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2nd – 4th DECEMBER 2026



Management Doctoral and Researcher's Colloquium (Hybrid)

**THEME: Sustainable Business, Resilience and Navigating
Uncertain Times**



**In Collaboration with Indian
Academy of Management**



**INDIAN INSTITUTE OF FOREIGN TRADE, KOLKATA CAMPUS
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About IIFT

The Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) was set up in 1963 by the Government of India as an autonomous organisation to help professionalise the country's foreign trade management and increase exports by developing human resources, analysing and disseminating data and conducting research. Research occupies a crucial place in the spectrum of IIFT's activities because of the institutional emphasis on a pervasive interface between research and training. The Institute is engaged in research projects and consultancy for various government agencies, leading corporate houses and multilateral bodies. The institute also conducts MDP for both government bodies as well as private corporate firms based on their needs. IIFT Kolkata Campus offers Doctoral Programs in Economics and several Management disciplines including General Management & Strategy, Finance, Marketing, IT, and Quantitative Techniques.



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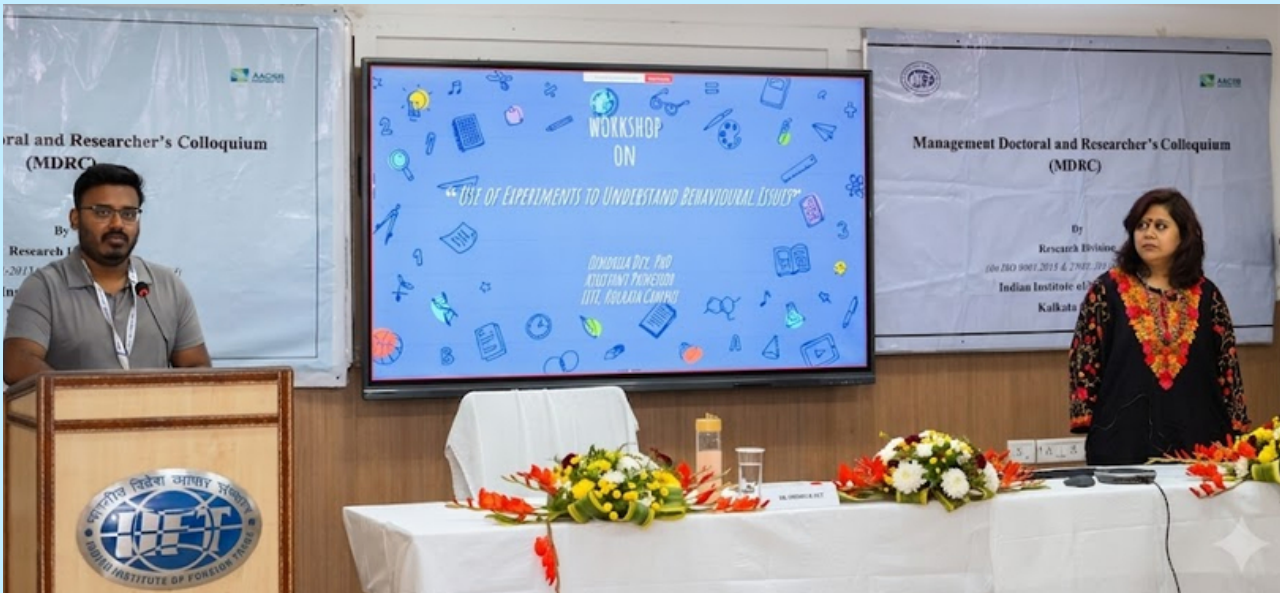
Earlier editions of Management Doctoral and Researcher's Colloquium (MDRC) organized by the Research Division of IIFT Kolkata Campus has received enthusiastic participation from researchers across various Universities and Institutions in India. The positive responses and energetic academic exchanges amongst the participants during the previous Colloquiums inspire us to continue this initiative. Papers on a theme aligned to the concept of international business are welcome. Special Workshop sessions on Methodological issues will be conducted to enable the Ph.D. students to streamline their research thoughts and prepare a well-defined Ph.D. thesis. Opportunity to interact with Editors of renowned journals and invited Researchers would benefit the participants in their doctoral journey.



Objectives

1. Attract Doctoral Scholars working in various fields of Management and Economics, which will help in knowledge sharing, understanding and the best practices / barriers, promoting research and motivate researchers to address the new research gaps / emerging issues.
2. Opportunity to discuss ongoing research with other doctoral scholars and leading academicians in the field of Management and Economics.

MDRC 2025: Through the Lens



Call for Extended Abstract / Papers

Open to all doctoral students and faculty members who have submitted their doctoral thesis or currently pursuing Ph.D. programme in the field of Management and Economics

Scholars may submit their Abstract / Full paper in two ways:

1. Research Design Presentation

Scholars who are in their initial stages of Ph.D. Research / completed their coursework / made progress in research proposal are expected to participate under this track. Participants are not expected to present detailed technical analysis and are requested to follow the following structure for paper submission: Introduction, extensive literature survey, research gaps, objectives, proposed hypothesis, proposed methodology, expected contribution to the literature



2. Advanced Research Paper Presentation

Research scholars who have made progress in Doctoral Thesis work / are about to submit their thesis / have submitted their thesis / are waiting for defense are expected to participate. Participants are requested to follow the following structure for paper submission: Introduction, extensive literature review, research gaps, objectives, hypothesis, methodology, interpretation of results, conclusion and policy / managerial implications.

Paper Submission Guidelines

The participants may submit an Extended Abstract (not exceeding 750 words) / Full paper (not exceeding 6000 words) in the following format:

- Introduction and motivation
- Literature Review
- Objectives
- Theoretical Model / Data & Methodology
- Proposition / Results and findings*
- Contribution & Conclusion

***FOR FULL PAPER SUBMISSION.**



MDRC 2026 – Key Pointers

BEST PAPER AWARD

All full paper submissions received within the prescribed deadline will be evaluated for the Best Paper Awards in the following core disciplines.

- Accounting / Finance
- Economics
- Business Strategy / HR / Organisational Behaviour
- Trade Logistics / Operation Management / Supply Chain Management
- Marketing
- Quantitative Techniques / Information Technology.

Scholars are encouraged to submit their research relevant to any of the afore-mentioned areas.



PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITIES

- All Submitted and accepted abstract for MDRC will be published in a "Book of Abstract" (with ISBN).
- Selected Quality Submissions may also be considered for publication in Foreign Trade Review (FTR) (ABDC B Ranked Journal) & other reputed journals provided, they fulfil the quality standards and fit into the Aims & Scope of the respective journals.



Methodology Workshops

Several workshops on important Research Methodologies will be organized as part of the MDRC:

- Structural Equation Modelling
- Sustainability Tools and Frameworks
- Bibliometrics & Systematic Literature Review
- Interpretive Structural Modelling
- Time Series Analysis
- Strategic Management Workshop

Detailed workshop agenda will be mailed to the participants whose papers are shortlisted for presentation.

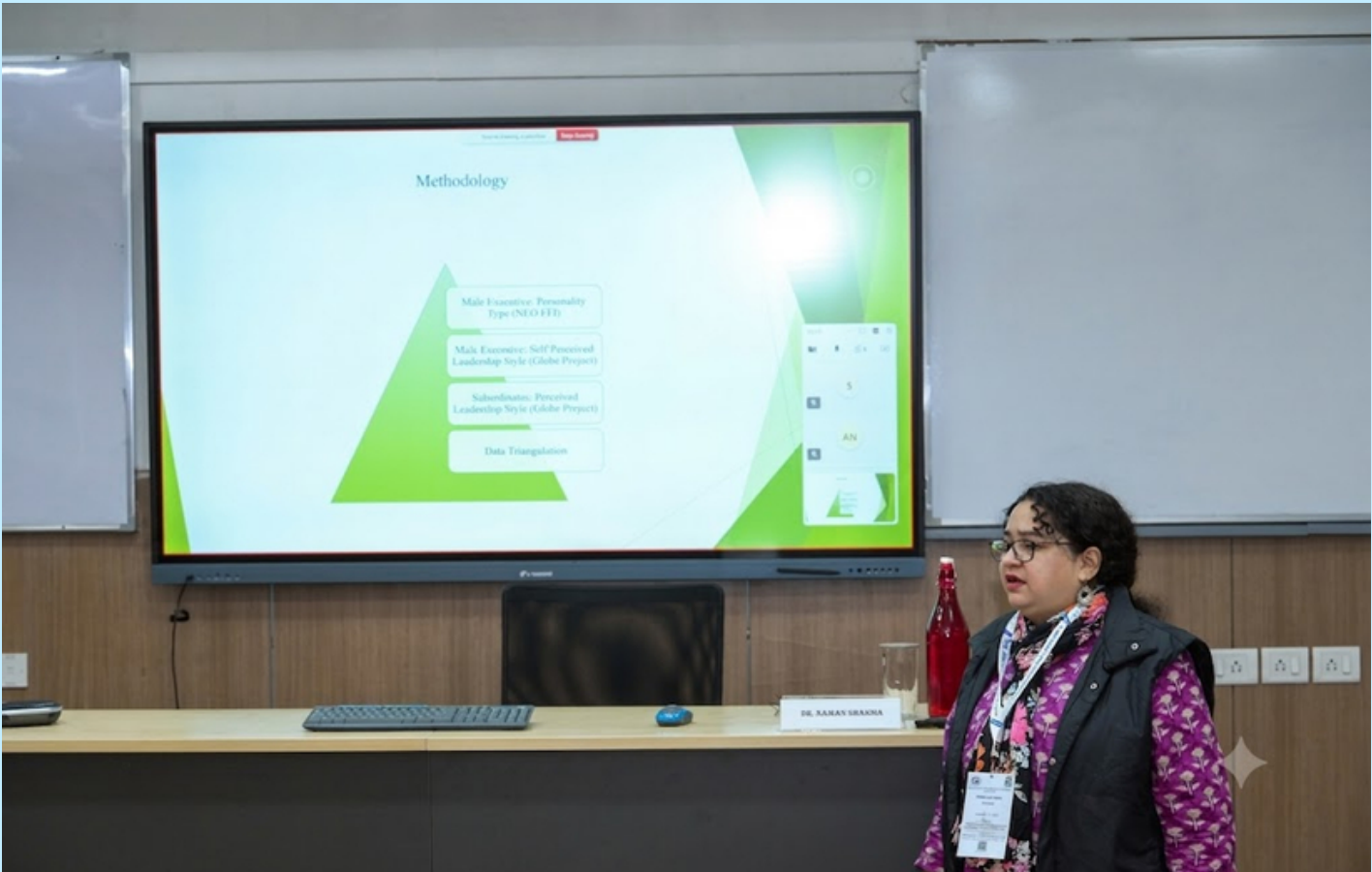
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Meet the Editors' Forum

- Opportunity to interact with Editors / Editorial Board Members of prestigious academic journals
- Discussion on the perspective of renowned journals on manuscripts during the review process

Panel Discussion: Translational Research

Glimpses of MDRC 2025



IMPORTANT DATES



REGISTRATION STARTS

August 1st , 2026



SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACT / FULL PAPER

October 25th , 2026



COMMUNICATION OF ACCEPTANCE

November 15th , 2026



COMPLETION OF REGISTRATION PROCESS

November 15th , 2026

About INDAM



The Indian Academy of Management (INDAM), founded in 2007, is a non-profit academic association affiliated with the US-based Academy of Management (AOM). It serves as a dedicated platform to advance management research, education, and practice tailored to India and emerging economies. By hosting international research conferences, methodology workshops, and collaborative initiatives, INDAM actively nurtures doctoral scholars, shapes policy, and bridges academia with industry. Its central administrative hub, the INDAM Secretariat, operates directly out of IIFT Kolkata to manage official operations, communications, and member services.

Moments From MDRC 2025



Registration Process



REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES

- REGISTRATION KIT
- LUNCH & REFRESHMENT
- CERTIFICATE – PER PARTICIPANT AND PRESENTER
- E-CERTIFICATE – PER ONLINE PARTICIPANTS AND PRESENTER



REGISTRATION FEE

- Registration fee – 2000 INR + 18% GST (non refundable)
- For International Ph.D. Scholars Registration fee is \$28 (including GST)



ACCOMODATION

- Single occupancy room at the cost of 1500INR + 12% GST & Double occupancy room at the cost of 2000 INR + 12% GST per day inclusive of breakfast (Dinner available at the Institute mess on payment basis).



OTHER CHARGES

- Registration fee for accompanying spouse is 1000 INR per day (Inclusive of Lunch, Tea / Coffee).

Mode of Payment

Payment can be made via Electronic Fund Transfer, UPI or by scanning the provided QR code.

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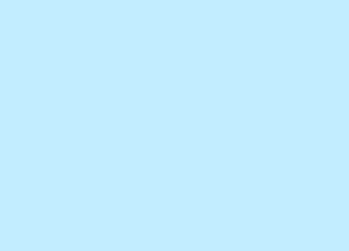
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