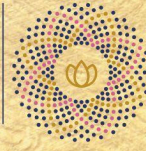


9th IGPC-IIMA ANNUAL GOLD & GOLD MARKETS CONFERENCE 2026



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Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, India

CONFERENCE THEME

Trust by Design - The New Tech- Powered Gold Economy

Day 1 - Thursday, 21 May 2026

09:00	Registration	
10:00	Lamp Lighting & Inauguration (followed by National Anthem)	Prof. Bharat Bhasker, Director-IIMA; Prof. Sundaravalli Narayanaswami, Chairperson-IGPC, Faculty-IIMA; Mr. Sachin Jain, Regional CEO India, World Gold Council
10:15	Welcome Address & declaring the Conference Open	Prof. Sundaravalli Narayanaswami, Chairperson-IGPC, Faculty-IIMA
10:30	Inaugural Address	Prof. Bharat Bhasker, Director, IIMA
10:45	Opening Presentation	Prof. Sundaravalli Narayanaswami, Chairperson-IGPC, Faculty-IIMA
11:00	Keynote Session	Mr. Sachin Jain, World Gold Council
11:20	Declaration of MCX Awards	Mr. Shivanshu Mehta, MCX
11:30 - 11:45	Keynote Session	Mr. Mohit Makhija, Crisil Ratings Ltd.
11:45 - 12:45	Panel I: Gold Demand: From Value to Identity - Has It Matured? <i>Tracking the shift from financial security to emotional and cultural significance</i>	Moderator: Mr. Sachin Jain, World Gold Council Panellists: 1. Mr. Vishnu Prasath, Emerald 2. Mr. Ajay Mehra, Mehrasons Jewellers 3. Mr. Avinash Gupta, GJC
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00 - 15:00	Academic Paper Presentations	Session Chair: Mr. Somasundaram PR 1. Dr. Sulagna Mukherjee 2. Dr. Bala Subramanian R 3. Dr. Samaresh Bardhan and Bisma Raina
15:00 - 15:50	Industry Paper Presentations	1. Mr. Anirudh Menon, Finmet 2. Mr. Senthil Indiran, Oracle 3. Mr. Dan Holmes, Gold Principles Group (Online)
15:50 - 16:45	Panel II: Inhibitions, Tentativeness and Complexity <i>What is holding back the potential</i>	Moderator: Mr. Sudheesh Nambiath, Ministry of Economy & Tourism, UAE Panellists: 1. Mr. Vishnu Prasath, Emerald 2. Mr. James Jose, CGR Metalloys 3. Mr. Saurabh Kumar, Rupeeek 4. Mr. Keyur Shah, Muthoot Pappachan Group 5. Mr. Haresh Acharya, Parker Precious
16:45 - 17:00	Keynote Session	Ms. Praveena Rai, MCX

17:00 - 18:00	Panel III: Future Lens on Gold Markets: Identifying Today's Missing Pillars <i>Beyond the shine, spotting structural gaps in gold markets</i>	Moderator: Harshal Barot , Metals Focus Panellists: 1. Mr. Arindam Goswami , Policy Consensus Centre 2. Mr. Shivanshu Mehta , MCX 3. Mr. Chanda Venkatesh , Caps Gold pvt. Ltd. 4. Mr. Manish Goel , ICICI 5. Mr. Nagendra Kumar , DGCX 6. Mr. Ramakrishnan Padmanabhan , IFSCA (Online)
18:00 - 18:30	Academic Paper Presentations	Session Chair: Prof. Priya Narayanan 1. Dr. Kirtiranjana Das 2. Mr. Shubham Patil 3. Prof. Priya Narayanan
19:00 onwards	Conference Dinner	
Day 2 - Friday, 22 May 2026		
09:30	Registration	
10:00 - 10:30	Chief Guest Address	Dr. Hasmukh Adhia, IAS (Retd) , Principal Advisor to Hon. Chief Minister, Gujarat
10:30 - 11:30	Panel IV: Rewriting Gold Trade Policy: Building India's Global Gold Hub <i>Positioning India at the heart of the global gold ecosystem</i>	Moderator: Mr. Somasundaram PR Panellists: 1. Mr. Anshuman Sharma , Stonex 2. Mr. Ajay Mehra , Mehra's Jewellers 3. Mr. Manish Goel , ICICI 4. Mr. Manish Gavaskar , YES Bank 5. Mr. Arnav Datta , MCX CCL
11:30 - 12:00	Industry Paper Presentations	1. Mr. Sudheesh Nambiath , Ministry of Economy & Tourism 2. Mr. Vishnu Prasath , Emerald
12:00 - 12:30	Academic Paper Presentations	Session Chair: Mr. Sudheesh Nambiath 1. Dr. Moni M , Mr. Sreeraj V 2. Dr. Anil Kumar Pandey
12:30 - 13:00	Chief Guest Address	Dr. Sridhar Vembu, Founder, Zoho Corporation
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch Break	
14:00 - 15:00	Academic Paper Presentation continues	3. Ms. Gunjan K 4. Prof. Sundaravalli Narayanaswami , Faculty - IIMA 5. Prof. Abhiman Das , Faculty - IIMA
15:00 - 16:00	Panel V: Rewiring Gold Markets: The Digital and Tokenized Future <i>Bridging physical legacy and digital innovation</i>	Moderator: Mr. Johnson Lewis , Finmet Panellists: 1. Mr. Sachin Kothari , Augmont 2. Mr. Senthil Indiran , Oracle 3. Mr. Harshit Gupta , MMTC PAMP 4. Ms. Rhea Chaterji , Safegold 5. Mr. Archit Mishra
16:00 - 16:45	Panel VI: Players, Policy and Priorities Can Self-Regulations Work in India's Gold Market? <i>Are rules easier to navigate than self-regulations</i>	Moderator: Mr. Surendra Mehta , IBA Panellists: 1. Mr. Rajesh Rokde , GJC 2. Mr. Dileep Narayanan , Malabar Group 3. Mr. Vishnu Prasath , Emerald 4. Mr. Ankur Goyal , MMTC-PAMP 5. Ms. Jennifer Difiva , DDC MPEZ
16:45 - 17:00	Vote of Thanks- Ms. Mini Nair, AGM - IGPC, IIMA	
17:00 onwards	High Tea	