# **IIMU Newsletter** October 2024





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IIM Udaipur's Centre for Development Policy and Management and CoLab Join Forces for Groundbreaking Development Research Partnership.



The Indian Institute of Management Udaipur (IIM Udaipur) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with CoLab, a Bengaluru-based research and design consulting firm, to collaborate on a wide range of research and public policy initiatives. This MoU aims to foster joint efforts in development research, policy formulation, and management to address critical societal challenges. Under this partnership, IIM Udaipur's Centre for Development Policy and Management (CDPM) and CoLab will work together on fieldwork, research, and other projects focused on bringing about positive social change across India. The collaboration will also focus on organising seminars, webinars, and conferences to enhance knowledge sharing and promote public awareness on development policy issues and the importance of research and evidence in the development ecosystem.



IIM Udaipur opens applications for its One-Year Full-Time MBAs in Global Supply Chain Management and Digital Enterprise Management.



The Indian Institute of Management Udaipur (IIMU) opened admissions for its one-year full-time MBA programs in Global Supply Chain Management (GSCM) and Digital Enterprise Management (DEM). The programs are for professionals with a minimum of 3 years of experience in any domain. The GSCM program offers a solid foundation in management fundamentals and intensive specialisation in Global Supply Chain Management & Logistics. MBA in DEM is the first such program in the country, where students focus on learning how to manage digital systems and use those systems to make data-driven decisions and lead complex and diverse teams in digital environments.



Adhyay City Chapter Meets: Strengthening Alumni Engagement in Bangalore and Delhi.



Adhyay City Chapter Meet Bangalore was held on October 19, 2024, the event was graced with the presence of Prof N Viswanathan – Faculty Finance & Accounting who gave updates about FT MIM, NIRF Rankings, Executive Education Programs and other developments in the institute, the event saw a participation of 80+ Alumni from different batches. It was a networking opportunity for Alumni to make new connections, discussing potential collaborations & engage in discussions with faculty, and A4 student representatives. IIMU Alumni Association Members Rahul Dsouza, Amit Rebala Reddy & Sumit Chakravorty also joined where Sumit Chakravorty shared updates of the Alumni association & roadmap of activities.



Adhyay City Chapter Meet Delhi was held on October 19, 2024, the event began with address from Dean Programs – Prof Rajesh Nanarpuzha who highlighted the importance of these gatherings in strengthening the bond between the Institute and its alumni & updates were given regarding FT MIM Rankings, NIRF Rankings & other developments in the institute. The event brought together Alumni from different batches who shared experiences, and the lasting impact of IIMU on their personal and professional lives. It was an excellent opportunity for Alumni to engage in insightful discussions with faculty, A4 student representatives and IIMU Alumni Society One-Year MBA Vice President Kartik Misra who shared recent updates about Alumni Association and its initiatives.



### Industry Core Group Sessions 2024: Bridging Academia and Industry for Career Excellence.



The Industry Core Group (ICG) 2024, organized by A4 student members, focused on nurturing industry expertise, fostering alumni connections, and offering mentorship programs to enhance student placements. The event featured distinguished alumni, including Deewakar Gupta (PGP 2013-15), Anurag Nagpal (PGP 2014-16), Pritha Sao (PGP 2016-18), Bhavik Vachhani (PGP 2015-17), Thangaraju Gnanajothi (PGP 2017-19), Kaushal Kumar (PGP 2015-17), Piyush Singh (PGP 2011-13), Mohina Chadha (PGP 2011-13), Ankush Prasad (PGP 2017-19), Aman Agarwal (PGP 2011-13), Kshitij Prabhu (PGP 2015-17), Udit Agarwal (PGP 2015-17), Angelene Jyrwa (PGP 2012-14), and Shobhika Mathur (PGP 2014-16). Through boot camps and one-on-one discussions, students gained valuable insights into industry roles and essential skills. With enthusiastic student participation, ICG continues to strengthen industry ties and support career growth.



## Netratva - The Leadership Talk Series







IIM Udaipur recently hosted Ms. Rishika Verma Vohra, Talent Acquisition Manager at Blusmart, for Netratva - The Leadership Talk Series. Speaking on "Campus to Corporate: Bridging the Gap Between Education and Industry," Ms. Vohra emphasized the importance of personality in career development. She discussed teamwork, the value of unlearning and relearning during interviews, and the importance of approaching new roles with a growth mindset. Encouraging continuous learning, she advised students to pursue certifications, blend with company culture, and embrace the adventure of career growth, viewing learning as a continuous journey rather than a destination.

IIM Udaipur recently hosted Mr. Rahuul Raaii, Product Owner and Service Leader - Service Management Platform at Syngenta Group, for Netratva - The Leadership Talk Series. Speaking on "The Transformative Impact of Automation and Generative AI on Modern Industries," Mr. Raaii shared insights on the growing influence of generative AI. He introduced Syngenta's mission to reimagine agriculture through technology, particularly in addressing food security. Citing Blackberry's decline, he emphasized the importance of adapting to technological change. Mr. Raaii explained AI's evolution and Syngenta's use of AI to detect plant diseases, demonstrating AI's potential in agriculture and beyond, fueled by neural networks and algorithms.

IIM Udaipur recently hosted Mr. Ratnesh Pandey, Director of Marketing & Communications at Schneider Electric, for Netratva - The Leadership Talk Series. He discussed the importance of sustainability in today's business landscape, highlighting Schneider Electric's focus on energy efficiency and renewable solutions. Mr. Pandey emphasized the role of digital transformation in enhancing sustainability and operational efficiency. He shared how Schneider's innovations and partnerships have significantly reduced their carbon footprint. Concluding, he underscored that sustainability is both a corporate responsibility and strategic advantage, urging businesses to prioritize sustainable practices to drive growth and build a resilient future.



# **Photo Corner**



"A captivating, star-lit entrance set the tone for an elegant Diwali dinner celebration at IIM Udaipur, blending festive charm with sophistication."



#### **About IIM Udaipur**

IIM Udaipur is well on its way to becoming a globally recognised B-School. It has broken new ground by focusing on world-class research and transforming students into tomorrow's managers and leaders. The Institute arrived on the global education stage by securing accreditation from the AACSB (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) in merely eight years of its establishment. With this accreditation, IIM Udaipur is counted in the same league of global institutes, such as Harvard Business School, Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, and the MIT Sloan School. IIMU has been listed on the Financial Times (FT) Global MIM Ranking 2024 for the 6th consecutive year, making it the only IIM to have achieved this feat. In the OS Global MIM Ranking 2025, IIM Udaipur stands as the 6th highest-ranked IIM and continues to maintain its listing for the 6th year in a row, reinforcing its global standing. Notably, it is also the youngest B-School in the world to be featured in both rankings. Additionally, IIM Udaipur ranks 4th in India for research in management, according to the UT Dallas methodology, which tracks publications in leading global journals, showcasing its excellence in academic research.



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