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Number of members	1764 (As on April, 2025)
Total Alumni Count (approx.)	2100
Number of Batches	34
LinkedIn Followers	1345
X(Twitter) Followers	281
Instagram Followers	715
Facebook (IIFM Alumni Endowment Fund) members	731





QUIZ OF THE MONTH





QUESTION FOR APRIL:

What is the significance of 23.2084° N, 77.3846° E



Answer to the Quiz question of March edition: Three

ALUMNI IN NEWS



Dr. Madhu Verma (former Faculty of IIFM) and Suneel Padale (PFM 1995-97) speaking at UN event “Business & Biodiversity”

Our own Manoj Dabas (inaugural batch PFM 1988-90) is now Country Director of CIFOR/ICRAF as an international position



A ‘Viksit Bharat’ Needs Women’s Political Representation Now: Reena Gupta (PFM 1997-99) Live TV News 24




UN Global Compact Network India's One-Day Training Programme on ‘Business and Biodiversity’

Venue: **UN Global Compact Network India, 1706-1709, 17th Floor, World Trade Tower, Sector 16, Noida, Uttar Pradesh, 201301**

Inaugural Address	Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services - Business Dependencies and Risks
	
Mr. Ratnesh Jha, Executive Director, UNGCNI	Dr. Madhu Verma, Senior Economic Advisor and Chief Environmental Economist, IORA Ecological Solutions
Mitigating Business Impacts on Biodiversity & Integrating Biodiversity into ESG and CSR frameworks	Global developments on strengthening corporate disclosure related to biodiversity
	
Ms. Pratima Washan, Independent Sustainability Advisor	Ms. Eva Bortolotti, Programme Specialist, Nature Finance, Nature Hub, UNDP.
Introduction to Business and Biodiversity	Practical tools for Biodiversity Mapping and Risk Assessment
	
Mr. Suneel Padale, Senior Technical Advisor, UNGCNI	Priyanka Dharne Lead- Ecology and Biodiversity Terracon Ecotech Pvt. Ltd.
Date: 07th March, 2025 Time: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM	



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Opinion

Myth of free supply has complicated the water sector. India must take charge

India's wicked water problem warrants solutions beyond better budgetary outlays. We need to improve cost recovery to at least cover the operation and maintenance of water infrastructure.

NITIN BASSI and SHUVA RAHA

Great article on World Water Day by Nitin Bassi (MRM 2006/CEEW)

https://theprint.in/opinion/myth-of-free-supply-complicated-water-sector-india-must-take-charge/2559544/

Ethanol led automotive can be a great solution to reduce Delhi's pollution Ravi Gupta (PFM 1989-91)



RAVI GUPTA

A GREEN HYBRID FOR DELHI

A shift to cars that switch between petrol and ethanol can help clean the city's air

DELHI HAS A new government that seems keen to make a difference. There is no better idea than to improve the city's environment. A vehicle-scrapping policy is already on the anvil. The next big move could be launching ethanol-based flex-fuel cars (FFVs), which can switch between petrol and ethanol. This will lead Delhi toward cleaner mobility solutions. Such FFVs are a promising alternative to petrol and diesel cars. With its severe air pollution levels, strong policy framework, and a growing ethanol infrastructure, the Delhi-NCR region may emerge as an ideal location to introduce these eco-friendly vehicles. The transition to FFVs could be a game-changer for the NCR's air quality and public health.

According to the World Air Quality Report 2023, Delhi is the third-most polluted city globally. Vehicular emissions are a major contributor, responsible for 39 per cent of the region's pollution. Adopting FFVs can significantly improve air quality by cutting down pollutants like particulate matter, carbon monoxide and other greenhouse gases.

Studies show that air pollution costs Delhi between 1.06 and 5.8 per cent of its annual GDP. By shifting to FFVs, Delhi NCR can reduce these costs. Delhi has about 15.23 million vehicles, of which 82 run on petrol. Petrol-powered vehicles release about 2.31 kg of CO2 per litre of fuel. FFVs using E100 (100 per cent ethanol) can reduce carbon emissions by up to 40 per cent. If just half of Delhi's petrol fleet transitions to FFVs using E100, carbon emissions will decrease by 20 per cent. Given the high proportion of petrol vehicles in Delhi, this could lead to a reduction of up to 16.5 per cent in overall emissions.

Delhi has a track record of implementing bold environmental measures. In 1993, the city faced severe air pollution, caused primarily by vehicular emissions. Through a series of landmark policies, including the introduction of CNG for public transport, Delhi became one of the first cities to adopt this fuel on a large scale. This move resulted in a significant reduction in air pollution.

The Centre is already pushing for increased ethanol blending through initiatives like the Ethanol Blending Programme and the introduction of E20 (20 per cent ethanol-blended petrol). Delhi, as the nation's capital, is at the forefront of policy enforcement. To further incentivise FFV adoption, the government could introduce tax concessions, including a reduction of GST from 28 per cent to 5 per cent (equal to EV vehicles).

India has made major strides in ethanol production, particularly in states like Uttar Pradesh and Haryana. With major ethanol producers in proximity, Delhi can have a robust supply chain that will ensure E100 ethanol is distributed through petrol pumps. NCR is also home to some of India's largest automotive manufacturers, research centres, and think tanks. Its strong industrial ecosystem — essential for driving the development, testing, and rollout of FFVs — could position Delhi NCR as a leader in alternative fuel technology.

With rising fuel costs and growing environmental concerns, urban consumers are increasingly looking for greener mobility options. A concerted push from policymakers, coupled with targeted awareness campaigns, can help accelerate the adoption of FFVs. The Supreme Court's mandate for pollution control measures and the Delhi government's incentive for scrapping older vehicles present an opportunity to introduce these vehicles.

In the 1970s, Brazil began exploring ethanol as a cleaner fuel source in response to an oil crisis. However, it wasn't until the early 2000s when FFVs were introduced that ethanol adoption skyrocketed. Today, Brazil leads the world in FFV adoption, with 80 per cent of cars running on ethanol. Delhi has the potential to follow in Brazil's footsteps.

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The writer is chairman, Sugar Bioenergy Group, Indian Federation of Green Energy



ALUMNI WORLD





L to R:
Rajarshi Dutta Baruah
(PFM 2007-09)
Probal Deep Das (PFM
2008-10)
at Guwahati

L to R:
Abhishek Choudhury
(PFM 2004-06)
Vineet Rai
(PFM 1992-94)
at Mumbai



L to R:
Suvendu Pati
(PFM 1991-93)
Abhishek Choudhury
(PFM 2004-06)
at RBI Mumbai.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF IIFM PRESENTS

MEN OF 2001 ON MASCULINITY

OUR PANELISTS



AVINAV KUMAR



ALOK PRADHAN



ASEEM HASNAIN



PRANAV SHARMA



RAHUL BIST

23 MARCH 2025; 8:00 PM IST



Host : Nimisha Mittal PFM 01,
Joint Secretary AA-IIFM

We request you to please join with your correct username on zoom.
PS : Do join in with your spouse !

For more information: admin@iifmalumni.com +919303283826

Men of 2001 on Masculinity

The webinar was the first in the series hosted by the Alumni association of IIFM on the occasion of international women's day 2025. The objective of the webinar was to initiate conversations on gender equality and men's empowerment through lived experiences of 5 male panelists from the PFM batch of 2001. Nimisha Mittal was the moderator and Alok Pradan, Aseem Hasnain, Avinav Kumar, Pranav Sharma and Rahul Bisht were the panelists who engaged the audience through candid self reflections on what was their notions on masculinity while they were growing up and how and in which way their own notions of masculinity evolved over a period of time. Though empowering men is needed to empower women in the long run, it is also a goal in itself. Men struggle and are affected by gendered roles attributed to them in a patriarchal society which largely sees them as protector and provider and has harmful norms which affects their psycho-emotional health as well. 54 participants attended the webinar that lasted for 100 minutes.

Chakrerview
Sharing life experiences and lessons, truth is stranger than fiction. "Not all those who wander are lost" - JRR Tolkien

Saturday, March 22, 2025

W(T)alk in the Park

W(T)alk in the Park

I have been taking morning walks in Taman Suropati ever since I shifted to India House, the official residence of the Ambassador of India, located next to the park in Menteng area of Jakarta. Taman Suropati is named after Indonesia's national hero, Untung Suropati (1660-1706) who led rebellions against the Dutch East India Company. The park was built in 1920 by the then-mayor of Batavia, GJ Bisschop, and used to be called Bisschopplein. India House was built in 1934 and used to be the Italian Consulate before Indonesia's independence. It has been India House since the early 1950s.

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About Me

Chakrerview

I am a traveller to both geographical and metaphorical destinations. They say that rolling stones gather no moss, but they do become more smooth. Magic and humour exists all around us, it takes just a pumping heart to see it. Her I can do no better than to quote Hermann Hesse - "I have been and still am a seeker, but I have ceased to question stars and books; I have begun to listen to the teaching my blood whispers to me".

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Sandeep Chakravorty (PFM 1989-91)
<https://sandiplomat.blogspot.com/2025/03/wtalk-in-park.html>



R to L:
Nimisha (PFM 2001)
Mukesh (PFM 2001)
Avinash (PFM 2000)
At Patna





**PFM 1992 get together at Goa:
Rohini, Raghu, Kandy, Siva, Ashok, Vineet, Tapan, Harpreet Bhinder,
Mineesh and Harsh**



**IIFMights met at Sariska Tiger
Reserve, Rajasthan:**

**L to R:
Dipak Kumar (PFM 2010-12)
Risabh Chaturvedi (PFM 2021-23)
Piyush (PFM 2016-18)**





L to R:
Probal Deep Das
(PFM 2008-10)
Aditya Pedwal (PFM
2005-07)
in a workshop in
Guwahati



L to R:
Avinash BH
(PFM 2020-22)
Shailesh Nagar
(PFM 1995-97)
Shailendra Kumar
(PFM 2006-08)
in a workshop at Delhi.



**Avinash Kumar
(PFM 1998-2000)
Devanshu Chakravarty
(PFM 1996-1998)**

IIFMights at Pench Tiger Reserve for Workshop on Strategies for Future Wildlife Management
L to R
**Sankalp Kishnani
(PFM 2013-15)
Ratul Saha
(MRM 2005-06)
Nikhil Prajapati
(PFM 2022-24)**



A Small IIFM get-together in Bengaluru

**In picture (R to L)
Vaibhav Gore (PSM 2019-21)
Vivek John (PSM 2019-21)
Liz (Vivek's Partner)
Aditi Saha (PSM 2020-22)**





IIFMights at Pilibhit Tiger Reserve

Neelima Mishra (PFM 2011-13) (founder of CEIBA Green Solutions) extreme Right Manish Singh (PFM 2008-10), IFS, currently posted at Pilibhit



ALUM OF THE MONTH





ALUM OF THE MONTH

MARCH 2025

This certificate recognises the contribution of
SASIDHAR N. THUMULURI (PFM 1997-99)

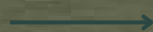


WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE SASIDHAR THUMULURI (PFM 1997-99) AS OUR ALUM OF THE MONTH. SASI'S DEDICATION TO IIFM IS TRULY INSPIRING AND HIS SUPPORT TO THE STUDENTS IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED. THIS YEAR, SASI DEMONSTRATED HIS COMMITMENT BY PROVIDING INVALUABLE SUPPORT TO IIFM STUDENTS DURING THEIR PLACEMENT PROCESS, SHARING LEADS FROM OVER 10 ORGANISATIONS. ADDITIONALLY, HIS RECENT VISIT TO IIFM FOR 'REMINISCENCE' WAS A GREAT SUCCESS, WHERE HE INSPIRED AND MOTIVATED IIFM STUDENTS

PRESIDENT



CAMPUS THIS MONTH





IIFM Bhopal celebrated the 50th International Women's Day with a poetry competition and an expert session on 'Women & Laws,' highlighting gender equality and legal rights.



"Kalpataru 2025," hosted by IIFM Bhopal from March 06-08, concluded with its Annual Gathering on March 8. The event featured competitions, cultural festivities, and was graced by Chief Guest Padma Shri Shri Bheru Singh Chouhan and Guest of Honour ADGP Shri Chanchal Shekhar. Director Dr. K. Ravichandran highlighted IIFM's vision for the future.





IIFM Bhopal successfully hosted Coalescence' 25 - A Future for All, its annual business conclave, from March 21-22, 2025. The event featured leadership talks by Mr. Manu Srivastava (ACS, MP Govt.) and Shri Sandeep Chatterjee (IBM), a CSR Board Game Competition, and panel discussions on Climate Justice and Embedding Social Impact in Business. Experts from WICCI, Momentum India, AISECT, and NABARD shared insights on sustainability and equitable transitions. The conclave concluded with a prize ceremony and a musical performance by Smt. Sushmita Das, inspiring collaborative action for a sustainable future.

IIFM Bhopal hosted Parwaaz'25, its annual inter-college street play competition, on March 20, 2025. Centered on Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment), the event featured powerful performances by teams from IEHE, AIIMS, TISS, BSS, and IIFM, advocating sustainable living. IIFM Bhopal won 1st place, followed by TISS Mumbai and IEHE Bhopal. The event, graced by Shri Ashok Bulani and IIFM leadership, highlighted youth engagement in environmental action.



Madhu Verma mam recently visited IIFM



ALUMNI IN CAMPUS



Dateline Bhopal

Sandeep Chakravorty (PFM 1989-91)

I was on two and half day tour to my favourite city in India, Bhopal. This time I did not stay at IIFM but on the opposite hill at the National Judicial Academy (NJA) campus. I must say it a beautiful campus with great views of Bhadbhada lake and IIFM. I lucky to have the Directors of two premier Institutes of IIFM as my friends.

They were days most well spent. Started off the first day by consulting with Nikhil Mathur on where to get the best kababs in Bhopal. Promptly ordered them from Filfora. Nikhil joined me briefly for drinks. Director Ravi was tied up due to Shivratri, so he came late, but by that time both Nikhil and I were adequately kebabed and BL'd. Nikhil had to catch the plane to Delhi, so Ravi and I dined together. We were later joined by Kallol and Yogesh (PFM 18-20, Microsave), who had been on a day trip to Indore. They had gone to buy books and both Ravi and I were beneficiaries of Kallol's generosity. He gifted us – Psychology of Money, the guide to become rich, provided one is willing.

By sheer coincidence, an old friend from PRADAN days, Ranjan Mohapatra, came to see me when he learned I was in Bhopal. I was meeting him after more than 25 years but it seemed that we had never been away. He runs an NGO called Srishti in Bhubaneswar. I did my routine OT/Placement pitch to him and he has agreed to take in IIFMights. Connected Dipankar V to him.

On day two, had a breakfast meeting followed by an interactive session with the faculty of NJA. I was expected to talk about International Law, about which I have information but not knowledge. Luckily Trump has happened. So I was able to deftly navigate the talk about the role of power and realism in the determining the outcome of international law. Basically an extension of what happens to domestic law. The rich and the powerful have their way. My point that the health of International Law is a sub set of state of International Relations was well taken. It allowed me to make a sales pitch for my International Relations and Diplomacy Primer.

From NJA rushed to IIFM. Praveen, AA Secretary joined me. Director Ravi had organised a session with the students and faculty. Attendance was thin to begin with but soon the hall filled up. After his opening remarks in which Ravi highlighted the importance and the role of AA, I spoke about careers and its determinants. My point was that while seeking placement have a single objective not multiple. Either it can be organisation, or place or JD or package. No offer will satisfy all four, even two is tall order. The session lasted for more than an hour and I was impressed with the questions and interactions. Some questions were of course out of syllabus for me. Someone asked me which job will satisfy his interest in environment, international affairs and social commitment. I asked him to join the Indian Foreign Service.

During the lunch hosted by Director Ravi at the Guest House, which was attended by Advait, Kallol, Praveen and Swati, we had had long discussion about academic standards at IIFM. I must say that after a precipitous decline in the last few years, academics at IIFM are looking northwards. There has been addition of new faculty. IIFM is seeking new accreditations and recognitions, which will ensure that courses are taught as per standards or those accreditations

We were shocked to learn that in the previous years, some basics of management education such as CP, PPT, Group Tasks and Assignments had been abandoned. Happily, those have been restored and we will see IIFM going up in ratings and acquire international standards accreditations. In the last year more than 40 research papers have been published by the faculty including many in Cat A journals. IIFM has even filed for a patent. PHD programme is being restored and today IIFM has a problem of plenty. The Ministry's financial disengagement from IIFM has not affected the financial health of the Institute. To the contrary our corpus is increasing and IIFM due to earnings from projects and consultancy may have to pay tax. These are happy developments for which we give full credit to the leadership of Dr. Ravichandran.

The Institute is also taking head on the challenging task of placement of almost 200 students this year. More than 100 have already been placed. An impediment has been the aspirations of students who naturally are waiting to land the best jobs and do not appear in some job interviews hoping for better ones to come. To be fair, this is the first time such a large placement challenge is being faced by the Institute. Even here, the approach has been to expand the base and reach out to more organisations. I learnt that in the past, IIFM placements had been limited to just 40 or so organisations. This is being expanded. We alumni, need to support the Institute to expand the database of organisation that can employ IIFMights as the number of students will grow in the coming years. Lets us all do our bit and share with Dipankar (dipankarv@iifmbhopal.edu.in, dipakv09@gmail.com , Mob: +919346778199) names and contacts of potential employers. If we can increase the list to more than 200 or so, placements will become more certain. From next year, the Director plans to start placements early in the year, so now the time to do something is now.

We then moved to the Alumni Office at Room No. 82 and met up with Amrita, AA Office Manager. It was decided to bring out more AA merch so that the students who are passing out and alums who visit IIFM can go back with memorabilia. A merch design contest has since been announced.

On day three, Ranjan and Praveen accompanied me to Village Sarar in Raisen District for Grihapravesha of Dr. Madhu Verma's farm house. Coincidentally, the catering there was by Filfora. Was impressed by the taste and texture a Bhopali Nawabi vegetarian dish called Diwani Handi. Food lovers can check that out. On Madhuji's inspiration, both Swapan Mehra and I have bought farmland there. Praveen who works on plantations for carbon credits has agreed to turn both Swapan's and my land into a fruit plantation. It will be a first hand personal experience of carbon markets. We will have to wait to see whether our trees give fruit or firewood!

I am writing this log sitting at Bangkok airport lounge, on my way back to Jakarta, waiting for the connecting flight (should all of you wonder how I have so much time in my hand). Having spent time at IIFM, with students, AA BOG members and the Director, I am filled with optimism and high hopes about IIFM. The Institute is perhaps for the first time considering itself as management Institute and working towards standing shoulder to shoulder with its peers. With more faculty and students populating IIFM, it will indeed become a more vibrant and visible Institute. For us alumni, if we connect to each other and our alma mater more in a continuous manner and provide an enabling and supportive ecosystem for the students who pass out of IIFM, we will be contributing our bit. On that happy note, I sign off as it is time now to take off.

REMINISCENCE & YAADON KI BAARAT 2025



IIFM hosted Reminiscence and Yaadon Ki Baarat, a special alumni meet on March 7th and 8th, welcoming back the batches of 1998, 1999, and 2014. Alumni such as Sasidhar Thumulri, Nakul Chouhan, Sumit Mandale, Gaurav Jain, M. Niharika, Indra B. Salve, Buddh Prakash, Subham Sodhani, Saurav Gupta, Ashwini Yelne, Vivek Mishra, from across the country returned to their alma mater, rekindling old memories and strengthening lifelong bonds.

The event featured a mix of adventure and cultural activities. Alumni participated in archery, rappelling, and paint gun challenges, while a caricature artist and pottery sessions added a creative touch. The evening came alive with a vibrant carnival, where students set up food and handicraft stalls, creating a festive atmosphere. An interactive memory booth allowed alumni to share their cherished moments and relive their time at IIFM.

The second day saw a formal ceremony graced by IIFM Director Mr. K. Ravichandran, who engaged in meaningful interactions with the alumni. The event was a celebration of nostalgia, camaraderie, and the enduring connection between IIFM and its alumni.



Vijay Pratap Singh Aditya (PFM 1998-00)

April, 2025

तुम्हें ना भूल पाएंगे



Jagmohan Mallick (PFM 2009-11)



Abhishek Chauhan (PFM 2010-12)

Month of March 2025 was very tough for the fraternity of Alumni Association as we witnessed untimely demise of two of our young alumni. Jagmohan Mallick (PFM 2009-11) who met with road accident on 3rd march. He was admitted in critical condition at Jabalpur. We lost him on 11th March.

Abhishek Chauhan (PFM 2010-12) was suffering from Tuberculosis Meningitis at Dehradun. We lost him on 22nd March.

BID ADIEU

Branching Out: IIFmAREWELL ~ (Spandan Chattopadhyay FM'25)



Well, I guess it's time, yet another batch of misfits have their – “Yaadein mithai ke dibbe ki tarah hoti hai; Ek baar khula toh sirf ek tukda nahi kha paoge” Moment.

The journey that began with an orientation of promise and hope 22months ago, reaches its inevitable semicolon. The bags and eyes heavier this time with memories; the academic hallways voider, the mess clamours quieter and the rustic benches awaiting yet another set of stories. Love wasn't a highlight reel here. It was in the mundane: the half-eaten parathas, the Wi-Fi outages, the rapid breathing during presentations and the heaving sigh at the grasslands. It was in shared notebooks, library whispers and stolen glances - in bathukamma colors, garba glitters and mud-streaked shoes. We came here looking for a degree. A direction. A way of being. We are going back as something different, someone different. Ones that smile at every peacock with a fonder grin, ones that look for certifications beyond normal packaging, ones that put an invisible arm out for anything that can sustain. Ones that 'leave no one behind'. As the Vidwan door closes for one last time and “119” becomes just another number in the index of a 900page sustainability report, we pledge to come back, re-huddle, reminisce and rejoice the days that made us who we are. As the 'City of Lakes' becomes a distant happy memory for most of us, here's hoping the cherished uphill walkway of Nehru Nagar will always smell like home.

Green, even during Autumn,
Batch 2023-25.



Hello everyone, I'm Saptarshi Sarkar, PGDSM 23-25 batch. So few days back, I was having a conversation with one of my batchmates about the notorious Narayan Murthy '70 hour' work week commitment and all, the fuss was going on for an hour or so, if it's right, if it's wrong, which CEO supports it, which CEO thinks it's garbage. Well, I was mostly silent, after some time, I just picked up my phone, opened up a certain person's LinkedIn profile experience section, showed it to the others, and they remained silent for around 30 seconds. This particular guy had a 44 years of experience, working at some organization. Come on people, I dare you to guess the name, MBB? Big 4? Goldman Sachs? FAAMG? well, this guy has worked for a company called 'My Soul'. Don't get confused it with any NGO or something, its a person, its a personality reflecting a concept of 'Be the Best version of yourself'.

You guys remember how 'the' MS Dhoni announced his retirement from Test cricket? He just kind of came to the dressing room, and said 'Hey guys, thanks, I'm out'. Imagine doing that taking a retirement decision from corporate life that too at the age of 44, surprise, surprise, someone did..!

There's a saying in bengali -

" মেজাজ টাই ম is.. ' আসল রাজা, আমে রাজা নই ", translation -

'I'm never the king, my attitude

Enough of the anonymity, I submit to you and all I can't give a tribute speech to Kallol sir. I mean, I am standing here at this very institute because of him, ANC ka budget nhi tha projector ka, nhi to I would've showed our LinkedIn chats before coming to IIFM, hasta khelta Goa ja rha tha MBA karne, his passion and guidance changed my POV, cracked my ANC committee selection interview using his name, reached out to him for help regarding stay at Mumbai because during summer internships, with the stipend provided, we were practically broke, he helped to manage our stay within one freaking day, take that Mumbai brokers, asked for help during placement interview preparation, he just said, arey just be you yar, they'll anyway love you, how can you tribute such an elder brother whose invisible hands are always there over your heads.

The brand of IIFM", those were the exact words of my reporting manager when we used to discuss how only one guy can make the difference in terms of representing an institute, the 'One-man' ANC, won't ever miss sunday biriyani at IIFM, played football probably with all the batches since the last decade or so, creates serious mental complex on a daily basis for people like me with his kick-ass biceps at that age.

Now again, I won't say IIFM would miss you sir, you're practically taking half of IIFM with you, I'm sure you will be back here in no time as well not because all the alleys and lawns will start resonating your name sir, nor the faculties and alumni association would start blabbering what amount of silent contributions you did make for each and every pass out batches in this campus. You'll be back here because of 'us', any IIFM nameplate would probably not mention you, but believe me 'we' will never forget. My heartiest best wishes for your days at Bankura sir, a very proud father and a very loving mother will be waiting for their 'khoka ghore ay' moments. Translation – 'come back home, son..!'

Each of your whatsapp shares, each of your LinkedIn posts, are actually testaments to your 'yet to be over' job designation - Relationship manager, well, manage this relationship with us in the future and continue to make us "being the best version of ourselves.."

Thank you for everything, Kallol sir. This one is for you, this one is for IIFM.

KNOWLEDGE CORNER





Rajendra Singh: Waterman of India

Rajendra Singh, known as the "Waterman of India," is a renowned environmentalist and water conservationist. He is famous for his work in reviving traditional water harvesting methods in rural India. Singh began his mission in the 1990s, focusing on the arid regions of Rajasthan, where he worked to restore natural water systems that had been lost due to overexploitation and deforestation. His efforts led to the revival of rivers, ponds, and wells through the use of ancient techniques like Johads (rainwater harvesting ponds) and other traditional methods.

Through his initiative, Singh has successfully transformed numerous villages, bringing water back to areas that had been suffering from severe drought for years. His work has not only improved access to water but has also fostered a sense of community and environmental responsibility. Rajendra Singh's dedication to water conservation has earned him several prestigious awards, including the Ramon Magsaysay Award in 2001.

**PHOTOGRAPHS
OF THE
MONTH**





Life in a Barren Land

Photo By-Md Ashhaduddin PFM 2023-25



A Seat for Two

Photo By- Konsam Gojesh Singh PFM 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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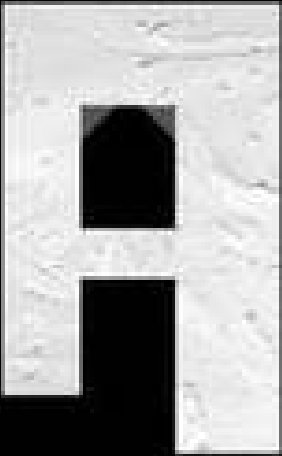
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