

NICMAR NEWSLETTER

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DIRECTOR GENERAL'S MESSAGE

"At NICMAR, we inspire and prepare our students to take an active role in the world as leaders, innovators and collaborators." – Prof. (Dr) Anil Kashyap

Exhilaration and liveliness filled the NICMAR University (NU), Pune campus as we proudly welcomed our maiden batch of energetic, ambitious and enthusiastic young cohorts of future leaders, innovators and collaborators for a week-long gala Orientation filled with lots of knowledge sharing, alumni interactions and host of fun filled activities to keep the 'Josh' and mood upbeat.

The Orientation programme was a tribute to the exalted legacy of NICMAR and a showcase to the immense potential that the University has to offer in terms of cutting-edge knowledge, educational transformation and fulfilment of student aspirations as the most illustrious and trusted education provider in the Built Environment domain. It was heartening to witness the amalgamation of students across various programmes into the diverse student community, their energizing participation, eagerness and drive to excel in their career goals.

NU transitioned the amazing vibe of the Orientation to hosting the 6th edition of ICCRIP 2022, focused towards spurring the dialogue on the need for Digitalization in the CRIP domain through the contribution of cutting-edge knowledge by eminent researchers, academicians and industry stalwarts. The event also witnessed unveiling of the inspirational NICMAR University, Pune logo amidst immense cheering and heartfelt support by the larger community of students, faculty, industry participants and eminent academicians.

NU being the harbinger of future growth for the sector, is committed towards creating employable resources for ushering in digitalization and sustainability in line with the emerging needs of the future workforce. A big cheer to all at NU, who have made and continue to make this a sustainable possibility through the small steps and dedicated actions every day.

Warm regards,
Professor Anil Kashyap
Director General, NICMAR

LATEST UPDATE

Launch Event

NICMAR University, Pune proudly unveiled its logo through glitzy-eye catching laser show and resounding claps of the enthralled audience on 26th August, 2022.



The NICMAR University, Pune website was also launched alongside, giving a glimpse of the illustrious beginnings. [Visit website](#)



MoU between NICMAR University and Homepecked e-Marketplace Services Pvt. Ltd.



Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed with Homepecked e-Marketplace Services Pvt. Ltd., which provides solutions for building installations including repairs of the installations. The MoU was finalised by Dr. Anil Kashyap, President-Chancellor, NICMAR University, Pune and Co-founder of Homepecked e-Marketplace Mr. Parag Sen in presence of Dr. Jonardan Koner (Dean Admission & Placement) and Dr. Sagar Malsane (Co-Program Director).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NICMAR Hyderabad, in association with the Institute for Lean Construction Excellence (ILCE) is organising ILCC 2022 with the theme "Sustaining Lean in Construction with People and Technology" from 13th – 17th Dec, 2022 at NICMAR Hyderabad. The four and half day event comprising workshop day, industry day, conference days and site visit will bring together national and international academicians, lean coaches, industry experts, students and researchers in the field of lean construction to deliberate and share their experience and expertise.

[Know more](#)

NICMAR Hyderabad is inviting abstracts for the inaugural edition of the **Lean Project Competition 2022 (LPC 2022) – a Rolling Trophy event** that will be held as a part of the Indian Lean Construction Conference at NICMAR Hyderabad. The competition intends to bring together lean practitioners (industry) and lean thinkers (academia) for a unique showcase of Lean Construction concepts in (i) a construction project and/or (ii) a thesis/research project. Contact Dr Mahesh [Balasubramani \(bmahesh@nicmar.ac.in\)](mailto:bmahesh@nicmar.ac.in) for information on the competition.

HAPPENINGS @NICMAR NICMAR UNIVERSITY

6th International Conference - ICCRIP

This year, the conference focused on the theme: **Digitalisation in Construction, Real Estate, Infrastructure and Project Sector**. The inaugural function held on August 26, 2022, was graced by the Chief Guest, Shri. Ajit Gulabchand, Chairman, Board of Trustees & Board of Governors, NICMAR; Chairman & Managing Director, Hindustan Construction Co. Ltd.; the Guest of Honour, Dr. Sudhir Kumar Barai – Director - BITS Pilani, Pilani Campus, Senior Professor – Department of Civil Engineering, BITS Pilani and the Conference Co-Chairs Dr. Deepankar Choudhury – Prof. T. Kant Chair Professor and Head, Department of Civil Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay and Dr. Virendra Kumar Paul – Professor and Head, Department of Building Engineering and Management, School of Planning and Architecture, Delhi.



Keynote speakers for 26th August 2022 included eminent scholars and experts from the CRIP industry like Mr. Abhishek Kumar – IRAS, General Manager Finance, Centre for Railway Information System (CRIS), New Delhi, Dr. Rahul V. Ralegaonkar – Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology, Nagpur, Maharashtra, Dr. Poonam Kashyap – Senior Lecturer in Engineering Management, University of the West of England - UWE Bristol, England, United Kingdom, Mr. Shailendra Beniwal – Vice President | Tracecost, Canada | India, Mr. Tushar Srivastava, MRICS – President & Corporate Head, Business Development & Strategy, Capacit'e Infraprojects Ltd.,



Distinguished Keynote speakers for 27th August, 2022 included Dr. Eldho T.I. - Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, IIT Bombay, Mr. R. Arun Kumar - Global Education Manager, Bentley Systems, Mr. Ajithkumar Vadakkoot - Managing Director - BEXEL India/Gulf Consulting, Dr. Prashant Das – Associate Professor of Real Estate Finance, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad (IIMA), Mr. Parag Sen - CEO & Co-Founder - Homepecked e-Marketplace Services Pvt. Ltd.



ICCRIP 2022 also received an overwhelming response as over **1100** participants comprising renowned industrialists, eminent academicians, research scholars, industry practitioners, teachers and students of Engineering and Architecture from across the country attended the conference. More than **100** papers were received out of which **88** were accepted for presentations. ICCRIP 2022 created an exclusive opportunity for its participants to interact and deliberate over the emerging trends, issues and practices in CRIP sector.





The research studies were presented across 14 tracks focusing on Digitalization in CRIP, Building Information Modelling, Automation in Construction, Sustainability aspects in CRIP sector, Managerial Issues in CRIP sector, Real Estate Management, Advanced Construction Methods and Materials, Contract and Claim Management and Construction Management. Additionally, Industry practitioners presented their thoughts on digitalization in construction in Industry Practitioner Conclave. Doctoral Colloquium was also a part of this year's conference where PhD students from across India presented their work.



The valedictory function of the conference was held on August 27, 2022. It was graced by the eminent dignitary Mr. Vinayak Pai - Managing Director, Tata Projects Limited, Mumbai as the Chief Guest, Dr. Mangesh G. Korgaonker – Professor Emeritus, NICMAR as the Distinguished Speaker and Mr. Veljko Janjic - President of Bexel Consulting as the Guest of Honour.

Urban Planning Dialogue Series

A Roundtable Discussion titled "**India@2047: Role of Planning Education**" was conducted as part of the "**Urban Planning Dialogue Series**" by Centre for Smart and Resilient Development on August 27th, 2022.

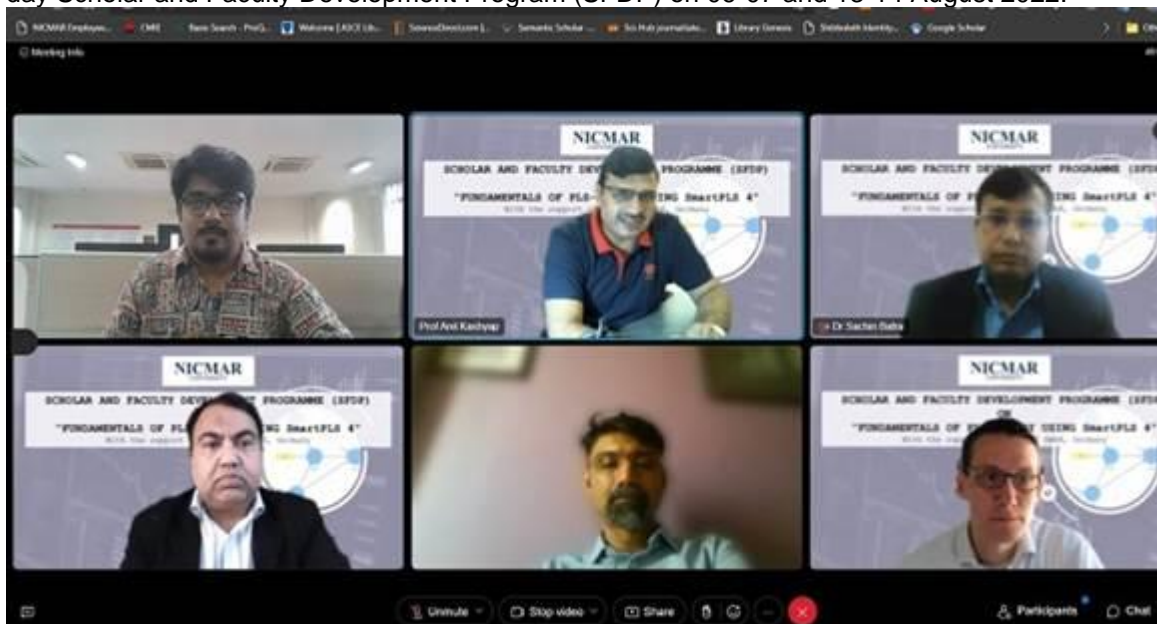




Dr. Nikhil Mandal, Professor, SPA Bhopal; Dr. Haimanti Banerjee, Associate Professor, IIT Kharagpur; Shri. Avinash Patil, Director of Town Planning and Valuation, Maharashtra State; Shri. Sanjay Pathak, Former Commissioner Delhi Development Authority; and Dr. Prashant Das, Associate Professor, IIM Ahmedabad were the invited guests. The enriching discussions centred around the essential skills required by the planning industry; current and future trends; along with critical aspects of planning curriculum design and pedagogy. The Roundtable was attended by President-Chancellor Prof. Kashyap, NICMAR University, Pune along with Interim Dean and faculty members of School of Planning, Real Estate and Infrastructure.

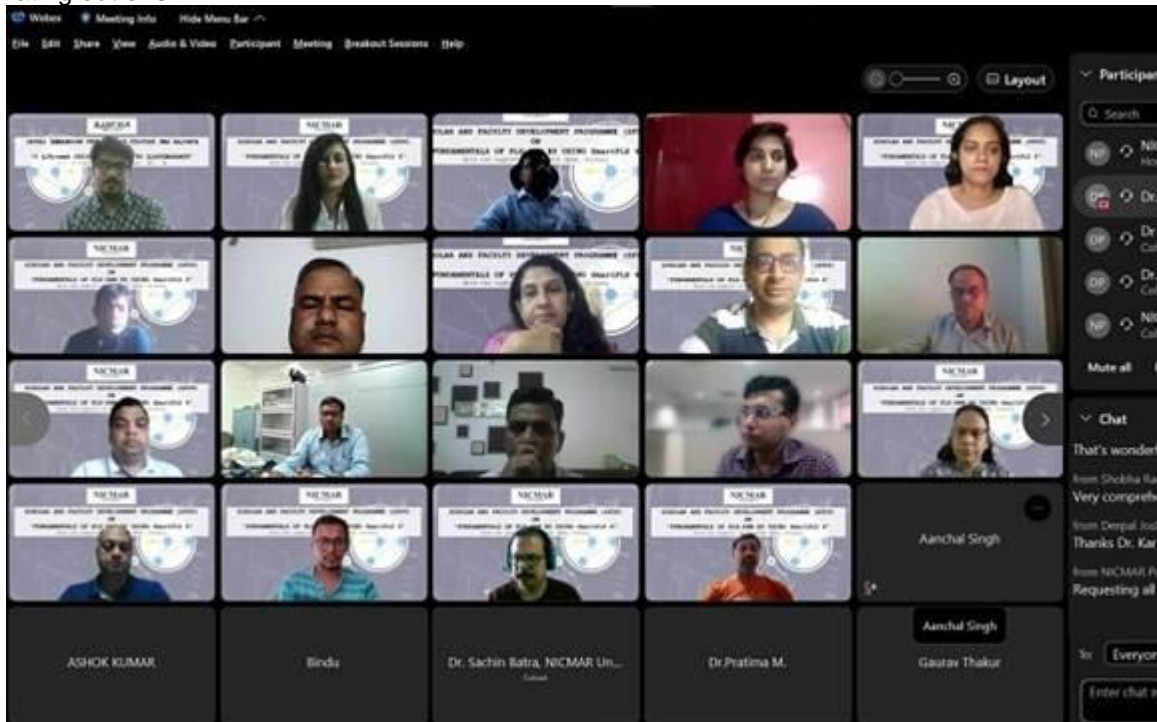
Scholar and Faculty Development Program

NICMAR University, Pune with the support of SmartPLS GmbH, Germany, completed a four-day Scholar and Faculty Development Program (SFDP) on 06-07 and 13-14 August 2022.



The program was attended by 75 participants from 45+ reputed Indian institutes like IITs, IIMs, XLRI, IISc, NITs, and also from Central European University, Austria. Dr. Rajesh Goyal, Dean-Research & Ph.D. programs was the Chairperson of SFDP. Prof. Jan-Michael Becker from BI Norwegian Business School, Norway, was the keynote speaker for the program. Dr. Sachin Batra was the convener & resource person, and Prof. Aritra Halder was the co-convener for the program. Dr. Santu Kar from IIT Guwahati was the external resource person for the

program. We also received very encouraging feedback from the participants with a 4.5-star rating out of 5.



Leadership Training Sessions



NICMAR Centre for Continuing Professional Development (CCPD) organised a Training Needs Assessment session for assessment of faculty training needs on 16th August 2022 and following this, a Leadership Training Session was organised on 17th August 2022 for all Deans of NICMAR University. The training session addressed issues such as conflict management,

stress management, team skills and image management. Both sessions were conducted in a highly interactive manner and were well received by the training participants.

Independence Day Celebration

NICMAR University, Pune celebrated 75th Independence Day. President-Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Anil Kashyap, hoisted the flag and addressed the gathering. The event also showcased various cultural performances by the members of music club, dance club and dramatics club.



Faculty and Staff Achievements/Awards

Dr. P K Samanta was invited as a Distinguished Speaker for a State level Conference on the topic “Choice Based Credit System: A New Dimension to Higher Education” organised by Vidyasagar College for Women, Kolkata in collaboration with NAAC in a blended mode on August 12, 2022.

Dr. P K Samanta was invited as Resource Person for an online Faculty Development Program on “Techniques for Impactful Research” organised by Department of Management Studies, Galgotias College of Engineering and Technology, Greater Noida, UP during August 22-26, 2022.

Dr. J. S. Sudarsan delivered a Valedictory address at the International Conference on Emerging Trends in Civil Engineering (ERTCE-2K22) organised by Sai Ram Engineering College.

Dr. Mahesh Balasubramani received the second runner up in the best paper awards category for his conference paper titled ‘Megaprojects - Pluralism and Governance’ at ICCRIP 2022.

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Management Development Programme @Hyderabad

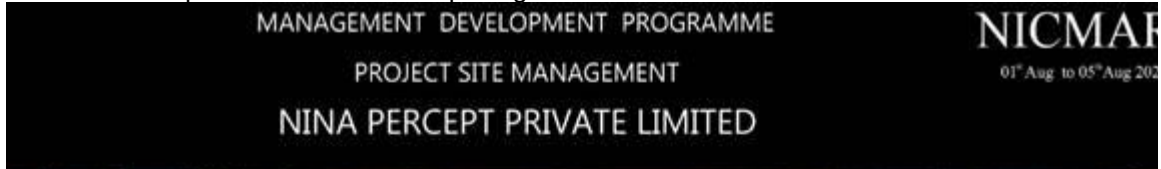
NICMAR Hyderabad conducted a Management Development Programme on Project Cost Control and Budgeting (PCCB) for HG Infra Engineering Ltd. from 3rd – 5th August, 2022 at their head office, Rajasthan.



EXECUTIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMMES

August Programmes

Management Development Programme (MDP) on Project Site Management was conducted for NINA Percept Private Limited comprising of 20 officials.



30 officials of Sharad Constructions Private Limited participated in the MDP on Construction Project Management conducted by Executive Education Department, NICMAR University, Pune.

Forthcoming Programmes

Shapoorji Pallonji & Company Pvt. Ltd,
Mumbai
Larsen and Toubro

Executive Post Graduate Programme in
Management (E-PGPM)

Executive Post Graduate Programme in
Essentials of Infrastructure and Construction
Management E-PGP-EICM

Construction Project Management

Aarti Industries Limited

ALUMNI CORNER

Mr. Niranjana Simha, Executive Vice President
- Head Strategic business group at L&T Ltd.,
ECC Division was appointed as a member of

Shailesh Wani, Proprietor at Shailesh Wani &
Co. and Rallycon Engineering Services was
appointed as a member of the Board of

the Board of Studies, School of Construction, NICMAR University, Pune.

Studies, School of Planning, Real Estate and Infrastructure, NICMAR University, Pune.

Alumni Speak

Highly informative and inspiring life stories were shared by the NICMAR Alumni on Project Planning and Digitalisation in the Built Environment during Induction of the 1st NICMAR University Batch.

DAY 4
Induction of 1st University batch
ALUMNI SPEAK

PLANNING & CONTRACTS IN CONSTRUCTION

“A single missing document may cost the company even upto 1 crore loss. Contract Bible for certification of bills.”

Mr. Hemant Avhad
Planning in charge
Mahindra Life space develop
(Batch-2014)

DAY 4
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ALUMNI SPEAK

PROJECT PLANNING

“Always start with client responsibility because your planning success majorly depends on that.”

Mr. Tiru Kulkarni
President & Head –
Geosynthetics Division
Garware Technical Fibres Ltd.
(Batch-1992)

DAY 4
Induction of 1st University batch
ALUMNI SPEAK

DIGITALISATION IN CONSTRUCTION

“Integrated Digitised Solutions is a way forward for the Indian Construction Industry to reach new heights.”

Mr. Swapnil Joshi
Founder and Principal Consultant
Intento Associates
(Batch-2006)

DAY 4
Induction of 1st University batch
ALUMNI SPEAK

DIGITALISATION IN CONSTRUCTION

“Needs to be minimum and Vision to be maximum. Have faith and trust your instincts.”

Mr. Rohit Koul
MD
Green Ecomes Solutions P Ltd
(Batch-2018)

STUDENT NOOK

Induction Program of 1st Batch of NICMAR University, Pune

The induction program for the 1st batch of NICMAR University, Pune commenced with lighting of lamp, and welcome address by Dr. Anil Kashyap, President-Chancellor, NICMAR University, Pune, which was followed by an inspiring talk by Padmashri Dr. Anil K Rajvanshi, Nimbkar Agricultural Research Institute (NARI) on " Nation Building, Junoon and Happiness".



Students gave a standing ovation to various achievements and award-winning innovations of NARI. Dr. Rajvanshi's key messages to the students were – a) World is moved forward by people who have junoon for knowledge (obsession/passion - even madness!); b) Giving back to society brings happiness; c) Aim to work at grassroot levels in rural India.



The week long induction program further acquainted students with the academic systems and processes like examination, course structure, research and publication, library, along with other departmental and infrastructural facilities like hostels, sports, administrative services, computer labs, students activities, etc. The induction program concluded with inspiring talks by distinguished NICMAR Alumni. Lots of games and icebreaking activities contributed to the infusion of energy and fun among students.

Induction Program 2022 @Hyderabad

A two day induction program was organised for the students of ACM, QSCM, HSEM and LSCM at NICMAR Hyderabad to orient the new joiners towards the post-graduate program requirements. Students were addressed by the Deans of the respective schools, and were given guidance on the programmes, pedagogical methods and the infrastructure available to support their learning. Virtual interaction by NICMAR Hyderabad Alumni was also conducted at the Induction 2022. A campus tour was organized to get the students acquainted with their 'new home'.



Mr. and Ms. Google @Hyderabad



A fun event was organised in the library for the new batch of students. The objective of the event was about orienting the freshers of ACM 36th batch with the organization of resources in the library. The fastest hands to fetch a set of books were rewarded with the title "Ms./Mr. Google". The winners were: Mr. Arjun A J, Ms. Fasma Sherine K, Ms. K S Roopali, Ms. Nischitha B H, Mr. M Abhishek Mudhiraj, Ms. Tejaswini and Mr. Raja Khoushik

PLACEMENT UPDATE

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A pre-placement talk was coordinated by the placement team for ACM 35th Batch students with Bechtel India on 2nd Sep, 2022.

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