Prof. M.P. Gupta, Director, IIM Lucknow; Prof. Sanjay K. Singh, Dean, Programmes; Prof. Sanjeev Kapoor, Dean, Research; Prof. Sanjeet Singh, Dean, Faculty; Prof. Vijay Yerramilli, Professor, Bauer College of Business, University of Houston & 1996 batch representative, and Mr. Jaideep Deodhar, Board Member & Alumnus, 1996 batch, Prof. Shukla was selected for this prestigious recognition.

IIM Lucknow proudly celebrates the inclusion of five of its distinguished faculty members in the World's Top 2% of Scientists list, as per the Stanford–Elsevier database (August 2025). Recognized for their outstanding citation impact and research excellence, the honourees are Prof. Samir K. Srivastava, Prof. Sanjay K. Singh, Prof. Chandan Sharma, Prof. Suresh K. Jakhar, and Dr. Sushant Kumar. This global recognition underscores IIM Lucknow's strong research culture and its commitment to fostering scholarship that drives knowledge and practice worldwide.



Mr. Avinash Sharma and Dr. Prajyot M., students of IIM Lucknow, emerged as National Winners at WinZO BOSS (Battle of Super Scholars) – Season 5, organised in association with the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) and the Global Centre of Excellence. Competing against over 2,000 teams from premier institutions including IIM Ahmedabad, IIM Bangalore, IIM Calcutta, and FMS Delhi, their team ProdCircles secured the top position. Additionally, Mr. Abhinav Kothari and Mr. Rishab Dhir of IIM Lucknow, representing Team HELLO, were declared the Third Runners-up.





## FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

Area	Authors/ Co authors	Title of the publication and Journal/Book
Business Sustainability	Prof. Dipti Gupta	Book Title- Framing India's Low-Carbon Development Pathways by Cambridge University Press
Business Environment	Prof Chandan Sharma & Ms. Nitika Arneja (PhD. Scholar)	Beyond borders: Do exports drive energy efficiency in India's manufacturing firms? in Energy Economics (ABDC A)
	Prof Chandan Sharma & Mr Pratik Biswas (PhD. Scholar)	Does fear sentiment drive cryptocurrency volatility? Evidence from Google Trends data in Finance Research Letters (ABDC A)
	Prof Chandan Sharma	Co- authored Paper- When labour market flexibility hinders innovation: a cross-country panel quantile analysis for manufacturing firms in Empirical Economics (ABDC A)
Marketing	Prof. Sushant Kumar	Co-authored Paper- How does AI-powered virtual influencer's anthropomorphism impact trust and brand love? The moderating role of opinion leadership in Technological Forecasting and Social Change" (ABDC-A)
	Prof. Anirban Chakraborty	The Call of the Wild: What Draws Birdwatching Tourists to Eco-Avitourism? in Current issues in Tourism (ABDC A)
Operations Management	Prof. Suresh K. Jakhar	Co- authored Paper- Pay or consent: optimising platform profit with privacy-conscious viewers in a creator economy in Annals of Operations Research (ABDC A)





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### **SUPERANNUATION/RESIGNATION (JUL-SEPT 2025)**

<b>S no.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Designation</b>	<b>Date of Retirement</b>
1	Bhupesh Kumar	Sr. Library & Information Assistant Grade-I	30/Jul/2025
2	Sriram Yadav	Office Attendant Grade. 1 (Upgd.)	31/Aug/2025







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- **IIM-Lucknow girl overcame all odds to get back to campus**  
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- **5 researchers of IIM Lucknow selected among world's top 2% scientists list**  
<https://www.hindustantimes.com/education/news/5-iim-lucknow-researchers-selected-among-worlds-top-2-scientists-list-101758606603818.html>
- **"Future Will Never Belong To Those Who Play It Safe": Gautam Adani At IIM Lucknow**  
<https://www.ndtv.com/india-news/future-will-never-belong-to-those-who-play-it-safe-gautam-adani-at-iim-lucknow-9039738>
- **IIM Lucknow join Goldman Sachs' 10,000 Women initiative**  
<https://indianexpress.com/article/education/iim-ahmedabad-lucknow-goldman-sachs-10000-women-initiative-entrepreneurship-cat2025-10264895/>
- **Zubairganj Cattle Market draws IIML Attention**  
<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/lucknow/zubairganj-cattle-mkt-draws-iim-l-attention/articleshow/123621098.cms>
- **IIM Lucknow has retained its top position in NIRF MBA Rankings**  
<https://www.shiksha.com/news/mba-iim-lucknow-iim-jammu-and-iim-sambalpur-record-gains-in-nirf-2025-rankings-blogId-209766>
- **6 IIM Lucknow students to get scholarship under the Adani Accelerated Leadership Programme (AALP)**  
<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/lucknow/6-iim-l-students-to-get-scholarship-under-adani-accelerated-leadership-programme/articleshow/123773127.cms>



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