




# ALMA MATTERS

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Number of members	1805 (As on May, 2025)
Total Alumni Count (approx.)	2295
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 MAY:

IIFM Campus is surrounded by water bodies on:

1. Two sides
2. Three sides
3. One side



**Answer to the Quiz question of the April edition:**

- Q) What is the significance of  $23.2084^{\circ}$  N,  $77.3846^{\circ}$  E  
A) Latitude and Longitude of IIFM

# ALUMNI IN NEWS



I am very happy to share that Startup Mahakumbh concluded with success. From an Organizing Committee's point of view, it was an amazing celebration of entrepreneurship.

In addition to being part of the Organizing Committee, I had the privilege of chairing the Agritech Pavillion.

Our biggest moment though arrived when students from Government Polytechnic College Deoria participated at the Aavishkaar foundation behest and succeeded in winning the jury award and missed being part of the top 3 by a whisker and came 4th. That this was the only government college that was in the top 10 and that it won the jury award is beyond anyone's belief competing against some of the fanciest Indian colleges like Ashoka etc.

-By Vineet Rai (PFM 1992-94):




**Debasish Mishra (PFM 1991-93)  
CGM SBI addressing Agritech pavillion at Start Up Mahakumbh**

**Indian Ambassador to Indonesia Sandeep Chakravorty, President of Alumni Association of IIFM met with H.E. Dr. Raja Juli Antoni, Minister of Forests of Indonesia and briefed him about the Institute.**







# ALUMNI WORLD



**Rhythm 2.0**  
A MUSICAL EVENT ORGANISED BY THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF IIFM

**MEET *the* PARTICIPANTS**

 <b>Rana Pujari</b> PFM 2014	 <b>Pooja Mathur</b> PFM 2018	 <b>Ravinder Kumar</b> PFM 1999	 <b>Gayatri Pandey</b> PFM 2019	 <b>Parth Mishra</b> PFM 2006
 <b>Gaurav Prateek</b> PFM 1998	 <b>Ravi Pandey</b> PFM 2008	 <b>Yogesh Jadhav</b> PFM 2000	 <b>Dr. Yogesh Dubey</b> Faculty IIFM	 <b>Anil K. Purohit</b> PFM 1991
 <b>Satish Bhattra</b> PFM 2010	 <b>Dipak Jha</b> PFM 2000	 <b>Nitin Bassi</b> MRM 2006	 <b>Ushnish Chattopadhyay</b> PFM 2006	

**27TH APRIL 2025, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM IST**

## Rhythm 2.0: A Confluence of Singing, Musical Instruments, Shayari, and Poetry Theme: "Friendship"

On the pleasant evening of Sunday, April 27, 2025, the much-awaited musical event Rhythm 2.0 was organized by the Alumni Association of IIFM. The event brought together alumni, current and former faculty members, and students in a heartwarming celebration centered around the theme of "Friendship."

The program commenced with a welcome address by Mr. Sandeep Chakravorty, President of the Alumni Association, who greeted the guests, participants, and attendees, and encouraged everyone to enjoy an evening filled with camaraderie and creativity.

The event was anchored by Mr. Avinash Kumar, Vice President of the Alumni Association. Alumni participants spanned across batches from 1991 to 2019, showcasing the diversity and strength of the IIFM community.

The audience was enthralled by the soulful Shayari by Dr. Yogesh Dubey (Faculty, IIFM), mesmerizing singing performances by Pooja Mathur, Gaurav Prateek, Ushnish Chattopadhyay, Ravi Pandey, Parth Mishra, Yogesh Jadhav, Nitin Bassi, and Gayatri Pandey. A special harmonica performance by Dipak Jha captivated the audience, while heartfelt poems recited by Anil Purohit and Satish Bhattraai added to the emotional depth of the evening.

Rhythm 2.0 successfully created an unforgettable evening of music, memories, and meaningful connections.

The evening saw a turnout of 60 participants, generating strong enthusiasm for Rhythm 3.0, which will carry the theme of 'Nature'.

The event was organized with the able support of Amrita Bhama (Manager, Alumni Association), Vaibhav Gore, Dr. Swati Chouhan, and Kallol Mandal (members of the Governing Board of the Alumni Association)



**Serendipitous alumni meeting at Bhopal airport**

**L to R:  
Prakriti Pandey PFM 2018-20  
Chandan Khanna is PFM 2008-10  
Mradul Choubey PFM 2010-12 and Advait Edgaonkar PFM 1991-93**

**Happy to share that I, Vivek Jain (MRM 2016–17), have registered a Section 8 Company.**

**The company's purpose is to promote the circular economy in Madhya Pradesh, focusing on leveraging benefits for Farmer Producer Groups (FPGs) and women farmers who are interested in the bioenergy and renewable energy sectors.**

**Looking forward to contributing towards a more sustainable and inclusive future!**



**Livelihood care Foundation**

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Create sustainable rural livelihoods through circular economy models.  
Livelihood care foundation  
Indore, Madhya Pradesh, India ·  
49 connections





L to R:  
Debashish Mishra, PFM 1991-93, (Chief General Manager SBI)  
Vineet Rai PFM 1992-94 (Founder/Vice Chairman @Aavishkaar Group)

Mini IIFM alumni meet at WWF India: From the left-  
Alok Pradhan (PFM 1999-01)  
Ratul Saha (MRM 2005)  
Amit Bajaj (PFM 2003-05)





**5 IIFMights & Spouses Met for Lunch hosted by Vikas & Sheetal Choudhary in Jakarta.**

**L to R (sitting):**

**Vikas Choudhary (PFM 1996-98)**

**Sridhar Reddy (PFM 1995-97)**

**Piyush Mehta (Spouse of Swati Mehta)**

**Sandeep Chakravorty (PFM 1989-91)**

**Pawan Sud (Spouse of Sonia Bakshi Sud)**

**L to R (standing):**

**Sheetal Choudhary (Spouse of Vikas Choudhary)**

**Prashanti Reddy (Spouse of Sridhar Reddy)**

**Swati Mehta (PFM 2007-09)**

**Taruna Chakravorty (Spouse of Sandeep Chakravorty)**

**Sonia Bakshi Sud (PFM 1998-00)**



**Post by Sampath Gelam (PFM 2010-12):**

**I'm proud to share that I've completed my MBA from Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad.**

**After 12 years in the corporate world, raising two wonderful kids, and navigating countless responsibilities – I took a leap of faith by getting into Academics.**

**It wasn't easy to hit pause, unlearn, and learn again at one of the India's most Prestigious Institute IIMA – but the experience has been nothing short of transformative.**

**Grateful for the support of my wonderful professors, family, peers, and mentors who made this journey possible.**



## **The Financial Inclusion Gang from IIFM...at South Goa**

**L- R**

**Sourav Singh (PFM 2007-09; Senior Project Manager, Grameen Foundation)**

**Pradip Das ( PFM 2010-12; Consultant, Inclusive Financial Systems India, BMGF)**

**Sasidhar Thumuluri (PFM 1997-99; MD & CEO Sub-K Impact Solutions Ltd.)**

**Akshat Pathak (PFM 2007-09; Microsave- Financial Inclusion Consulting)**



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**Pradip Das ( PFM 2010-12; Consultant, Inclusive Financial Systems India, BMGF)**

**Akshat Pathak (PFM 2007-09; Microsave- Financial Inclusion Consulting)**

**Bharati Joshi (PFM 1996-98; Chief Executive Officer, Grameen Foundation entities in India)**

**Sasidhar Thumuluri (PFM 1997-99; MD & CEO Sub-K Impact Solutions Ltd.)**

**Sourav Singh (PFM 2007-09; Senior Project Manager, Grameen Foundation)**

This was at a CXO meet in Goa, organized by Grameen Foundation. The discussion was focused on driving innovation in the banking correspondent industry to keep pace with rapidly evolving service delivery methods and business models, in the wake of technological advancements – with the objective of keeping last-mile BC agents viable.

Senior leaders from BCNMs, SRO, NRLM, non-profit foundations, consulting firms, startups, and incubators were present. Five IIFMights were there too.

# ALUM OF THE MONTH





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MAY 2025

This certificate recognises the contribution of  
**ASHISH MISHRA (PFM 93-95)**



WE ARE PROUD TO RECOGNIZE ASHISH MISHRA (PFM 1993-95) AS OUR ALUM OF THE MONTH (FORMER PRESIDENT OF AA-IIFM). ASHISH'S EXCEPTIONAL CONTRIBUTION DURING A RECENT MEDICAL EMERGENCY TRULY EXEMPLIFIES THE SPIRIT OF OUR IIFM ALUMNI COMMUNITY. WHEN A FELLOW ALUM MET WITH A SERIOUS ACCIDENT, ASHISH STEPPED FORWARD WITH THE MOST SIGNIFICANT SUPPORT, HELPING TO ENSURE TIMELY MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND CARE. HIS SELFLESS ACT REFLECTS NOT ONLY DEEP COMPASSION BUT ALSO THE ENDURING BONDS THAT TIE OUR IIFM FAMILY TOGETHER. LET'S CELEBRATE HIS SPIRIT OF SOLIDARITY AND CARE!

PRESIDENT



# CAMPUS THIS MONTH





Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM), Bhopal, organized two Capacity-Building Training Programme in April 2025, for officials from DoMSME and MPLUN under the RAMP initiative. Led by Dr. Ashutosh Verma and Dr. C.P. Kala, the programme focused on evaluating MSME funding proposals, financial analysis, sustainability, and business strategy development. It aimed to enhance MSME growth, operational efficiency, and green business practices.

The Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM), Bhopal, in collaboration with IGNFA Dehradun, organized the Mid-Career Training Phase-IV (MCT-IV) "Management Module" for Indian Forest Service (IFS) officers from April 14-19, 2025. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Sajjan Singh Yadav, IAS, Dr. K. Ravichandran, Director IIFM, and Prof. Sarita Kumari, Course Director, IGNFA.



# IIFM IN NEWS



The Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM), Bhopal, hosted Shri Bhupender Yadav, Hon'ble Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, during the 40th Annual General Meeting of the IIFM Society on April 18, 2025. On this occasion, the Minister inaugurated a new 500-seater auditorium and a 60-room executive hostel. He also commended IIFM's launch of two new MBA programmes – MBA in Sustainable Development and MBA in Development and Sustainable Finance – and a Doctoral Program in Management. Dr. K. Ravichandran, Director, IIFM, expressed gratitude for the Minister's continued support toward IIFM's mission in environmental and sustainable leadership.

# Merchandise Contest Winners Announcement



Aditi Saha (PSM 2020–22)



Vaishnav Babu K (PFM 2022–24)

We are delighted to announce the winners of the Merchandise Design Contest:

🏆 Vaishnav Babu K (PFM 2022–24) & Aditi Saha (PSM 2020–22)

A big thank you to everyone who participated and showed such enthusiasm for this initiative! The selected designs will be featured on our T-shirts, Calendars, and Posters.

Pre-Order Form :

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd3Z\\_zvyWfOC7TxkOXr3nrNi5cOy-DW19P29rEemmpFuNsR2A/viewform?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd3Z_zvyWfOC7TxkOXr3nrNi5cOy-DW19P29rEemmpFuNsR2A/viewform?usp=sharing)

Merchandise will be produced based on demand, only items with sufficient orders will be taken forward for printing and dispatch. Stay tuned and thank you once again for your vibrant participation!

# KNOWLEDGE CORNER





### Chandi Prasad Bhatt: Guardian of the Himalayas

Chandi Prasad Bhatt is a renowned Indian environmentalist and a key figure in the Chipko Movement, which began in the 1970s to protect forests in the Himalayan region. Born in 1934 in Uttarakhand, Bhatt recognized early on the link between environmental degradation and rural poverty. He mobilized local communities, especially women, to hug trees and peacefully resist deforestation by contractors, bringing attention to the need for forest conservation.

Bhatt's approach combined environmental activism with rural development. He advocated for sustainable livelihoods, community participation, and self-reliance in managing natural resources. His work emphasized that protecting nature also means protecting the rights and well-being of local people.

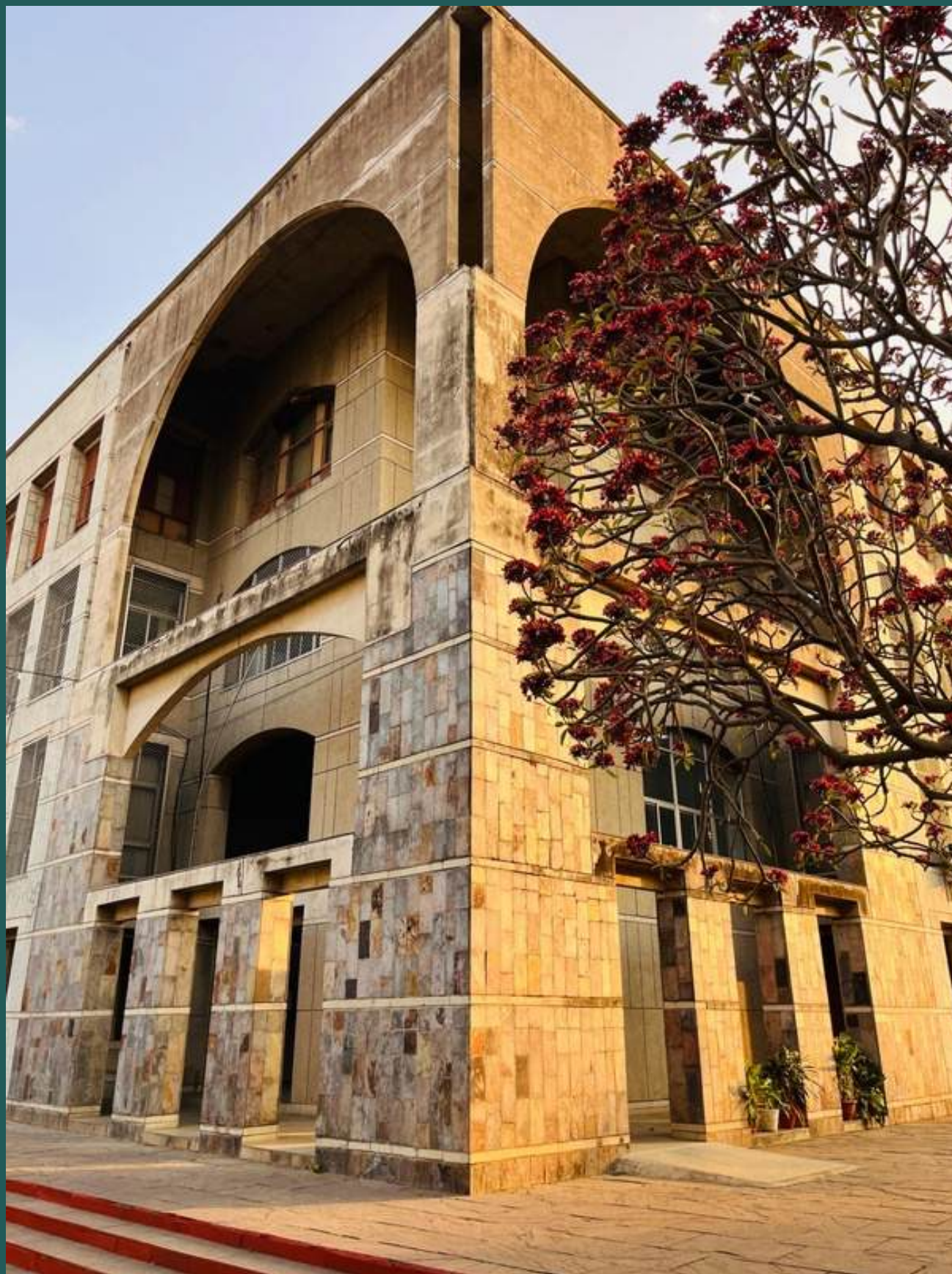
For his contributions, he received the Ramon Magsaysay Award in 1982 and later the Padma Bhushan. Bhatt's legacy continues to inspire environmental and social movements in India, making him a symbol of grassroots environmentalism and ethical development.

**PHOTOGRAPHS  
OF THE  
MONTH**





**The View from the Bottom**  
Photo By-Ashutosh PFM 2023-25



**Golden Hour**

Photo By- Sherin Chacko 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:

Placement Cell Email: [placement@iifmbhopal.edu.in](mailto:placement@iifmbhopal.edu.in)

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Placement Officer: Mr. Dipankar V., +91 93467 78199

Placement Coordinator: Sital Suman Routray, +91 87633 23511

Internship Coordinator: Mayank Kumar, +91 7004578170

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.



merchant398635.augp@aubank

# JOIN US



Scan the QR Code above to join  
Alumni Association



## PROCESS OF SEEKING SUPPORT FROM EMERGENCY FUND

EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUND OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF IIFM AIMS TO EXTEND TIMELY FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO IIFM ALUMNI DURING TIMES OF DISTRESS.



### ELIGIBILITY & GRANT CRITERIA

- The applicant must be a registered member of the IIFM Alumni Association.
- Support is provided in the case of : Prolonged or critical illness, Major accident, Permanent disability, etc.
- Maximum support amount is INR 50,000 per request. Disbursement is subject to availability of funds. In cases where needs exceed INR 50,000, the AA may assist in additional fundraising efforts.

### SUBMIT A REQUEST

Alumni or their family can reach out to the Alumni Association by email or phone with their request. In medical cases, a report must be attached, and two AA members should support the request. The assistance can be a Grant or Loan.

EMAIL : [admin@iifmalumni.com](mailto:admin@iifmalumni.com) / Contact No. +917648900389

### DOCUMENT VERIFICATION & REVIEW

The Board will review the documents, and the Manager will help fill any gaps if needed. The Manager and Secretary submit the proposal to the Board, which then reviews and votes on it.

### DECISION & DISBURSEMENT

If approved by majority vote, a decision is made at the earliest and funds are released. The spirit here is to support when in need and, when feasible, return or donate to help replenish the fund for others in the future.



## 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)

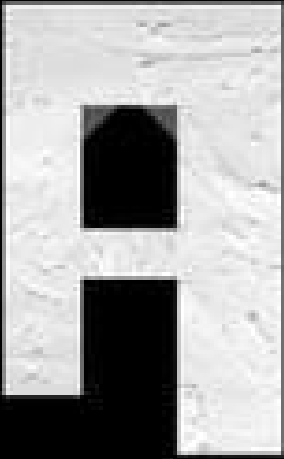
**Bottom Line(L to R):** Meghna Mishra(PSM 2026), Garima Giri(PFM 2026), Tarjal Kothari(PSM 2026)

**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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