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Number of members	1763 (As on February, 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





QUESTION FOR FEBRUARY:

What is the alumni strength in North, East, West and South India



Previous edition question:

What is common in these alumni:

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



Answer to the Quiz question of January:

Shashwat, Jerry and Amarjeet were ALMA MATTERS Team members who significantly contributed in layout and design of the Newsletter

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ALUMNI IN NEWS



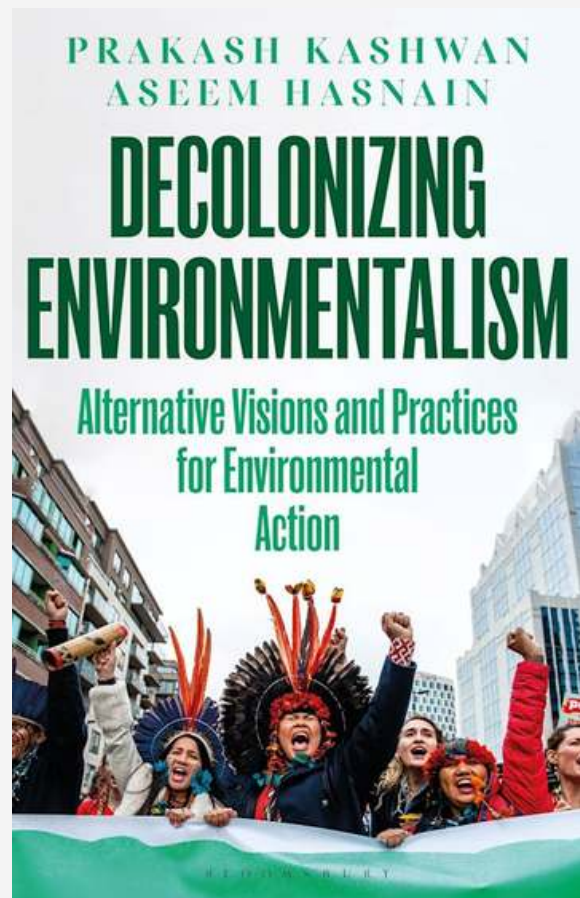


**Global Inclusive Finance Summit, New Delhi
Participated by**

- 1. Saurabh Singh (Senior Project Manager, Grameen Foundation for Social Impact) (PFM 2007-09)**
- 2. Akhand Jyoti Tiwari (Partner, Microsave Consulting) (PFM 2004-06)**



Vineet Rai (Founder/Vice Chairman Aavishkaar Group) (PFM 1992-94) with Toshihiro Suzuki (President Suzuki Corporation) and Mohandas Pai (Aarin Capital) at the launch of Suzuki's 1st Impact Fund



Prakash Kashwan (PFM 1999) and Aseem Hasnain (PFM 2001).





Chandan Kumar (Deputy Manager (CSR), CCL) (PFM 2008-10) delighted to share a proud moment.

The Ministry of Coal organized a Chintan Shivir at New Delhi, where Chandan had the privilege of being awarded as iGOT Performer.

Prof. Ashish David participated as a panel speaker at this prestigious event.

This opportunity allowed Chandan to reflect on the values instilled in us at IIFM, the commitment to lifelong learning, the importance of adaptability, and the drive to contribute meaningfully to our chosen fields.

Chandan says, "Let us all continue to uphold these values and strive for excellence in every endeavor. IIFM has given us the foundation; it's our responsibility to build upon it and make a lasting impact."



Ashutosh Senger (environmental policy researcher-turned-lawyer) (PFM 2012-14) shared his insights on the recent Indian greenwashing guidelines in this section for the India Business Law Journal. <https://law.asia/greenwashing-prevention-guidelines/>
Q&A: Explaining India's new guidelines to prevent greenwashing

16 January 2025



Pradeep Tharakan (Director, Energy Transition, Asian Development Bank) (PFM- 1992-94) as the Chief Guest of the event **Pathways to Resilience, Climate Adaptation and Nature Based Solutions at New Delhi**
Prof. Madhu Verma (former faculty IIFM) is the speaker at the event



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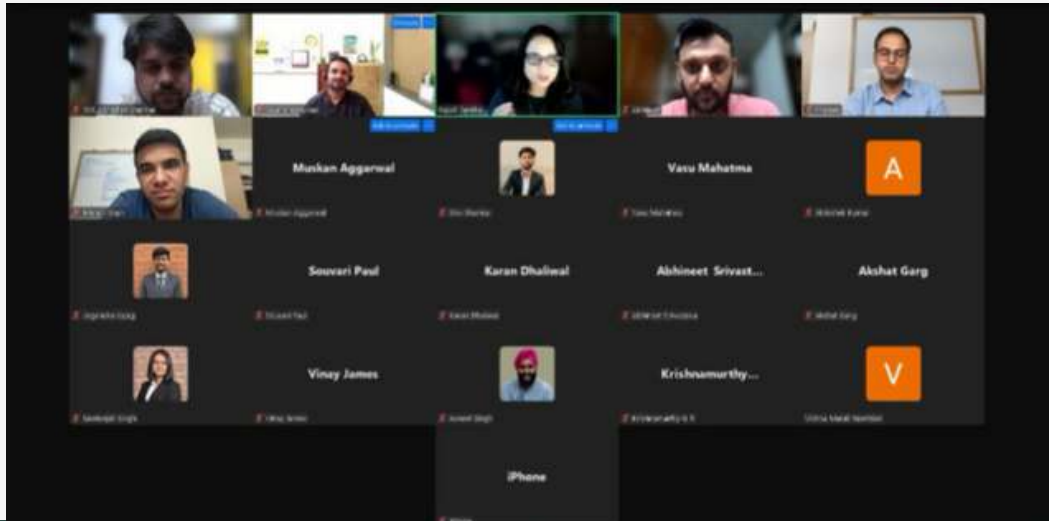
Microsoft

Kajoli Tankha YouTube
Senior Director, Consumer

Kajoli Tankha (PFM 1995-97), Senior Director of Consumer & Brand Insights at MICROSOFT, has been interviewed recently by Jess Gaedeke of Dig Insights on her Podcast.
Full interview in the Link below
<https://youtu.be/gSeMJSXbYXY>



An episode done by Vinayak Burman of Lifeboat on learnings of Vineet Rai (PFM 1992-94) <https://youtu.be/DGLY3OyuyNI>



Kajoli Tankha (PFM 1997, now Senior Director of Consumer Insights at Microsoft) had an hour-long virtual interaction with the students of New Product Development course at IIMA. The theme was 'Empathizing with Users' - Kajoli made a strong and persuasive case for ethnographic methods in new product development.



Neelima Mishra (PFM 2011-13)
 Green Entrepreneur & Founder-
 Ceiba Green Solutions
 Recently Deputy CM & Sports Minister
 of Odisha visited their stall at
 Utkarsh Odisha Conclave to see their
 work towards the Environment

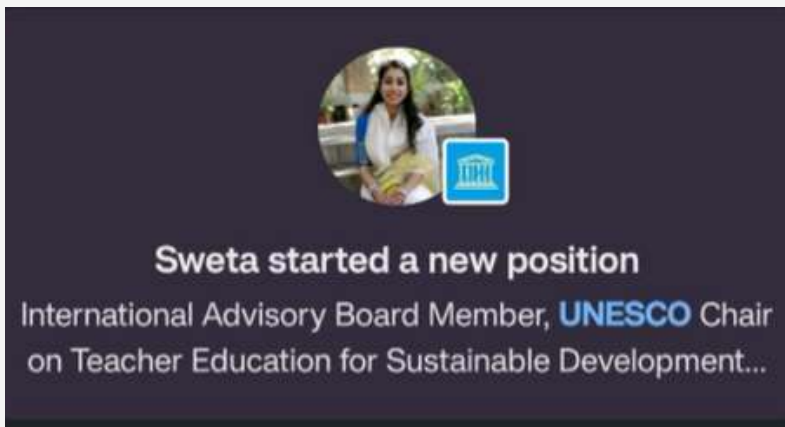
IFM Alumni Association
 President Sandeep Chakravorty (PFM
 1991)
 along with our alumni Ashish Sinha
 (PFM 2000) welcoming Honourable
 President of Indonesia Prabowo
 Subianto for his first visit to India



A 15 minute video clip of an interview (of our own @IIFM Debasish Mishra CGM SBI Delhi) that was telecast live on Doordarshan.

<https://youtu.be/SKOKIn31YSM?si=61DaprWwtQVJDFot>

It is in Hindi, and hopefully the non-Hindi speakers can comprehend too the issues pertaining to banking and cybersecurity..



Sweta Purohit (PFM 2007-09) started a New position International Advisory Board Member UNESCO Chair on Teacher Education for Sustainable Development.

India-Indonesia: 'Mitra selamanya', partners forever

Jan. 26, 2025, is a momentous occasion for both India as well as India-Indonesia' bilateral relations. On this day, India commemorates the 75th anniversary of its Republic Day, the day when the Constitution of India was adopted declaring India as a Republic. On that special occasion-in 1950 the chief guest at India's first Republic Day was president Sukarno. As two newly independent republics, free from the colonial yoke, India and Indonesia rapidly built strong fraternal ties on the basis of age-old civilizational connections. Republic Day 2025 is special for both countries as it not only comes at the culmination of year-long celebrations of the 75th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries but also as President Prabowo Subianto of Indonesia is the chief guest at India's Republic Day. In addition, for the first time ever, a 352-member Indonesian military marching band contingent is participating in the Republic Day parade. Such a grand participation by Indonesia is solid testament to the strong and enduring ties binding our two countries, which are more than two millennia old.

Both India and Indonesia may be young countries but old nations (bangsa) and civilizations. At the same time no two countries can be more similar



H. E. Mr. Sandeep Chakravorty
Ambassador of India to Indonesia

“
We have been partners in the past, we are partners now, and there are compelling reasons to be even closer partners for the future, not just to determine the destiny of our own 1.7 billion people in this Asian century, but also for humanity at large. We are indeed partners forever.
”

force of Pancasila or the five principles is structured. Both countries, as modern nation-states, have abiding faith in their foundational constitutions, which guarantee the rights of their people. During 2024, the world witnessed with considerable fascination the world's largest election in India and the world's largest single-day election in Indonesia. Even more significant is the unblemished record of both countries in smooth transfers of power proving that our democratic credentials are a strong and shining example for the world.

India's Viskit Bharat and Indonesia's Indonesia Emas initiatives share a common vision of foster-

Indonesia Emas 2045 marks the centennial of Indonesia's independence, envisioning a prosperous, equitable and globally competitive Indonesia by investing in human resources, infrastructure and environmental sustainability. These initiatives reflect a shared aspiration of emerging economies to secure their place as leaders on the global stage while addressing domestic challenges.

India and Indonesia are also unique in terms of working on national transformation and development through a democratic framework. Most developed countries that we see today first became rich and then democratic. The challenge of becoming developed through an inclusive

pharmaceuticals, space, building manufacturing capabilities and industrialization, skills and capacity building and digitalization. Working together in the coming years can lead to substantive realization of Asta Cita.

In addition to our national developmental priorities, our two countries also have remarkably similar foreign policy outlooks. Indonesia's "free and active" foreign policy sits well with India seeking to maintain "strategic autonomy" in the pursuit of a multi-polar world. The Standing "Dasa Sila" principles enunciated in 1955 retain their relevance even today. A multi-polar Asia is a sine qua non for a multi-polar world and India and Indonesia

dom of navigation and keep open the sea lanes of communication. Both our countries are strong voices of the Global South and have much to contribute to articulation of these voices so that Sustainable Development Goals are achieved in a reasonable time frame. Our successive G20 presidencies, Indonesia in 2022 and India in 2023, brought into sharp focus the developmental agenda of the Global South into the international mainstream. Indonesia's decision to join BRICS adds yet another layer to our bilateral ties and will provide several new platforms for our peoples to interact. I can even foresee Indonesia joining new plurilateral frameworks in the future such as BIMSTEC and IRSA, as the country embarks on a journey of greater international engagement.

The evolving economic partnership also provides for enormous optimism. We are all aware that it is not enough to have friendly relations unless they benefit our peoples. Our people-centric ties are expanding multi-dimensionally. Our ties benefit from the presence of a significant Indian diaspora in Indonesia, many of whom are Indonesian nationals and form the living bridge uniting us. We also have a significant expatriate population here contributing to Indonesian economy in film, manufacturing,

plementing local currency settlement systems, cross border capital market investment frameworks and inter-connections between our digital payments ecosystems, the economic integration of India and Indonesia is set to become deeper and seamless. Adding lift to the relationship is tourism. India is the third-largest source country for tourists into Indonesia. In 2023 the number touched almost 700,000. Indians feel at home in Indonesia and tourism ties will grow as we work toward establishing more connectivity. From no direct flights in 2023, in a short span of a year we have three direct flights a day connecting destinations in India and Indonesia. More direct flights are the need of the times to cater to the growing demand, including a much-needed direct connection between the two capitals.

From time immemorial there have been exchanges of ideas and materials between our two peoples. In contemporary times it has become multi-faceted and more technology driven. As our domestic growth pathways are digital, green and sustainable, it opens up vistas for greater collaboration and partnerships. The outcomes of the visit of President Prabowo will lay the foundations for a more expanded engagement in several areas including health, food sufficiency, biotech,

AA President Sandeep Chakravorty (PFM 1991)
<https://www.facebook.com/share/1BMAfo7UyQ/>



सीजीडब्ल्यूबी रिपोर्ट: देश के अधिकतर हिस्सों में भूजल दोहन बढ़ा है और गुणवत्ता भी तेजी से खराब हो रही है भूजल संरक्षण में आज के प्रयास से सुरक्षित रहेगा कल

भारात के भूजल संरक्षण में की गयी पर केंद्रीय भूजल बोर्ड (सीजीडब्ल्यूबी) की हालिया रिपोर्ट में अत्यधिक भूजल दोहन और गुणवत्ता में गिरावट को लेकर चेतावनी जारी है। वार्षिक नुस्खा भूजल निचार्ज के प्रतिष्ठत के रूप में आंकी गई 6700 से ज्यादा युनिट्स में से 206 युनिट्स को गंभीर (90-100 प्रतिशत से अधिक) और 751 युनिट्स को आंशिक दोहन (100% से अधिक) श्रेणी में रखा गया है। ये युनिट्स मुख्य रूप से उत्तर-पश्चिमी राज्यों जैसे पंजाब, हरियाणा, दिल्ली और पश्चिमी उत्तर प्रदेश, पश्चिमी राज्यों जैसे राजस्थान और गुजरात और दक्षिण राज्यों जैसे कर्नाटक, तमिलनाडु, केलंगना और ओडिशा प्रदेश में स्थित हैं।

सीजीडब्ल्यूबी की एक अलग रिपोर्ट से भूजल में चिंताजनक प्रदूषण स्तर की जानकारी सामने आई है। मानसून से पहले जांच पर 15,259 नमूनों में से 3,000 से ज्यादा नमूनों में नाइट्रेट स्तरों से अधिक (45 पीपीएम से ऊपर), 1,300 से ज्यादा नमूनों में फ्लोराइड स्तरों से अधिक (1.5 पीपीएम से ऊपर) और 500 से अधिक नमूनों में अमोनिया की अधिकता देखा गया है। राजस्थान, हरियाणा और ओडिशा जैसे राज्यों के भूजल में अत्यधिक प्रदूषण मिल रहा है। राजस्थान, गुजरात, हरियाणा, पंजाब, तमिलनाडु, ओडिशा प्रदेश और कर्नाटक में अत्यधिक दोहन और गंभीर श्रेणी की युनिट्स में भूजल में दूरीयम स्तर में वृद्धि सामने आई है। भूजल को ये प्रभावित युनिट्स कुल युनिट्स के अभाव में काम लग सकती हैं, लेकिन ये उन क्षेत्रों में स्थित हैं, जहां परंपरा, सिंचाई और औद्योगिक जलकों के लिए भूजल पर अत्यधिक निर्भरता



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भूजल के बिना जनजीवन और आजीविका संभव नहीं है। इसका सतत उपयोग और संरक्षण न केवल जल सुरक्षा, बल्कि स्वास्थ्य को बचाने के लिए भी जरूरी है। 2047 तक विकसित राष्ट्र बनने के लिए तेज आर्थिक गतिविधियों की जरूरत होगी, जिससे जल संसाधनों खास तौर पर भूजल की गुणवत्ता पर दबाव और बढ़ेगा।

हैं। लंबे समय तक फ्लोराइड के संपर्क से फ्लोरोसिस जैसी आसैनिक के संपर्क से केसर या लवंग की मजबूत हो सकती है। इन क्षेत्रों में सामंजसिक स्वास्थ्य, आर्थिक विकास, सामाजिक सुरक्षा और पारंपरिकीय सहायताओं के लिए भूजल की मात्रा व गुणवत्ता में सुधार किया जाना जरूरी है। इस दिशा में ये तीन कदम उठाए जा सकते हैं। सबसे पहले, भूजल गुणवत्ता के निरीक्षण और सही आंकड़े जुटाने चाहिए। भूजल गुणवत्ता टेक्निक को मजबूत करना और निगरानी की दर बढ़ाना बहुत जरूरी है। वर्तमान में भूजल गुणवत्ता की जांच एक वर्ष में पाठ-मानसून से पहले, मानसून के बाद, सर्दी और गर्मी में होती है, लेकिन कई राज्य सिर्फ मानसून से पहले और बाद के आंकड़ों पर ही ध्यान देते हैं। केवल सैजनाल एवरेज से भूजल गुणवत्ता में बदलाव के लिए जिम्मेदार विवेक बजरग नहीं पाया जा सकता है। इसलिए, भूजल गुणवत्ता की रिपोर्ट टाइम में निगरानी अच्छा उपाय है, ताकि सकारात्मक व नकारात्मक रूप से प्रभावित करने वाले घटनाक्रमों का पता लगाया जा सके। ऑटोमैटिज्ड इंटेलिजेंस (एआइ) तकनीक से चलने वाले सेंसरों के आने से ऐसे डेटा संग्रह की लगन

काफी कम हो गई है। ऐसे सेंसरों गैंग बेसिन में प्रयुक्त जल और नदी जल गुणवत्ता की निगरानी के लिए फालते से ही इस्तेमाल किया जा रहे हैं। एक स्विच निवेश के माध्यम से भूजल गुणवत्ता के लिए एआई-आधारित निगरानी प्रणालियों के विस्तार को प्राथमिकता मिलनी चाहिए। दूसरा, भूजल मात्रा और गुणवत्ता के आंकड़ों को करवाई योग्य जानकारी में बदलना चाहिए। नीति निर्माताओं और जल प्रकल्पकों को ऐसे आंकड़ों की जरूरत है, जो उनके व्यवहारिक रणनीतियों की जानकारी दे। भूजल मात्रा के लिए गंभीर व अति-दोहन वाली युनिट्स पहले से चिन्हित की जा चुकी हैं और वही युनिट्स विभिन्न राज्यास्तरीय उपायों जैसे राज्य-स्तरीय भूजल अधिनियमों के तहत भूजल दोहन का नियमन (रेगुलेशन), ऊर्जा मूल्य निर्धारण और ट्रिप व सिंक्रलर मिट्टम जैसे सिंचाई तकनीकों के प्रोत्साहन का आचार बनने चाहिए। हालांकि, भूजल गुणवत्ता के लिए ऐश समकक्ष वगीकरण मौजूद नहीं है। लेकिन उन्नत निगरानी बाचा और बेहतर आकृत जल गुणवत्ता सुपकांक के विकास को सक्षम बना सकती हैं। यह इन जानकारी के साथ नीतिगत हस्तक्षेपों को दिशा

दे सकता है कि भूजल गुणवत्ता स्वीकार्य सीमा को पार करती है या नहीं। तीसरा, भूजल की निगरानी में समुदायों को शामिल करना चाहिए। 6000 करोड़ रुपए की प्रोत्साहन-आधारित अटल भूजल योजना के तहत के साथ जल-संकटग्रस्त राज्यों गुजरात, हरियाणा, कर्नाटक, मध्य प्रदेश, महाराष्ट्र, राजस्थान और उत्तर प्रदेश में कर्यान्वयन से सामने आया है कि प्रभावी भूजल प्रबंधन के लिए समुदायों की भागीदारी महत्वपूर्ण है। 2023 में राजस्थान में अटल भूजल योजना के कार्यान्वयन पर काउंसिल ऑन एनजी, एनवायरनमेंट एंड वॉटर (सीईडब्ल्यूबी) के अध्यक्ष सुनिश्चित करने वाले हस्तक्षेपों को चिन्हित करने स्थित ग्राम-स्तरीय जल सुरक्षा योजनाएं बनाने में समुदायों से मिले आंकड़ों का उपयोग किया गया था।

गंभीर, अति-दोहन और गुणवत्ता-प्रभावित भूजल युनिट्स की अधिकता वाले ओडिशा, पंजाब, तमिलनाडु और केरला जैसे राज्यों में इस योजना को विस्तार देना भूजल प्रबंधन को काफी सहायक बना सकता है। भूजल के बिना जनजीवन व आजीविका संभव नहीं है। इसका सतत उपयोग-संरक्षण न केवल जल सुरक्षा, बल्कि सामंजसिक स्वास्थ्य को बचाने के लिए जरूरी है वरिष्ठ 2047 तक विकसित राष्ट्र बनने के लिए तेज आर्थिक गतिविधियों की जरूरत होगी। इसके कारण जल संरक्षणों खास तौर पर भूजल की गुणवत्ता पर दबाव और बढ़ेगा। इसलिए, भारत के भविष्य को सुरक्षित बनाने और सतत विकास लक्ष्य को बनने में तेजी देने के लिए भूजल गुणवत्ता की सुरक्षा के लिए समय पर कदम उठाना अत्यंत आवश्यक है।

Nitin Bassi (MRM 2006/CEEW) .

February, 2025

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Alumni Meetup in Los Angeles, USA
LtoR: Munish (PFM 2009)
Kajoli Tankha (PFM 1997)



Alumni Meet during the Karnataka Wash Conclave
Nitin Bassi (Senior Programme Lead, Sustainable Water at CEEW) (MRM 2006)
with Pramendra Singh (Director at KPMG India, Circular Economy, Sustainable Waste Management) (PFM 2008-10)

रिTHM
~A MUSICAL NOSTALGIA

04 JANUARY 2025
8:00 - 9:00 PM IST

 Yogesh Jadhav PFM 98-00	 Gayatri Pandey PFM 17-19	 Parth S. Mishra PFM 04-06	 Avinash Kumar PFM 98-00	 Rana Pujari PFM 12-14	 Ushnish Chattopadhyay PFM 04-06
 Himal Verma PFM 17-19	 Debasish Mishra PFM 91-93	 Dr. Madhu Verma Former Faculty IIFM	 Dipak Jha PFM 98-00	 Amisha Verma PSM 22-24	 Gaurav Prateek PFM 96-98
 Yogesh Verma PFM 18-20	 Dr. Taruna Chakravorty Sp/o Sandeep Chakravorty (PFM 98-91)		 Mamta Goel Sp/o Sanjeev Goel (PFM 90-92)		

 Alumni Association of IIFM

“Musical Beginning of 2025”

The new year 2025 began with a musical note. The Alumni Association of IIFM organised a musical nostalgia रिथम on 4th January. This online program was attended by more than 130 persons (highest participation of any program organised by the AA up until).

The participants of the program were alumni from across the batches and family members of alumni. It had an added value by the participation of our former faculty Dr. Madhu Verma. The program began with the warm welcome by our AA President Sandeep Chakravorty and then coordinated by Avinash Kumar.

The online platform was arranged by the alumni Santosh Singh (Partner and Managing Director, Intellecap), Vaibhav Gore (BOG member) supported the technical aspect of the online program, Dr. Swati Chouhan, Kallol Mandal (BOG members) supported in organising the program, Amrita Bhamra (AA Manager) supported in promotion of the program.

After the resounding success of the program, the AA will soon organise next version of “रिथम”



IIFM-Kurseong

Some alumni from the 2022-24 batch visited the campus.



Left to Right: Ashish Sinha, Ashish Aggrawal, Radhika, Dharmendra, Kultar, Navin, and Nikhil from PFM Batch 2000 reunited over dinner and began planning for their upcoming Silver Jubilee Celebrations.



Alumni reunited at the EPCO-WRI Workshop in Bhopal

From Left to Right:

Saransh Bajpai (Associate Program Director - Climate, Economics and Finance at WRI India) (PFM 2008-10)

Prateek Barapatre (Program Manager WRI India) (PFM 2011-13)

Rohit Nandanwar (Business Development Manager MicroEnergy Credits) (PFM 2012-14)

Nitesh Suryavanshi (Carbon Project Manager, The Nature Conservancy) (PFM 2013-15)

Praveen Khedale (Co Founder Quercus Eco Solutions) (PFM 2008-10)



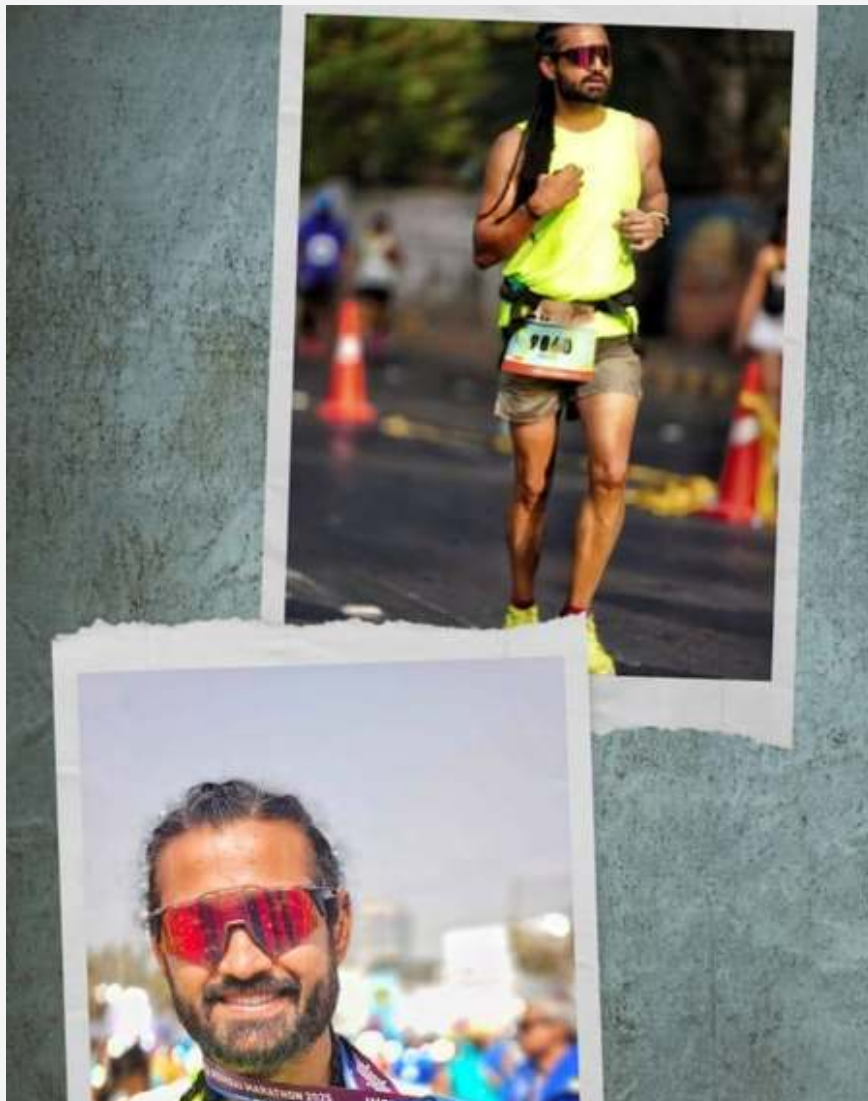
L to R:

Rahul PFM 2005 -07, Ashish PFM 1998-2000 and Rajesh PFM 1995-97 at IIM Kochi campus





Left to right:
Shashi (PFM 2010-12) work in DDU - GKY in NMMU (MoRD, GoI), New Delhi
Bishnu C Parida (MRM 2005) COO JSLPS
Participating in the Regional Workshop of MoRD on DDU - GKY 2.0 and RSETI 2.0 at Bhubaneswar being organised by ORMAS (16 - 17th January 2025).



Achin Phulre, (PFM 2012-14) completed Tata Mumbai Marathon, 42.2 kms.





Naman (PFM 2021-23) completed Mumbai Marathon



Ravi Kandpal (PFM 1990-92) has been recognised as a Legend in Marathon running by TMM in Mumbai Marathan



First ever IIFM reunion in Edmonton, Canada. Kunal (PFM 2010-12) and his wife Disha and Rohit, Mamta (PFM 1994-96) on a not so cold January night!





Ashok Pingle (MRM 2002) completed half marathon in Mumbai Marathaon

**LtoR
Ramesh Mukalla (1989-91)
Sandeep Chakraborty (1989-91)
Indrajit (2000-2002)**



Ashutosh Senger (2012-2014) qualified the Advocate on Record (AoR) examination!

ALUM OF THE MONTH





ALUMNI OF THE MONTH

JANUARY 2025

This certificate recognises the contribution of

BHOMIK SHAH, MANASI DIWAN & MOINAK GOSWAMI



WE ARE DELIGHTED TO ANNOUNCE BHOMIK SHAH (2009-11), MANASI (2008-10), AND MOINAK (2019-21) FROM CSR-BOX AS OUR ALUMNI OF THE MONTH!

CSR-BOX STANDS OUT AS AN ORGANISATION THAT HAS MADE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT IN THE SOCIAL SECTOR WHILE ALSO CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE NEXT GENERATION OF IIFM GRADUATES. THEIR UNWAVERING DEDICATION TO DRIVING CHANGE AND THEIR COMMITMENT TO NURTURING TALENT, EVIDENT IN THEIR SELECTION OF EIGHT IIFM STUDENTS AS FUTURE PROFESSIONALS, TRULY EXEMPLIFY THE SPIRIT OF IMPACT AND MENTORSHIP. IT IS ALWAYS INSPIRING TO SEE OUR ALUMNI SHAPING THE SECTOR AND UPLIFTING THE IIFM COMMUNITY. THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF IIFM PROUDLY CELEBRATES THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS. CONGRATULATIONS!


PRESIDENT



CAMPUS THIS MONTH





The 2nd Auditors' Training Program on the Indian Forest and Wood Certification Scheme (PRAMAAN) supported by TOFI was held at IIFM Kurseong Campus.



IIFM organized a week-long training program for Range Officers of Assam Forest Department on 'Integrated Conservation and Development'.



IIFM bagged the 'Rajbhawan Trophy' under 'Government and Institutional' category in 44th All India Rose Exhibition organized by MP Government and MP Rose Society.





The capacity-building program on 'Green Infrastructure and Green Credits' for Group A government officials was organized at IIFM.



The 19th batch of FRO trainees from Odisha Forest Rangers' College visited IIFM as a part of their Central India tour.





Sankalp Club organized a Blood Donation camp on the occasion of Republic Day.



IIFM, in collaboration with Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy, organized week-long Mid-Career Training- III on 'Management Module' for IFS officers.



IIFM, in collaboration with HCL Foundation, conducted a 3-day training program on 'Environment Management' for the HCL Foundation officials.

ALUMNI IN CAMPUS





Happy to inform that our Organization (Ayekart Fintech) visited IIFM to participate in the placement process this year. Loved our interaction with every student and yes the emotions were at peak as I visited the campus for the recruitment, after passing out a decade ago.

- Expressions of Nitish Bharadwaj (PFM 2012-14)

February, 2025

ALUMNI SUPPORT



ALUMNI SUPPORTED STUDENTS IN CAMPUS PLACEMENT (2023-25)

1) Ernst & Young (EY)

Facilitated by : Amit Bajaj (PFM '06)

Students placed : Shivam Telang & Spandan Chattopadhyay (PFM '25)

2) MicroSave Consulting

Facilitated by : Atulya Mishra (PFM '15) & Gayatri Pandey (PFM '19)

Students placed : Mudita Shukla, Ojaswi Khanna, Nitin Jangir, Radhika Naik, Rounak Chakraborty, (PFM '25) & Sivanna Gari Sasikimar (PSM '25)

3) Hindalco

Facilitated by : Deep Narayan Singh & Anoma Basu (PRA '12)

Student placed : Prashant Sehrawat (PSM '25)

4) Annapurna Finance

Facilitated by : Annanya Pan (PFM '13)

Students placed : Santul Dwivedi, Ranjitha C, Dibyani Bharti, Sohini Chakraborty, Apurba Ghorui (PFM '25) & Rishiyant Bavisa (PSM '25)

5) Avanti Finance

Facilitated by : Ramkrishna Atre (PFM '13)

Student placed : Gaurav Rao (PFM '25)

6) Ckinetics

Facilitated by : Shivam Jhade (PFM '23)

Student placed : Rakshith SNV (PSM '25)

7) ASA

Facilitated by : Anurag Patel (PFM' 20)

Students placed : Aniket Ahirwar, Prajwal Muke, Pushkar Nandanwar (PFM '25) & Sangam Kumari (PSM '25)

ALUMNI SUPPORTED STUDENTS IN CAMPUS PLACEMENT (2023-25)

8) Freecharge

Facilitated by : Anil Singh (PFM '06)

Students placed : Y Sri Bhavya, Sai Kumar, Bharath R, B Harika & C Sumanth (PSM '25)

9) PRADAN

Facilitated by : Sameer Kumar (PFM '01)

Students placed : Yugal Bawankar (PFM '25)

10) JK Paper

Facilitated by : Bijoy Prasad Ratho (PFM '96)

Students placed : Manjasha HV (PFM '25)

11) Ayekart Fintech

Facilitated by : Abhay Kumar Singh (PFM '21) and Nitish Bhardwaj (PFM '14)

Students placed : Lingala Aravind, Rajeev Singh & Ritika Khare (PFM '25)

12) Svatantra Finance

Facilitated by : Sahil Mehta (PFM '10)

Students placed : Satvik Sharma (PFM '25)

13) CSRBox

Facilitated by : Bhomik Shah (PFM '11), Manasi Diwan (PFM '10), Moinak Goswami (PFM '21)

Students placed : Avichal Kumar, Prithviraj Pal Chowdhury, Shivangi Sharma, Navya Singh, Nimit Chotaliya, Ashi Malviya, Sibasish Pattanaik & Shivangi Mishra (PFM '25)

14) Dr. Reddy's Foundation

Facilitated by : Sireesh Yeshwantapur (PFM '14)

Students placed : Shreyas T (PFM '25)

15) Crescendo/NIOCL

Facilitated by : Parth Sarthi Mishra (PFM '06)

Students placed : Prakhar Chopde, Disha Khoiya and Nirupam Ghosh Chowdhury (PFM '25)

**BRIDGING FUTURES:
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GUIDES 2023-25 BATCH FOR PLACEMENTS!**

Alumni Association (AA) organised a session on 11.01.2025 for the 2023-25 batch students to guide and support them for placement. The BOG of AA and some alumni participated in the session to orient the students. Faculty from IIFM also joined.

A follow up session was planned by the AA on 25.01.2025 in which the AA BOG Shikha and Renuka supported the students on how to prepare for the interview and addressed the concerns and queries of the students.

MEMORY LANE





From The Sports Diary of IIFM

- Prof P K Biswas,
Former Faculty (Founding Faculty) of IIFM

Now I have spent more than 40 years in Bhopal, out of which 30 years with the Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM). At the age of 27 years, I joined as the first faculty member of IIFM. Since then, it has been a wonderful journey till 2013, when I left for higher academic responsibility in Delhi.

The initial years of IIFM were of hardship, struggle, and survival to achieve the goal of making IIFM one of the rarest institutions in the country. Where else do you have such a wonderful blending of Forestry with Management and Social Sciences? It is a unique design no other institution has ever thought of with such interdisciplinary courses as early in the 1980s. In NEP (National Education Policy) 2020, we are now thinking of interdisciplinary courses. IIFM was ahead of its time with its peers.

As is evident in transactional leadership- we get our teeth into the problem or challenge thinking of alternative ways to solve the problem or overcome the obstacle. For this, we rallied with a group of young faculties and our students to execute the solutions. It had been a wonderful and gratifying feeling for us.

I being passionate about sports and films, brought this into classroom / open classes to learn lessons in leadership and teamwork for effective management and to have a holistic understanding of society.

I was active in the sport of Table Tennis, Badminton & Cricket along with my students. Initially, we didn't have appropriate infrastructure, but that didn't deter our spirit. For badminton in 1988, when PGDFM was introduced, we converted room no. 118 as a badminton court by removing the ceiling fans. The room was just adequate for the play and this room unfolded great stories of competition and camaraderie. Later on, we got a proper indoor badminton court with a wooden floor in 2007 and with other sports facilities (for which I had to make a strong plea with the then Director).

For Table Tennis, we used the room above the current SBI office, on the first floor which was mostly used as a store room. For cricket, we used to venture into MACT (now MANIT) ground, Model School ground, Police Line ground, and others as we didn't have our own ground. Every weekend we used to move by our bus to play cricket matches. Believe me, we had a great cricket team. In 1989, we finished Runners-Up in the M.P. Forest Tournament. In the same tournament, I won the Men's TT Singles Championship.

From The Sports Diary of IIFM

The real challenge arrived in the form of the First All-India Forest Sports Meet held in Hyderabad in early 1993. For the first time it was introduced as a national-level competition amongst the Forest Department and Forest-related institutions of MoEF (now MoEFCC) We came to know about it only 10-15 days in advance. Students and staff were keen to participate, so I took the initiative and approached the then Director, Dr J B Lal with a proposal to go to Hyderabad for participation of the IIFM team. The budget was only Rs.25,000/- at that time, which was just enough. The director told me if IIFM didn't win any medal he would deduct the cost from my salary and I told fair enough and if we won what would happen.....? He did approve and we went to Hyderabad and determined to do well. I was the captain of the Cricket team / TT team, Manager of the IIFM contingent, and also Accountant-- all roles rolled into one.

My gamble paid off. We did extremely well, considering the fact we got late information and hardly with any practice as a team. In cricket, we lost narrowly to the MP team, which was the winner that year. In TT we had Puneet Budhiraja PFM 1993 (batchmate of Dr Ravichandran, current Director of IIFM) and Manish Verma PFM1994 (elder brother of Prof Ashutosh Verma, current finance faculty at IIFM). We won Gold in the TT Double and won Silver in Men's singles (Puneet lost narrowly). It so happened, as we lost in cricket, Ranjit Panda PFM1993, who was a good cricketer (having played at under 18 zonal levels) said he could do well in athletics and participated in the long jump. And Lo!!, he won the Gold medal. Varun Singh PFM 1994, who said he could swim, so we got a costume for him and he won the Bronze medal. Our on-the-spot instinctive decisions (with no earlier entries in the long jump and swimming) and calculated gamble gave us Two Gold (a benchmark for a long time in the Forest Sports Meet), One silver, and One Bronze- very creditable performance in the very first edition of the All-India Forest Sports Meet. Over the years we have won several medals, and I had the satisfaction that I won TT Mixed Doubles Silver medal in the Lucknow Meet, later on.

The return journey of our students was quite interesting. The majority of the students who had played cricket were returning on the train when the TT checked and it so happened that tickets had been booked randomly and there was the name of Domo Diyum who was not traveling. Vineet Rai PFM 1994 (now a great Impact Investor & Entrepreneur), was with the team, an aggressive fast bowler, who somehow managed the situation. But both the batches of PFM 1993 & 1994 still talk about this incident laughingly.

Some of us returned later. The Director was all praise for the IIFM team and we got a rousing reception. I still cherish these moments and incidents with great satisfaction, which put IIFM in the All-India Sports Meet annals.

तुमको ना भूल पाएंगे



Our batchmate and dear friend Sarath Kumarasiri (PFM 2000) from Sri Lanka passed away in January. He was in King's hospital in Colombo and underwent a surgery recently. Sarath was a wonderful gentleman and a great friend. He will be dearly missed.

KNOWLEDGE CORNER





**Dr. Vandana Shiva:
A Champion of Environmental Sustainability**

Dr. Vandana Shiva is a leading Indian environmentalist, activist, and author known for her work in biodiversity conservation, sustainable agriculture, and farmers' rights. Her passion for ecological sustainability led her to challenge industrial agriculture and corporate control over seeds.

In 1987, she founded Navdanya, an organization dedicated to promoting organic farming, protecting indigenous seed varieties, and empowering farmers. She has been a strong advocate against genetically modified (GM) crops and the patenting of seeds by multinational corporations, emphasizing the importance of food sovereignty. Her work highlights the link between biodiversity and sustainable food systems, calling for a shift from chemical-intensive farming to regenerative agricultural practices.

A prolific writer, Dr. Shiva has authored several books, including *Earth Democracy* and *Staying Alive*, where she critiques globalization and its impact on the environment. Her advocacy extends to women's rights, positioning her as a leader in eco-feminism.

**PHOTOGRAPHS
OF THE
MONTH**



A Winter Day
Photo By- Mahima Singh PSM 2023-25



The Emerging Trees
Photo By- Shivam 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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Scan the QR Code above to join
Alumni Association





Newsletter Team (2024-25)

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

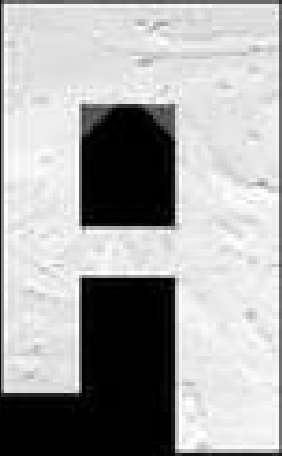
Bottom Line(L to R): Meghna Mishra(PSM 2026), Garima Giri(PFM 2026), Tarjal Kothari(PSM 2026)

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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