

future leaders

IIM-I, IIT-I launch MSDSM's fourth batch

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Indian Institute of Management Indore and Indian Institute of Technology Indore commenced the fourth batch of the Master in Data Science and Management (MSDSM) programme, building on the resounding success of its previous cohorts.

The virtual inauguration ceremony took place on Wednesday in the presence of IIM Indore director prof Himanshu Rai, and IIT Indore director prof Suhas Joshi.

Programme coordinators prof Amit Vatsa (Faculty, IIM Indore) and prof Parimal Kar (Faculty, IIT Indore) were also present.

The inauguration ceremony marked the beginning of an exciting journey for the 80 participants (30 females and 50 males) who form the fourth cohort of MSDSM. Of these, six are from non-engineering and 74 from engineering backgrounds. The maximum participants are from Karnataka (11) followed by Maharashtra (10), Telangana (09) and Delhi and Madhya Pradesh (8).

With a vision to equip future leaders with essential skills to navigate the dynamic landscape of data-driven decision-making, this programme brings together a diverse group of individuals, reflecting a tapestry of knowledge and experience.

In his inaugural address, Rai emphasised the value of embracing diverse experiences and maintaining empathy. He said, "Be open to



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Director, IIM Indore



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Bringing together data science and management expertise for future leaders, the fourth batch comprises 80 participants

learning from every background and approach each interaction with kindness and courage."

He encouraged participants to pursue their vision

resolutely, noting, "Do not let self-doubt deter you; if you have a vision, commit to it wholeheartedly, even when faced with challenges."

He drew a parallel to data science, explaining, "Just as in data science we examine both successes and shortcomings—appreciating positive trends and analysing anomalies for actionable insights—similarly, in life, we should embrace and celebrate our achievements while learning from our setbacks."

Joshi highlighted the programme's interdisciplinary approach, showcasing the strong collaboration between IIM Indore and IIT Indore to deliver a curriculum that meets industry standards. He expressed enthusiasm about the evolving partnership between IIM Indore and IIT Indore, highlighting how this collaboration has enriched the MSDSM programme. He noted, "It's remarkable to witness how our joint efforts have cultivated a programme that seamlessly integrates data science with management. It not only meets industry standards but also significantly benefits students."

The fusion of expertise from both IIM and IIT provides a unique and relevant

educational experience, preparing you to excel in the dynamic field of data science and management, he said.

MSDSM is distinguished by its unique combination of technical expertise and business strategy. Unlike conventional programmes, it offers a holistic education that develops not only skilled data scientists but also leaders with a deep understanding of strategic decision-making and ethical leadership. The curriculum integrates data science with enterprise strategy, technology, and people management, preparing graduates to address complex challenges with confidence. Through practical, faculty-mentored projects, students gain hands-on experience that bridges theory with real-world application.