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Submission of Registration Forms /Abstracts /

Full Papers and for Information or Queries:

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Dates to Remember:

- Submission of Abstract: on or before 30th September 2025
- Submission of full Paper for selected Abstracts: on or before 30th October 2025
- Acceptance & Confirmation of Paper: 5th November 2025

Prof. Pramod Parkhi Centre for Banking, Finance & Insurance

Prof. Pramod Parkhi, distinguished Practitioner & academician passed away on 24th September, 2011. To commemorate & recognize his rich contribution in the domain of banking, finance & Insurance, IndSearch has established Prof. Pramod Parkhi Centre for Banking, Finance & Insurance for promoting research & training in this vital field. Smt. Nanda Pramod Parkhi and Mr. Prataprao Pawar, Chairman - Sakal Media Group have generously contributed for the development of the centre.

Registration Fee:

Rs. 500 per team

Timing:

9am to 5pm

Earlier Research Paper Competitions Organised:

1. Recent Trends in Behavioural Finance - 25th March 2012
2. Insurance Strategies – 21st February 2014
3. Analysis of Union Budget 2015 – 14th March 2015
4. Indian Banking – A Paradigm shift, A grand leap forward – 27th February 2016
5. GST- A Paradigm shift in Indirect Taxes- 11th March 2017
6. Growing NPAs and future of Banking in India- 10th March 2018
7. 'Bank Mergers, a boon to banking and economy?'- 18th September 2019
8. Micro Insurance - Who really benefits?- 27th October 2021
9. Digital Banking: Prospects and Constraints - 19th November 2022
10. Futuristic Finance: Technology and Human Intervention – 25th November 2023
11. Emerging Trends in Personal Finance: Risks and Benefits - 23rd November, 2024

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12th Inter - Collegiate Research Paper Competition on

Tariff vs Free Trade: Which Will Strengthen the Global Economy?
on Saturday 15th November, 2025

Venue:

Auditorium, IndSearch Bavdhan Campus,
37/2/2/4 Bavdhan Khurd,
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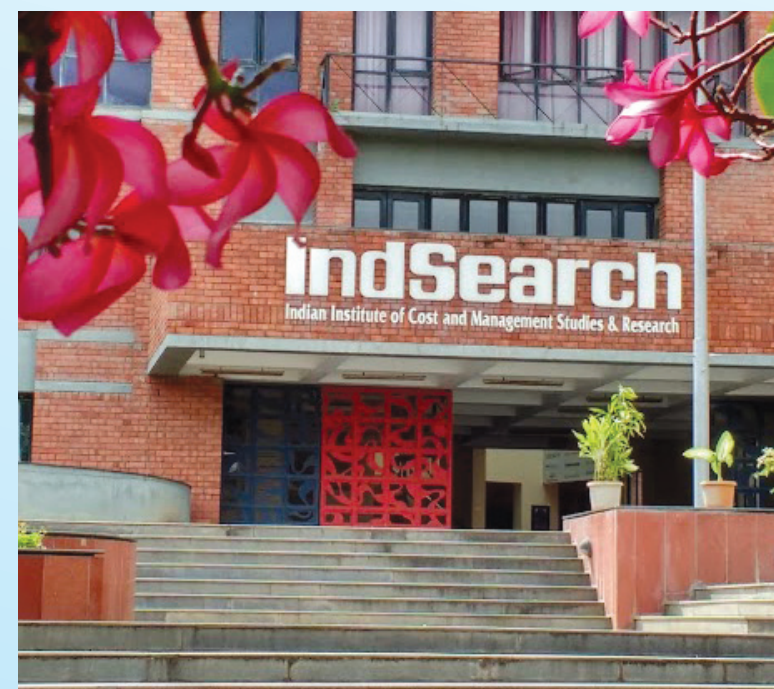
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About IndSearch:

Pioneering Management Education in Pune, IndSearch, established in 1973 has completed an eventful 50 Plus years of contribution to value-based Management Education and research. IndSearch alumni are working in well-known Indian Companies and reputed MNC's. IndSearch is the oldest management institute under Savitribai Phule Pune University.

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About the Competition:

In today's interconnected world, the global economy relies heavily on open markets, smooth supply chains, and multilateral cooperation. However, the resurgence of tariffs in global trade policy has led to a long-standing debate: Should countries adopt protective tariffs to safeguard domestic interests, or embrace free trade to drive global economic growth?

Tariffs—while aimed at protecting local industries, reducing trade deficits, and encouraging self-reliance—can increase costs, disrupt supply chains, and provoke retaliatory trade measures. These consequences often lead to reduced investment, higher prices for consumers, and uncertainty in international trade relations. Tariffs may offer short-term protection to domestic producers, but they often mask underlying inefficiencies and discourage innovation.

On the other hand, free trade enhances market access, lowers production and consumer costs, encourages competition, and fosters technological advancement. It helps integrate economies, offering opportunities for developing nations and strengthening global partnerships. However, free trade can also expose weaker domestic industries to intense global competition, leading to job losses and increased social inequality if not managed carefully.

Balancing protectionism and openness remains a central policy challenge. Policymakers must assess how trade strategies impact not just GDP, but employment, supply chain resilience, and inclusive development. The rise of digital economies, climate concerns, and shifting geopolitical alliances further complicate this debate.

In light of these complexities, this research paper competition invites students to explore the various contradictory aspects of tariffs in global trade, leading to sub themes of the topic- :

1. Comparison between Tariff and Free Trade policies
2. Impact of Trade policies on Global Supply Chains and Inflation
3. Tariffs and Trade War
4. Free Trade Agreements: Regional Benefits vs Global Challenges
5. Trade Tariffs and Income disparity
6. AI and automation in view of Tariffs
7. Potential for Employment creation in free trade
8. Ethical Dimensions of Free Trade and Tariff Policies
9. Impact of Trade Barriers on Developing Economies
10. Consumer Welfare under Tariff vs Free Trade Regime
11. Impact of Tariff on Developing Economies

Objective:

To create a platform for undergraduate and post graduate students below the age of 25 years (faculty guide permitted) to share and exchange their views on personal finance.

Publication Opportunity:

All submissions are subject to double blind review process. All the selected papers may be considered for publication in peer reviewed journal / Indsearch Journal with ISSN No. The papers will be considered for publication provided they meet the standards of publication (charges applicable).

Guidelines for Paper Submission:

Interested students need to submit abstract of their Research Papers not exceeding 250 words. Abstract should contain essence of research paper.

The authors whose abstract gets selected are required to submit a full Paper which shall include introduction, objectives, need, research methodology, data collection, data analysis, findings and keywords, bibliography.

The author/s shall stick to the following rules:

Not exceeding 3000 words

Font size for Title: 14 point

Font size for other matter: 12 point

Font: Times New Roman

Line Spacing: 1.5

Cover Page: Title, Author's affiliation, contact details

Keywords: not less than 5

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