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About IBS, Hyderabad

The ICFAI Business School (IBS) Hyderabad is a constituent of the ICFAI Foundation of Higher Education (IFHE), a Deemed to be University as per the UGC Act 1956. IFHE has been awarded the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) rating of A. IBS, Hyderabad has also received the prestigious AACSB accreditation recently. The institute offers high-quality programs in different areas of management to a wide cross-section of students, executives and professionals. The mission of the institute is to offer high quality management programs that equip students with the right knowledge, skills and attitudes required to succeed in a dynamical world. IBS Hyderabad is one of the first business schools to be re-accredited by SAQS (South Asian Quality Standards), AMDISA in 2020 valid till 2025, rated A** by CRISIL, EB2 IN by ICRA and as an "Excellent" Business School by Eduniversal.



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Call for Papers

There would be two tracks in the 14th Doctoral Thesis Conference.

• Track 1: Research Design Presentation

Papers are invited from those scholars who are in their initial stages of PhD. Research scholars who have completed their course work and have made progress in research proposal are expected to participate. Participants in this track are not expected to present any estimation results and are requested to follow the following structure for paper submission: Introduction, Extensive literature survey, Research gaps, Objectives, Proposed Hypothesis, Proposed Methodology, Expected contribution to the literature.

• Track 2: Advanced Research Paper Presentation

Track two is for scholars who are in their advanced stages of thesis. Research scholars who have made progress in thesis work and are near to submission/ submitted and waiting for defence are expected to participate. Participants are requested to follow the following structure for paper submission: Introduction, Extensive literature review, Research gaps, Objectives, Hypothesis, Methodology, interpretation of results, Conclusion and policy or managerial implications.

Paper Submission Guidelines

Kindly refer to the following guidelines before submitting your manuscript.

- ▶ **Cover page:** Each paper should include a cover page with title of the paper, abstract (not more than 200 words), author names and affiliations with full postal addresses, email and mobile number.
- ▶ **Structure of the paper**
 - Doctoral proposal track:** Introduction, followed by literature survey, Research gaps, Objectives, Hypothesis, Methodology, Expected contribution to the literature.
 - Doctoral Thesis paper Track:** Introduction, followed by literature review, Research gaps, Objectives, Hypothesis, methodology, interpretation of results, conclusion and policy or managerial implications
- ▶ **Font:** Times New roman, size 12, double space.
- ▶ **Maximum words:** 8000 (for Doctoral Thesis paper), 5000 (for Doctoral Proposal).
- ▶ **References:** All papers should follow the APA 6th Edition style guide available at:
- ▶ <http://www.apastyle.org/manual/> List the references in alphabetical order at the end of the paper. All references must be single spaced and must be distinguished by hanging indents.
- ▶ Paper should be sent via mail to dtc@ibsindia.org
- ▶ While sending the mail, the authors should clearly mention the track and area (theme).

About the Conference

The Doctoral Thesis Conferences (DTC) organized by IBS Hyderabad has received wide recognition from the researchers across various universities and institutions of repute in India and overseas since its inception in 2007. The enthusiastic and positive responses of the participants in the previous Doctoral Thesis Conferences inspire us to continue this effort. We are also pleased to inform that in the 14th Doctoral Thesis Conferences (Virtual) we are introducing a special and separate track for PhD aspirants who are at the initial stage of their program to present their Ph.D proposals. This would help them in streamlining their research thoughts and have a well-defined PhD proposal.

Objectives of the Conference

The Doctoral Thesis conference is expected:

- ▶ To provide a platform for sharing the research ideas on an international level.
- ▶ To provide a platform to meet domain experts to discuss research ideas, methodologies and career issues
- ▶ To provide a platform for scholars to make informal networks with their peers from other institutions.



Important Dates	
Last date for submission of Full paper	15 th April, 2021
Intimation on Acceptance	20 th April, 2021
Last date for receiving Registration Form	25 th April, 2021
Dates of Conference	6 th & 7 th May, 2021

Main Themes

- Finance and Accounting
- Banking and Insurance
- Human Resource Management
- Operations
- Marketing, Business Strategy
- General Management
- Economics
- Statistics
- Information Technology
- Social Work
- Psychology
- Entrepreneurship Development