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VENUE

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THEME

**Purposeful Innovation:
Balancing Artificial
Intelligence with
Ethical Responsibility**

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About FIMC 2026

The FORE International Management Conference (FIMC) is the annual flagship academic and industry conference of FORE School of Management (FSM), New Delhi. FIMC brings together researchers, industry leaders, policymakers, doctoral scholars, and students to engage in rigorous intellectual discourse on the most pressing management challenges of our time.

The Theme

Purposeful Innovation: Balancing Artificial Intelligence with Ethical Responsibility

The theme rests on three interlocking pillars, each woven across all management domains and grounded in the imperatives of the UN Sustainable Development Goals:

Purposeful Innovation

Innovation that is mission-driven and designed from the outset to create measurable value for organisations, communities, and the planet. Whether in supply chain design, financial products, marketing campaigns, HR practices, or strategic decisions, purposeful innovation asks: who benefits, who bears the risk, and what is the long-term impact?

Artificial Intelligence as a Management Enabler

FIMC 2026 examines how AI changes the practice of operations management, reshapes consumer behaviour, transforms financial analysis, alters HR decision-making, and redefines competitive strategy. The conference explores both the productivity gains and the ethical dilemmas AI creates within each discipline.

Ethical Responsibility as a Leadership Imperative

Leaders across all management functions must now grapple with questions of fairness, accountability, transparency, and societal impact – not as abstract principles but as operational realities. This pillar explores how ethical responsibility manifests differently in operations, marketing, finance, HR, and strategy, and what it means to lead responsibly in each domain.



Conference Highlights

- **Pre-conference Workshop:** AI in Research — hands-on, practical skills session
- **Conference Tracks:** Spanning across all core management domains with AI and SDG sub-themes
- **Keynote Speakers:** Insights from global thought leaders across management disciplines
- **Paper and Poster Presentations:** Prestigious platform for original research
- **Early Career 5-Minute Thesis Presentation:** Final-year PhD scholars in a competitive format
- **Special Events:** Directors' Panel, Editors' Meet, and Industry Roundtable
- **Network with 300+ delegates:** Interact with delegates from renowned institutions and industries across the globe

Conference Tracks & Sub-themes*

FIMC 2026 is organised around 8 thematic tracks, each rooted in a core management discipline.

Sustainability, ESG & Circular Economy

- Circular economy business models – design for reuse, repair, remanufacture, and recycling
- ESG measurement, non-financial reporting frameworks, and sustainability assurance
- AI and digital tools for sustainability monitoring, carbon accounting, and climate risk
- Corporate social responsibility, stakeholder capitalism, and shared value creation
- Net-zero strategies, science-based targets, and corporate climate action

Track 1

FinTech, Ethical Finance & Accounting Innovation

- AI in finance: analysis, forecasting, algorithmic trading, risk modelling, plus applications in accounting, auditing, and reporting (including integrity risks)
- FinTech and digital finance, including AI-driven financial inclusion (credit, insurance, savings access)
- Sustainable finance: ESG investing, green bonds, impact investing, and TCFD reporting
- Corporate governance, financial ethics, and behavioural finance

Track 5

AI, Technology & Responsible Leadership

- AI, Technology & Responsible Leadership
- Gen AI and Large Languages Models – applications and organisational implications
- AI governance, explainability, and responsible AI frameworks for organisations
- Cybersecurity, data privacy, and digital trust in AI-enabled enterprises
- Blockchain, IoT, edge computing, and their business implications
- Ethical decision-making, moral courage, and stakeholder accountability

Track 2

Future Workplaces: AI, Ethics & Human Behaviour and People Management

- AI in talent acquisition, performance management, and workforce analytics
- Future of work: HR analytics, automation, hybrid models, gig economy, and employment relations
- Diversity, equity, and inclusion: algorithmic bias in HR and building equitable workplaces
- Employee well-being, mental health, and psychological safety in AI-augmented environments
- Upskilling, reskilling, and lifelong learning strategies for AI-driven workforce transitions

Track 6

Reimagining Operations: Intelligence, Resilience & Sustainability in Supply Chain Management

- Lean, agile, and resilient operations in a disrupted global environment
- AI and automation in production planning, scheduling, and quality control
- Industry 4.0 – smart manufacturing, IoT, and cyber-physical systems
- Supply chain resilience – risk management, disruption response, and recovery strategies
- Sustainable and circular operations

Track 3

Purposeful Strategy & Responsible Global Business

- Strategic management in the AI era: competitive advantage, disruption, and adaptation
- Geopolitics and global business: trade tensions, supply chain nationalism, and regulatory fragmentation
- Corporate sustainability strategy: integrating ESG into business models and competitive positioning
- Digital transformation strategies: platform economics, data strategy, and ecosystem management
- Strategic responses of SMEs and family businesses to digital and global disruption

Track 7

AI-driven Marketing & Responsible Customer Engagement

- AI in marketing – personalisation engines, recommendation systems, and predictive analytics
- Digital consumer behaviour – social media, influencer marketing, and online communities
- Ethical marketing and data privacy
- Sustainable and green marketing
- Customer experience management in AI-mediated and omnichannel environments

Track 4

Innovation Ecosystems: Entrepreneurship & AI-Enabled Ventures

- AI-enabled and responsible entrepreneurship
- Innovation management and technology commercialisation
- Social entrepreneurship and inclusive business models for SDG-aligned impact
- Startup ecosystems, incubators, accelerators, and policy frameworks

Track 8

Poster Competition

Showcase Your Research — Compete for the Best Poster Award

The FIMC 2026 Poster Competition is open to MBA/PGDM students and PhD/FPM research scholars. All 8 conference tracks are eligible for poster submissions.

How It Works

- Accepted presenters display their poster during the dedicated 90-minute poster session
- A panel of judges evaluates all posters across four criteria: originality, research quality, visual clarity, and SDG relevance
- Best Poster will be awarded with cash prize and certificate



Early Career Research: 5-Minute Thesis Presentation

Communicate Your Research. Compete for Recognition.

The FIMC 2026 Early Career Research segment – the 5-Minute Thesis Presentation (5MTP) – is a high-energy, competitive session designed for final-year PhD and FPM scholars (those who have submitted or expect to submit their thesis by December 2026). This offers a professional development opportunity that builds communication, public speaking, and research skills.

What It Offers

- A competitive platform to present doctoral research concisely and compellingly to a broad academic and industry audience
- Expert feedback from senior faculty and industry evaluators
- Top three presentations will be awarded with cash prizes and certificates

Eligibility & Rules

- Presentation duration – 5 minutes
- One static PowerPoint slide/PDF permitted
- Each scholar may submit only one entry; joint submissions are not permitted

Submission Requirements

- Submit a 300-word summary of thesis research including title, research question, methodology, key findings, and significance

Submission Guidelines

The conference invites original, unpublished research papers and abstracts aligned with the conference tracks. All submissions undergo a double-blind peer review process. The similarity index must not exceed 15% (excluding references). Authors are encouraged to explicitly note their SDG alignment in submissions.

A. Full Paper

- **Word limit:** 6,000 – 8,000 words (inclusive of abstract, body, figures, tables, and references)
- **Font:** Times New Roman 12pt, Line spacing: 1.5, Margins: 1 inch all sides, Format: MS Word (.docx)
- **Referencing:** APA style
- **Page 1:** Title, author names, full affiliations (without abbreviations), contact details of presenting author
- **From Page 2:** Fully anonymous — no author names or institutional identifiers in text or metadata

B. Extended Abstract

- **Word limit:** 800-1000 words
- Should be structured abstract which must clearly state: purpose, methodology, key results, findings, and implications
- **Font:** Times New Roman 12pt | Line spacing: 1.5 | Margins: 1 inch all sides | Format: MS Word (.docx)
- **Referencing:** APA style
- **Page 1:** Title, author names, affiliations, and presenting author contact details
- **Remaining pages:** Extended Abstract content — fully anonymous

C. Poster Abstract

- **Abstract word limit:** 500 – 800 words
- **Content to include:** research question / problem, methodology or approach, preliminary findings, and key implications
- **Poster dimensions (for accepted presenters):** A0 portrait (841 mm × 1189 mm), PDF format
- Accepted presenters must bring a printed poster to the conference
- A structured 90-minute poster session with Q&A

***Authors may submit either an extended abstract or a full paper for presentation at the conference. However, only full paper submissions will be eligible for Best Paper Awards.**

****Detailed submission templates and guidelines are available on the conference website.**

Best Paper Award

The Best Paper Award honours three outstanding full papers across all conference tracks, recognising the most innovative, rigorous, and impactful research presented at FIMC 2026. Only full papers are eligible; they must be submitted within one month of the conference.

First Prize INR 50,000/-

Most innovative and impactful full paper across all tracks

Second Prize INR 30,000/-

Second outstanding full paper across all tracks

Third Prize INR 20,000/-

Third outstanding full paper across all tracks

Best Paper in Track Award

The Best Paper in all conference tracks will be recognised for exceptional scholarly contribution. Winners will receive a certificate of recognition.



Best 5-Minute Thesis Presentation Award

Awarded to the most compelling and clearly communicated doctoral thesis presentation. Evaluated on research significance, clarity, audience engagement, and SDG relevance. Exclusive to final-year PhD/FPM scholars.

First Prize INR 15,000/-

Best 5-minute thesis presentation

Second Prize INR 10,000/-

Second best 5-minute thesis presentation

Third Prize INR 5,000/-

Third best 5-minute thesis presentation

Best Poster Award

The most outstanding poster presentation, evaluated by a jury on originality, research quality, visual communication, and SDG relevance. Open to MBA/PGDM students and PhD/FPM research scholars.

First Prize INR 15,000/-

Best poster presentation overall

Second Prize INR 10,000/-

Second best poster presentation

Third Prize INR 5,000/-

Third best poster presentation

Publication Opportunities

Selected papers may be considered for submission to the associated partner journals listed below. Final publication decisions rest with the respective journal editorial teams based on review outcomes. Three papers from the main conference will additionally be considered for the Best Paper Award. Additionally, the selected full papers will be considered for publication in Scopus-indexed proceedings. The participants may choose whether they wish to publish their full papers in proceedings or to be considered for journal publications, if eligible.

Journal	ABDC	Scopus	WOS	ABS
International Journal of Logistics Management	A	Q1	SSCI	1
EuroMed Journal of Business	B	Q1	ESCI	2
FIIB Business Review	B	Q1	ESCI	1
Management of Environmental Quality: An International Journal	C	Q1	ESCI	1
Corporate Social Responsibility and Environmental Management	C	Q1	SSCI	1
Business Strategy and Development	—	Q1	ESCI	—
RAUSP Management Journal	—	Q2	ESCI	1
Review of Management Literature	—	Q2	—	—
Abhigyan	—	—	—	—

**Selected full papers may be considered for submission to the associated journals. Final publication is subject to review and editorial decision of the respective journal team.*

Pre-conference Workshop: AI in Research

A half-day interactive workshop titled 'AI in Research' will be held on November 25, 2026. The workshop is designed for faculty, researchers, and doctoral scholars. It aims to equip participants with a hands-on introduction to AI-assisted research tools directly applicable to management research.



Directors' Panel

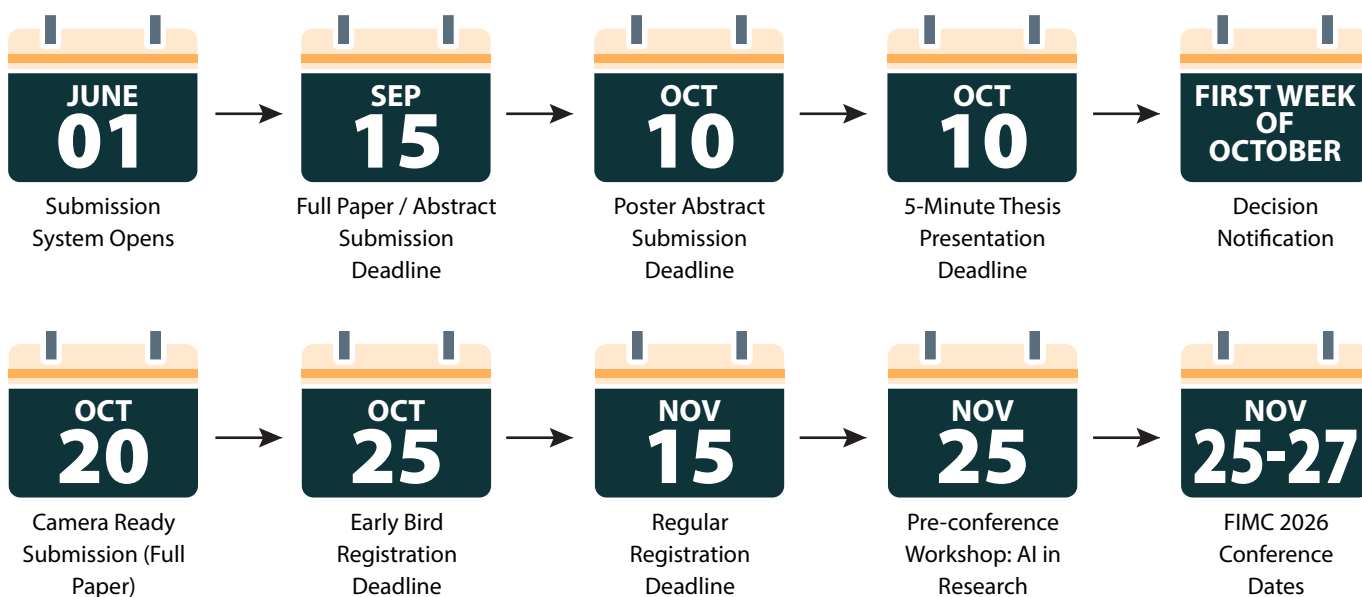
Industry Roundtable

Editors' Meet

Networking Sessions

FIMC 2026 features signature events designed to foster high-level dialogue across academia, industry, and publishing. These sessions bring together institutional leaders, journal editors, and senior practitioners in structured formats that complement the research tracks and create unique networking opportunities for all delegates.

Important Dates



* All deadlines are at 11:59 PM IST. Dates are subject to revision; please check the conference website for the latest updates.

Registration Fee

Category	Early Bird (Indian)	Regular (Indian)	SAARC Nationals	Foreign Nationals
Corporate Representatives	INR 5,000 + 900 (18% GST)	INR 8,000 + 1440 (18% GST)	USD 150	USD 300
Faculty Members (Paper Presenters)	INR 4,000 + 720 (18% GST)	INR 6,000 + 1080 (18% GST)	USD 150	USD 300
Research Scholars / PhD Students	INR 2,000 + 360 (18% GST)	INR 3,000 + 540 (18% GST)	USD 80	USD 100
5-Minute Thesis Presentation	INR 2,000 + 360 (18% GST)	INR 3,000 + 540 (18% GST)	USD 70	USD 90
Attendees (non-presenting)	INR 2,500 + 450 (18% GST)	INR 3,000 + 540 (18% GST)	USD 80	USD 100

* Registration fee is inclusive of applicable taxes. Early Bird rate applies up to October 25, 2026.

What the Registration Fee Includes

- Access to Pre-conference Workshop: AI in Research (included for Early Bird registrants)
- Access to all keynote sessions, panel discussions, paper and poster presentations
- Access to Directors' Panel, Editors' Meet, and Industry Roundtable sessions
- Conference Kit and Certificate of Participation
- Lunch and High-Tea on all conference days

Important Notes

- Registration fee does not include travel, accommodation, or any personal expenses
- Registration fee is non-refundable and non-transferable
- For co-authored papers, at least one author must register to qualify for presentation and publication

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