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SHAPING FUTURE-READY PROFESSIONALS

From The Vice Chancellor's Desk

At NICMAR University of Construction Studies, Hyderabad we believe that education must go beyond classrooms and textbooks, it must inspire innovation, leadership, inclusivity, and nation-building.



As I reflect upon the remarkable activities and achievements showcased in this edition of the NICMAR University of Construction Studies Hyderabad campus newsletter, I feel immense pride in the vibrant academic and cultural ecosystem we continue to nurture together.



The past few months have been marked by an extraordinary blend of intellectual engagement, professional excellence, and community spirit. Events such as Bharat Navnirman reaffirmed our commitment to contributing meaningfully to India's infrastructure and development aspirations, while The Frontier Shift 2026 highlighted our proactive approach towards preparing students for an AI-driven future.



Our collaborations and industry engagements continue to strengthen the practical foundations of learning at NICMAR University of Construction Studies Hyderabad. The visit by the delegation from the Global Accreditation Center of PMI (GAC PMI) and the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding with R-Dash reflect the growing recognition of our academic excellence and our unwavering focus on bridging academia with industry.



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Equally heartening has been the enthusiasm and creativity displayed by our students. From the electrifying celebrations of Innverve and the sporting spirit of SPIRIT 2026 to the warmth of the Alumni Meet, every event showcased the energy, talent, and resilience that define the NICMAR University of Construction Studies, Hyderabad community.

Prof. Dr. Shrikant Charhate

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BUILDING INDIA'S FUTURE

Bharat Nav-Nirmaan Challenge

NICMAR University of Construction Studies hosted the South Regional Finale of the Bharat Nav-Nirmaan Challenge, a national innovation and problem-solving platform presented by NICMAR and The Times of India, supported by All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) with EY as the Process Partner on March 27th, 2026

The Challenge is designed to bridge the gap between academic learning and real-world infrastructure demands by encouraging undergraduate students from civil engineering, architecture, and core engineering streams to develop practical and scalable solutions for India's rapidly evolving built environment.

The South Regional Finale highlighted the importance of industry-academia collaboration, where participants showcased innovative approaches to real-world infrastructure challenges through research-driven concepts, sustainable engineering practices, and future-ready urban solutions.

A CAMPUS THAT LEARNS

Book Exhibition

NICMAR University of Construction Studies, Hyderabad Book Exhibition on February 10th and 11th 2026 which transformed the campus into a hub of academic exploration with books across construction management, engineering technology, project finance, leadership, and personal development.

Students and faculty actively engaged in discovering new resources, reflecting NICMAR's strong culture of continuous learning.





STRENGTHENING GLOBAL STANDARDS

GAC PMI Visit

NICMAR University of Construction Studies, Hyderabad welcomed the delegation from the Global Accreditation Center for the Project Management Institute (GAC PMI) March 16th to 18th, 2026.

The visit included academic reviews, faculty interactions, and student engagement sessions, reflecting our commitment to global standards in project management education.

SPACES THAT SUPPORT STUDENTS

Girls Common Room Opening

NICMAR University of Construction Studies, Hyderabad inaugurated the Girls Common Room to strengthen student well-being and inclusivity on campus.

The thoughtfully designed space offers female students a comfortable, safe, and welcoming environment to relax, study, and connect.





ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP IN FOCUS

HOD Conclave

The recent HOD Conclave on March 11th, 2026 at NICMAR Hyderabad brought together department heads, academic leaders, and educators for focused discussions on institutional growth, curriculum refinement, and rapidly evolving industry trends.

The conclave served as a strategic platform to brainstorm new initiatives and strengthen academic alignment with the future needs of the construction and infrastructure sectors. The collaborative sessions reflected NICMAR's commitment to building a dynamic, forward-thinking, and industry-focused academic ecosystem.

Discussions were intense, productive, and highly collaborative, demonstrating the leadership's dedication to providing a world-class educational experience. These pictures offer a glimpse behind the scenes into the strategic planning sessions and the collective commitment of our faculty to shape a dynamic, forward-thinking academic future for the university.

THE SPIRIT OF CAMPUS LIFE

Innverve 2026

The campus came alive with electrifying energy during Innverve, NICMAR Hyderabad's highly anticipated annual cultural fest from March 6th-7th 2026. Students gladly stepped out of their daily academic routines to put on a spectacular showcase of music, dance, theatrical performances, and creative arts, proving that our future industry leaders are also immensely talented and expressive artists.

The atmosphere was nothing short of magical, complete with dazzling lights, vibrant costumes, and audiences cheering at the top of their lungs for their peers. These photos perfectly capture the joy, teamwork, and unforgettable moments that made Innverve a resounding success and a massive highlight of the academic year.





CONNECTIONS BEYOND GRADUATION

Alumni Meet

The Alumni Meet on February 21st, 2026, brought together graduates, students, faculty, and professionals for networking, mentorship, and shared experiences.

The event celebrated our strong alumni community, contributing across the global construction and infrastructure sectors.

BUILDING INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIPS

MOU with R-Dash

On February 25th 2026, NICMAR University of Construction Studies, Hyderabad signed a strategic Memorandum of Understanding with R-Dash to strengthen industry-academia collaboration.

The partnership will support internships, collaborative projects, practical learning, and exposure to modern construction technologies and workflows.



SAFETY FIRST

National Safety Day

On March 4th, 2026, NICMAR University of Construction Studies, Hyderabad observed National Safety Day through awareness sessions, safety drills, demonstrations, and expert talks focused on Health, Safety & Environment (HSE) practices.

The initiative reinforced the importance of zero-harm and safety-first thinking across the construction industry.





EMPOWERING EDUCATORS

Research Conclave

On May 6th 2026, NICMAR University of Construction Studies, Hyderabad hosted a research conclave focused on innovative teaching methodologies, advanced technological tools, and academic excellence. The Research Conclave featured insightful sessions on Writing Research Proposals by Dr. Debajani Sahoo and Identifying Predatory Journals by Dr. Arun Chandramohan.

It also provided valuable insights to research scholars and faculty members on developing impactful research proposals and identifying credible academic journals for publication.

The interactive sessions encouraged collaborative learning and continuous professional growth among faculty members.



CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE

Scholarship Award Ceremony

The Scholarship Award Ceremony held on March 12th, 2026 recognised outstanding students for their academic excellence, dedication, and achievements.

The event reinforced our commitment to supporting merit and encouraging future talent.

BEYOND ACADEMICS

SPIRIT 2026

SPIRIT 2026 from February 5th to February 26th 2026, brought out the competitive spirit of NICMARians through cricket, football, badminton, track events, and multiple team competitions, showcasing athleticism, endurance, and teamwork.

More than just a sports festival, the event celebrated leadership, sportsmanship, and campus unity, bringing students together through moments of energy, rivalry, and celebration.



THE AI SHIFT IN EDUCATION

The Frontier Shift 2026

The Frontier Shift on February 18th 2026 explored how artificial intelligence is reshaping construction, education, and the future of work.

Held under the esteemed patronage of Mr. Ajit Gulabchand (Hon'ble Chancellor & Chief Patron) and Prof. (Dr.) Shrikant Charhate (Hon'ble Vice Chancellor & Patron), and moderated by Sarbesh Mishra, PhD (Convenor), the forum convened leaders from KMV Projects Ltd., NCC Limited, My Home Group, Drishti Cost Consultants, and Andhra Pradesh Capital Region Development Authority.

The dialogue centred on digital transformation, lifecycle-focused sustainability, and future-ready leadership, reinforcing NICMAR's commitment to aligning academic excellence with evolving industry needs.





INDUSTRY LEARNING IN ACTION

Urbanrise Executive Development Program

NICMAR University of Construction Studies, Hyderabad hosted the Executive Development program titled "Project Planning, QS and Contract Management," held on 27th March 2026 for our esteemed client, M/s Urbanrise (<https://urbanrise.in/>). Our association with Urbanrise dates back to 2024, and this latest program brought together a dynamic cohort of senior, middle, and junior-level executives to sharpen their expertise in the CRIP (Construction, Real Estate, Infrastructure, and Projects) sector. The day was packed with intensive sessions covering: Tendering & Procurement, Value Engineering & Cost Optimisation, Technology in QS & Best Practices, Project Scheduling Techniques, Cost Estimation & Budgeting, Earned Value Management.

The initiative focused on leadership, management strategies, market insights, and executive learning for industry professionals.



CELEBRATING WOMEN LEADERS

Women's Day Celebrations

On March 8th, 2026 NICMAR University of Construction Studies, Hyderabad celebrated International Women's Day through inspiring speeches, cultural performances, and conversations around inclusivity, leadership, and women's contributions to construction and project management.

INNOVATION THROUGH IDEAS

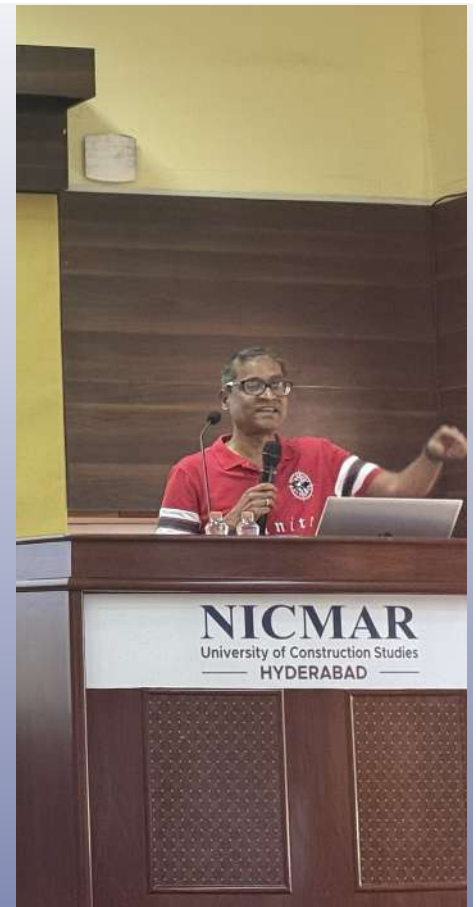
Buildathon 2026

We are incredibly proud of our students from NICMAR University of Construction Studies for their stellar participation in the Creators of Tomorrow – Buildathon 2026, a flagship innovation challenge hosted by Radha TMT held on March 24th, 2026.

Focused on the vital theme of smart and eco-friendly construction solutions, 10 groups from our university showcased their technical expertise and creativity. We are thrilled to announce that three of our teams excelled through the rigorous selection process to reach the semi-final stage!

As a premier institution dedicated to industry-oriented learning, our Honourable Vice Chancellor personally interacted with the participants to review their solutions. He commended their hard work and encouraged them to further their research, driving continuous improvement and making a tangible contribution to society.





INDUSTRIAL SEMINAR

On 15th April 2026, two industrial seminars were conducted at NICMAR University, aimed at enhancing students' exposure to industry practices and career opportunities in construction and project management.

Seminar 1: Expert Witness as a Profession

The first seminar was delivered by R. Sivaraman on the topic "Expert Witness as a Profession"

The session introduced the concept of an expert witness, defined as a qualified professional who provides independent technical opinions in legal disputes. Unlike ordinary witnesses, expert witnesses offer specialized judgments based on their expertise. The speaker explained the key roles of an expert witness, including preparing technical reports, assisting courts or tribunals, and providing unbiased and impartial opinions. The importance of maintaining professional ethics, independence, and credibility was emphasized throughout the session.

The seminar also highlighted the legal framework governing expert witnesses in India, including the Indian Evidence Act 1872 and the Arbitration and Conciliation Act 1996. Various domains such as liability assessment, delay analysis, and cost estimation (quantum) were discussed as key areas where expert witnesses contribute. Furthermore, the speaker explained the process of becoming an expert witness, required qualifications, and fee structures. The session concluded with insights on building a strong professional reputation and continuously upgrading skills.



Seminar 2: Project Management & PMI Certifications

The second seminar was delivered by Rishabh Jain, focusing on project management practices and professional certifications offered by the Project Management Institute (PMI). The session emphasized the increasing global demand for project management professionals across industries and highlighted how structured methodologies help in successful execution of complex projects. The speaker introduced globally recognized certifications such as CAPM Certification and PMP Certification. These certifications were explained in terms of eligibility, career growth, and industry relevance, showing how they enhance professional credibility and improve employability. Additionally, the seminar covered key project management skills such as leadership, communication, and technical expertise. The role of emerging technologies like Artificial Intelligence in project management was also discussed, along with PMI's learning resources, career tools, and networking opportunities for students.

FIELD VISIT TO ALIYABAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION: LEARNING GOVERNANCE BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

As part of the MBA-APM programme, students of the 2024-26 batch visited the Aliyabad Municipal Corporation in Medchal-Malkajgiri District, Telangana, on 18th May 2026 under the mentorship of Dr. Binaya Patnaik. The interactive session, led by Municipal Officer Ms. Sana Shaheen, provided students with valuable insights into the functioning of urban local bodies and the realities of grassroots governance.

The visit explored the organizational structure of municipal administration, highlighting the complementary roles of the Deliberative Wing (Chairperson and Councillors) and the Executive Wing (Commissioner, Revenue, Sanitation, and Town Planning officials). Students gained firsthand understanding of how public services are planned, financed, and delivered at the local level.

A key focus of the session was the implementation of major development schemes such as MGNREGS, PMAY-G, PMGSY, DAY-NRLM, and Telangana's Rajiv Yuva Vikasam. Students learned how funds and policies flow from the Union and State Governments to local bodies and ultimately reach beneficiaries through awareness campaigns, beneficiary verification, digital monitoring, and social audits.



The delegation also visited the Aliyabad Village Library and the Zilla Parishad High School, observing how public infrastructure, community participation, and CSR initiatives contribute to local development. Discussions on revenue generation, transparency mechanisms, and implementation challenges—including staff shortages, delayed fund releases, and beneficiary identification—offered a realistic perspective on public administration.



The field visit reinforced the importance of collaborative governance, community engagement, and accountability in achieving sustainable development outcomes. It served as an enriching experiential learning opportunity, bridging classroom concepts with real-world administrative practice and strengthening students' understanding of local governance systems.



SUMMER SCHOOL 2026 INAUGURATION CEREMONY

On June 8th, 2026, NICMAR University of Construction Studies (NUCS), Hyderabad, formally inaugurated Summer School 2026, the fourth of its kind with an engaging inaugural session held at the University Auditorium. The programme commenced with participant registration, followed by a warm welcome address by Dr. Raja Sekhar Mamillapalli, Coordinator, Summer School 2026.

The ceremony featured a traditional Saraswati Vandana and Lighting of the Lamp, symbolizing the pursuit of knowledge and learning. Dr. R. Sathish Kumar, Dean Academics, presented an overview of Summer School 2026, highlighting its objectives, learning outcomes, and opportunities for participants.

Addressing the gathering, Prof. (Dr.) Shrikant Charhate, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, encouraged participants to leverage the programme as a platform for academic growth, innovation, and professional development. The event was further enriched by the address of the Guest of Honour, Shri B.S.V. Ramana Rao, Techno-Legal Consultant, who shared valuable insights on the importance of interdisciplinary learning and emerging industry perspectives.

The inaugural session concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Uday Bodepalli, Coordinator, Summer School 2026, expressing gratitude to the dignitaries, faculty members, and participants for their enthusiastic involvement. The event set a positive tone for the Summer School, fostering an environment of learning, collaboration, and intellectual exchange.





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