



Welcome to the January 2026 edition of our School Newsletter. As the new academic year gets underway, this issue is dedicated entirely to higher education — spotlighting three exceptional undergraduate programs at NLSIU Bengaluru, NMIMS School of Design, and IIM Bangalore. With application windows now open and deadlines approaching, we encourage students and parents to read this issue in full. Guidance from our Principal, Vice Principal, and Career Counsellor follows, along with detailed program's profiles, key dates, and answers to frequently asked questions.



# Career Compass January 2026

## New Frontiers: Top Universities, New Programs

### From The Desk of The Director Principal

This edition brings together three programmes that, in their own distinct ways, represent the best of what Indian higher education has to offer today — a liberal arts degree from the country's foremost law school, a design programme that puts human empathy at the heart of technology, and a data and economics degree from an institution launching its very first undergraduate cohort. Each is remarkable. Each deserves your attention equally.

Our school has always believed that excellence is not a single path. Whether a student's calling is ideas and policy, creativity and design, or numbers and systems — there is a world-class opportunity here for them. I encourage every family to explore all three with equal curiosity and an open mind.

### From the Vice Principal

Deadlines do not wait. The NLSIU application closes 23 March 2026, the IIMB offer letters go out 28 February 2026, and the NMIMS-DAT registration window is open now. If you are interested in any of these programmes, the time to act is today — not next week. Organisation and timely action are the difference between an opportunity taken and an opportunity missed. I am counting on each of you to bring your best self to this final stretch of school.

### From The Career Counsellor

Choosing what to study after Class 12 is one of the most personal decisions you will make — and the good news is that in 2026, your options are more exciting than ever. This month, I want to highlight three programs that stand out not just for their brand names, but for the genuine depth and flexibility they offer.

Whether you are drawn to policy and ideas, to design and human experience, or to data and economics — there is something here worth your serious attention. Read each profile carefully, note the eligibility requirements, and come speak with us if you have questions. Our door is always open.



## 1. NLS BA (Hons.) — National Law School of India University, Bengaluru

NLSIU is consistently ranked India's #1 law school. While most people associate it with the 5-year BA LLB program, this 3-year Liberal Arts degree is a unique and highly prestigious offering.

### Key highlights:

- Choose a Major-Minor or Double Major from: History & Anthropology, Sociology, Economics, or Politics.
- Career-track electives in AI & Machine Learning, Digital Journalism, Policy Advocacy, and Entrepreneurship.
- High-achievers can opt for a 4th-year Research Track.
- Ideal launchpad for policy careers, journalism, management, or a subsequent 3-year LLB.



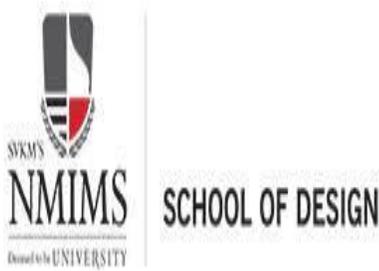
Event	Date
Last Date to Apply	23 March 2026
Entrance Test	26 April 2026 (Sunday)
Classes Commence	1 July 2026

## 2. B.Des (Humanizing Technology) — NMIMS School of Design

Design is no longer just about aesthetics — it is about solving real-world human problems. The NMIMS B.Des program builds graduates who can blend creativity with empathy.

### Key highlights:

- Curriculum bridges technology with a deep human-centered philosophy.
- Graduates placed in EdTech, Gaming, Design Consulting, and UX roles.
- No fine arts background required — the entrance (NMIMS-DAT 2026) evaluates problem-solving and empathy, not just sketching skills.
- Ideal for students who love creative thinking and want to shape the future of technology experiences.



## 3. B.Sc. (Hons.) — IIM Bangalore (A Historic First!)

For the first time in its history, IIM Bangalore is launching two undergraduate programs at its new Jigani campus. This is a landmark moment in Indian higher education — and an exceptional opportunity for our students.

Feature	B.Sc. (Hons.) Economics	B.Sc. (Hons.) Data Science
Focus Areas	Theory, Econometrics, Policy	ML, Big Data, Algorithms
Minor In	Data Science & Business	Economics & Business
Seats	40	40
Duration	4 years (3-year exit option)	4 years (3-year exit option)
Maths Req.	Yes (Class 12 + 60% in Class 10)	Yes (Class 12 + 60% in Class 10)
Campus	Residential – Jigani, Bengaluru	Residential – Jigani, Bengaluru

### Important Dates — IIMB:

Event	Date
Offer Release	28 February 2026
Academic Session Starts	August 2026
Next Cycle Entrance (IIMB-UAT)	Mid-December (next year)

### Selection Process:

Component	Weightage	Details
IIMB Undergraduate Admission Test (UAT)	60%	Aptitude-based entrance test
Personal Interview (PI)	40%	Conducted by IIM Bangalore faculty

### Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Is the NLSIU BA (Hons.) a law degree?

A: No. It is a Liberal Arts degree — excellent for careers in policy, journalism, or management. It also provides a strong foundation if you wish to pursue a 3-year LLB later.

Q: Do I need to be an expert artist for the NMIMS B.Des?

A: No! The NMIMS-DAT evaluates your problem-solving ability and empathy — not your sketching skills. The program values those who want to 'Humanize Technology.'

Q: Is Mathematics compulsory for IIM Bangalore?

A: Yes. Mathematics in Class 12 is mandatory for both the Economics and Data Science majors. A minimum of 60% in Class 10 Maths is also required.

Q: Where will the IIMB classes be held?

A: The program is fully residential at IIMB's dedicated Jigani Campus in Bengaluru.

### Events – JAN 2026



### Digital Careers for All | BCA Awareness Session

**On 16th January**, faculty from IMS Noida conducted an engaging session on the BCA pathway, highlighting that digital careers are open to students from all streams. The session emphasized skills such as logical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving, and introduced emerging fields like Data Science, AI, Cybersecurity, and UI/UX Design. Students gained clarity on eligibility and future trends, enabling them to explore diverse, future-ready career options.

## CUET Form Filling Session | Class XII – 18th January 2026.

To support students in navigating the CUET application process, an online form-filling session was conducted for Class XII in collaboration with experts from Career Launcher. The step-by-step procedure was explained in detail, ensuring clarity at every stage. Key aspects such as careful domain subject selection and the significance of the General Aptitude Test were highlighted. The interactive session also addressed student queries, enabling them to complete the process with greater confidence and accuracy.



# CUET



## Alumni Talk Session | 23rd January

On 23rd January 2026, the school hosted an inspiring Alumni Talk Session for high school students. Alumni from the 2021 batch shared their journeys across psychology, public policy, AI, technology, and finance, highlighting diverse career pathways and the importance of informed choices in Classes 11 and 12. Through honest conversations and practical advice, students gained valuable insights into life beyond school. Grateful to our alumni mentors for guiding the next generation.

## Exploring Futures in Humanities & Commerce | Orientation Session

On 31st January, the school hosted an orientation session for students and parents on career pathways in Humanities and Commerce. In collaboration with industry experts, the session highlighted evolving opportunities, including IPMAT, CLAT, and CUET preparation strategies. The interactive discussion addressed common misconceptions and highlighted the importance of early planning, passion, aptitude, and informed decision-making in shaping meaningful and successful career journeys.

