



CALL FOR PID



FACTOR ZOO CONTEST

4th International Financial Management Conference

FMC 2026



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February 2026
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ORGANISED BY

Chandragupt Institute of Management Patna (CIMP)

Mithapur Institutional Area, Patna-800001, Bihar, India

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Chandragupt Institute of Management Patna, invites papers from academicians, professionals, policy makers having common interest in “Sustainable Finance, Responsible Investment and Corporate Finance” for the International Financial Management Conference (IFMC) 2026. The one-day conference hosted by Chandragupt Institute of Management Patna aims to provide an excellent platform for discussing emerging issues and future challenges on selected theme and allied areas of finance. IFMC 2026 will be in two tracks.

IFMC (Research Track)

IFMC (Practitioners' Track): It will also host the corporate contest for corporate practitioners and investment professionals as **Factor Zoo Contest**.

IFMC (PRACTITIONERS' TRACK): FACTOR ZOO CONTEST

Factor Zoo Contest is dedicated finance boot camp for corporate participants, job market ready entrepreneurs, researchers and students under the backdrop of 4th International Financial Management Conference (IFMC) organized by the Chandragupt Institute of Management Patna. It will have two rounds prelims and finale. Prelims round of boot camp will initially screen the participants based on the submission of Portfolio Information Document (Job Market Paper of Portfolio Management) subjected to various parameters. Once the PID is selected for grand finale, additionally, participants will access to behavioural stroll, heuristic lab, annals of strength and weight and popular press. These nudges/cues will additionally help them to be more confident in Factor Zoo Contest. The finale participants will enter into factor zoo and optimize the portfolio and present the summary before Asset Pricing Bench for evaluation. In the grand finale round, participants are expected to defend the portfolio choice, churning, selectivity and timing of investments. See the next page for a detailed overview of the events.

ZOO FACTOR CONTEST	EVENTS DETAILS
Prelims	<p>Submission of Portfolio Information Document Deadline: 20th January, 2026</p> <p>Particulars for Evaluation of PID (Job Market paper of Portfolio Management)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selection of stocks • Theme • Risk and return metrics • Environmental stewardship • Exposure • Impact and ESG interventions • Factors' selection • Weights of factors • Size, value, momentum, profitability, investment • Hedging • Market perceptions
Behavioural Stroll (Voluntary)	<p>Selected participants will walk through heuristics lab and decode the annals of strength and weight of information. They will also enter into analyst meet round and popular press round to understand the price formation process before the final churning of portfolio.</p> <p>Date: 23rd January, 2026</p>
Finale	<p>Selected participants will present the PID to the distinguished juries of Asset Pricing Bench of ZOO FACTOR CONTEST</p> <p>Presentation to Asset Pricing Bench: 6th February, 2026</p>
Best Practitioners' Accolade	<p>First Prize: Rs 25000</p> <p>Second Prize: Rs 15000</p>

Registration Fee
Practitioners' Track

₹ 100.00/-

* Registration Fee (Non-Refundable) may be paid online at the time of Registration at the conference portal.

REGISTRATION PORTAL

Website : <https://www.cimp.ac.in/index.php/ifmc>

Register & Pay : <https://www.cimp.ac.in/ifmc/register>

Submit Paper : ifmc@cimp.ac.in

IMPORTANT TIME LINE

PID Submission Deadline : 20th January 2026

Behavioural Stroll : 23rd January 2026

Grand Finale : 5th February 2026

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TRAVEL SUPPORT

Participants of Grand Finale will be reimbursed for to and fro 3AC train fare.

LIST OF PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS

Overseas Institutions

- Chung Yuan Christian University, Taiwan
- Oklahoma State University, United States
- Pennsylvania State University, United States

Domestic Institutions

- Indian Institute of Management Sambalpur
- Indian Institute of Management, Ranchi
- Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra (Deoghar)

- Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Varanasi
- NIMS School of Business, NIMS University, Jaipur
- KIIT University, Bhubaneswar
- Christ University
- Amity University, Greater Noida
- Assam Down Town University
- Tezpur University
- Punjabi University, Patiala
- Other institutions

ABOUT THE INSTITUTE

Chandragupt Institute of Management Patna was inaugurated in 2008 by His Excellency, the then Vice-President of India, Md. Hamid Ansari, as the dream-project of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Bihar, Shri Nitish Kumar to resurrect the ancient educational glory of Bihar. It is an autonomous institute of excellence in management education, consultancy and research set up by the Government of Bihar on the lines of Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs). CIMP offers full time AICTE Approved, NBA accredited and AIU recognized Post- Graduate Diploma in Management Programme; full time AICTE approved Fellow Programme in Management (FPM) and Executive Programme in Management (EXPM) for the officials of Government of Bihar and executives/managers from various industries/corporate. Apart from this, CIMP also provides short-term Training Programme, Research and Consulting services for various departments, agencies and bodies of the government and the corporate. CIMP stands in top 100 in Indian Institutional Ranking Framework (IIRF).



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