

NICMAR NEWSLETTER

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DIRECTOR GENERAL'S MESSAGE

"It's not about perfect, it's about effort. And when you bring that effort every single day, that's where transformation happens. That's how change occurs." – Jillian Michaels

It is matter of great pride that NICMAR University Pune has been approved by the State Legislature and we are on track of setting up 'First Self-Financed Specialist Built Environment University' of the country. The transition process has already begun and step-by-step we are moving forward on this path of being a reputed industry focused institution to a collaborative modern digital University, that aligns all its stakeholders in the journey of academic, research and career excellence.

I am thankful to the entire NICMAR family for their hard work, dedicated efforts and their perseverance towards making this dream a concrete reality. Special mention to the backend teams that have really gone all out and put tremendous efforts to get this going at every level and through the multiple stages of this ongoing journey and transitory process. As the quote highlights, every effort every single day matters in creating the whole picture; thus, it is our pride that we at NICMAR have not only been able to fulfil our promises of delivering academic and career growth to our learning partners (industry/student community) but also surging ahead towards fulfilling a long-standing cherished vision of being the most prominent name in the Built Environment education space.

There is so much to do in the coming times, by all of us towards creating this spectacular knowledge platform of sharing, learning and collaboration. I look forward to your energy, enthusiasm, dedication and continued support towards this very exciting transformation.

Professor Anil Kashyap
Director General, NICMAR

Team of the Month – March 2022

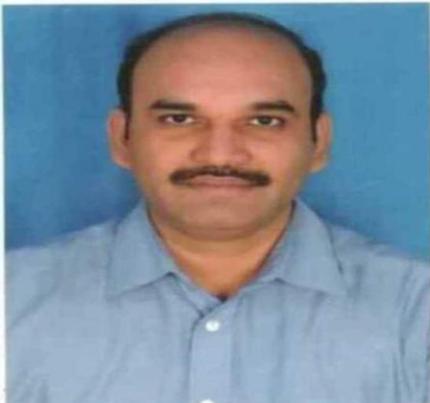
Controller of Examination Department

The Examinations Department conducts exams, declares timely results and maintains the exam related records of all students enrolled for full time Post Graduate Programmes (PGP). The department diligently manages different examinations processes like, inviting paper setters, preparing examination timetable, finalising student seating arrangement, issuing examination admit cards to students, ensuring confidentiality of the examination question papers, allocation of invigilation duties, distribution and collection of examination material, collecting answer sheets and mark sheets from the concerned faculty members, allocation of grades, issuance of grade sheet, executive education question paper and preparation of results, etc. The Department also resolves and takes care of issues pertaining to examinations.



COE Team – NICMAR Pune, Dr. Abhijat Abhyankar – COE (Centre)
Mr. Ashish Rankhame, Mr. Tushar Kadam, (Left) Mr. Rajanikant, Sagawekar, Mr. Ganesh Gite (Right)

Apart from this, the department delivers duties like, collating faculty and course feedback system every trimester, taking appropriate actions related to default students, preparation and presentation of results in the Academic Council Meeting, Re-evaluation and Re-examinations, preparation and publication of results online and conducting project viva-voce.



Head – Examinations, Dr P. Muralidhar,
Hyderabad



Coordinator – Examinations, Dr Rajanikant
Rajhans, Delhi (NCR)

The department plays a vital role during the annual graduation ceremony, by distribution of medals and final degree certificate. It also ensures timely issuance of transcripts, duplicate certificates, issuance of Provisional/Passing/course completion certificate. The dedicated and tireless efforts of all the members of the Team makes them the Team of the Month.

Congratulations!!!

LATEST UPDATE

- National Institute of Construction Management and Research (NICMAR) has been recognized as “Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (SIRO)” by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR), Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India since

1988. We are proud to announce that NICMAR's SIRO status has been renewed for the next three years from April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2025.

- **National Institute of Construction Management and Research (NICMAR) and the Institute for Spatial Planning and Environment Research (ISPER)** have signed an MoU to explore and promote research, training, and capacity building activities. The institutes will pursue opportunities for collaborative teaching, joint research, participation in global events, co-hosting of conferences, etc.

ALERTS

Forthcoming Programmes @Hyderabad

- Post Graduate Programme in Construction Management for Working Professionals (PGP CMWP) – 17th April, 2022.
- Online Post Graduate Programme in Project Quality and Resource Management for Working Professionals (oPGP PQRM) – 24th April, 2022.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- National Institute of Construction Management and Research (NICMAR) in joint collaboration with the School of Planning and Architecture, Delhi and the Department of Civil Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay is proud to announce “**ICCRIP-2022**” – the **6th International Conference on Construction, Real Estate, Infrastructure and Project (CRIP) Management on 26th and 27th August, 2022**. The conference aims to serve as a forum for eminent professionals, practitioners, academicians, research scholars and students to share their innovative research and practices on the theme: ***Digitalisation in Construction, Real Estate, Infrastructure and Project Sector***. This central theme of digital solutions assumes further significance considering the drive to conform to the 3Ps (People, Planet and profit) framework of sustainability.

The conference will provide the participants with access to various conference activities such as inspiring plenary sessions, paper presentations and networking. Additionally, two special features of this edition of ICCRIP include a ‘doctoral colloquium’ for PhD scholars and an ‘industry practitioners’ enclave’ for construction industry professionals. Selected full papers will be considered for publication in the UGC-CARE listed ‘NICMAR Journal of Construction Management’. [Know more](#)



The banner for ICCRIP 2022 features a dark teal background with a grid of white dots. On the left, the text 'ICCRIP 2022' is written in large, bold, yellow letters, with '26th & 27th August 2022' below it in white. The theme 'Digitalisation in Construction, Real Estate, Infrastructure and Project Management' is written in smaller white text. The organizers are listed as 'National Institute of Construction Management and Research, School of Planning and Architecture Delhi, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay'. On the right, the NICMAR logo is at the top, followed by the conference title '6th International Conference On Construction, Real Estate, Infrastructure and Project Management' in white. The background of the right side shows a hand holding a smartphone with various icons floating around it.

- NICMAR Hyderabad is organizing the 10th Professional Development Conference (PDC) in collaboration with the American Society of Safety Professionals on 28th & 29th April, 2022. The theme for the conference this year is Solutions for safer and Healthier Workplaces – Leadership, Innovation and Technology.

[Know more](#)

HAPPENINGS @NICMAR

Workshop @Pune

Workshop on the topic – ‘Valuation for Real Estate Sector’ organised by Centre for Smart and Resilient Development (CSRSD) was held on 11th and 12th March 2022 for our faculty colleagues. Mr. Sunil Agarwal, Founder, Black Olive Ventures, delivered this in-person

workshop. The workshop was a fruitful way to gain insights into the applications of valuation of properties in real world projects.



Round Table Discussion @Pune

A virtual round table discussion on 'Future of Facilities Management Education in India' organized by CSRD was held on 8th March 2022. The three invited speakers Mr. Mahender Singh, Mr. Shankar Manapragada and Mr. Nakul Subramanyam shared their experiences in Facilities Management and gave comprehensive understanding of the concerns raised by the participants.

Virtual Round Table Discussion on **NICMAR** "Future of Facilities Management Education in India" 8th March, 2022 (04.30 to 05.30 p.m.)



Welcome Note
Dr. Anil Kashyap
Director General, NICMAR



Invited Speakers
Mr. Mahender Singh
Director – IFMA India and
South East Asia



Invited Speakers
Mr. Shankar Manapragada
Director, Talent Management & Organisational
Development at Knight Frank India Pvt. Ltd



Invited Speakers
Mr. Nakul Subramanyam
Head of Operations at Oxford
Policy Management

Organized by Centre for Smart and Resilient Development (CSRD)
NICMAR

Interactive Live Session with Director General, NICMAR

Project Control Academy, CEO, Mr. Kamran Akbarzadeh conducted LinkedIn Live session with **Prof Anil Kashyap, Director General of National Institute of Construction Management & Research (NICMAR)** to explore the Transformational and Evolving Shift of the Construction Industry.

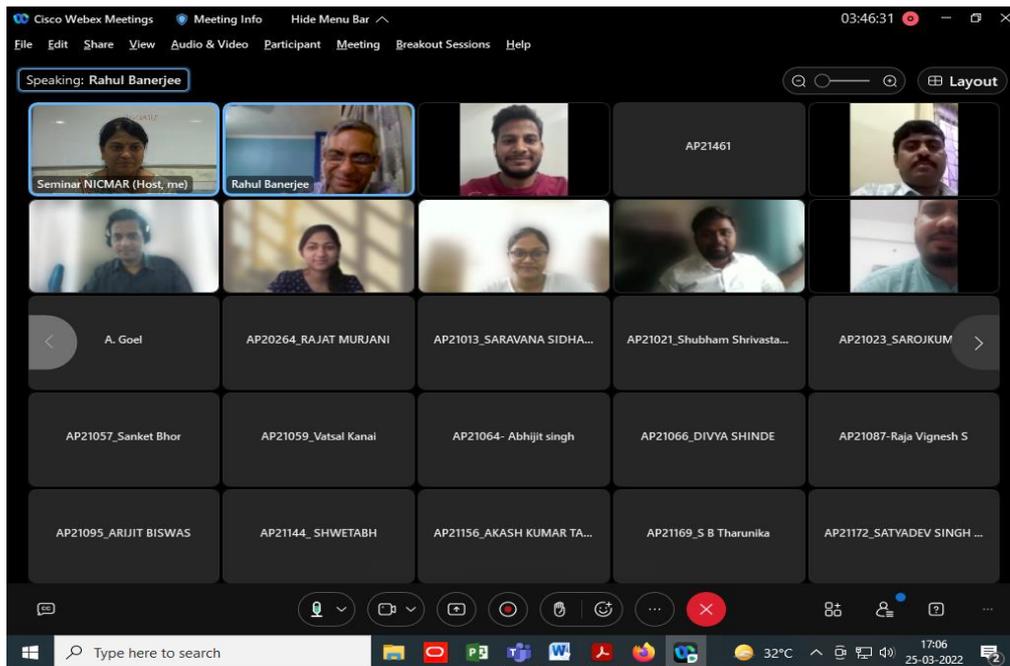
The session gave insights on :

- Global changes that the Construction Industry is going through
- Impact of digital transformation on the Construction Industry
- State of current and future research in the Construction Industry
- Role of young Construction Management workforce in the transformational shift of the Construction Industry

[Listen here](#)

Webinar for Students @Pune

Mr. Rahul Banerjee Techno-Legal Consultant, Hyderabad delivered a talk on "Claim Management -A contractor's perspective"



Expert Talk @Pune

NICMAR Centre for Continuing Professional Development (CCPD) organized a talk on, "Teaching, Learning and Assessment Practices in U.K. Universities" by Dr Poonam Kashyap, Senior Lecturer in Engineering Management, University of West England (UWE Bristol). She highlighted the importance of Problem-based learning (PBL), simultaneous sharing of information with the various stakeholders, and engagement of industry experts in delivery of select topics. The session was well attended by NICMAR Pune faculty and was followed by enthusiastic interaction with the resource person. It helped to trigger a lot of meaningful interactions on pedagogy and innovative teaching learning methods.



International Women's Day Celebration

"Every woman's success should be an inspiration to another. We're strongest when we cheer each other on" - Serena Williams.



NICMAR proudly celebrated its incredible and wonderful women for their indomitable spirit, by felicitating all its women employees as a token of appreciation for their work. On this occasion, Dr Rajashri Jadhav (Medical Officer, NICMAR) gave a short session on women's health issues followed by an inspirational talk by Dr Poonam Kashyap, Senior Lecturer in Engineering Management, University of West England (UWE Bristol).

IDEATHON 2.0: The B-Plan Event

IDEATHON 2.0. was the first major event organized under the aegis of **Upakram@NICMAR, Centre for Startup and Incubation** in collaboration with **AGNI (Association of Global Nicmarians)** and convened by Student Council 2021-22. The finals of the **Ideathon 2.0: The B- Plan Event** was held on March 26, 2022 at NICMAR, Pune, amid much acclaim from all stakeholders. The student groups were awarded cash prize of Rs. 30,000. The professional category was sponsored by **Gig Factory**.



The teams went through two rounds of screening on February 13, 2022, and March 6, 2022, and 8 student teams and 4 professional teams were selected for the finals held on March 26, 2022. The final round was chaired by Dr. Anil Kashyap-Director General, NICMAR. The presentations of the 12 finalists were judged by an eminent panel of industry leaders, viz. Ms. Saraswathi Iyer – Founder & Director, Envision Techlab; Mr. Hardik Joshi – Director, Entrepreneur Engagement and Training Science and Technology Park, Pune; Mr. Sandeep Agarwal – Director, Certus Capital; Mr. Jairam Panch – Vice President and Managing Director, Turner India; Mr. Kunal Sanghavi – Chief Financial Officer, HDFC Securities Ltd. Team Upakram@NICMAR was represented in the jury panel by Dr. Debopam Roy, Faculty, NICMAR.



After thorough deliberation and a close contest, the following teams were declared as winners.

Student Category:

1st Prize – **Preventure**, a platform for real estate sector where technology would guide the proprietors with market research and help them get all possible solutions needed before starting of a real estate project.

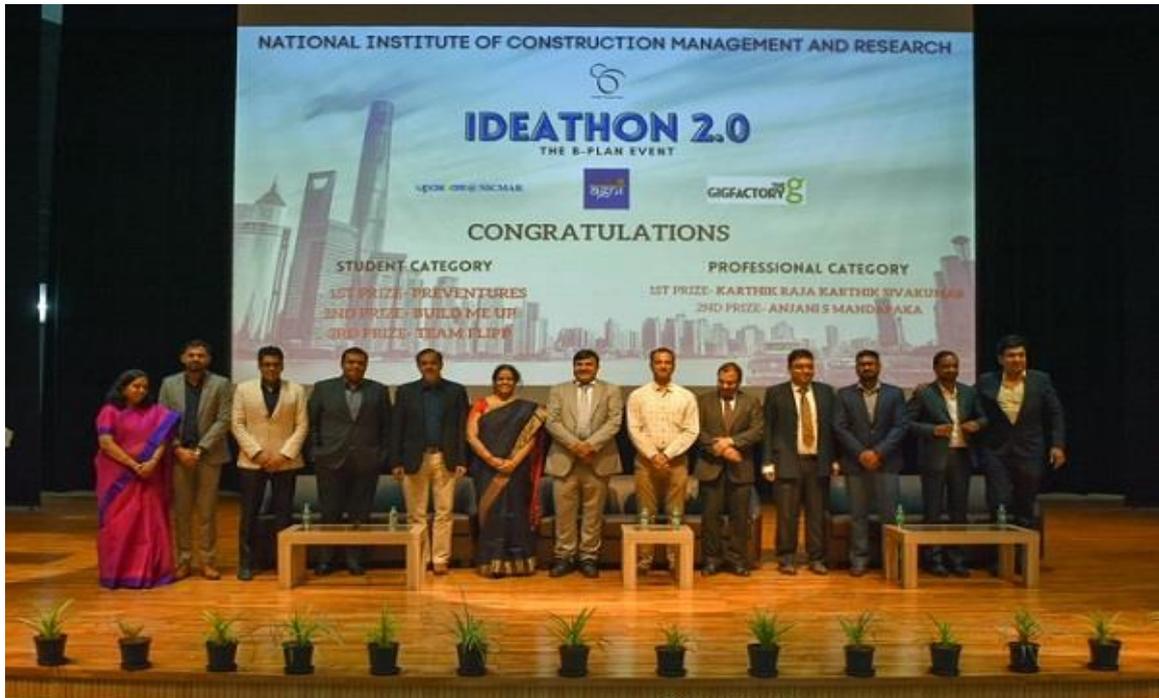
2nd Prize – **Build Me Up**, an e-platform to connect customers planning to build their house with designers, contractor and different construction service provider at one point.

3rd Prize – **Flipp**, a one stop solution for flipping cultural heritage and converting heritage properties into homestays.

Professional Category:

1st Prize – **Buildup App**, a cloud based project workflow management software developed by **Sharah Info Tech Engineer Pvt. Ltd.**

2nd Prize – **The Built Environment**, who are building a digitized procurement/sourcing ecosystem to reduce completion time of projects.



Industrial/Management Development Programmes @Hyderabad

- NICMAR Hyderabad conducted 21 Days Industrial Training Programme under the aegis of the AICTE sponsored Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) for selected faculty members of Government Polytechnics (Telangana State).



- Management Development Programme on “**Safety, Health, and Environment Practices in Projects**” was conducted on 4th & 5th March, 2022.
- NICMAR Hyderabad was identified as the training partner for conducting the following short-term executive development programs for M/S Welspun Enterprises Limited:
 - Basics of Contracts and Claims Management – 10th March, 2022
 - Project Financing – 21st March, 2022.

Faculty and Staff Members’ Awards/Recognition

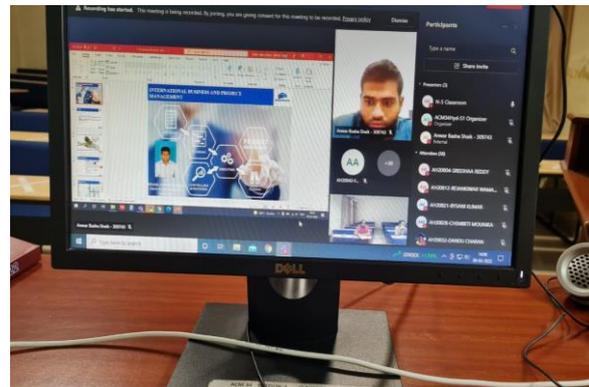
- *Dr J.S. Sudarshan* was awarded with **National Research Excellence Award 2022**, by the International Institute of organized Research (I2OR) which is a registered MSME with the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Government of India.
- *Dr J.S. Sudarshan* became life member of The Institution of Engineering and Technology.
- *Dr S. V.S. Rajaprasad*, was nominated as an Alternate Member on behalf of NICMAR, in Safety in Construction Sectional Committee, Bureau of Indian Standards, India. The scope of the Sectional Committee is formulation of standards laying down safety requirement in the various operations involved in different type of civil engineering construction.
- *Dr Rajnikant Rajhans* was invited to chair a session in International (Virtual) Conference on ‘Neoteric Tendencies in World Economy, Education and Employment held on 25th and 26th March 2022.
- *Dr Rajnikant Rajhans* is designated as Guest Editor of a Special Issue focused on CRIP Management in Emerging Markets for *Emerging Market Case Studies*, Emerald Publishing.

ALUMNI CORNER

Alumni Guest Lectures @Hyderabad



Mr. Bishnu Debananda Agarwal, Senior Engineer, EHS, L&T, addressed the Health Safety and Environment Management (HSEM) students on the topic “Realities of being an HSEM professional”.



Mr. Shaik Anwar Basha, Sr.Planning Engineer, Afcons, West Africa, spoke to the Advanced Construction Management (ACM) students on “International project contracts and challenges faced while dealing with such contracts”.



Alumni Meet @Hyderabad

STUDENT NOOK

FAREWELL 2022 @PUNE

For bidding adieu to the batch of 2021-22, Farewell 2022 was organised on March 12, 2022 @NICMAR PUNE. It was followed by the felicitation of the two student bodies at NICMAR; the Student Committee 2021-22 and the Placement Committee 2021-22.



The Class Representatives and Co-Class Representatives were also felicitated. Additionally, all the students who excelled beyond academics, the members from the various clubs such as Dance Club, Music Club, Fashion Club, M.A.D Club, Fulcro – The R&D Club, Start-Up Club, Mirage-The Photography Club, Wordsmith of NICMAR and Sports teams of the institute were also felicitated.



REVERBS 2022 @PUNE

The campus at NICMAR Pune was once again filled with pomp with the annual intra-college cultural event Reverbs '22. The tagline for the event was 'See it. Hear it. Live it' and the event took place from 25th – 30th March 2022. This year saw a participation of around 300 students in the cultural, photography and sports domains. Since the fest took place in hybrid mode, the events were organized to be a balance of both online and offline events. The students showed amazing performances in solo and group music, dance, dramatics, photography and sports like badminton and cricket.



The event commenced by presenting the winning videos of vlog it and the short film challenge- Thespian Talents. This was followed by the declaration of overall winners where Group 8 (EPM Section 2) and Group 2 (ACM Section 2) were declared the second and first runners up respectively. Group 1 (ACM Section 1) emerged as the winners of Reverbs '22.



SPIRIT & INNERVE 2022 @Hyderabad



INNERVE the annual cultural fest of NICMAR Hyderabad, was celebrated over a two-day period during which the student got an opportunity to connect and network with each other and also display their talents. This year, it was organized on 12th and 13th of March. The events witnessed enthusiastic participation culminating with a talent show and a musical night by the students.



SPIRIT 2K22 the annual intra-college Sports Meet was organized at NICMAR Hyderabad. Group and individual sports like cricket, volleyball, table tennis, badminton etc. were conducted over a period of two weeks. This provided a great opportunity for students to display their skills and participate in team events as well. The highlight was of course the friendly cricket match between the faculty of NICMAR Hyderabad and the students – an event that saw some spirited action and a great sense of sportsmanship.

Industrial Visit @Delhi

The 6th batch students visited Rajasthan International Centre, Jaipur and Jaipur metro sites on 24 and 25th March, 2022. The visit provided experiential learning and exposure to the students.

Placement Highlights – MARCH 2022

@Pune

The Campus Placement Drives for Final Placement and Summer Internship were organized online and offline at the Institute. The percentage of placement have increased this month reaching to **86.58 %** with **116 companies** participating in the drive till date.

The online internship drive is in process for 1st year students. **In all 80.00% of the first-year batch have got summer internship** with **94 companies** participating in the drive till date.

@Hyderabad

March 2022 saw multiple on-campus placement drives happening at NICMAR Hyderabad. As on date, NICMAR Hyderabad placement stats stands at **98.11% for two-year fulltime courses**. **78.95%** students of the one-year full time courses have been placed.

@Delhi

16 students of 6th batch have been placed for summer internship in reputed organizations.

@Goa

100% Final Placement and Summer Internship has been achieved.

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