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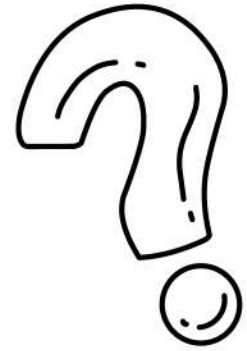


Number of members	1691 (As on November, 2024)
Total Alumni Count (approx.)	2100
Number of Batches	34
LinkedIn Followers	1265
X(Twitter) Followers	281
Instagram Followers	715
Facebook (IIFM Alumni Endowment Fund) members	731



QUIZ OF THE MONTH





QUESTION FOR NOVEMBER:

The architecture of IIFM campus is inspired by which historical town?



Previous edition question:

How many editions of "ALMA MATTERS" have been published so far ?

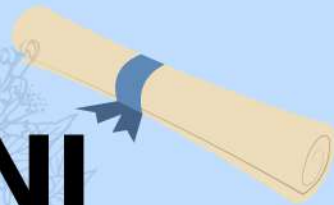


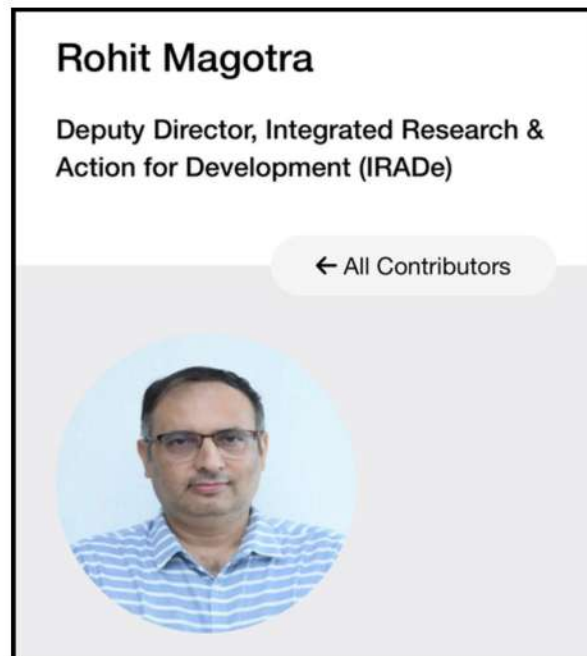
Answer to the Quiz question of October:

19 editions



ALUMNI IN NEWS





Interview of Rohit Magotra (PFM 2000), Deputy Director, Integrated Research & Action for Development (IRADe), he discusses the critical challenges posed by India's intensifying heatwaves.



Akanksha Tiwari (PFM 2011 & Currently CEO of Aurangabad Cantt Board), Sumit Banerjee (PFM 2012 & at present Phd scholar at IIM, Trichy) collaborated and co-authored along with few others others for "A Case study of project at Cantt Board Varanasi"

The Case Study and Teaching Note are published by Ivey Publishing.



A Keynote speech by Siddhartha Das (PFM 2004) presently Regional Coordinator for Asia & Pacific, Sanitation and Water for All a UNICEF hosted global partnership, on day 3 of the South Asian Conclave on Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH), jointly organized by FANSA India(Freshwater Action Network South Asia) and Vishwa Yuvak Kendra



Samarth Jaiswal (PFM 2024) at the 1st Chhattisgarh Green Summit, he presented his research work titled: "Economic Valuation of Eco-Tourism in Van Vihar National Park, Bhopal" at the 1st Chhattisgarh Green Summit, held from 3rd to 5th October 2024.



Neelima Mishra (PFM 2011-13) featured in The New York Times cover page (Row 3, 1st from left) with other incredible and inspiring women changemakers in the climate space.

Thanks to the Women Climate Collective, Purpose and @Fondation Loreal

<https://www.nytimes.com/paidpost/loreal-fondation/empowering-female-led-climate-action.html>

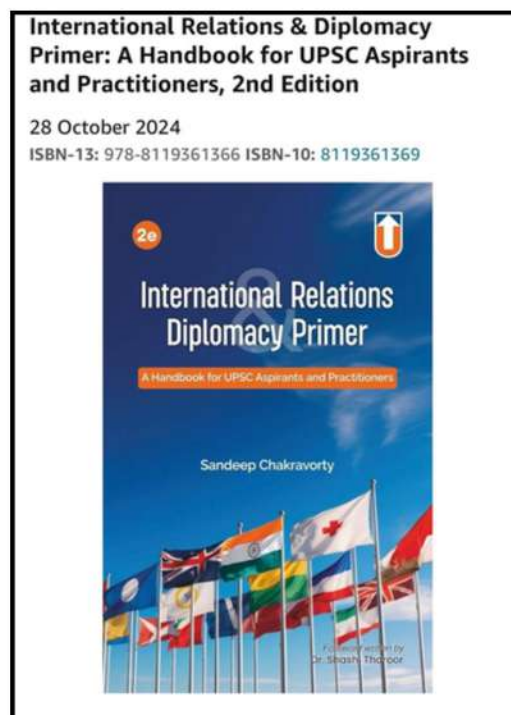


Blog of Sandeep Chakravorty (PFM 1989-91)

<https://sandiplomat.blogspot.com/2024/10/jaba-jakarta-biryani-association.html>



Paramjyoti Chattopadhyay (PFM 2004–06), presently heading the Research, Assessment & Monitoring of UN- World Food Programme, was one of the speakers at Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) Kolkata's Annual Business Summit on Leadership Resilience and Public Policy



Book by Sandeep Chakravorty (PFM 1989–91)

<https://www.amazon.in/dp/8119361369>



The launch workshop of the Future Farmers Initiative, a collaboration between IORA and Dalberg!

In the picture: Dr. Madhu Verma (Ex-Professor IIFM & presently with IORA), Jagjeet Sareen, (PFM 2005, Partner at Dalberg), Aditya Vijay Pratap Singh (PFM 2000, CEO Ekgaon), & Charu Tiwari (PFM 2016 & presently with IORA)

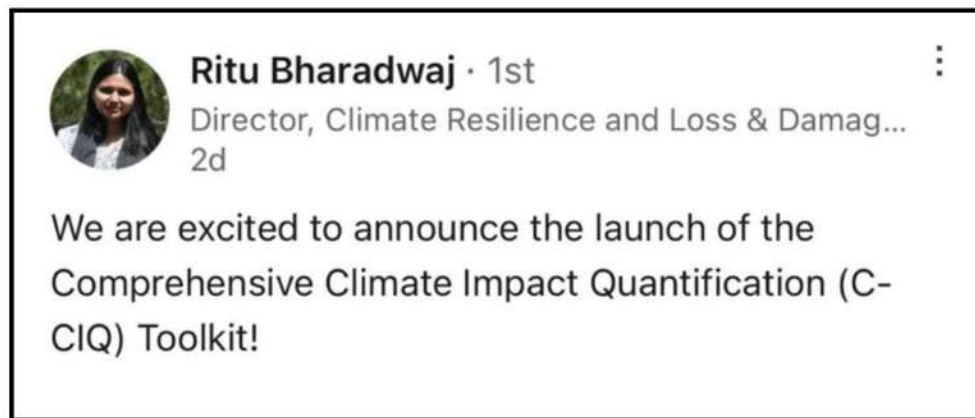




ProsParity, an EV financing Start-up by the IIFMight founders Anirudh and Saurabh (PFM 2015) opened their first Regional office in Bhopal.



Ashok (MRM 2002) completed his first Ironman 70.3 event in Goa



Ritu Bhardwaj (PFM 2000) on launch of C-CIQ Toolkit

The Comprehensive Climate Impact Quantification (C-CIQ) toolkit is a framework designed to assess and address the wide-ranging impacts of climate change. It provides a way to understand both economic and non-economic losses and damages (L&D), making it a versatile tool for climate risk management, particularly at the community level. Unlike traditional tools that focus primarily on financial damages—like lost income or damaged infrastructure—the C-CIQ toolkit digs deeper. It recognises that losses can be intangible, like the erosion of cultural heritage, social cohesion, or mental well-being, which are just as important in the broader picture of climate resilience.



At its core, the C-CIQ toolkit integrates **community voices**. Rather than treating local populations as passive recipients of climate interventions, the toolkit actively involves them. The people who live through these climate events often have the most valuable insights, and this toolkit harnesses their knowledge through participatory assessments. This makes it possible to tailor solutions that are culturally appropriate and genuinely responsive to local needs. For example, a fishing community that has lost its traditional practices due to rising sea levels will need a very different response than a farming community dealing with drought.

The toolkit also excels in its **multidimensional assessment** approach. Climate change doesn't impact everyone or every place in the same way, so a one-size-fits-all solution won't work. The C-CIQ toolkit considers various dimensions like **temporality** (how climate impacts unfold over time), **spatiality** (where and how these impacts occur), and the **tangibility** of the losses (whether they're physical or more abstract). By evaluating these factors, the toolkit provides a fuller picture of both immediate and long-term consequences. This enables more strategic decision-making, not just for short-term relief but also for long-term adaptation and resilience building.

One of the toolkit's key strengths is its ability to **quantify non-economic losses** –something that's often overlooked in climate impact assessments. How do you put a value on the loss of biodiversity, the breakdown of community networks, or the psychological toll of displacement? These are tough questions, but the C-CIQ tackles them by using innovative, **index-based valuation methods**. These indices are simple to calculate and interpret, which makes them useful for policymakers, researchers, and development practitioners alike. For example, if a coastal village loses a culturally significant site due to rising sea levels, the toolkit can quantify the impact, providing data that can guide future support and funding efforts.

The C-CIQ also provides a way to **assess the effectiveness of existing adaptation strategies**. Communities are already adapting to climate risks, but not all strategies work equally well, and some even fail to prevent long-term losses. By measuring how well a community's existing systems cope with climate-related events, the toolkit helps identify gaps and areas where more support is needed. This makes it easier for governments and NGOs to step in with more effective solutions, whether it's strengthening early-warning systems, improving disaster preparedness, or offering financial mechanisms like climate insurance. **Policymakers** can use the toolkit to develop more responsive, data-driven policies. It provides a clear, evidence-based picture of how climate impacts are unfolding across different regions and populations.

Find the toolkit at this link: <https://www.iied.org/22491iied>





Alumni meet PFM 1991-93 batch:

L to R: L to R: Debashish Mishra, Varun Singh, Puneet Budhiraja, Sushant Sharma and Ravi Vishwas - at Varun Singh's house in Gurgaon.



IIFM Alumni get together at EY Bhopal

L to R: Prakriti Pandey (PFM 2018-20), Mradul Choubey (PFM 2010-12), Sunil Sai (FPM 2016-20), Richa Singh (PFM 2009-11), Ankit Pingle (PFM 2015-17), Aditya Sharma (PFM 2016-18), Mihir Anand (M.Phil 2018-19),
Missing in the pic- Yogesh



Jakarta Alumni get-together hosted by Swati Mehta and her husband Piyush. The five alumni in Jakarta from different batches meet regularly. This meet was at the German Unity Day reception, they met as Piyush works for GIZ.

L to R: Vikas Chowdhary - (PFM 1996-98) left hand side of Sandeep Chakravorty (PFM 1989-91), after Vikas is Sridhar Reddy (PFM 1995-97), sitting on the edge of sofa with Taruna is Swati Mehta (PFM 2006-08), next to Swati is Sonia Bakshi Sud (PFM 1998-00)



At Sehore, Madhya Pradesh

L to R: Kunal Sharma (PFM 2018-20), working with Micro Save and Nikhil Mathur (PFM 1998-00), Theme Lead- Water, Azim Premji Foundation



At Jaipur

L to R: Dheeraj (PFM 2016-18),
Anirudha (PFM 2017-19),
Dharmendra (PFM 1989-91),
Amit Bajaj (PFM 2004-06),
Archiesman (PFM 2018-20)

At Delhi

L to R: Ravi Vishwas (PFM 1991-93)
Vivek (MRM 2004)



At The Oberoi, Gurugram

L to R: Mayank Chaturvedi (PFM 2005-07),
Prabhat Labh (PFM 1994-96)





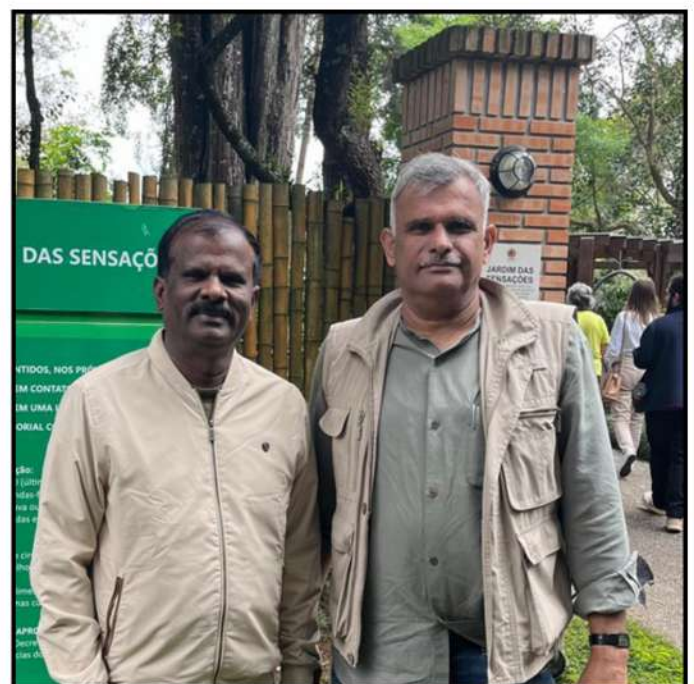
Small Diwali reunion at BRLPS (JEEViKA) office, Bihar.

L to R Abhishek Kumar (PFM 2016-18), Zeeshan Khalid (PFM 2018-20), Vikas Kumar (PFM 2018-20), Vikash Keshav (PFM 2019-21), Amal A. M (PFM 2020-22)

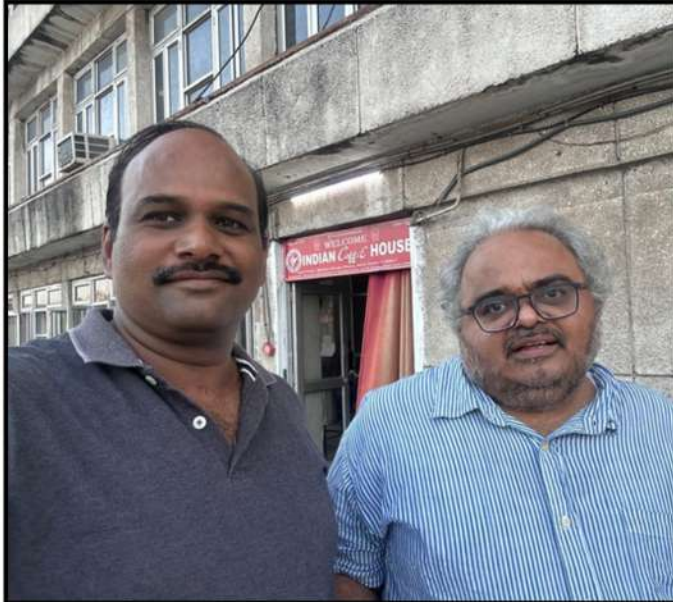
At Curitiba, Brazil

L to R: Dr. K Ravichandran (PFM 1991-93), Director IIFM & Manoj Dabas (PFM 1988-90) Chief of Department at CIFOR-ICRAF.

They had plan of 10 days to travel together to Porto Seguro, Brasilia and Rio de Janeiro.



L to R: Ashish Bhambhani (PFM 2010-12), Bishwasdeep Ghose (PFM 1994-96), PK Biswas sir, Ashish Aggarwal (PFM 1998-00), Vivek Mishra (MRM 2003-04)



At Delhi

Vivek and V Subba Rao (MRM 2004) in Delhi after almost 20 years

At Cambridge

L to R: Dharmendra(PFM2000), Arif(PFM 2002), Arshi(PFM 2015)



At Jakarta

Michelle Maria Thomas (PFM 2006) works for Stanford Seed project in India. They are launching in Indonesia. Michelle made the effort to connect with Sandeep Chakravorty (PFM 1991) and came over for lunch at India House, Jakarta.





**IIFMites and ASAians, Together
in a Frame**

L to R: Dheeraj Neduthody(PFM 2016-18), Ramani Kishore(PFM 2022-24), Jayanthi(PFM 1989-91), Anurag Patel(PFM 2018-20), Nikhil Tiwary(PFM 2016-18), Chaitanya Bokil(PFM 2016-18)

At Pune

L to R: Satyendra and RajShekhar
(PFM 2013)



At Berlin

L to R: Saurabh (PFM 2018) and
Munish (PFM 2009).





Alumni get-together in London hosted by Shikha.

L to R: Bhushan Patil (PFM 2016-18), Prachi Shrivastava (PFM 2016-18), Veethika Jain (PFM 2016-18), Shikha Kalra (PFM 2001-03), Ritu Bharadwaj (PFM 1998-00), Pranav Sharma (PFM 1999-01), Anuran Khan (PFM 2016-18)



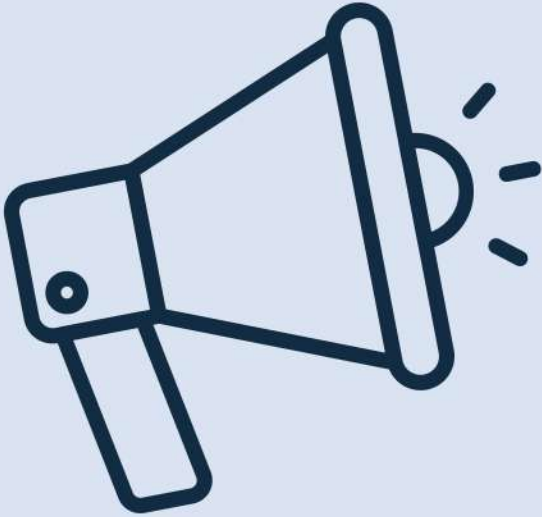
At Aruppukottai, Tamilnadu

L to R: Nikhil Mathur (PFM 2000), Anurag Gupta (MRM 2005), Daniel Raj Anand (PFM 1993)



PFM 2003-05 Batch at Delhi

L to R: Vishwanath Divya, Nishant Singh, Jagdish Mundhra, Deepak Billa



IIFM IN NEWS



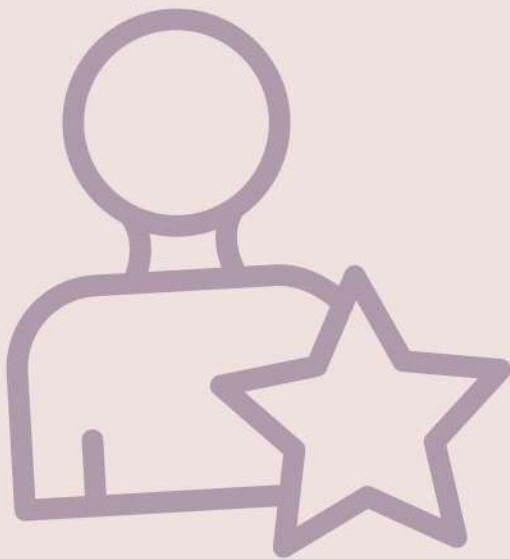


**Champions of the Wildlife Hackathon 2024 – Team Wildlife
Unity at WII Dehradun with the Director**

**L to R: Aditi Agarwal, Divya Solanki, Director – Dr. K
Ravichandran, Varian Crasto (PFM 2024-26)**



ALUM OF THE MONTH





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OCTOBER 2024

This certificate recognises the contribution of
AMAR SAXENA (PFM 89-91)



WE HONOUR AMAR SAXENA AS OUR ALUM OF THE MONTH FOR OCTOBER 24. WITH OVER THREE DECADES IN DATA SCIENCE AND LEADERSHIP ROLES IN FINANCIAL SERVICES, AMAR CURRENTLY CONTRIBUTES TO MAHARASHTRA STATE SKILLS UNIVERSITY, WHERE HE BUILDS OFFSHORE ANALYTICS TEAMS AND TRAINS EXECUTIVES IN BUSINESS ANALYTICS AND AI. AS A PASSIONATE EDUCATOR, HE HAS TAUGHT AT IIFM, IIMS, AND IRMA, HE ACTIVELY MENTORS YOUNG IIFMIGHTS, EMPHASIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF A POSITIVE ATTITUDE, SOFT SKILLS, AND LIFELONG LEARNING. HIS POPULAR FULL CREDIT COURSE AT IIFM HAS GREATLY IMPACTED STUDENTS. IN RECENT TIMES, AMAR HAS FOUND MERIT IN GREATER ASSOCIATION WITH THE ALMA MATER AND THE ALUMNI. THE AA OF IIFM CONGRATULATES HIM FOR HIS REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENTS!


PRESIDENT





CAMPUS THIS MONTH



Bathukamma Celebrations



IIFM celebrates Bathukamma: a tribute to nature, womanhood, and Telangana's rich cultural heritage.

Divinity of Mahalaya



Celebrating Mahalaya at IIFM, paying homage to Goddess Durga, blending tradition with social awareness. Through dance and powerful enactments, the event symbolized the triumph of good over evil and raised awareness on critical issues like gender-based violence

Training of Trainers Workshop



IIFM organized a two-day training of trainers (TOT) workshop on the Green Climate Fund (GCF) in collaboration with MoEF&CC and UNDP.

Vigilance Awareness Week 2024



Together, we foster a culture of honesty for a prosperous nation at IIFM. As, **Vigilance Awareness Week 2024**, was celebrated at IIFM Bhopal. It re-affirmed towards integrity transparency

Magic of Garba Night



Garba night at IIFM was an unforgettable experience, with our energy heating things up and our dance creating a magical atmosphere that transformed Navratri into something extraordinary.

Wildlife Week 2024



This **Wildlife Week 2024**, IIFM came alive with a vibrant fusion of creativity and conservation! The Nature and Photography Club, in collaboration with Meraki and Vedam, hosted thrilling events

Nostalgia of Bhopal Chapter Meet



A delightful Bhopal meet-up at IIFM brought alums from the 2013-15 batch for a joyful Bathukamma and Garba celebrations. It was a perfect blend of nostalgia and festivities as they shared their memories.

Birthday Celebrations!



Dr. K. Ravichandran, Director IIFM, at IIFM Mess with the students, after cake cutting on his Birthday



CAMPUS NEWS





The EY Team at IIFM

EY conducted a successful placement drive at IIFM, engaging students with opportunities in consulting, sustainability, and advisory roles. The team shared insights into EY's dynamic work culture and impact-driven approach, aligning well with IIFM's values. This visit opened pathways for students to embark on impactful careers with one of the industry's leaders.



Sport Superstars of IIFM

Proud moment for IIFM as it secured three silver medals at the 27th All India Forest Sports Meet in Raipur. Aniket Ahirwar from PFM'25 won silver in Chess, while staff members Asharam Ghale and Manoj Rai won silver in Carrom Doubles, along with another silver in Carrom Doubles by Asharam Ghale and Tarun Patro.



ALUMNI IN CAMPUS





Return to IIFM for cKinetics Recruitment Drive

Shivam Jhade (PFM 2021-23), currently working with cKinetics in Delhi, visited the IIFM campus to connect with students and participate in the recruitment drive. His visit provided insights into career opportunities at cKinetics

Reunion of IIFMights

LtoR - Yash Morey (PFM 2021-23), presently with EY, Bhopal), Shivam Jhade (PFM 2021-23), currently with CKinetics, Delhi)
Kallol Mandal (PFM 2006-08) presently with HDFC Bank, Bhopal

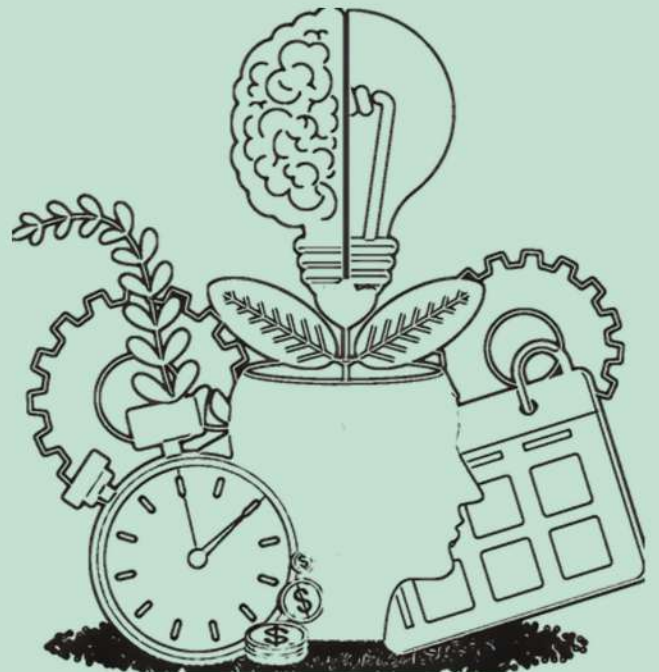


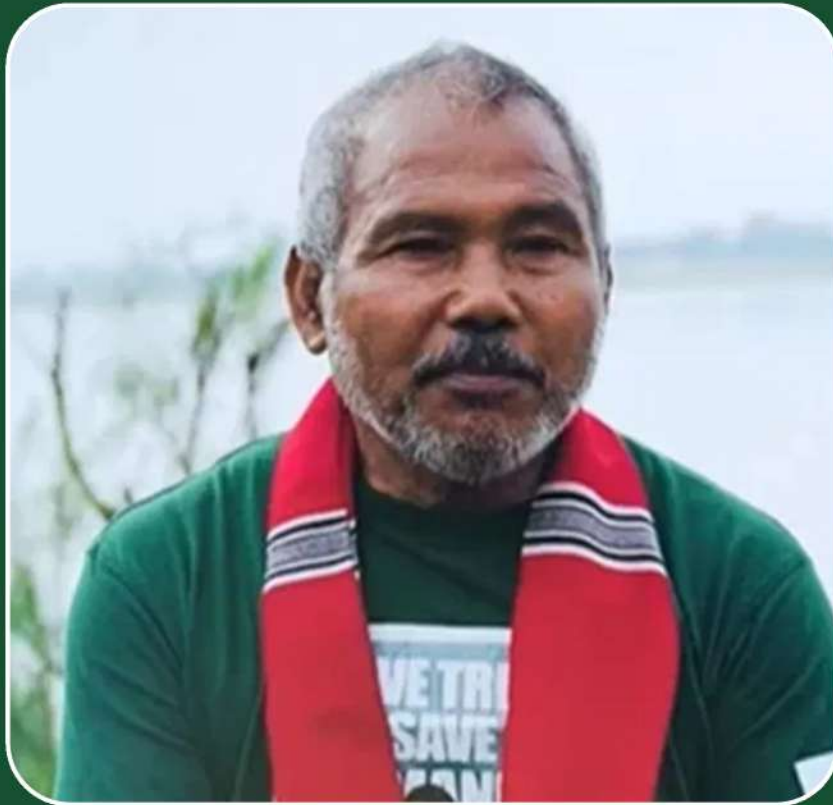


Moinak Goswami (PFM 2021) visited the IIFM campus last week on behalf of CSR Box, recruiting four students from the current batch. His visit provided valuable opportunities for students to step into impactful roles in the CSR sector.



KNOWLEDGE CORNER

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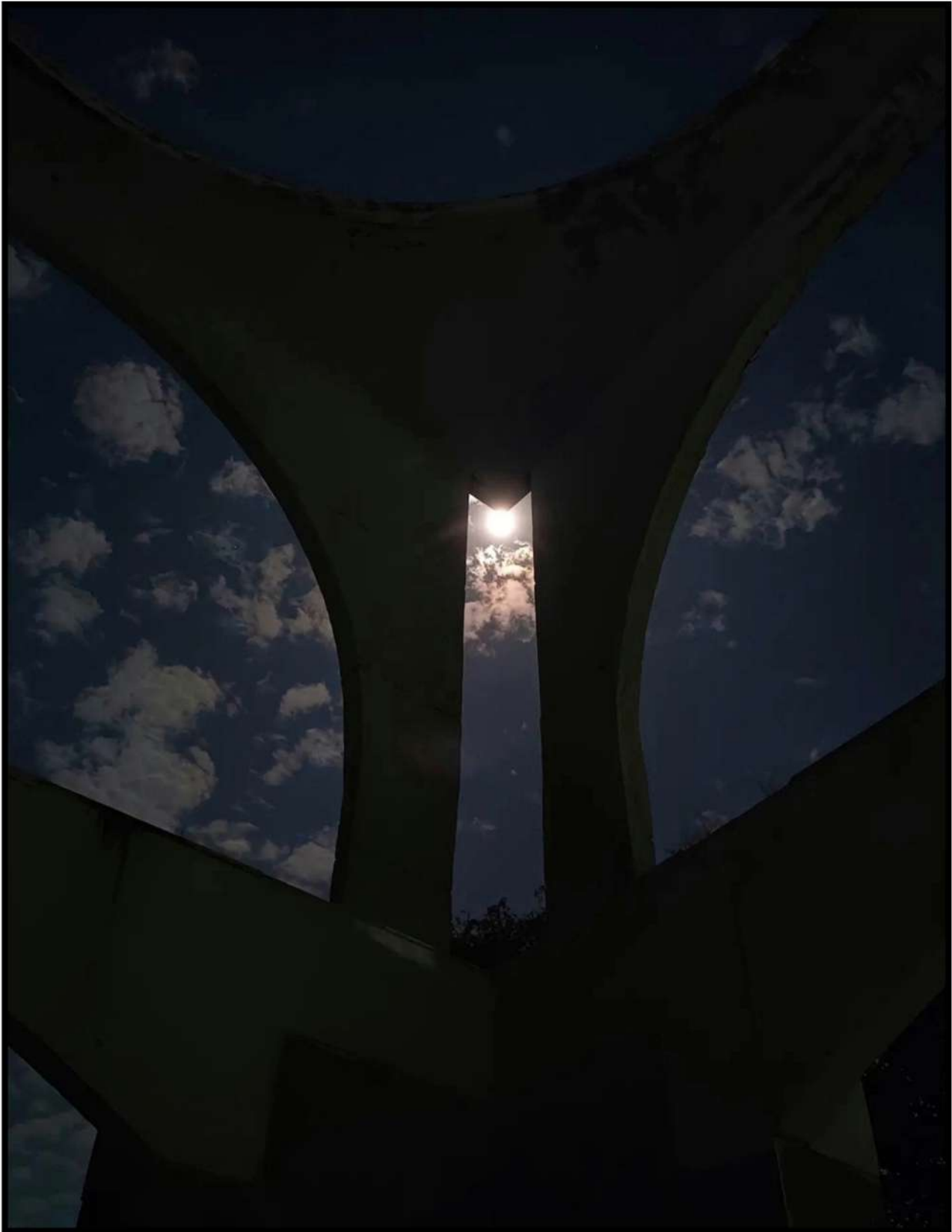
Jadav Payeng: The Forest Man of India

Born in 1963 in Assam, India, Jadav Payeng is a celebrated environmental activist and forestry worker known for his remarkable dedication to reforestation. Hailing from Majuli, the world's largest river island, Payeng embarked on an inspiring mission over four decades ago: to transform a barren sandbar on the Brahmaputra River into a lush forest. This effort resulted in the creation of Molai Forest, a thriving ecosystem of around 1,360 acres near Kokilamukh in Jorhat, Assam, named in his honor. Payeng single-handedly planted and nurtured trees on the once-desolate land, which now hosts rich biodiversity, including elephants, tigers, deer, and numerous bird species. His remarkable commitment to nature conservation has earned him the title "Forest Man of India." In recognition of his significant contributions, he was awarded the Padma Shri, India's fourth-highest civilian honor, in 2015. Jadav Payeng's work continues to inspire environmentalists worldwide and stands as a testament to the impact that one dedicated individual can have on the planet.



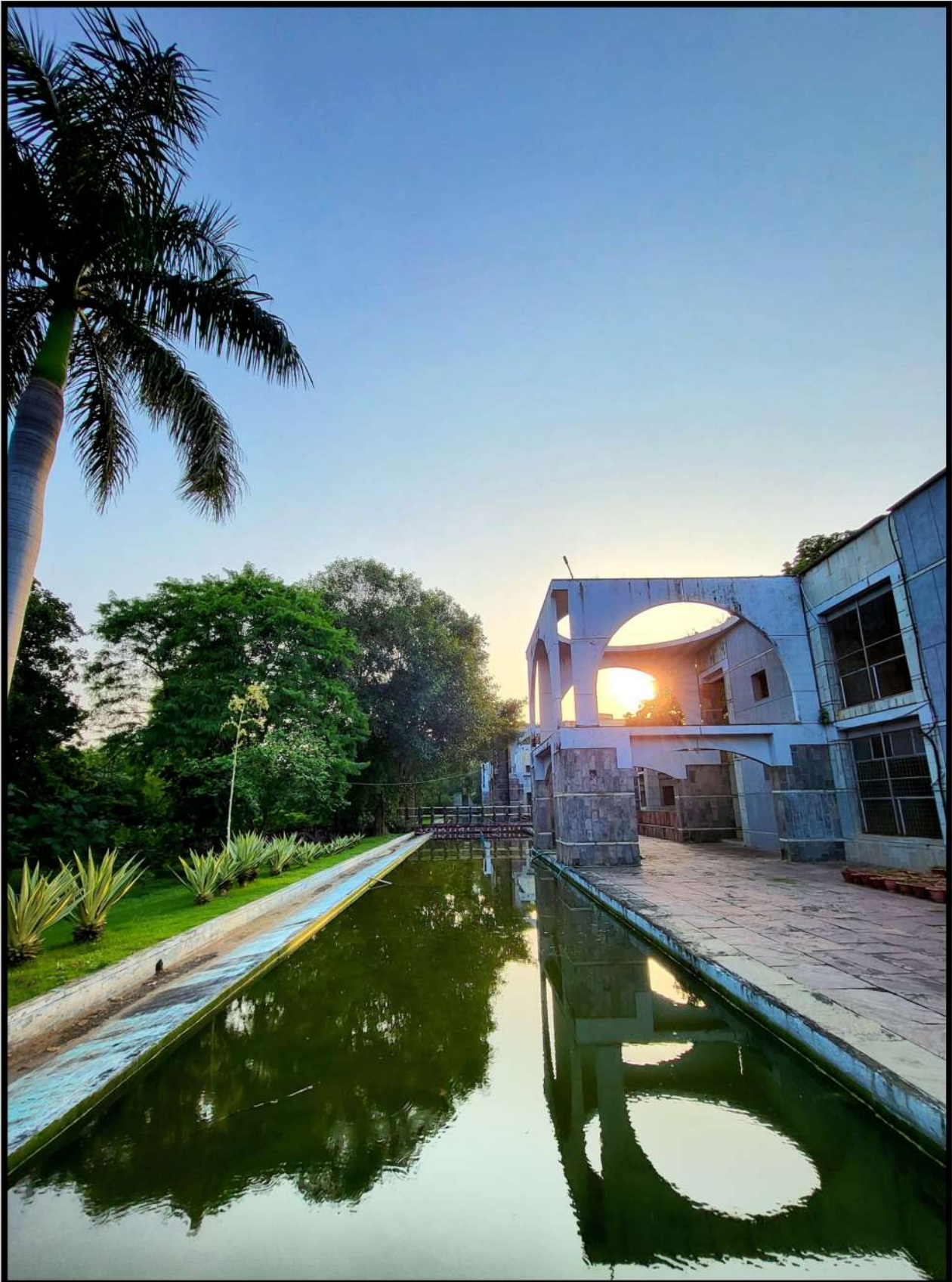
PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE MONTH





"The Silver Lining"

Photo by - Shivam Avasthi (PFM'26)



"Serenity of the IIFM Campus."

Photo by - Pushkar Nandanwar (PFM'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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JOIN US



Scan the QR Code above to
join Alumni Association





Newsletter Team (2024-25)

Top line (L to R): Ashapurna Adhikari (PSM 2025), Mudita Shukla (PFM 2025), Akash Bajpai (PFM 2026), Sherin Chacko (PSM 2026), Spandan Chattopadhyay (PFM 2025), Divya Solanke (PFM 2026)

Bottom Line (L to R): Meghna Mishra (PSM 2026), Garima Giri (PFM 2026), Tarjal Kothari (PSM 2026)

On the side (T to B): Nikhil (PFM 2000), Avinash (PFM 2000), Kallol (PFM 2008), Amrita Bhamra (Manager AA-IIFM), Shaon Roy (PFM 2021)

“ALMA MATTERS” in its second avatar, completed one year with the September 2024 edition. It has been a wonderful journey from the stage when it was conceptualised, discussed, accepted, launched and being continued. We all feel connected to our Alma Mater through “ALMA MATTERS”. I take this opportunity to thank each member of the Newsletter Team whose enthusiasm is behind the creation and continuation of the newsletter. Our Team is thankful to our AA president Sandeep Chakravorty for his keen interest, engagement, encouragement and motivation for each edition of “ALMA MATTERS”. Our Team is thankful to all alumni who have been reading and giving us the important inputs.

- Avinash Kumar (PFM 1998-00)



