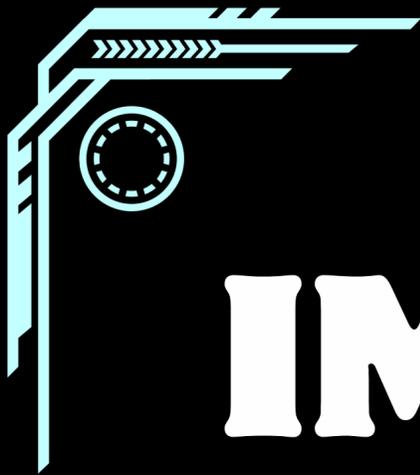




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ABOUT KRISTU JAYANTI (DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY)

Kristu Jayanti (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru, embodies the educational vision of St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara (1805–1871), founder of the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (CMI). His vision emphasized the integral development of mind, body, and spirit, forming the philosophical foundation of the University.

The University's motto, "Light and Prosperity," reflects its commitment to holistic education that harmonizes intellectual growth with ethical and social responsibility. Reaccredited by NAAC with an 'A++' Grade (2021), Kristu Jayanti consistently ranks among the top institutions in India across disciplines such as Commerce, Arts & Science, BBA, BCA, MSW, and Mass Communication, as recognized by the India Today–MDRA Survey.

Recognized as a Deemed to be University by the UGC in July 2025, Kristu Jayanti continues to strengthen its national presence through academic excellence, research orientation, and future-focused education.



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The Department of Professional Accounting and Finance is built on a strong foundation of application-oriented learning, academic rigor, and a future-ready vision. The department aims to develop professionals with a deep understanding of real-world finance and accounting practices.

Its programmes are designed in collaboration with leading global and national professional bodies, including ACCA (UK), CMA (USA), ICAI, ICSI, and AICPA. This integrated structure enables students to pursue international professional qualifications alongside their undergraduate studies, offering a significant academic and career advantage.

With a curriculum aligned to global standards, the department prepares students for careers in international finance, accounting, analytics, and strategic business roles, while fostering research capability and professional excellence.



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ABOUT IMPERIUM 2026 – NATIONAL RESEARCH HACKATHON

IMPERIUM 2026 is a national-level research hackathon created to give student researchers across India a platform where ideas matter more than preparation and thinking matters more than presentation.

Unlike conventional academic events, IMPERIUM is designed around real problem statements, limited time, and structured research thinking. Participants are expected to analyze complex business and technology challenges, apply research methodology, and develop defensible insights that can stand up to expert questioning.

This event is not about submitting a finished paper and waiting for results. It is about engaging in research as a process, questioning assumptions, refining arguments, and strengthening ideas under guidance and evaluation. Every stage of IMPERIUM is built to test clarity, relevance, and originality.

IMPERIUM 2026 brings together a group of teams from across the country, creating an environment where serious researchers learn from competition, collaboration, and critique. To participate is to gain exposure, experience, and national-level recognition for your research capability.

IMPERIUM exists for students who want more than certificates.



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WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE

IMPERIUM 2026 is open to Undergraduate and Postgraduate students from across India who are interested in research, analysis, and problem-solving in business and technology.

This event is ideal for students who:

- Aspire to build a strong research profile
- Enjoy analysing real-world problems
- Are interested in policy, strategy, finance, technology, and innovation
- Want national-level exposure beyond routine academic activities

RESEARCH DOMAINS

Participants must select one research domain during registration:

-  • Responsible AI Policy & Ethics in Business
-  • Sustainable Digital Transformation (ESG Research)
-  • Future of Financial Governance & Digital Economies
-  • Management Excellence & Entrepreneurship

Each domain addresses contemporary national and global challenges, encouraging research with real relevance and impact.



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EVENT FLOW

Step 1: Registration & Qualification Round

Teams register and submit a research paper abstract aligned with their chosen domain.

Step 2: Shortlisting of Teams

Abstracts are evaluated for clarity of thought, originality, relevance, and research approach.

Step 3: Problem Statement Release

Shortlisted teams receive the official problem statement and begin working on their research remotely.

Step 4: On-Campus Hackathon & Presentation

Teams present their research before an expert jury at Kristu Jayanti (Deemed to be University).

IMPERIUM is structured to ensure fair competition, focused research, and meaningful evaluation



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ABSTRACT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES (QUALIFICATION ROUND)

Abstracts must be strictly aligned with one prescribed research domain of IMPERIUM 2026.

Authors must clearly mention the selected domain and thematic area to which the research or case belongs.

Format & Length

- File format: MS Word (.doc / .docx)
- Font: Times New Roman, 12 pt
- Line spacing: 1.5
- Margins: 1 inch on all sides
- Maximum length: 300 words (excluding title/cover page)

Content Requirements

- Include five (5) relevant keywords
- References, if any, must follow APA guidelines

Review & Selection

- All submissions will undergo a blind review process
- Evaluation is based on clarity, relevance, quality of content/data, and domain alignment

Post-Acceptance

- Detailed instructions and payment links will be shared with shortlisted teams



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KEY DATES & REGISTRATION DETAILS

Key Dates

- Abstract Submission Deadline: 1 March 2026
- Communication of Acceptance: 5 March 2026
- Registration Deadline: On or before 9 March 2026
- Problem Statement Release: 17 March 2026
- On-Campus Hackathon: 18 March 2026

Registration Details

- Team Size: 2-3 members
- Registration Fee:
 - External Teams: ₹600

Payment instructions will be shared only with shortlisted teams.

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/yL1aFZG5yRHdok248>



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ON-CAMPUS HACKATHON DAY

18 March 2026 | Reporting Time: 9:00 AM

The on-campus phase of IMPERIUM 2026 is designed to be structured, engaging, and professionally managed.

Orientation Session:

Overview of the event, rules, and evaluation framework.

Expert Session:

A resource person explains the problem statement and introduces the stakeholder lens to guide research thinking.

Research & Hackathon Phase:

Teams refine their research analysis, framework, and arguments.

Lunch Break:

12:00 Noon – 1:00 PM

Presentations:

From 1:30 PM onwards, teams present before the jury.

Valedictory & Prize Distribution:

4:00 PM



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AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Overall National Winners:

- First Prize: ₹8,000 + Certificate + Trophy
- Second Prize: ₹4,000 + Certificate + Trophy
- Third Prize: Certificate + Trophy

Domain-wise Winners (Each Domain):

- First Place: Certificate + Trophy
- Second Place: Certificate + Trophy
- Third Place: Certificate

Recognition at IMPERIUM represents national-level research achievement and adds strong value to academic and professional profiles.



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