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# Events & Activities

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### Swachhotsav 2025 at IIM Lucknow

On Swachh Bharat Diwas, the campus reaffirmed its commitment to cleanliness through Swachhotsav, organised under the Swachhata Hi Seva 2025 campaign.

Students, faculty, and staff participated in cleanliness drives that underscored cleanliness as a shared social responsibility and its link to environmental sustainability. The initiative strengthened the institute's resolve to build a cleaner, greener, and more conscious campus aligned with the national vision of Swachh Bharat Mission.



### Expanding Global Outreach: IIM Lucknow at the International Education Expo, Sharjah

IIM Lucknow participated in the International Education Expo held in Sharjah, UAE from 8<sup>th</sup>–11<sup>th</sup> October, following a networking dinner with Indian institutions on 7<sup>th</sup> October. Prof. Ashutosh and Prof. Payal Mehra represented the Institute, engaging with academic leaders and interacting with thousands of prospective students.

The visit also fostered dialogue with Mr Satish Kumar Sivan, Consul General of India, Dubai, along with leading universities of the United Arab Emirates, reinforcing IIM Lucknow's commitment to global engagement and international collaboration.



## Summer Placements 2025 Conclude on a High Note

The Summer Placement Process 2025 concluded successfully for the 41<sup>st</sup> PGP batch and the 22<sup>nd</sup> ABM batch, reflecting both resilience and optimism in a dynamic recruitment landscape.

The season recorded impressive outcomes, with the highest domestic stipend reaching ₹3.95 lakhs per month and the highest international stipend at ₹2.5 lakhs per month. The average stipend stood at ₹1.67 lakhs, while the median rose to ₹1.72 lakhs per month, indicating consistent value creation across the batch. Notably, the top 50% of students secured an average stipend of ₹2.18 lakhs per month, highlighting sustained demand for high-calibre talent offered by IIM Lucknow.

Opportunities spanned a wide spectrum of domains including consulting, finance, marketing, product management, operations, retail, and e-commerce. Prestigious recruiters such as McKinsey, BCG, Bain, Accenture, HUL, Goldman Sachs, Amazon, Google, and P&G continued their association, while Barclays, D.E. Shaw, Morgan Stanley, Mondelez, Nestlé, and Wells Fargo joined as first-time recruiters.



## Gratitude Day Celebrations



Learning journeys are shaped as much by mentorship as by curriculum. Recognising this, on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025, students came together to celebrate Gratitude Day, an evening dedicated to honouring the unwavering commitment and guidance of the faculty. The event featured a vibrant Cultural Evening, followed by a thoughtfully curated Theme Dinner, creating a warm and reflective atmosphere.

It was an occasion to pause, express appreciation, and acknowledge the profound influence of teachers beyond classrooms, shaping values, confidence, and leadership mindsets.

## Sangram: The Inter-Section Sports Fest

Sangram, IIM Lucknow's annual inter-section sports fest, was held from 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> October, bringing together the first-year students to compete for the overall championship. The four-day event featured over 20 sports and games, including athletics, football, cricket, basketball, volleyball, badminton, table tennis, chess, and carrom.

The fest witnessed strong participation across sections, with students demonstrating discipline, teamwork, and sportsmanship across both individual and team events. Beyond competition, Sangram provided a platform for physical engagement and inter-sectional collaboration, contributing to a balanced and active campus life.



## Fit India Freedom Run 2025



Under the Fit India Movement, the campus hosted the Fit India Freedom Run 2025 on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2025, a 3 km run that symbolised the powerful connection between स्वच्छता (cleanliness) and स्वास्थ्य (health).

Flagged off by Prof. M.P. Gupta, Director, the event saw enthusiastic participation from students, faculty, staff, and defence personnel from the DGMP batch. Winners were felicitated by Prof. Sushil Kumar, Dean, Infrastructure, celebrating both performance and participation.

## Vigilance Awareness Week 2025

Observing Vigilance Awareness Week 2025, the institute embraced the theme “सतर्कता: हमारी साझी जिम्मेदारी”— Vigilance: Our Shared Responsibility.

The week commenced on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025, with the Integrity Pledge, led by the Director, Prof. M.P. Gupta, in the presence of Chief Vigilance Officer, Prof. Arunabha Mukhopadhyay, followed by a compelling guest lecture by Mr. Alok Ranjan (Retd. IAS), which underscored the role of ethical vigilance in governance and institutional credibility.



## Camaraderie'25: A Celebration of Creativity and Collaboration

Camaraderie'25, the annual inter-section cultural festival, was held from 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025, bringing together students across programmes to engage in a wide range of creative pursuits. The theme Yugantar served as a conceptual anchor, highlighting transition, continuity, and collective expression.

Over 4 days, 9 sections participated in competitions spanning the performing and fine arts. The festival provided a platform for students to collaborate beyond classroom settings, fostering teamwork, creativity, and shared experiences.



## UDAAN – Beyond Tomorrow: Shaping Financially Aware, Future-Ready Leaders

On 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2025, the campus hosted UDAAN – Beyond Tomorrow: Explore. Evolve. Excel., an investor education initiative by UTI Mutual Fund in partnership with CNBC Awaaz, aimed at building financial awareness and leadership mindset in students.

Director, Prof. M. P. Gupta, highlighted the role of self-awareness in effective leadership and stressed the importance of informed financial decisions in a complex economy. Dr. Mohit Gupta, Director and Professor of Cardiology at G.B. Pant Hospital, spoke on “Unlearning the Ordinary: Breaking Patterns, Building Leaders,” emphasising consistency, mindfulness, and emotional balance for personal and professional growth.



## Orientation Programme for PhD Scholars

On 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025, the PhD Orientation Programme brought together 45 first- and second-year scholars for a day of academic engagement with faculty, including Director, Prof. M. P. Gupta, Dean (Programmes), Prof. Sanjay K. Singh, Dean (Research), Prof. Sanjeev Kapoor, and Chairperson (DPM), Prof. Pushpendra Priyadarshi. In his welcome address, Prof. Gupta encouraged scholars to pursue research with curiosity, rigour, and a commitment to meaningful academic and practical contributions.

The programme featured a session on “Preparing for High-Quality Research: Editorial Perspective” by Prof. Manish Popli, IIM Indore, followed by presentations from Area Chairpersons on research and teaching in their domains. Faculty also led a discussion on transitioning from doctoral scholar to faculty member. The day concluded with a talk by Prof. Mahesh Subramony, Northern Illinois University, on “Making the Most of Your PhD Journey,” followed by a welcome dinner for informal interaction and networking.



## DGMP 33rd Batch Valediction Ceremony

On 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025, the Valediction Ceremony for the 33rd Batch of the General Management Programme for Defence Officers (DGMP) marked the successful completion of the programme by 37 participants.

The ceremony was attended by Brig. Vikas Batra, Additional Director General, Directorate Resettlement; Lt. Col. Prashant Mishra, Joint Director, Directorate Resettlement; Programme Directors Prof. Rajesh Aithal and Prof. Seshadev Sahoo; and Prof. Madhumita Chakraborty, Chairperson, MDP.



## Alumni-Funded 99 Moonshots Fellowship Launched at IIM Lucknow

IIM Lucknow launched 99 Moonshots, a fellowship funded by the PGP Class of 1999 to strengthen research productivity among doctoral scholars and advance the Institute's academic standing.

Proposed by alumni to support their alma mater, the fellowship provides academic assistance, publication incentives, and opportunities to present research at leading international conferences. After a competitive selection process in which candidates pitched their proposals to a committee, two scholars were selected: Ms. Ayushi Singh (Operations & Supply Chain Management) and Mr. Satish Kumar (Strategic Management).

The fellowship offers a ₹1 lakh publication award, a ₹3 lakh conference grant, and additional academic support for research activities.



# CONGRATULATIONS



**AYUSHI SINGH**

PhD Scholar, Operations and Supply Chain Management



**SATISH KUMAR**

PhD Scholar, Strategic Management

for being selected for the

## 1999 Batch Research Support Grant

The 1999 PGP batch instituted the Fellowship, Conference, and Publication Grants to strengthen research output and support the doctoral journey at IIM Lucknow.

## TEDxIIMLucknow Returns with the theme 'Beyond the Veil'



TEDxIIMLucknow was held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2025, with the theme Beyond the Veil, aimed at encouraging critical inquiry and broader reflection beyond conventional frameworks. The event was attended by Prof. M. P. Gupta, Director, and Prof. Alok Dixit, Chairperson (PGP), whose presence underscored the importance of intellectual openness and dialogue.

The event featured speakers from diverse fields, such as Rishi Kumar Shukla – Former Director, CBI & Ex-DGP, Madhya Pradesh; Raj Sheoran – Former NSG & CoBRA Officer, Counter-Terrorism Specialist; Dr. S. L. Vaya – Lifetime Achievement Awardee & India's Leading Forensic Psychologist; Vedangi Kulkarni – Youngest Woman to Cycle Around the World; Nikita Porwal – Femina Miss India World 2024 & Performing Artist; Abhigya Anand – Young Vedic Astrologer & Spiritual Researcher; and Devansh Jain Nawal – Forbes 30 Under 30 Entrepreneur & Innovator, shared perspectives drawn from their professional and personal journeys.

### Participation in National Wellbeing Conclave

The institute participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Wellbeing Conclave, hosted by IIT Bombay in collaboration with the Ministry of Education on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025. The conclave brought together representatives from over 80 institutions to discuss evolving approaches to student wellbeing and holistic education.



Faculty members Prof. Priyanka Sharma and Prof. Arvind Shroff, along with students Swadha Agrawal and Dishit Bauva, attended sessions covering mental health support systems, faculty-student engagement, and policy design sensitive to psychological wellbeing.

## Prof M.P. Gupta Attends AMBA & BGA Asia Pacific Conference 2025



Director, Prof. M. P. Gupta, represented IIM Lucknow at the AMBA & BGA Asia Pacific Conference 2025, held in Bali, Indonesia.

Key themes discussed included innovation in business schools, digitalisation and artificial intelligence, lifelong learning and alumni development, sustainable entrepreneurship, and strengthening industry-academia partnerships.

## Bodhisutra 2025: Industry Perspectives on Leadership and Transformation



Bodhisutra 2025, organised by the Corporate Relations Committee of IIM Lucknow, was held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2025, bringing together industry leaders to discuss contemporary business challenges with students.

Speakers included Paroma Chatterjee (CEO, Revolut India), Mohit Khullar (Managing Director, Alvarez & Marsal), Prantik Dasgupta (CEO, Waaree Group – Aluminium Business), Sachin Phansikar (COO, Business Standard), Sameer Bhatnagar (Partner, KPMG), and Sumit Vats (Associate Managing Director, Moody's).

The discussions focused on leadership, organisational transformation, and navigating uncertainty, with speakers sharing insights from their professional journeys and perspectives on decision-making, adaptability, and ethical leadership.

## IIM Lucknow at the India–Saudi Arabia Joint Universities Meeting

As part of ongoing efforts to strengthen global engagement, Prof. M. P. Gupta, Director, represented the Institute at the Joint Universities Meeting with His Excellency Yousef bin Abdullah Al-Benyan, Minister of Education, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, during the Minister’s official visit to India on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

The meeting, held in New Delhi, brought together representatives from higher education institutions to explore avenues for academic collaboration and institutional partnerships. Discussions focused on student and faculty exchange, joint research initiatives, and long-term cooperation in higher education and capacity building.



## Central and South America and the Caribbean Islands Delegation Visits IIM Lucknow

A distinguished delegation of diplomats from Central and South America and the Caribbean visited the campus as part of a Special Training Programme organised by the Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service (SSIFS), Ministry of External Affairs.

During their visit, the diplomats interacted with Prof. Sanjay K. Singh, Dean (Programmes), and Prof. Madhumita Chakraborty, Chairperson, MDP, who shared insights into the Institute’s academic philosophy, leadership approach, and contributions to management education and policy research.

The delegation was led by Mrs. Anita Shukla, Joint Secretary, SSIFS, and Dr. Ritika Sharma, Faculty, SSIFS, who emphasised the programme’s role in fostering cross-cultural dialogue and strengthening global partnerships.



## Gen Z Post Office: Reimagining Public Services on Campus



In a significant step towards public service innovation, a Gen Z Post Office was inaugurated in the IIM Lucknow campus on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025, marking the first such initiative in Uttar Pradesh.

The inauguration took place in the presence of Prof. M. P. Gupta, Director, IIM Lucknow; Shri Pranav Kumar, Chief Postmaster General, U.P. Circle; Shri Sunil Rai, Postmaster General, HQ Region, Lucknow; and Dr. Anand Kumar Singh, Director, Post Services, U.P. Circle.



The Gen Z Post Office offers QR-based payments, Aadhaar-related services, automated parcel facilities, real-time tracking, and a digital-first service environment. In addition, students can avail packers and movers services at subsidised rates, with integrated tracking and updates.

## Nostalgia 2025: Roots & Wings



Nostalgia 2025, IIM Lucknow's annual alumni reunion, commenced on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025, welcoming alumni from the batches of 1995, 2000, 2005, 2010 and 2015 back to campus. The theme, Roots & Wings, beautifully reflected the Institute's role as both the foundation of shared beginnings and the launchpad for alumni achievements across the globe.

The reunion began with registrations and a nostalgic breakfast at the Annapoorna mess, followed by guided campus tours revisiting classrooms, hostels and familiar landmarks.



The formal inauguration featured Prof. M.P. Gupta, Director, IIM Lucknow; Prof. Sanjay K. Singh, Dean (Programmes); and Prof. Rajesh Aithal, Chairperson, Alumni Affairs, setting the tone for reflection and reconnection.

A symbolic plantation drive, Neev, marked legacy and growth, while the evening brought spirited camaraderie through Batch Wars, Alums Got Talent, and the Reunion Royale dinner and bonfire, celebrating shared memories and enduring friendships.





## IIM Lucknow Among Top B-Schools in BT-MDRA 2025

IIM Lucknow has been ranked 3rd in the Business Today-MDRA India's Best B-Schools Ranking 2025, reaffirming its position among the country's leading management institutions.

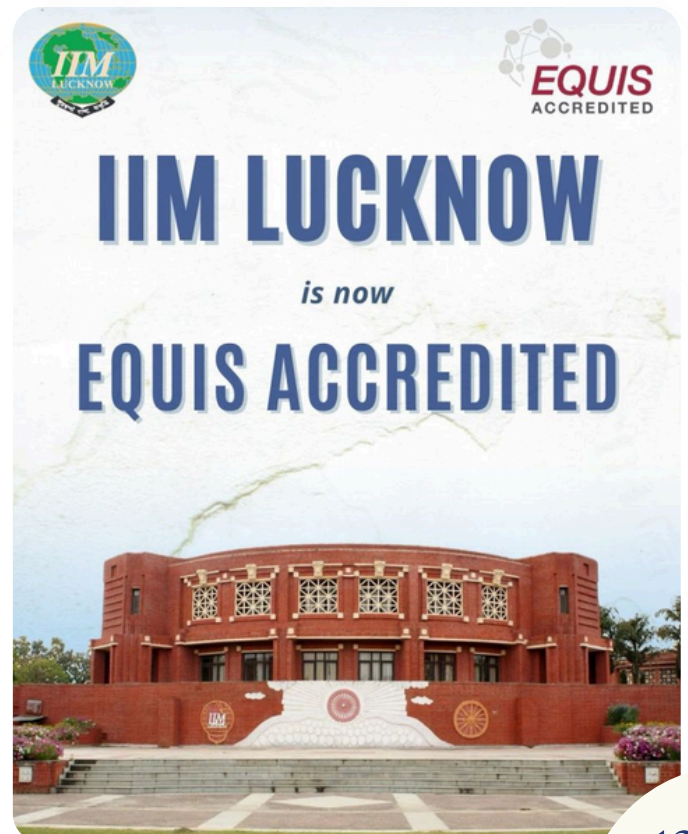
The ranking recognises consistent performance across academic quality, research output, and experiential learning initiatives that bridge theory with practice. The achievement reflects the collective efforts of faculty, students, staff, alumni, and institutional partners.

## IIM Lucknow Earns Prestigious EQUIS Accreditation

IIM Lucknow has been awarded the prestigious EQUIS (EFMD Global Quality Improvement System) Accreditation, a globally recognised benchmark for excellence in management education.

With this achievement, the Institute joins a select group of triple-accredited institutions worldwide and becomes the 3rd IIM and the 5th management institution in India to attain this distinction.

Congratulating the Institute, Director, Prof. M. P. Gupta, said that- "The EQUIS accreditation builds upon the Institute's existing AMBA and AACSB accreditations". He further emphasised that- "This milestone is the outcome of the collective efforts of faculty, students, officers, staff, alumni, and partners, whose contributions continue to strengthen the Institute's academic and institutional standing".



# Community Achievements

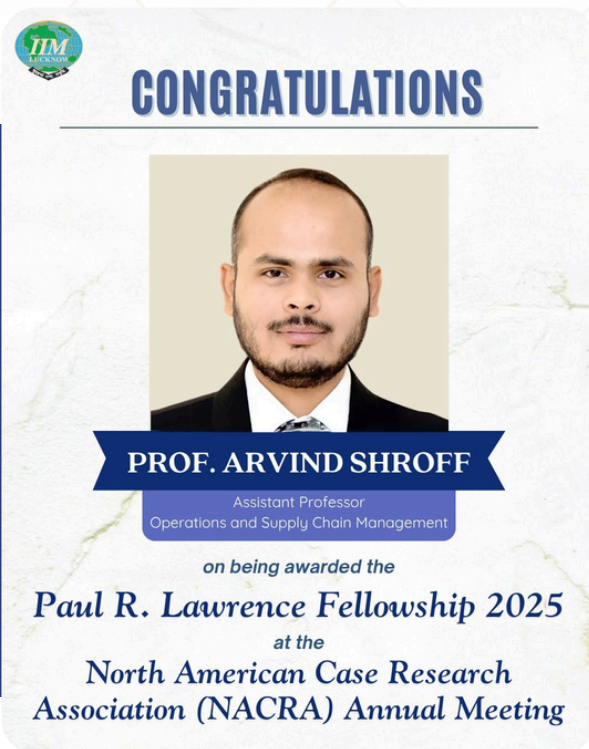
Sharan Suresh, Ragul Vinayagamurthy, and Aditya Sable (PGP-Sustainable Management, Batch 2025–27) secured 1st place in the Grand Finale of Lakshya, SMILE’s inaugural case competition at The Red Brick Summit (TRBS) 2025. Competing against 1,000+ teams from leading B-schools across India, they impressed with their innovative thinking and strong analytical approach.



Team InterConnectors—Om Sahitya, Esha Pareek, and Suraj Jha—emerged as National Champions at Asian Paints Chain Reaction 2025, competing against top campus-winning teams from premier B-schools across India. This achievement marks the second consecutive year of national victory for IIM Lucknow students.



Mr. Tarun Garg (PGP, Batch of 1994) has been appointed Managing Director & CEO of Hyundai Motor India Limited. A distinguished alumnus, his leadership journey and contributions to the automotive industry continue to inspire the IIM Lucknow community.



Prof. Arvind Shroff, Assistant Professor, Operations and Supply Chain Management, was awarded the Paul R. Lawrence Fellowship 2025 at the North American Case Research Association (NACRA) Annual Meeting 2025, held in Newport Beach, California. The fellowship is awarded to only 10 scholars worldwide, recognising outstanding contributions to case research.

Muskaan Mansinghka, Anirudh Sood, and Dr. Chetan Duggirala emerged as National Winners of Airtel iCreate'2025, outperforming 10,000+ teams from leading B-schools across India. The team secured first place after multiple competitive rounds and won a cash prize of INR 4,00,000.





**CONGRATULATIONS**



**SIDHARTH SINHA**  
EFPM Scholar  
IIM Lucknow



**PROF. KAUSHIK RANJAN BANDYOPADHYAY**  
Professor  
Business Sustainability

on their co-authored paper being awarded the  
**Best Paper Award Overall**  
at the  
**10th PAN-IIM**  
**World Management Conference (WNC) 2025**

Paper: Challenges in Auxiliary Fuel Transition of Integrated Steel Sector in India to a Low-Carbon Pathway: A Multi-Stakeholder Perspective

A paper co-authored by Mr. Sidharth Sinha (EFPM Scholar) and Prof. Kaushik Ranjan Bandyopadhyay was awarded Best Paper Overall and Best Paper in the Responsible Business Track at the 10th PAN IIM World Management Conference, IIM Ranchi, selected from 1,400+ submissions.

Teams from IIM Lucknow delivered a standout performance at the NTPC Electron Quiz 2025 (Regional Round), securing top two positions. Anirudh Sood and Dhruv Singh emerged as Regional Champions, while Nishchay Shopurkar and Prashant Chauhan finished second, competing against 150+ teams from leading institutions. Both teams have qualified for the National Finals to be held in New Delhi (Dec 18–19, 2025).



# Faculty Publications

Area	Authors / Co-authors	Title of the Publication and Journal / Book
Decision Sciences	Prof. Deepak Prajapati	"Exponentiated Copula Models: A Novel Class and Dependence Techniques Applied to Insurance Data" in <i>North American Actuarial Journal (ABDC A)</i>
		"Implementation of order-restricted inference, optimal design and model misspecification in step-stress model with progressive first-failure censored data" in <i>Annals of Operations Research (ABDC A, ABS 3)</i>
Economics and Business Environment	Prof. Debdatta Pal	Co-authored paper: "Does better coordination improve overall efficiency? Evidence from microfinance institutions" in <i>Applied Economics (ABDC A, ABS 2)</i>
Finance and Accounting	Prof. Madhumita Chakraborty, and Ph.D. scholars Rituparn Bahukhandi and Himanshu Singhal	Co-authored paper: "Impact of energy uncertainty on corporate credit risk" in <i>Finance Research Letters (ABDC A)</i>



# IIML Community

## Superannuation (Oct-Dec 2025)

S.No.	Name	Designation	Date of Retirement
1	Rajiv Saxena	Systems Analyst	31-Oct-25 (retired)
2	Suresh Sharma	Junior Assistant Grade-II	30-Nov-25 (retired)
3	Mahendra Kumar Singh	Head (Library)	31-Dec-25 (retired)



# IIML in the News

## **Snail mail to smart services: IIM Lucknow opens UP's first Gen-Z post office**

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/mumbail/snail-mail-to-smart-services-iim-lucknow-opens-ups-first-gen-z-post-office/articleshow/126103799.cms>

## **IIM Lucknow sees a jump in average and median stipend for summer placements**

<https://m.economictimes.com/jobs/fresher/iim-lucknow-sees-a-jump-in-average-and-median-stipend-for-summer-placements/articleshow/124548023.cms>

## **IIM Lucknow secures prestigious EQUIS accreditation, joins elite league of triple crown B-schools**

<https://www.edexlive.com/news/iim-lucknow-secures-prestigious-equis-accreditation-joins-elite-league-of-triple-crown-b-schools>

## **IIM Lucknow wins the 3rd Edition of MakeMyTrip's Young Business Turks Challenge**

<https://hospibuz.com/hotels-hot-topics/iim-lucknow-wins-the-3rd-edition-of-makemytrips-young-business-turks-challenge-10564490>

## **IIM Lucknow Launches 99 Moonshots Fellowship To Support Doctoral Research**

<https://www.ndtv.com/education/iim-lucknow-launches-99-moonshots-fellowship-to-support-doctoral-research-9705623>

## **Legaxy partners IIM Lucknow, Bhuvneshwar Kumar to launch sports, gaming accelerator**

<https://m.economictimes.com/news/india/legaxy-partners-iim-lucknow-bhuvneshwar-kumar-to-launch-sports-gaming-accelerator/articleshow/125096101.cms>



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