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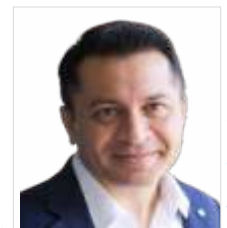
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About Pimpri Chinchwad University

Pimpri Chinchwad University is a modern, innovative, and futuristic university situated on a sprawling 30-acre campus in the bustling Pune Metropolitan Area and nestled in the womb of the Sahyadri hills. PCU stands as a top university in Pune by providing state-of-the-art facilities, a robust curriculum, and strong industry connections. The university runs under the umbrella of Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust (PCET), which has a legacy of nurturing excellence since its establishment in 1990. The 11 institutes under the umbrella of PCET across 3 campuses in Nigdi, Ravet, and Sate have carved out a name for themselves, having transformed the lives of over 46,000 students so far. The institutes, including Pimpri Chinchwad College of Engineering (PCCOE), one of the top engineering colleges in Pune, Pune Business School, and S. B. Patil College of Architecture and Design, are some of the most sought-after colleges in India. Pimpri Chinchwad University (PCU), under the aegis of PCET, has set its aim high to transform students into trailblazers of tomorrow. The university offers a diverse range of courses in Science, Engineering & Technology, Pharmacy, Media & Design, Liberal Arts, and Law. Its commitment to excellence in education and research makes it rank as one of the top universities in India, supported by strong industry connections and future-ready learning. The university emphasizes innovation, research, and industry-oriented education, preparing students for global careers. It focuses on research in materials science, energy generation and storage, biorefinery, nutrition and psychology, green technologies, synthetic and natural product chemistry, theoretical and computational physics, semiconductor and quantum technology, artificial intelligence & data science, pharmaceuticals, various engineering disciplines (Civil, Computer, Electrical, Electronics, and Mechanical), management sciences, and liberal arts. PCU also hosts an Incubation Centre by the name "GARJEMARATHI INCUBATION CENTRE", which nurtures the ideas of young minds, encourages interdisciplinary research, and supports start-up initiatives. PCU aims to achieve international recognition by publishing high-impact research papers, developing strong intellectual property portfolios, and engaging in collaborative projects with leading global institutions and industry partners.

About Pune

Pune is one of the major cities in the Indian state of Maharashtra. It is known as an educational (Oxford of the east), IT & automobile hub, and cultural capital of Maharashtra. The city lies about 150 km southeast of Mumbai in the western part of India and well connected by road and air. Pune is home to some of India's most prestigious universities and research institutes including SPPU, IISER, NCL, IUCAA among others. Beyond academic and research centers it also offers rich cultural experience with historical landmarks like Shaniwarwara, Aga Khan Palace, forts of various kingdoms among others. Pune is surrounded by scenic hills and natural greenery and is a gateway of western ghats, UNESCO world heritage site. The heritage site like Ajanta and Ellora are easily accessible by road and railways.

About IM3-2026 Conference

The International Mastermind Meet on Multidisciplinary Research and Innovation for Viksit Bharat [IM3] 2026 will bring together leading researchers, academicians, industry experts, and innovators to explore new and smart materials, nanotechnology and nanoscience in material discovery, design, synthesis, characterization, manufacturing and recycling. The conference will also highlight the transformative role of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in these areas. This conference will serve as a global platform to exchange ideas, present cutting-edge research and foster interdisciplinary collaboration between materials scientists, chemists, AI-ML technologists, data scientists, biotechnologists, engineers from different branches and pharmacists. The event aims to fulfil the Government of India's vision of transforming India into a global knowledge and innovation hub through research, scientific advancement and technological innovation. The event aims to bring together renowned scientists such as Dr. Vijay Bhatkar, Prof. Dr. G. D. Yadav and Dr. Shekhar Mande along with academicians from IITs and NITs, principal scientists and directors from national and regional laboratories, industry leaders and other distinguished international speakers. Their insights, expertise and visionary perspectives will enrich the conference deliberations and discussions.



CONFERENCE THEMES

TOPICS

Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning	AI&ML for Material Science & Technology	AI&ML in biorefinery & bio-process engineering
	Application of AI&ML in other domains of science & technology	AI&ML in blockchain, cybersecurity & fraud detection
	AI for Affordable Healthcare & Agriculture	Role of AI & ML in Image Processing
	AI&ML in drug discovery	Digital Twin
	Digital Twin & IPR Laws	AI&ML for Service Management
Computational Modelling and Simulation	Mathematical and computational modelling	Device and system-level simulation
	Quantum Computing	Optical, thermal, and transport modelling
	Materials and electronic structure simulation	Multiscale and data-driven simulation
	Power & Communication systems	
Material Design, Processing and Devices	Functional, Smart, & Intelligent Materials (ind. Polymers Composites and Alloys)	Affordable Energy Materials and devices (generation & storage)
	Opto-electronic Materials	Green Processing Technologies
	Strategic and smart Materials	Bio-inspired quantum dots and other materials
	Semiconductor Materials and processing/Industry 4.0	2D-Materials/quantum materials
	Pharma & biotechnology based materials	
Ecosystem, Recycling and System Engineering	Ecosystem Modelling and Simulation	Sustainable Systems Engineering
	Biodiversity Conservation and Monitoring	Smart Infrastructure and Smart Cities
	Climate Change Impact on Ecosystem	Complex Systems Modelling and Optimization
	Plastic, E-waste, Battery, & other Material Recycling Technologies	Sensors & IoT
	Circular Economy (including circular bioeconomy) & Resource Recovery	Mechatronics

CALL FOR PAPERS

We invite original research papers and posters addressing the above-mentioned themes and the integration of AI in these domains. All accepted abstract need to register before submitting the camera-ready paper. One page abstract must be submitted as per the given guidelines through this link: <https://url-shortener.me/HOH2>

The Abstract Should Be Submitted Through The Following Email Id- im3-2026@pcu.edu.in

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Accepted papers will be published in conference proceedings with ISBN. Selected high-quality papers may be considered for Scopus indexed journal (as per journal guidelines).

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- ✦ Industry-academia interaction
- ✦ Networking & collaboration opportunities
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- ✦ Networking with global academicians & industry leaders
- ✦ **Best poster award: 1st Prize (INR 10000), 2nd Prize (INR 7500) and 3rd Prize (INR 5000)**

IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract submission deadline	Full paper submission	Notification of acceptance
31st May 2026	11th June 2026	1st June 2026
Camera-ready paper	Conference dates	
15th June 2026	09-10th July 2026	



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