

ALMA MATTERS



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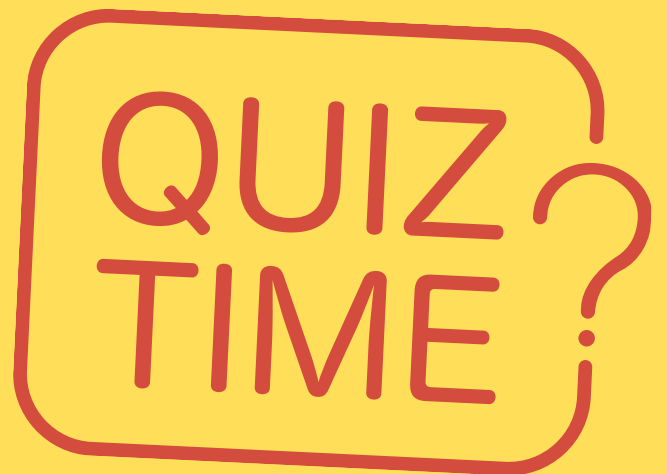
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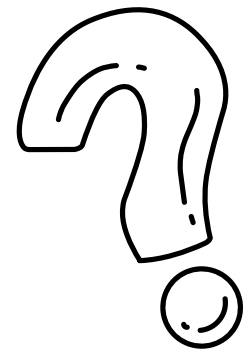
Number of members	1691 <small>(As on September, 2024)</small>
Total Alumni Count <small>(approx.)</small>	2100
Number of Batches	34
LinkedIn Followers	1216
X(Twitter) Followers	209
Instagram Followers	684
Facebook (IIFM Alumni Endowment Fund) members	728





QUIZ OF THE MONTH





QUESTION FOR SEPTEMBER:

1. Which city in India has maximum number of alumni?
2. Which city outside India has maximum number of alumni?



Previous edition question: How CAFE Kurseong is related to IIFM?

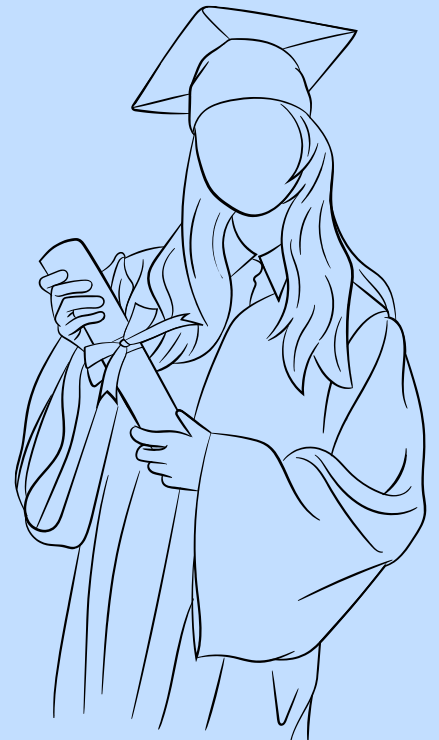
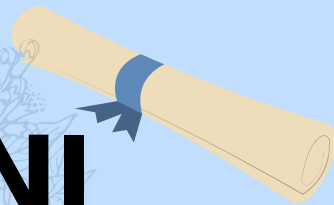


Answer to the Quiz question of August:

The Central Academy of Forest Education, Kurseong (CAFE Kurseong) was transferred to IIFM Bhopal on 05.03.2024



ALUMNI IN NEWS





AA President Sandeep Chakravorty (PFM 1989-91) with the Honourable President of India

Sandeep Chakravorty is Ambassador of India to the Republic of Indonesia has been concurrently accredited as the next Ambassador of India to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste.

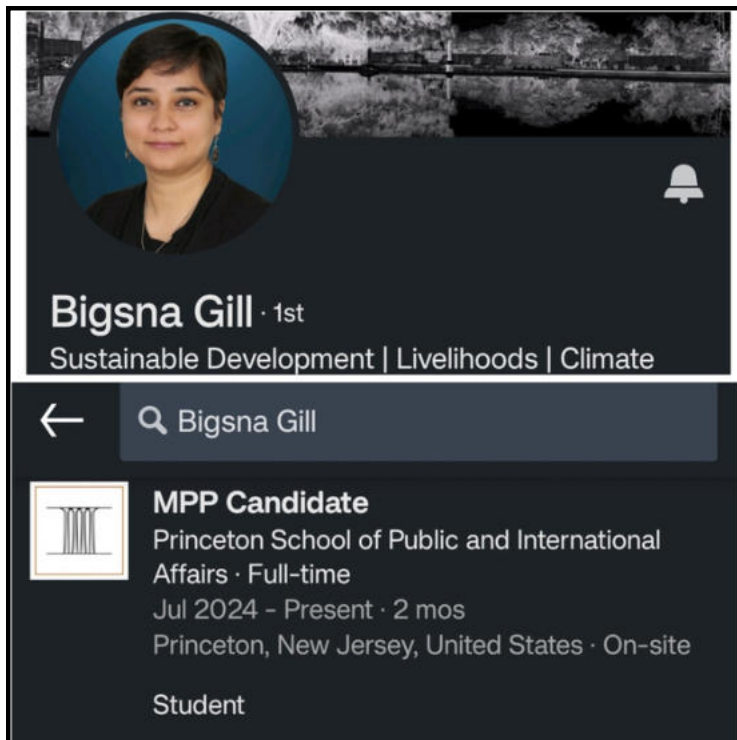


Suvendu Pati (PFM 1991-1993), CGM heading the FinTech Department at RBI's Central Office, Mumbai.





Neha Pahuja (PFM 2006–08) recently joined BOEING
She has joined BOEING as Senior Sustainability Lead for Boeing's Global Sustainability Policy & Partnerships.



Bigsna Gill (PFM 2005–07) got selected for the course of Master of Public Policy (MPP) at Princeton University, US

This course has only 20 seats and is one of the sought after programs in its domain.



Ravi Gupta (PFM 1989-91) interview on CNBC

Executive Director, Shree Renuka Sugars Limited; Non Executive Director, Wilmar Sugars India Private Limited

https://www.linkedin.com/posts/ravipaulgupta_cnbc-awaaz-in-an-exclusive-interaction-activity-7224492587259195393-_W4g?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_android



Sasidhar Thumuluri (PFM 1997-99, MD & CEO Sub-K; Chair Emeritus BCFI IIFM; Princeton University; Stanford Seed) speaker at Global Fintech Fest at Mumbai





Meet at MP chapter of India Rural Colloquy
L to R: Ankita (PFM 2017-19), Prof. Amitabh Pandey, Ranu Singh (PFM 2015-17)



At TRI India Rural Colloquy
L to R: Sakshi Grover, (PFM 2006-08) and Vivek Kumar Mishra (MRM 2003-04).



At NCR

L to R: Arjun Verma, Sreyamsa Bairiganjan, Dr. Varun, Gitesh Gunjan (PFM 2006-08)

At the CEO Conclave for Economic Inclusion organised by MoRD and The Nudge Institute.

L to R: Alice Lakra (PFM 1997-99), Bishnu Parida (MRM 2004-05)



At Global Fintech Fest(GFF)- Mumbai

L to R: Vishwanath Divya (PFM 2003-05), Sheikh Parvej (PFM 2011-13)



At Bhubaneshwar

L to R: Gokul Gopal Iyer (PGDFM 2022-24) and Amit Vatsyayan (PFM 1999-01)

At Delhi

L to R: Bharati Joshi (PFM 1996-98),
Amit Vatsyayan (PFM 1999-01),
Alice Lakra (PFM 1997-99)



At Global Fintech Fest(GFF)- Mumbai

L to R: Kapil Patil(PGDFM 2013-15)
Suvendu Pati (PFM 1991-93)



At Susma Swaraj Bhawan, New Delhi during National Workshop on FNHW

L to R: Indrajit Chaudhury (PFM 2000-02), Amit Vatsyayan (PFM 1999-01), Bishnu C Parida (MRM 2004-05).



Meeting at School of Forestry at Northern Arizona

L to R: Alark Saxena (PFM 2001-03), Rajaram Sankaran (PFM 1998-00), Vaibhav (Rajaram's son).



At NITTTR- Bhopal

L to R: Sital Routray (PGDFM 2023-25), Aman Nikhar (PGDFM 2022-24), Mradul Choubey (PGDFM 2010-12), Vivek Kumar Misra (PGDFM 2003-04), Rajeev Singh (PGDFM 2023-25), Kallol Mandal (PFM 2006-08).



In Coimbatore: Forest Plus 3.0 Workshop

Theme: Technology Innovations to improve Forest Management

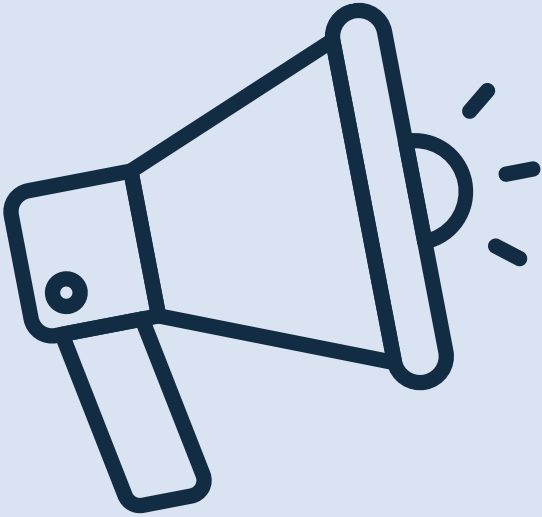
L to R: Ayushi Pandey (PGDFM 2022-24), Kiran (PFM 2010-12), Shri Sankari VM (2022-24), Ashish Raj (PFM 1997-99), Aatish Khan (PFM 2007-09), Saravana Kumar (PFM 2013-15), Nishant Jain (PFM 2013-15).



Bhopal welcomes back Prof. BP Pethiya

Prof. BP Pethiya recently welcomed a visit at his home in Bhopal, where he graciously took time out of his schedule to meet Yogesh (PFM 2018-20) and Kallol (PFM 2006-08). Having shifted back to Bhopal, Prof. Pethiya extended an open invitation to IIFM alumni for future chit-chat sessions, emphasizing his ongoing connection with the academic community.

His inspiring journey, details his career progression from Jabalpur to IIM Ahmedabad, where he made significant contributions. As one of the founding faculty members at IRMA, he laid down a strong foundation for future academic endeavors. His career further advanced with leadership roles, including Director at IIFM and IMS Ghaziabad, Director at DOON Business School, and Vice Chancellor at RNTU.



IIFM IN NEWS





39th Annual General Meeting of IIFM

Mr Bhupender Yadav, Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change chaired the 39th Annual General Meeting of Indian Institute of Forest Management in Delhi.

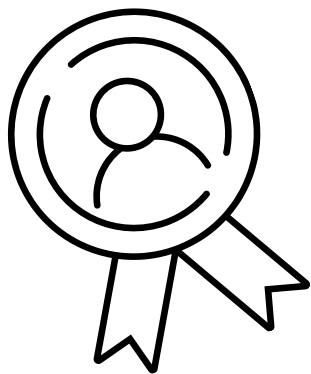
He acknowledged the contributions made by the institute in academic, research and training areas. Comprehensive discussions were held over strengthening the institution to meet the growing needs for managerial human resources in the area of forest, environment, natural resources management, climate change and allied sectors.

Additionally, the Extraordinary General Body Meeting [EGBM] of Alumni Association was conducted on 4th August 2024.



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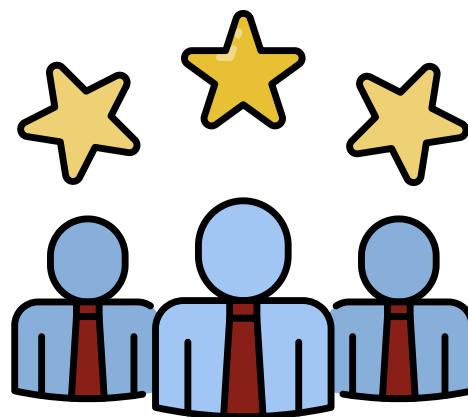
AUGUST 2024

This certificate recognises the contribution of
SYED TARIQUE ALAM (PFM 05-07)



The AA is delighted to announce Syed Tarique Alam, PFM 2007, as the Alumni of the month. He joined ICICI Bank from campus and has remained with the organisation ever since and grown into a senior function now. This is a testament to his abilities, patience and tenacity! But what is even more remarkable is his connect and commitment to IIFM. He has been visiting the Institute every year, consistently, on 15th August, since the year he passed out - 17 years now, except one year due to a personal tragedy!!! Rishi Prakash, equally consistently, and some of his other batchmates often join him for this visit. They participate in flag hoisting, meet students, faculty and refresh their memories. This year was no exception. We celebrate Tarique's bond with IIFM and hope that he inspires other alumni to follow suit..

PRESIDENT





CAMPUS THIS MONTH





IIFM celebrates the Independence Day

IIFM displayed a spirit of culture and social responsibility on Independence Day. The cultural performances, comprising of classical & folk dances, singing, and poetry, set the stage on fire. The dramas on the themes 'the valiant take of Kittur Rani Chennamma' and 'the riveting story of the Alipore Bomb Case' evoked a sense of pride. The football and basketball matches set the spirits high. The blood donation camp witnessed a huge turnout of IIFMights.



Three Day Training program on Science and Art of River Rejuvenation through Forestry

IIFM conducted a two-day 'training program on Science and Art of River Rejuvenation through Forestry'. The program was inaugurated on 28th August, and 39 participants from diverse backgrounds participated in it. Several expert academicians addressed the participants about the theoretical nuances of river rejuvenation. A one-day field visit to Mahadev Pani was also a part of the program to expose the participants to practical aspects of riparian landscape restoration, hydrological services of riparian forest, and community participation in riparian forest management.

IIFM comes alive with vibrant festivities of Janmashtami

The day began with heartfelt prayers, followed by a mesmerizing dance presentation. The highlight was the Matki Phod competition, where participants formed human pyramids, striving to break the pot suspended high above. Despite tumbles and falls, their enthusiasm remained unshaken. The celebration concluded with everyone dancing in the mud to the beats of the DJ, capturing the spirit of unity and joy that Janmashtami embodies. The event was a perfect blend of devotion, fun, and camaraderie.





Raksha Bandhan: A Bond Beyond Family at IIFM

At IIFM, Raksha Bandhan was celebrated with warmth and solidarity, turning the residential campus into a home away from home. While away from the families, students shared the festive spirit with friends, creating cherished memories. A special initiative by the mess committee made the day even more meaningful, as they organized a heartfelt Rakhi ceremony, tying rakhis to the mess staff and security guards, honoring their dedication and care. The celebration beautifully embodied the spirit of togetherness and gratitude.



Career Development and Entrepreneurship for Forest Rangers from Chandrapur Forest Academy at IIFM, Bhopal

Forest Rangers from the Chandrapur Forest Academy of Administration, Development, and Management have developed sustainable forest management, equipping rangers with skills to lead Joint Forest Management (JFM) committees. Ground rules for these committees included transparency, community involvement, and equitable benefit sharing. Additionally, forest rangers were trained in entrepreneurial initiatives that align with conservation goals, fostering eco-friendly enterprises.

IIFM Bhopal Hosts Training on Mission LIFE 2022-28

IIFM organized a three-day training program on Mission LIFE 2022-28, examining the evolution of support roles from the Ramayana era to the present. The event, inaugurated by Shri Satyanand Das, PCCF (Finance & Budget), and Dr. K. Ravichandran, Director of IIFM, featured diverse participants and technical sessions on topics like water resource history, women empowerment, and sustainable farming. s.





IIFM Hosts Dynamic Training on Ecosystem Solutions and Green Credits

IIFM organized a three-day training programme, graced by our very own Director, Dr. K. Ravichandran, on "Ecosystem-based Solutions and Green Credits". 47 individuals from diverse backgrounds such as researchers, managers, scholar's, environment engineers participated in this event. Experts shared their views on vital topics including economic perspectives of ecosystem services, ecosystem solutions for climate change adaption, comparative analysis of green credit programs internationally. Additional sessions covered perspectives on ecosystem-based solutions for sustainable development, and market based financial innovation as means of encouraging sustainable behavior.

IIFM Celebrates National Space Day with Workshop on Space Technology

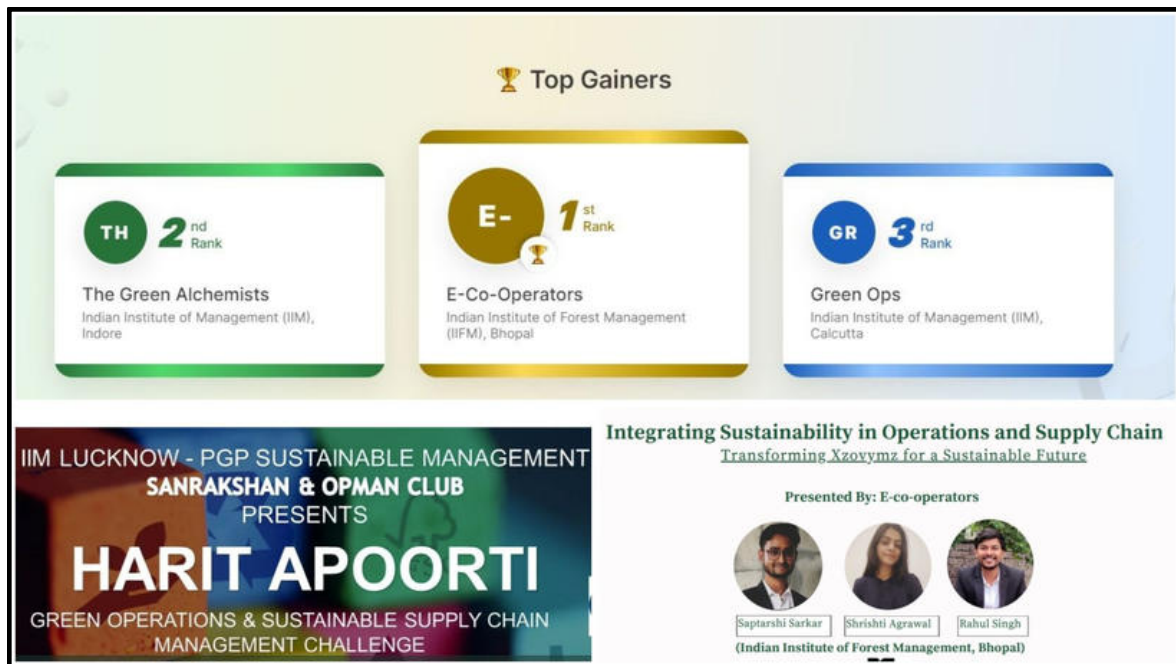
In collaboration with MoEF&CC, the IIFM hosted a two-day National Workshop on "Application of Space Technology in Forest and Wildlife Management" The event featured prominent speakers, including Shri AK Mohanty, ADG (FC), and Dr. K. Srinivas from ISRO, who discussed the integration of satellite imagery, remote sensing, and GIS in conservation.. delegates from 14 states and UTs explored how space technology can address challenges in forest management, with practical applications for fire management, wildlife tracking, and protected area monitoring.





**CAMPUS
NEWS**





Celebrating Excellence: Team E-co-operators triumphs in the National Case Study Competition on Green Operations at IIM Lucknow's Harit Apoorti 2024

The student team, E-co-operators, consisting of Shrishti Agrawal, Saptarshi Sarkar, and Rahul Singh (PGDSM'25) has emerged victorious in the National Final of the Case Study Competition on "Green Operations and Supply Chain Management: Harit Apoorti," organized by Sanrakshan 2024 at the Indian Institute of Management Lucknow. This outstanding achievement reflects our students' dedication, perseverance, and collaborative spirit. Despite the challenges of balancing academic commitments with the competition, the team distinguished themselves by showcasing exceptional teamwork and creativity, securing their place as champions among the top competing teams.



Runner up of the Sustainathon 2024, an overnight hackathon, case study competition organized by Thapar University, Patiala Punjab under their annual entrepreneur event Aarambh. L to R: Rahul Singh, Hazel Dhir, Shrishti Agrawal and Saptarshi Sarkar (PGDSM'25).



Aakash Bajpai (PFM 2024-26; and member of the 'Alma Matters' team) got his article about Panchmarhi trip during IIFM's orientation period featured in The Hindu. This is Aakash's 18th article published in the nationally acclaimed newspaper.

Link to the article: <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/open-page/a-trip-to-panchmarhi/article68537853.ece>



ALUMNI IN CAMPUS





The Story and Spirit behind the New Club at IIFM – SANKALP

Last year, in 2023 looking at the massive applications of the students for the membership of different Clubs of IIFM, a student of the Batch of 22-24 thought of diverting the positive energy of so many students towards a good cause.

He coined the idea of forming a New Club named SANKALP, a community outreach program. SANKALP members conducted Blood Donation campaigns and visited Old Age Homes to spend time with the elders and many more positive things. This club brought together like-minded people together for a common cause.

L to R: Don Mani Paul (PGDFM 2022-24), Tariq (PFM 2005-07)



L to R : Batch 2022-24 – Don Mani Paul (CEEW), Derick Suraj (CIFOR), Gini Elizabeth (EY), Amisha Verma (Deloitte), Priya Wali (TERI), Aditi Dusane (ReNeW), Ritwik Mondal (Dharma Life), Gourishankar Mahato (CIFOR), Ayush Rajput (HDFC), Vinati Sirkeck (CIFOR), Vishesh Purswani (CIFOR) during their 15th August IIFM trip.



Reunion of IIFMights

L to R: Sanjay Bala, (PFM 2001-03), Prof Manmohan Yadav, Shailesh Kumar (PFM 2001-03)

IIFM Reunion

L to R: Prof. Yogesh Dubey, Shailesh Kumar (PFM 2001-03)



Reminiscing in the Mess

Chandu Bhaiya with Ex-Mess Secretary 2005, Tariq (PFM-2005-07)



The Chance to attend Manmohan Sir's extra class!

L to R: Vartika Shukla, (PGDFM 2007-09), Son of Vartika Ma'am and Deepak Sir, Deepak Goswami (PGDFM 2007-09), Manmohan Sir, Nimmala Mohan Reddy (PGDFM 2007-09)

1st Visit and 1st Impression

1st visit of Ivan, son of IIFM couple Vartika Shukla and Deepak Goswami to IIFM.

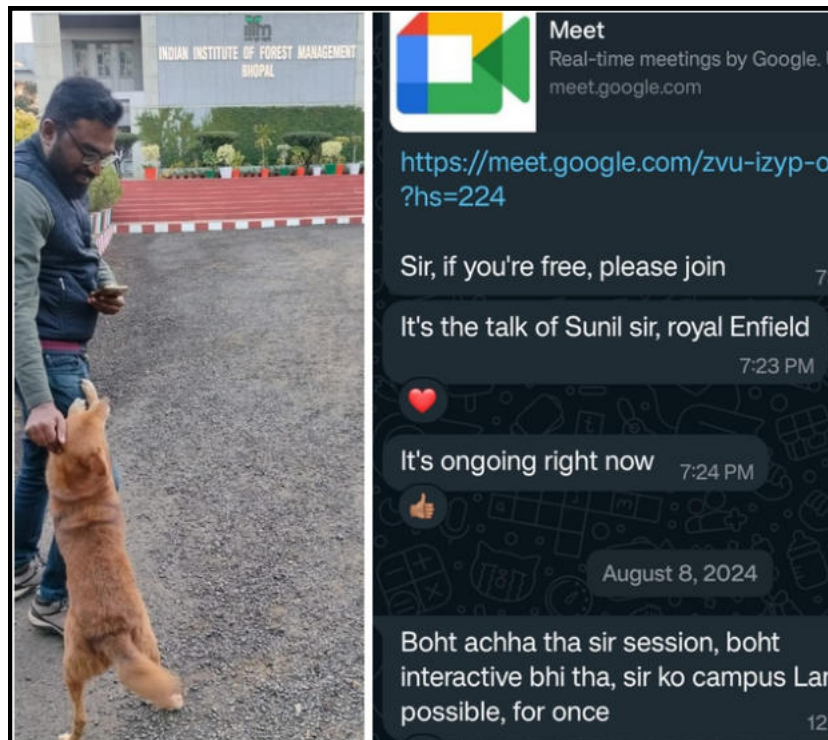
L to R: Nimmala Mohan Reddy (PFM 2007-09), Saurabh Singh (PFM 2007-09) Vartika Shukla, (PFM 2007-09), Ivan, son of Ms Vartika and Mr Deepak, Deepak Goswami (PFM 2007-09)



A Dream Come True

Binay Shankar (PFM 2005-07) visited IIFM for the first time in almost 17yrs with his son, Yash.

Yash was able to reconnect the dots. of the numerous IIFM stories that he grew up with.



Sunil Rajagopal (PFM 2006-08), who is currently heading the Sustainability Division of Royal Enfield was approached by IIFM current students for a TALK on Sustainability as part of SUSTINERI series. The screenshot is a testament to the amazing session by him.

Sunil is an avid photographer & Bird watcher. A poet and a published author, he also gets regularly published in The HINDU.

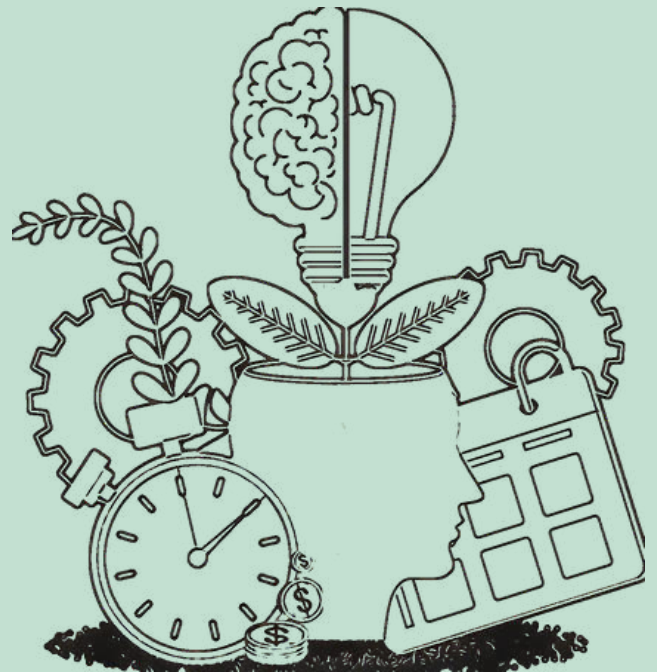


The 15th Aug Trip of Batch 2005-07

L to R: Syed Tarique Alam, Rishi Prakash, Shree Kant Kumar, Binay Shankar (PFM 2005-07)



KNOWLEDGE CORNER

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Monkombu Sambasivan Swaminathan: Father of India's Green Revolution

M. S. Swaminathan was born on August 7, 1925, in Kumbakonam, Tamil Nadu, India. An agricultural scientist, plant geneticist, agronomist, administrator, and humanitarian, he is best known for his significant role in India's "Green Revolution." This initiative involved planting high-yield varieties of wheat and rice seedlings in the fields of small-scale farmers to boost agricultural productivity.

He played a key role in introducing Mexican semidwarf wheat varieties to Indian agriculture and promoting the adoption of modern farming techniques. He served as the director-general of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research from 1972 to 1979 and held the position of principal secretary in the Indian Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation from 1979 to 1980. He was also the director-general of the International Rice Research Institute between 1982 and 1988 and served as president of the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources from 1984 to 1990.



'जीवनसाथी की नज़रों से' SPOUSE SPEAKS



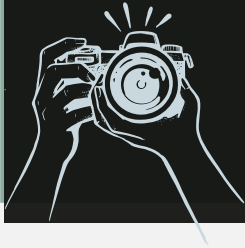


Shardul and I both attended IIFM and were in different sections. We first crossed paths after a few weeks into the first term during the Independence Day cultural event practice sessions as members of the cultural club, Umang. From the start, our connection felt special—Shardul, like me, had chosen IIFM as his top and only choice for its unique curriculum and what it offered for its students. Our friendship began with casual conversations on campus, but it deepened eventually as we navigated the rigors and joys of our IIFM journey together. IIFM wasn't just where we earned our management degrees; it's where we truly grew, both personally and professionally. The lush green campus, the late-night full-house study sessions/ case study preparations in the computer centre (fondly known as CC), and the camaraderie during those 11:59 PM assignment submissions- all contributed to shaping us into who we are today. Whether it was enjoying cheese maggi in the cafeteria near CC, birdwatching on campus, or pulling all-nighters for cultural events preparations, every moment was precious and meaningful. Our bond, much like our experiences at IIFM, flourished over those two years. Our journey together is a testament to the power of shared experiences and the enduring connections formed at IIFM. We owe a great deal of who we are today to the institute, our teachers, and the lifelong friendships we made on that beautiful campus. For that, we will always be grateful to IIFM, our dearest campus on the hilltop!

- **Unnimaya Raj & Shardul Mandloi (PGDFM 2018-20)**



PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE MONTH





“The Vibrancy of IIFM’s Janmashtami”

Photo by- Zesldan Angmo (PGDSM’26)



***“Vintage arm-rest that lay witness to many roots
that evolved into canopies”***

Photo by - Daksh Mohan Singh Rawat (PGDSM'25)



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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