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Number of members	1698 (As on January, 2025)
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

QUIZ!



QUESTION FOR JANUARY:

What is common in these alumni:

1. Shashwat Sharma (2019-21)
2. Jerry James (2021-23)
3. Amarjeet Roushan (2020-22)



Previous edition question:

Who among the alumni was interviewed by Aamir Khan in his show Satyamev Jayate?



Answer to the Quiz question of December:

Sarika Sinha (PFM 2001)

ALUMNI IN NEWS





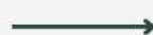
Dr Pranay Lal (PFM 1992-94) article in THE HINDU on Climate Change



Vineet Rai (PFM 1994) featured in the launch of group impact report at Sankalp Bharat 2024. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ihb-94rDKfs>



At the recent Times Now ESG Impact Summit 2024, an inspiring panel discussion on "Evaluating and Assessing Impact" featured elite panelists Dharmesh Gohel, Krishnan Komandur, Bishwadeep Ghose, (PFM 1996) and moderator Parijat Chakraborty – representing major corporations, NGOs, and market research world leaders.





Arjun Verma(PFM 2006-08) who has embarked on an inspiring journey. After 12 years in corporate banking, progressing to leadership roles, Arjun decided to follow his calling – working toward the wellness of others. After leaving his job, he pursued another Master’s in Psychology and recently founded his firm, *Catalyst Psyche Inc. to provide mental health services. He did further certification courses in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy from Beck Insitute (USA) & Acceptance & Commitment Therapy (USA). He also runs a scholarship program for students and other clients who are facing some financial issues in taking therapy.

As part of this journey, he has launched an Instagram page dedicated to raising awareness about mental health. The page offers practical tips, tools, and insights aimed at fostering emotional and mental well-being a cause that resonates with so many of us today.

Here’s the link to the Instagram page:

<https://www.instagram.com/catalystpsycheinc/profilecard/?igsh=MW54azAzaWI4OGJwcA==>



Ritesh Sinha (MRM 2004) have been recipient of National Icon Award in the Development sector, recognized by the Government of India. This prestigious award acknowledges efforts in impactful development work and dedication to building a peaceful, prosperous, and sustainable future aligned with our nation's goals.

The award was presented by Central Minister Shri Shyam Jaju Ji, shri Jagdambika Pal ji (Member of Lok Sabha & Former cheif minister of U.P), Shri Raghu Raj Singh Ji (Employment Minister, Uttar Pradesh)



Bijendra Basnyat (PFM 2001-03) presenting in the herbal mela international conference in Bhopal

WLA '24 Winners



Ashley Menezes,
ChrysCapital
Changemaker of the Year
Private Equity



Vineet Rai,
Aavishkaar Capital
Changemaker of the Year
Venture Capital



Shivani Bhasin Sachdeva
Indian Alternatives
Investment Advisors
PE Leader of the Year



Padmaja Ruparel,
Indian Angel Network
VC Leader of the Year



Alka Goel,
Alkemi Growth Capital
Here to Win



Firm of the Year
Private Equity



Firm of the Year
Venture Capital

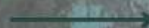
Congratulations Vineet Rai (PFM 1994) One of the Winpe Top Impact Leaders of 2024

https://www.linkedin.com/posts/winpeforum_nomination-closing-soon-wla-2025-ugcPost-7277936480201621505-Q_te?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_android



January, 2025

ALUMNI WORLD





Alumni Chapter Meet at Indore

LtoR: Rishita Mahor(2023-25), Komal Jaiswal (2023-25), Mahesh Ahake (2021-23), Anurag Patel (2018-20), Ayush Jain (2016-18), Mohit Pawar (2023-25), Rajat Shah(2016-18), Shivam Telang (2023-25), Sanchit Arora (2011-13), Ankit Pawar (2011-13)



Alumni Chapter meet in Ahmedabad

LtoR: Piyush Hingrajiya (PSM 24), Vivek Jetpariya (PFM 24), Snehit Roy (PFM'17), Nilesh Variyani (PFM'22), Ronak Javiya (PFM'17), Sharad kumar Verma (PFM' 2007), Ashish (PFM' 2007), Shiva Shrirangnam (PSM 25), Preksha (PFM'25), Ankita Panchal (PFM'25), Ashish Patel (PFM'24), Sakshi Jain (PFM '23), Shivani Singh (PSM'24), Vishal Kumar (PFM'25), Viral Gamit (PFM'22), Abhishek Shrivastava (PFM'23)

P.S The meet was coordinated by Preksha(2025)



Delhi Chapter Meet of Alumni with students of 2023-25

LtoR:

Standing: Aditi Dusane (PSM'24), Prakhar Chopde (PFM'25) (Backside), Pushkar Nandanwar (PFM'25), Sibasish Pattanaik (PFM'25), Avichal (PFM'25), Shantanu (PFM'25), Ashi Malviya (PFM'25), Vaibhav Agrawal (PFM'25), Disha Nihachlani (PFM'25), Lingala Aravind (PFM'25), Navya Singh (PFM'25), Rakshith SNV (PSM'25), Shubhangi Gupta (PFM'25), Rajeev Singh (PFM'25) (ANC Coordinator), Ujjwala Bhasond (PSM'25), Shivam Telang (PFM'25), Shweta Sharma (PSM'25), Syed Tarique Alam (PFM'07), Pradeep Tharakan (PFM'92), Rejoice Parackal (PFM'22), Vivek Mishra (MRM'04), Anand Raj (PSM'25), Sachin Kumar (PFM'03), Anurag Dhir (PFM'23), Saravanakumar V (PFM'15), Ratul Saha (MRM'06), Ashok Kumar (PFM'25), Priya Wali (PSM'24)

Sitting: Amit Kumar Sahu (PFM'18), Avinaw Prasad (PFM'11), Nitin Bassi (MRM'06), Indrajit Chaudhuri (PFM'02), Rishi Prakash (PFM'07), Ayushi Dwivedi (PFM'23), Shyamla Rai (PFM'23), Sneha Sharma (PFM'15), Harhini Santhanam (PFM'15), Mohini Saha (PFM'16)



The Jakarta Alumni met for a sumptuous meal at Sridhar Reddy's place
On the sofa, LtoR: Sandeep Chakravorty (PFM 1991), Vikas Choudhary (PFM 1998).
Standing LtoR: Sridhar Reddy (PFM 1997), Piyush Dhawan & Swati Mehta (PFM 2008), Sheetal Siwach and Prashanthi



Mumbai Chapter Meet

LtoR: Sourav Sahu (PFM 20), Akash Kedare (PFM 19), Vineet Rai (PFM 94), Nalin Chandeliya (PFM 24), Darshan Patil(PFM 12), Ritwik Mondal (PFM 24),
Front row: Aparajita Mishra(PSM 25), Ishita Wagh(PFM 24), Divyanshi Soni(PFM 24), Saptarshi Sarkar(PSM 25), Shaon Roy(PFM 21)



Alumni Chapter at Pune

LtoR: Naman Kumar (2021-2023), Rashi Pandey (2023-2025), Sneha Kaushal (2010-2012), Priya Pandey (2023-2025), Satyendra Gupta (2011-2013), Jerry James (2021-2023), Anunay (2015-2017), Satish Bhattra (2008-2010), Varun Agrawal (2005-2007), Akhilesh Nitnaware (2023-2025), Chetan Raut (1997-1999), Neeraj Nayan Sharma (2018-2020) (in the bottom pic in right of Varun), Preksha (2010-2012)(in the bottom pic on the left of Varun)



A reunion at T 3

**L to R: Santosh Singh (PFM 2006)
Jayesh Bhatia (PFM 1994)
Mayank Chaturvedi (PFM 2007)**

**Small reunion MRM 2004 batch in Delhi.
Some are meeting for the first time after
IIFM**

**L to R: Ritesh, Subba Rao, Murlinathan,
Vivek , Venkatesh**



**At the launch event of the
International Big Cat Alliance
(IBCA) in New Delhi.**

**From L to R: Soumitri Das (PFM
1996-98) Currently- (Team Lead
Environment at USAID)
Prof. Madhu Verma (Ex-faculty IIFM)
At present, Environmental
Economist & Senior Economic
Advisor -IORA
Ratul Saha (MRM 2005-06, MRM) At
present Director at WWF**



L to R:
Prof Amitabh Pandey (ex Faculty IIFM), Director Manav Sangrahalay Bhopal, Nikhil Mathur (PFM 1998-00), Radhika (PFM 1998-00), Mugdha (Nikhil and Radhika's daughter)

IIFMight met at Jaipur

LtoR: Archiesman(PFM 2018-20), Dheeraj(PFM 2016-18), Rajeev Gupta (PFM 1996-98), Aniruddha(PFM 2017-19)



IIFMights met at Bhopal

**LTOR: Yogesh-(2018-20) with EY
Vivek Mishra -(2012-14) with SBI
Rohit- (2012-14) with MicroEnergy Credits
Kallol-(2006-08) with Hdfc Bank
Nitesh-(2013-15) with TNC**



At the office of NABARD, MP-RO
L to R: Praveen K Khedale PFM
(2008-10), Indrajit (PFM 2014)
Sudhir Kumar (PFM 2001-03)

Mini Princeton GetTogether

RtoL: Ravi Vishwas (PFM 1993)
Pankaj Lal (PFM 2004)
Daughter of Pankaj Lal



At IIM Kolkata

L to R: Rajiv Kumar (PFM 1996-
98), Alice Lakra (PFM 1997-99)



At Manav Sanghralaya

**L to R
Avinav (PFM 1999-01)
Nikhil (PFM 1998-00)**

At RBI Mumbai

**L to R:
Suvendu Pati (PFM 1993)
Mayank Chaturvedi (PFM 2007)**



Mini-alumni meet at Mumbai

**L to R:
Vivek Mishra (MRM 2004)
meeting Vineet Abhishek (PFM
2005) in his office in Mumbai.**



IIFMights get together at Dehradun, first get together on the very first day of the month.

Top to Bottom:

Puneet Budhiraja (PFM 1993)

Santosh Passi (PFM 1995)

Prashant Mishra (PFM 2002)

Jaspal Shakya (PFM 2006)

Abhishek Chauhan PFM 2012



At IIM Bengaluru

L to R: L to R:

Paul Basil (PFM 1992-94)

Prof. R Srinivasan (PFM 1991-93)

Prof Jigyasa (faculty IIFM)

Prof. Parul Rishi (faculty IIFM)

Prof. P D Jose (1988-90)



**Mini Reunion PFM 2013 batch in Indore
Satyendra, Sanchit Arora, Ankit Pawar, Vivek Sharma**



**PFM91-93 mini-meet in NYC
L to R: Ravi Vishwas, Debashish Mishra, Rajpuri Sunder Singh**



IIFM Alumni UK Chapter Meet - Milton Keynes Edition

Another memorable day with the IIFM family ! second major gathering in just two months, and plans already underway for a third - speaks to the growing strength and enthusiasm of our UK chapter.

IIFMites in the picture:

Sayed Faiz (PFM99), Dipak Jha (PFM00), Pranav Sharma (PFM01), Shikha Kalra (PFM03), Soumya Guha (PFM04), Prachi Shrivastava (PFM18), Bhushan Patil (PFM18)



Alumni Chapter Meet Ranchi

L to R: Atul (2023-25), Nirupam (2023-25), Punit (2014-16), Bishnu Parida (2005), Avinash (1998-00), Diksha (2023-25), Mukesh (2014-16), Aman (2023-25), Abhimanyu (2023-25), Himanshu (2014-16)



**IIFMights met in Delhi for ACCESS
Development livelihood Summit
L to R**

Achin Phulre (PFM 2012-14)

Jayanthi G (PFM 1989-91)

Sachin Kumar (PFM 2001-03)

Puja Gour (PFM 1997-99)

**IIFMights met in Delhi at India habitat
Centre for event related to Sustainable
Alternative in Construction**

LtoR:

**Sanjay Bala (PFM 2001-03) also Prof. at
IIFM, Anindita Bhattacharyya (2004-
05,MRM), Loveson Samuel (MRM 2002-
03)**



**Morning walks turned into a
great catch-up at Saket Sports
Complex Delhi with Ravi Gupta
(PFM 1991) and Mayank
Chaturvedi (PFM 2007)**



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DECEMBER 2024

This certificate recognises the contribution of
SANTOSH K. SINGH (PFM 04-06)



WE ARE PLEASED TO HONOR SANTOSH SINGH (PFM 06) AS ALUM OF THE MONTH FOR HIS EXCEPTIONAL AND ONGOING SUPPORT TO IIFM AND IIFMIGHTS. SANTOSH HAS CONSISTENTLY DEMONSTRATED HIS COMMITMENT TO THE ALUMNI COMMUNITY THROUGH ACTIVE ENGAGEMENT IN KEY INITIATIVES SUCH AS 'IIFMIGHTS IN FOCUS', WHICH BRINGS OUT IN AN EXEMPLARY WAY THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OUR SMALL BUT SIGNIFICANT COMMUNITY. HE IS ALSO INSTRUMENTAL IN FACILITATING PROGRAMS BY GENEROUSLY SHARING RESOURCES TO SUPPORT US.

SANTOSH'S DEDICATION EXTENDS TO REGULAR TEACHING AT IIFM, HIS SEVERAL QUIET YET IMPACTFUL CONTRIBUTIONS OVER THE YEARS, FROM MENTORING STUDENTS TO RESOURCE SHARING. HE IS TRULY A STRONG PILLAR OF THE IIFM COMMUNITY.


PRESIDENT



CAMPUS THIS MONTH





IIT Indore and IIFM Bhopal, with SANDEE_ICIMOD support, unveil research on forest fires' impact on NTFPs in Hoshangabad. Key findings stress fire risk management, community-driven NTFP value addition, and strengthening MSP to enhance rural livelihoods and resilience.



Today, 24 students and 3 faculty members from Dr. Bhanuben Nanavati College of Architecture for Women, Pune, visited the Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM), Bhopal. During their visit, they learned about the campus's architecture, designed by the late Shri Anant Raje.



Students and faculty from Aayojan School of Architecture, Pune, visited IIFM, Bhopal, to explore its iconic campus designed by Shri Anant Raje and learn about sustainability initiatives like Mission LIFE and Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam, along with IIFM's academic, research, and training programs.





POSH Act Sensitization Workshop by ICC IIFM: Promoting Safe and Respectful Workplaces, led by Dr. Preeti Khare



The 35th Batch of FRO Trainees from the Uttarakhand Forest Training Academy, Haldwani, visited IIFM Bhopal during their Central India Tour. Dr. K. Ravichandran, Director of IIFM, emphasized the importance of pairing knowledge with responsibility and discipline for serving the nation effectively.



IIFM, in collaboration with Madhya Pradesh Minor Forest Produce Federation, organized a 2-day international conference on 'Empowering Women through Minor Forest Produce', held as a part of International Herbal Fair, 2024.





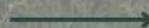
Forging Futures: Placement Week 2 Welcomes Leading Organizations

The second week of IIFM's placement season in January witnessed leading organizations like BAIF, Ayekart, and PRADAN visiting the campus to recruit talented minds.

Congratulations to the selected candidates: Rutuja Bamane (PFM 25), Prashant Kumar (PFM 25), Anand Shankar (PFM 25), and Shubham Singh (PSM 25) for securing positions with BAIF; Lingala Aravind (PFM 25), Rajeev Singh (PFM 25), and Ritika Khare (PFM 25) for joining Ayekart; and Yugal Bawankar (PFM 25) for being selected by PRADAN.

The Institute continues to facilitate meaningful engagements between students and organizations, paving the way for impactful careers in the management arena.

KNOWLEDGE CORNER





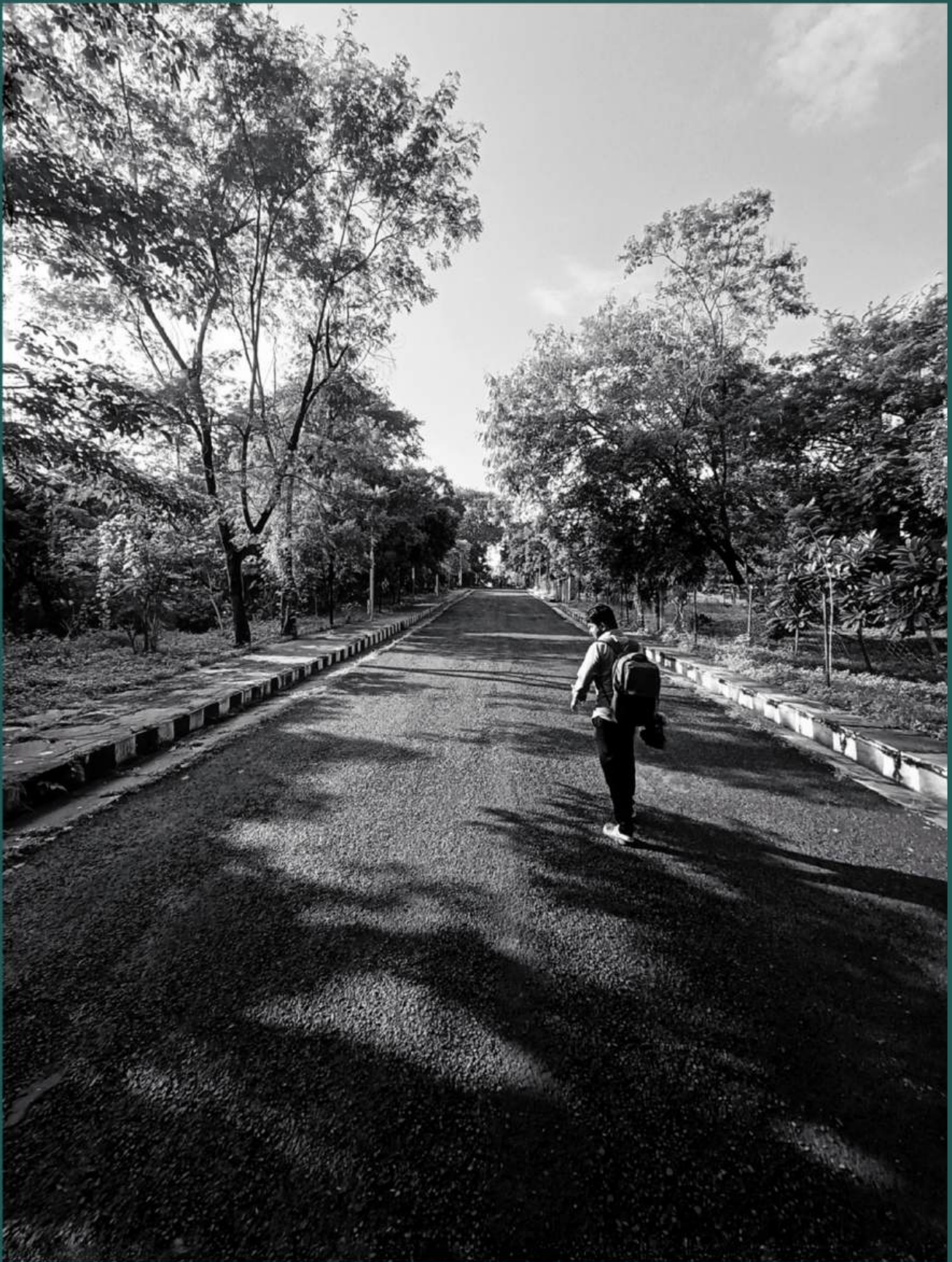
Kinkri Devi: A Voice of Courage

Kinkri Devi, a humble and determined environmental activist from Himachal Pradesh, India, emerged as a beacon of hope in the fight against environmental degradation. Despite her lack of formal education, her courage and commitment to safeguarding nature inspired generations.

Her activism began in the 1980s when she challenged the unchecked quarrying and mining activities in the Shiwalik hills. The rampant mining caused severe deforestation, water depletion, and ecological imbalance, threatening the livelihoods of local communities. Kinkri Devi filed a public interest litigation against 48 mine owners, a historic move for a woman of her background. In 1987, her efforts bore fruit when the Himachal Pradesh High Court imposed a ban on mining in the region.

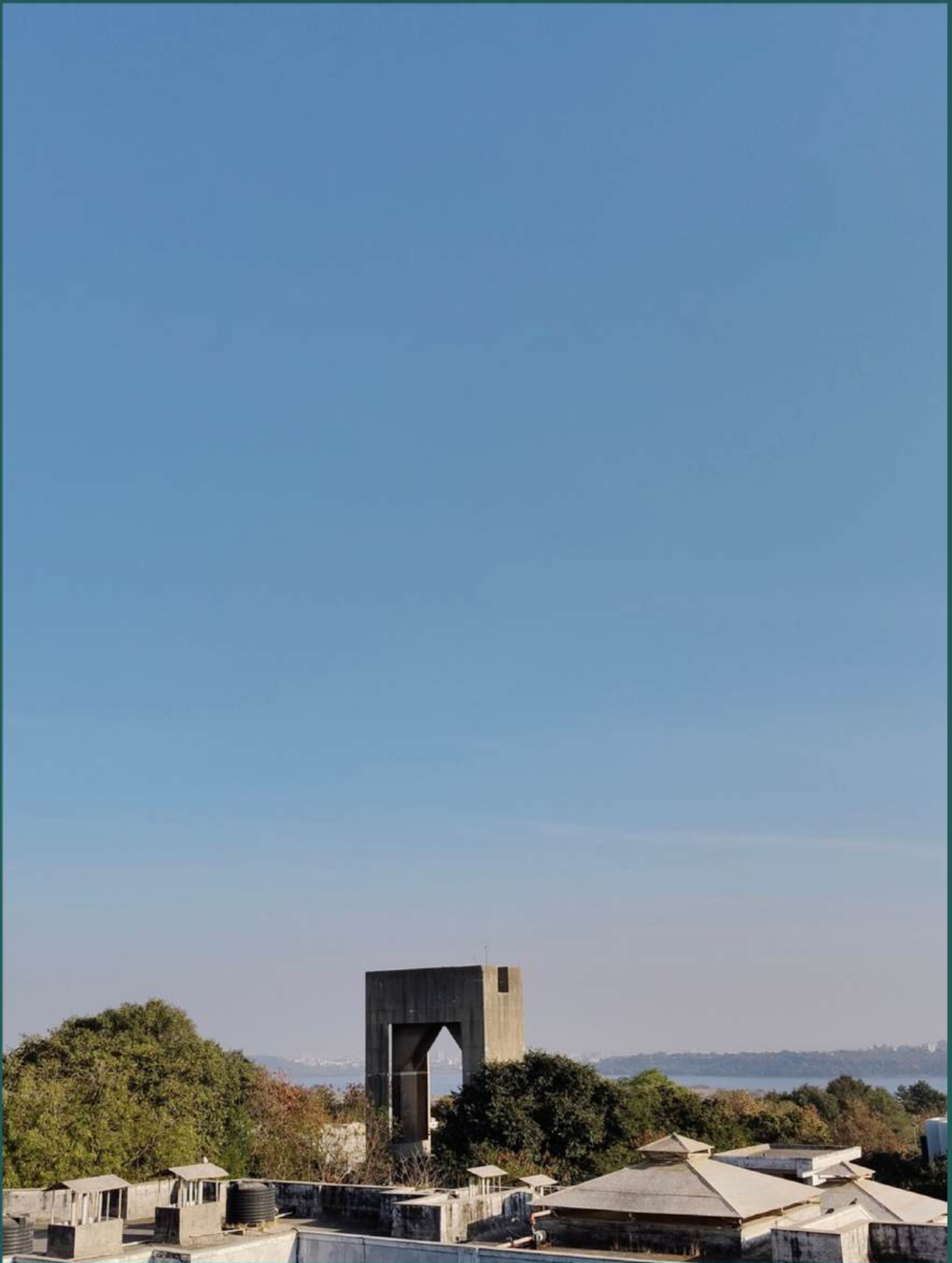
Her relentless advocacy earned her national and international recognition. She participated in global environmental conferences and received awards for her work.

**PHOTOGRAPHS
OF THE
MONTH**



The Road Less Travelled

Photo By- Md Ashhaduddin PFM 2023-25



The View Beyond

Photo By- Vipul Jha PSM 2024-26



APPEAL



Nurturing the Brand "IIFM": Your Role in Shaping Futures

Dear Alumni,

Your unwavering support has been instrumental in helping the Institute thrive and grow over the years, and now, we seek your assistance in another impactful way. The placement season for the PGDFM and PGDSM 2023-25 batches is in full swing, and the internship season for the PGDFM and PGDSM 2024-26 batches is well on the way.

We invite you to contribute by facilitating internship and placement opportunities within your esteemed organizations or through your professional networks. Your involvement will not only help nurture the next generation of professionals but also strengthen the Institute's legacy in creating impactful leaders for sustainability and development.

For any queries or to share opportunities, please reach out to:

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Your engagement can create a transformative impact on the careers of our students. Let us work together to ensure their success!

Thank you for your continued support.

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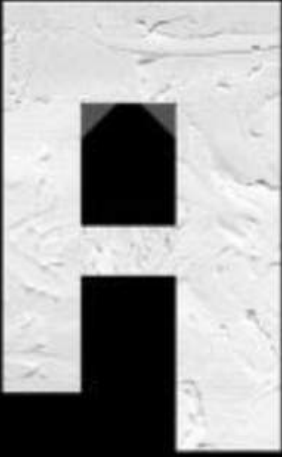
Top line (L to R): Ashapurna Adhikari (PSM 2025), Mudita Shukla (PFM 2025), Akash Bajpai (PFM 2026), Sherin Chacko (PSM 2026), Spandan Chattopadhyay (PFM 2025), Divya Solanke (PFM 2026)

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

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



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