

# Handle Artificial Intelligence intelligently, guard against negative impact: Experts at IIM-Nagpur

## World Scholars Emphasize On Judicious Use Of Technology

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**Nagpur:** Artificial Intelligence (AI) and machine learning has spurred the growth of technology. The government must act immediately to ensure it doesn't impact people in a negative way, said global scholars at the International Federation of Information Processing (IFIP) conference at IIM-Nagpur on Friday.

The new technological tools are not 100% fool proof and often mislead and misinform users. Calling for judicious use of AI, Yogesh Dwivedi, professor at Swansea University, UK, said, "The US courts have reported incidents with lawyers making use of AI tools to argue their case. Those who don't have domain knowledge face imminent threat of being misled."

Professor in IT research at Virginia Tech University, USA, Viswanath Venkatesh—who is acclaimed to be the "God of Research" with 1.80 lakh citations—said, "India is adopting new technologies, new phenomena, and new things that are indigenous. Researchers and industry need to address, understand challenges and resolve them locally. Whatever knowledge accumulated over the years of research in technology adoption may not be applicable or relevant to what is happening or will happen in India over the next two decades," he said.

Venkatesh pointed out that PM Narendra Modi has set a goal to make India a developed nation by 2047. "The changes and the way in which AI technologies are going to be applied in India will be dif-

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ferent from the rest of the world," he said.

Dwivedi, who is chairperson of IFIP 8.6, said that everyone is adopting ChatGPT. "India is a developing country, and it must guard against negative consequences of AI by way of policies and regulations. New technologies impact jobs and deskilling. There are problems of bias and issues of ethics," he said.

Wendy Currie, Audencia Business School, France, is working on regulation and technologies. "Many cryptocurrency firms crashed in the absence of regulations causing huge losses to the investors," she said.

Pitso Tsibolane, from the University of Cape Town, said crypto mining has emerged as one of the ecological threats for the world. Dwivedi said that crypto is linked with the dark net, drug mafia, and sexual predators, which makes it even more complex and needs immediate remedial measures.

## Land For Pune Campus Of IIM-N May Be Finalized Soon

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**Nagpur:** The Indian Institute of Management Nagpur's (IIM-Nagpur) quest for a full-fledged campus on at least 60 acres land or more for its Pune centre and space for transit campus to run high-end programmes for top executives in holiday destination Goa is likely to be over soon.

The premier B-school had launched its satellite centre from a makeshift facility at Central Institute of Road Transport in Pune in 2021 and moved to Vaikunth Mehta National Institute of Cooperative Management, Ganeshkhind Road, near Pune University, this year.

The B-school, which has a sprawling campus on a 132

### IN EXPANSION MODE

Bhimaraya Metri, IIM-N director, and CP Gurnani, chairman, Board of Governors at the Zero Mile Samvad held at IIM on Friday



acres prime land parcel in Mihan-SEZ in Nagpur, is pushing for early allocation of land in Pune.

Although a few sites including some on the outskirts have been offered in Pune, none has been finalized yet, said IIM-N director Bhimaraya Metri on Friday.

Metri said they would need at least 60 acre or more land for the Pune campus. "We are looking for a strategic location which is close to industrial belt and well connected with the city also," he said.

IIM-N officials said Pimpri-Chinchwad MLA Mahesh Landge had identified 60-acre

land in Moshi on Nashik highway and suggested to start the campus there. "DyCM Devendra Fadnavis and the state government have responded positively to our request. We are hoping to finalize the land in the next couple of months," they said.

Goa CM Pramod Sawant and Fadnavis, who is credited for bringing the IIM to Orange City, are scheduled to address the Zero Mile Samvad (ZMS) on Saturday. While Fadnavis's presence is confirmed, Sawant may not be able to attend the event. However, last year, Sawant himself had requested IIM-N authorities to start

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a transit centre in Goa.

CP Gurnani, chairman, Board of Governors, said, "IIM-Nagpur is now the pride of Nagpur. We continue to look at our expansion. We are going to request DyCM to expedite the process for a proper campus in Pune. We are also having a dialogue with the Goa CM. We wish to extend this brand to Goa. All holiday destinations across the world are popular for executive development programmes," he said.

Gurnani added that ZMS would now be an annual affair and the dates won't clash with other big events.

## ‘Now, athletes want to go for gold in Oly’

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**V**ishy — as Viswanathan Anand is lovingly called — the Indian chess grandmaster and a five-time former World Chess Champion asserted that the Indian sports scenario has undergone a major turnaround. "There has been a sea change over the last 23 years. The government has come up with the idea of working with everyone in the ecosystem. Now, sports ministry officials are easily accessible on WhatsApp which was not the case earlier

Things get arranged quickly and the government is far more supportive than before," he said.

Anand said the athletes are no longer satisfied with merely participating in international events. "Athletes know that it is no longer good enough to say they participated in the Olympics but they want to go for gold and nothing less," he said.

The grandmaster said the higher expectations have also raised a demand for in-house



Viswanathan Anand at the Zero Mile Samvad at IIM-Nagpur on Thursday

resources. "Now, we realized we need our own coaches, physios, trainers, doctors, dieticians, and lawyers who understand Olympic legal codes. We are developing expertise in every segment and every discipline. The efforts have been fructifying as India is consistently winning 20% of medals on offer at big events," he said.

Talking to **TOI**, he said, "You should talk to athletes who played a decade ago to

know about the massive transformation in approach of both the people and the government towards sports. Just look at how many sports do people follow nowadays — chess, badminton, soccer, golf, and also hockey — to name a few. So many sporting disciplines are grabbing attention in India. I like India's journey of transition towards excellence."

Vishy recalled his first visit to Nagpur. "I came in 1985 to compete in a national junior championship for 10 days. I have come to the city very often for stay and while in transit," he said.