



ALMA MATTERS

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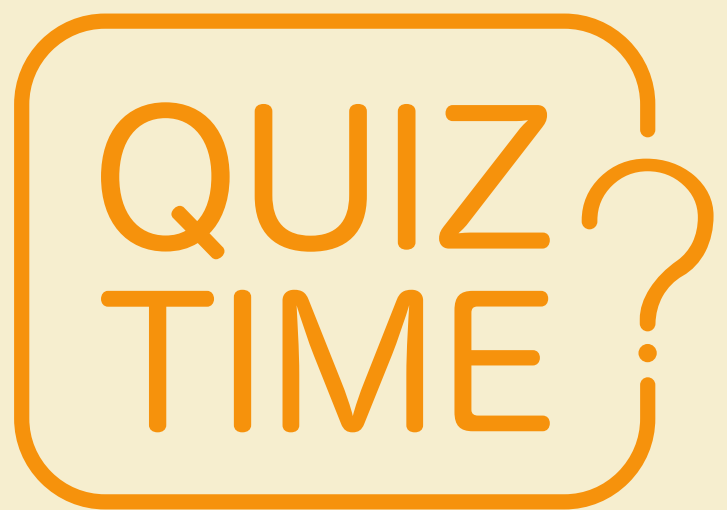


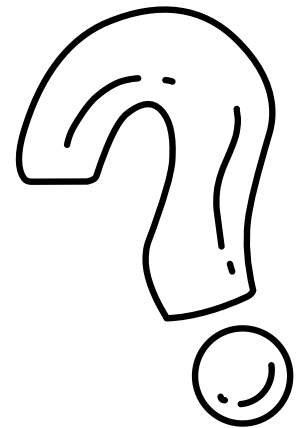
AA DASHBOARD

Number of members	1615 <small>(As on May, 2024)</small>
Total Alumni Count <small>(approx.)</small>	2100
Number of Batches	34
LinkedIn Followers	1056
X(Twitter) Followers	204
Instagram Followers	621
Facebook (IIFM Alumni Endowment Fund) members	730



QUIZ OF THE MONTH





Question:

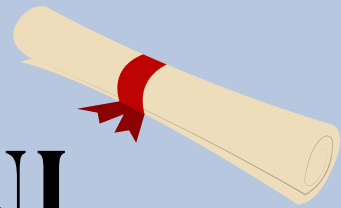
Who suggested the name "Alma Matters" for the AA Newsletter ?



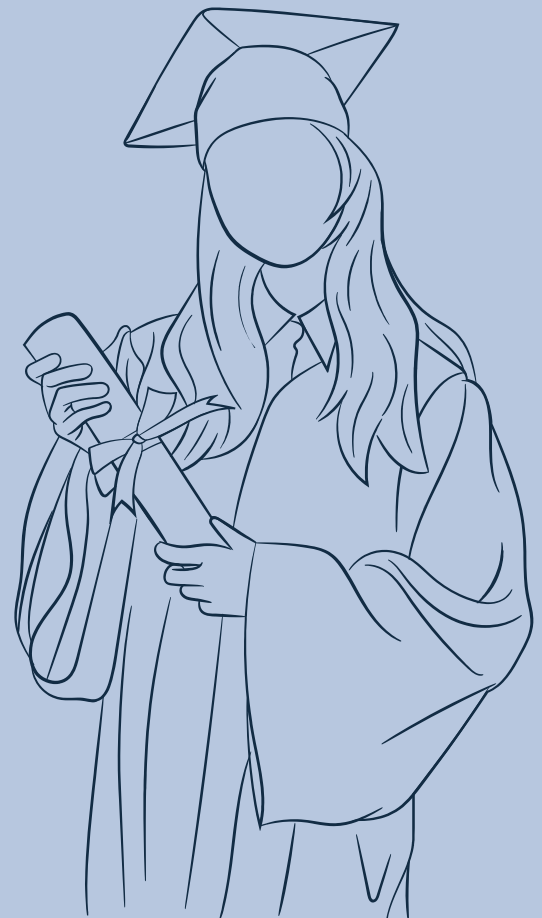
Previous edition question: What is the room number of Alumni Association Office?

Answer to the Quiz question of April:

Room No.82 in IIFM



ALUMNI IN NEWS





'Sachin Gopalan (Chairman, ASEAN Economic Forum) discovers timely & insightful SURPRISE TRUTHS from Sandeep Chakravorty (PFM 1989-91), Ambassador of India to Indonesia & Timor-Leste & President of our Alumni Association, about the increasing momentum of the India-Indonesia economic partnership, importance of having a shared world view, unique cultural connects that bind the two nations & how diplomacy can solve problems of the world.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LZqiQos_J5M



'Disney Nature's Tiger finally released worldwide.

Achin Phulre (PFM 2012-14) worked on as a camera assistant and a drone pilot. One of the most expensive wildlife films ever made, he got the opportunity to learn from legends of the industry - Martyn Colbeck, Rob Sullivan, and Sam Stewart.

Narrated by Priyanka Chopra.



Listen to Vineet Rai (PFM 1992-94) talking to Prashant Choubey on PODCAST 10X.Com about the origin story of Impact Investing.

<https://youtu.be/kWmJguj6alg?si=eKYd8LzR-eDpnM4x>



Dr. Sanjay Bala (PFM 2001-03) joined as new faculty member in IIFM. His Faculty area is- Ecosystem and Environment Management. Dr. Bala worked as Research Scientist in the Regional Centre, National Afforestation & Eco- Development Board Jadavpur University. During last five year he worked as the Regional Director of Regional cum Facilitation Centre for Eastern Region, National Medicinal Plants Board at Jadavpur University.

Clean cooking transition experiences

Adapting to cleaner cooking fuels from more polluting options may be experienced differently by different groups across various stages of the energy transition. Kar et al. analyse survey data on household-level energy use in Ghana as the country shifts towards cleaner cooking fuels. Given wide heterogeneity, they propose a stage-based framework to support policy interventions.

See [Kar et al.](#)

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Abhishek Kar (PFM 2005-07)

CONGRATULATIONS! PARTNER OF THE YEAR 2024



SHAILESH NAGAR
Partner



Shailesh Nagar (PFM 1995-97)

'Can green credits benefit India's forests?'

The Hindu:

April 26, 2024 02:24 am | Updated April 27, 2024 10:10 am IST

The Green Credit Programme, announced by the Environment Ministry in October 2023, is a market-based mechanism where individuals and companies can claim incentives called 'green credits' for contributions to environmental and ecological restoration. However, there is criticism that these initiatives may be used to circumvent existing laws, particularly those that deal with forest conservation. Can green credits benefit India's forests? Vaibhav Chaturvedi (PFM 2001-03) and Debadityo Sinha discuss this in a conversation moderated by Jacob Koshy.





Ravi Vishwas and Prof R Srinivasan (PFM 1991-93) at IIM Bengaluru



Get together at Mumbai (From L to R):

Ravi Vishwas (PFM 1991-93), Rajesh Rajagopalan (PFM 1991-93),
Vineet Rai (PFM 1992-94), Suvendu Pati (PFM 1991-93), Nikesh
Sinha (PFM 1991-93), Ajith Chandran (PFM 1991-93), and
Debasish Mishra (PFM 1991-93)

Person who designed the Logo of the Alumni Association

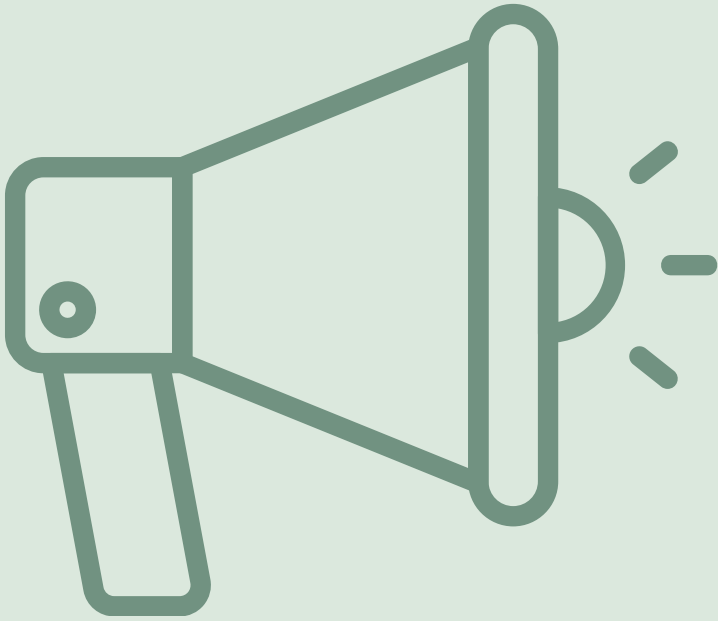


Yash Agrawal was Public Relation Coordinator and member of Brand Value Team IIFM for his batch. He was good at Graphic Design and Photography. After passing out from IIFM in 2020, Yash was at home during COVID-19 pandemic time. He was approached by his batchmate Vaishali for designing logo of the Alumni Association (AA). He very happily accepted the responsibility. He designed four logos but when the meeting of AA was scheduled to finalize the logo unfortunately at that time Yash could not join the meeting as he was travelling. To his surprise the logo which he liked the least was finalised as the logo of the Alumni Association and was much appreciated. Archana (PFM 1992-94) later congratulated Yash for the design of the logo and informed him that everyone liked the logo very much.

Yash did internship at Annapurna Finance and got placed there. Since then, he is working with Annapurna Finance.



Yash Agrawal (AVP Strategy Financial Inclusion, Annapurna Finance based at Bhubaneswar)



IIFM IN NEWS



Kurseong campus



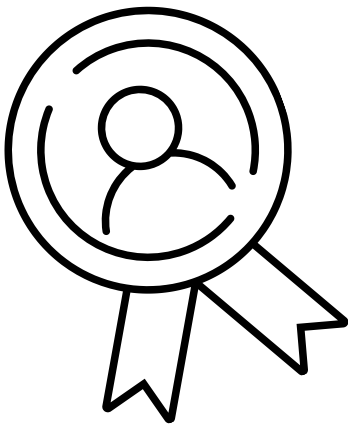
“IIFM has formally launched its first Management Development Programme for IFS officers on Forest Certification at Kurseong Campus today. It was a three day training workshop 29th April -1st May 2024 for in-service IFS officers. 25 officers from various states and UTs participated in the programme besides 7 resource persons. Many more programmes have been lined up at Kurseong for this year. It is a proud moment for all at IIFM.”

-Message from the Director IIFM (Dr. K Ravichandran)



ALUM OF THE MONTH





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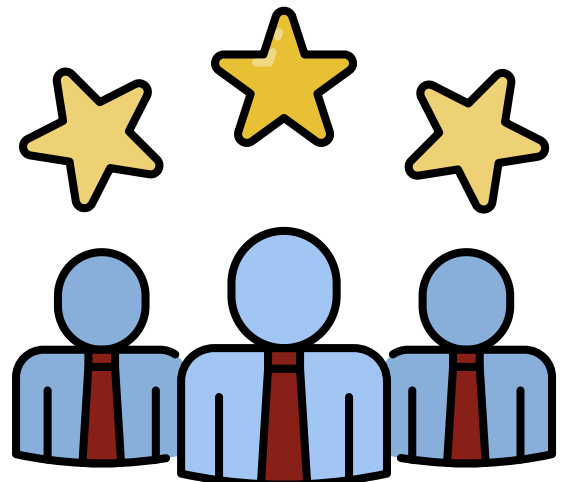
APRIL 2024

This certificate recognises the contribution of
YASH AGRAWAL PFM 18-20



If there is one structure that pulls us together, it is the iconic Tanki at IIFM. More than anything, it vividly and even poignantly represents the times we spent on the Hill. So when it was time to create a logo that would connect the alumni to each other and the Institute, it is not surprising that the AA-BOG in 2020 chose the logo designed by Yash Agrawal . Yash, who is passionate about photography and graphic design, is the alum of the month for his enduring contribution in helping us keep IIFM in our hearts through this striking yet simple design. More about Yash will be featured in the next issue of Alma Matter. The AA wishes Yash all the very best for his professional and other creative pursuits.

PRESIDENT





APPEAL



Emergency Support Fund (ESF)

The IIFM Alumni Association (AA) is proposing the ESF to help IIFM Alumni in the times of distress.

Scope of Financial Support:

Financial help will be extended to the AA members in the following situation:

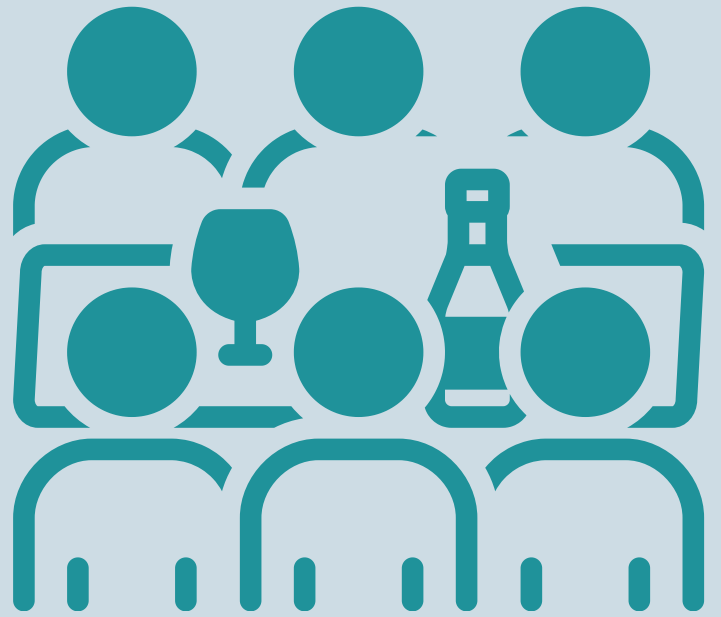
- AA member facing prolonged/ critical illness, rendering them unable to work
- AA member who has/had a major accident
- AA member who is facing permanent disability.

Support Us

Dear Alumni, thank you for all your open hearted engagement and support to various calls for financial contributions that we made. This has gone a long way in building up the AA and we find ourselves in a reasonable position. However, as you are well aware, finances are required constantly. We request you to contribute generously to the AA. The bank details and QR code is given here.



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CHAPTER MEETS





KOLKATA

Vipin Tiwari (PFM 2010-12 - HDFC Bank), Deepanjan Kundu (PFM 2011-13 - HDB Financial Services), Rajesh Mahalingam (PSM 2020-22 - Hindalco), Paramita Saha (PFM 2010-12 - Deloitte), Morchan Karthik (PFM 2010-12 - Udaiti Foundation), Spandan (PGDFM 2023-25), Prithviraj (PGDFM 2023-25), Rapti (PGDFM 2023-25), Satabdi (PGDSM 2023-25) & Souvik (PGDFM 2023-25). **DATE: 20.04.2024**



LUCKNOW

Komal Jaiswal (PGDFM 2023-25), Nitin Yadav (PGDSM 2023-25), Shivam Singh (PGDFM 2023-25), Utkarsh Shukla (PFM 2020-22-BRLPS), Akanksha Singh (PGDSM 2023-25), Aishwarya Gupta (PFM 2019-21-Deloitte), Nitesh Singh (PFM 2018-20-CEEW), Shree Kant Kumar (PFM 2005-07-Transform Rural India), Ashwini Yelne (PFM 2012-14-Deloitte), Shivangi Mishra (PGDFM 2023-25), Shweta Sharma (PGDSM 2023-25), Prince Sant (PGDSM 2023-25). **DATE: 27.04.2024**



MUMBAI

From the left (through the back row): Ankit Gupta - IndusInd Bank (PFM 2012-14), Siddartha Make - KPMG (PFM 2012-14), Manu Murali -Crescendo Finserv (PFM 2021-23), Arnab Tripathi - IDFC first Bank (PFM 2020-22), Shubham Tyagi - L&T Finance (PFM 2020-22), Aravind Linglala (PFM 2023-25), Shubham Singh - JP Morgan Chase (PFM 2019-21), Shaon Roy- Jay FineChem (PFM 2019-21), Chinmay Ranawade (PFM 2023-25), Ashutosh Kumar (PSM 2023-25), Saptarshi Sarkar (PSM 2023-25), Rachit Sharma - ISS ESG (PFM 2021).

Front row, from the Left:

Amit Satanker (PSM 2023-25), Kajal Soni (PSM 2023-25), Radhika Naik (PFM 2023-25), Pratiksha (PFM 2020-22), Pratibha Shakya - Jai Kishan (PFM 2022), Hazel Dhir (PSM 2023-25).

DATE: 04.05.2024



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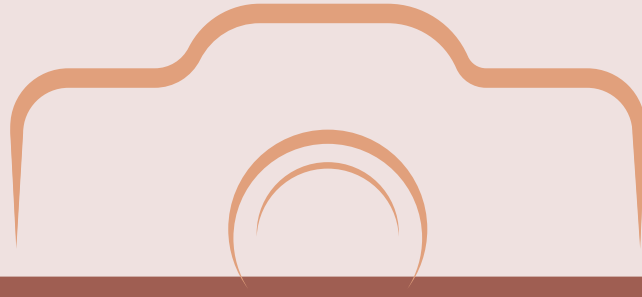
Jane Goodall: A Beacon of Hope for Conservation and Humanity

Jane Goodall is a pioneering primatologist and conservationist whose work has reshaped our understanding of wildlife and our responsibility towards the natural world. Her journey began in 1960 when she ventured into the forests of Tanzania to study chimpanzees, breaking ground by observing their complex social behaviors and tool-making abilities. This research challenged prevailing scientific notions and paved the way for a deeper appreciation of the intelligence and emotions of non-human animals.

Throughout her career, Goodall has been a tireless advocate for environmental conservation and animal welfare. Her quote, "Every individual matters. Every individual has a role to play. Every individual makes a difference," encapsulates her belief in the power of individual actions to drive positive change.

Goodall's achievements are numerous, including the establishment of the Jane Goodall Institute, which focuses on wildlife research, conservation, and community development. She has also been a UN Messenger of Peace, a UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador, and has received countless awards for her contributions to science and conservation.

Jane Goodall's life and work inspire us to think critically about our relationship with nature and to take meaningful action to protect the planet for future generations.



PHOTOGRAPH OF THE MONTH





“Tranquility beneath the immortal time stone”

***Photo by-
Devashree Ghosh FM'25***




MASTERCLASS FOR ALUMNI



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PRESENTS MASTERCLASS**

CAPACITY BUILDING FOR ALUMNI

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Climate Action & Justice


**Prakash Kashwan, Associate Professor of
Environmental Studies, Brandeis University**

Dr. Prakash Kashwan is an Associate Professor of Environmental Studies at Brandeis University. He is also the Chair of the Environmental Justice concentration in the Master of Public Policy (MPP) program at the Heller School of Social Policy and Management. His teaching, research, and scholarship focus on the intersections of environment, development, and socioeconomic and political dimensions of global environmental and climate change. He is the author of *Democracy in the Woods: Environmental Conservation and Social Justice in India, Tanzania, and Mexico* (Oxford University Press 2017), which has been reviewed extensively in scholarly journals and popular media. He is the Editor of *Climate Justice in India* (Cambridge University Press 2022), one of the Editors of the journal *Environmental Politics* (Taylor & Francis), and the Chair of the Environmental Studies Section (ESS) of the International Studies Association (ISA). He has been a member of the expert group convened by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) for the Scoping of the Assessment of Transformative Change and options for achieving the 2050 vision for biodiversity.

Moderator: Prabhat Upadhyaya PFM 2006

Prabhat has been working on climate policy, governance and institutions since 2006. He has worked in think tanks, academia and NGOs across three continents. Most recently he served as Senior Policy Specialist on Climate and Energy with India's G-20 Secretariat at the Ministry of External Affairs, Col. He will soon be starting an advisor with the African Climate Foundation. He holds a PhD from Linkoping University, Sweden and is a Humboldt Fellow.

**28 April 2024
5.30 PM IST**



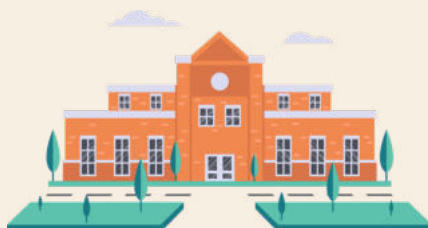
Dr. Prakash Kashwan, Associate Professor of Environmental Studies at Brandeis University, US (PFM 1997–99) gave a Masterclass on Climate Action and Climate Justice on 28th April 2024. He highlighted that an obsession/excessive focus on international climate justice is undermining our ability to address Climate Justice domestically. As a result, domestic responses to climate change in national jurisdiction are leading to new forms of climate injustices.

Drawing on the case studies from his recently edited book 'Climate Justice in India' (Cambridge University Press 2022) he argued that 'Poverty is not the biggest polluter, Inequality is!' This conceptual nuance is missing in both climate advocacy and climate policy, creating blind spots in pursuit of Climate Justice.

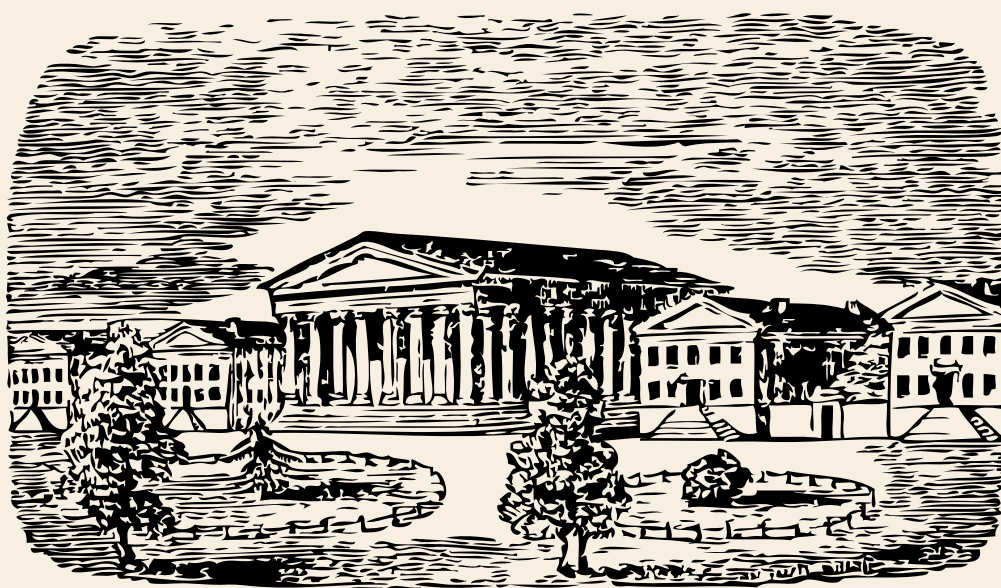
He also critiqued the tendency to present every climate action as a financial/business opportunity and cautioned that this is making public goods delivery contingent on the ability to generate profits. This then creates the grounds for undermining state capacity and increases dependency on private actors to deliver public goods (case in point: increasing sales of air and water purifiers, private solutions to public goods problems). He used the case of voluntary carbon offsets to highlight the limitation of market-based approaches to pursue effective climate action and justice.

Through his talk, Dr Kashwan invited IIFMights to rethink the relationship between power and institutions for safeguarding climate justice. Climate Justice in India is available https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/18tPgS86N9wvg4WdTs3kZj291HB4I_fjX/edit?usp=drivesdk&oid=103704325277076374924&rtpof=true&sd=true

-Dr Prabhat Upadhyaya (PFM 2004-06)



ALUMNI IN CAMPUS





Dharmendra Daukia (PFM 1989–91) at IIFM Kurseong Campus

Newsletter Team-

Kallol Mandal, Nikhil Mathur, Avinash Kumar, Amrita Bhamra, Spandan Chattopadhyay, Ashapurna Adhikari, Mudita Shukla, Sumedha Mondal, Kajal Soni, Navya Singh.

