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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 JUNE:

Which State Government has requested to Central Government to open IIFM branch and in which city

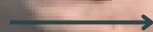


Answer to the Quiz question of the May Edition:

Q) IIFM Campus is surrounded with water bodies on?

A) Three Sides

ALUMNI IN NEWS





#WATCH | Jakarta, Indonesia | Ambassador of India to Indonesia Sandeep Chakravorty says, "The message that has been conveyed strongly is that whole India is behind the action that the government has taken, terrorism has no place in the modern world and the government of India has a zero tolerance policy. I think this has found resonance from the Indonesian side, as Indonesia suffers from terrorism. It has the largest Muslim population in the world, while India has the second-largest population, so there is a mutual understanding..."

<https://x.com/ani/status/1928347435732185553?s=48>



Debashish Mishra (PFM 1991-93), his latest interview on Doordarshan (DD Morning Show) can be found here - <https://youtu.be/Hd1-hTyI8l8?si=jzkkx1SwZ9eZEsT11>

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India
(Set up by an Act of Parliament)
Sustainability Reporting Standards Board

Programme on Biodiversity & Business in Harmony
Role and Opportunities for Chartered Accountants

Jointly Organized by
Sustainability Reporting Standards Board (SRSB) and United Nations Global Compact Network India

Hosted By : NIRC of ICAI

6 Unstructured CPE Hours | **24** May, 2025 Saturday | 9:30 am to 4:30 pm | Venue: The Imperial, Janpath, New Delhi, India

Registration and Welcome Address Time : 09:00 AM to 9:45 AM

Inaugural Session

Guest of Honour

Sessions Speakers

CA. Charanjit Singh Nanda, President, ICAI; CA. Prashant Kumar D, Vice President, ICAI; Shri C. Ashwinder Reddy, IIS (Field) Chairperson, National Biodiversity Authority; Shri Amarjeet Singh, Whole Time Member, SEBI; CA. Anand Mohan Bala, Deputy CSAG (Commercial), CIs CSAG; CA. Priti Paras Saxia, Chairperson, SRSB, ICAI; CA. (Dr) Sanjeev Kumar Singhal, Vice Chairman, SRSB, ICAI; CA. Jagjeet Singh Jags, Chairman, NIRC, ICAI; Mr. Ramesh Jha, Executive Director, UNGCNI; CA. Rohit Kumar Agrawala, Director Finance, Chemical, Petroleum Corporation Limited; CA. Anil Kumar Sharma, CFO, Haldibergemeist India Ltd.; Mr. Pravin Dongre, Executive Director, Sustainable Development, IDOL; Dr. Sanjay Chakraborty, Chief Manager, Environment, S ESG, Haldia Energy Limited; Dr. Madhu Verma, Senior Economic Adviser and Chief Environmental Economist, IGRA Ecological Solutions; Mr. Brajesh Sharma, Head Corporate Sustainability, JK Cement Ltd.; Dr. Sanjeev Kalia, Government Regulation and Advocacy, BASF India Ltd.; Mr. Shyamalendu Mahapatra, Lead, Biodiversity Management & Horticulture, Hindalco; Dr. Sannath Bandyopadhyay, Former Professor, Ravenshaw University; CA. Deepa Agarwal, Eminent Speaker; CA. Abhishek Tripathi, Eminent Speaker; Mr. Nishant Jain, Senior Programme Officer, UNGCNI; Mr. Suneel Padale, Senior Technical Advisor, UNGCNI.

Scan & Register: <https://forms.gio/>

No participation fee | Limited seats

For any query, call : +91-93195 45168

Note : In the event of unforeseen circumstances beyond our control, such as natural disasters or



Rohit Magotra, (PFM 1998-00) batch, has been nominated as an Associate with University of Reading UK
<https://walker.reading.ac.uk/person/rohit-magotra/>

COMING SOON
PRE-ORDER NOW
Spine chilling tales that have spooked the residents of Mussoorie
Buy from Amazon —

Friends my new book "Ghost stories from Mussoorie" will be available on Amazon and book stores across the country soon. In this book I uncover true supernatural events that transpired in this sleepy town and have spooked the residents since decades.
-Anmol Jain PFM 1997-99

Dr. Madhu Verma (former faculty IIFM) and IIFMights Suneel Padale (PFM 1995-97), Nishant Jain (PFM 2013-15) as Panel Members at a program organised by SRSB and UNGCNI

ALUMNI WORLD

FRIENDS OF IIFM

LECTURE SERIES BY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF IIFM

SCIENTIFIC APPROACH TO WILDLIFE CRIME INVESTIGATIONS

In Conversation With Dr. Shekhar Kumar Niraj
IFS (Retd.)



Friday 16 May, 2025
(World Endangered Species Day)

Moderator : Assistant Prof. Advait Edgaonkar (IIFM)
Ecosystem and Environment Management

With over 30 years in Indian Forest Service Dr. Shekhar Kumar Niraj is a leading expert in wildlife management, specializing in wildlife crime investigations, international wildlife trade, and policy development. He has led over 600 wildlife crime cases and previously served as Assistant Management Authority for CITES India and Country Head of TRAFFIC India.

As founding Director of the Advanced Institute for Wildlife Conservation, he set up advanced forensic labs and pioneered training programs for enforcement agencies. He holds a PhD from the University of Arizona and three master's degrees. His work has earned him the RBS Earth Heroes Award, IUCN recognition, and multiple global honors. He currently serves as Regional Manager, South Asia, for the Wildlife Justice Commission.



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L to R
B Janaki Rao, MRM,
2004-05
Dr. P. K. Biswas
(former faculty IIFM)
at Vishakhapatnam
on 8th May. Dr. P.K.
Biswas was on his
way to Jeypore,
Odisha. Met with
him after 2 decades

L to R
Suneel Padale (PFM 1995-97)
Sanket Yadav (PFM 2020-22)
Suneel Padale met Sanket
during his visit to Hindalco
Industries Limited units as
part of the UNGCNI team in
Sambalpur, Odisha.





**IIFMights get together at Delhi, hosted by Pradeep & Ira Tharakan
L to R(standing)**

Ira Tharakan (Spouse of Pradeep Tharakan)

Pradeep Tharakan(PFM 1992-94)

Indrajeet(PFM 2000-02),

Prabhat Labh (PFM 96),

Ravi Gupta (PFM 1989-91)

Soumitri Das (PFM 1996-98),

Sushil Saigal (PFM 1990-92),

Anandhi Dasaraj (PFM 1988-90),

Shubhra Dabas (PFM 1988- 90),

Rajani Priya Gupta (PFM 1999-01),

Bishwadeep Ghosh (PFM 1994-96)

L to R(sitting)

Shailesh Kumar (PFM 2003),

Jayesh Bhatia (PFM 1992-94),

Rishi Prakash (PFM 2005-07),

Amit Vatsyayan (PFM 1999-01),

Nitin Gupta (PFM 1998-00)

Anish Kumar (PFM 1992-94) (not in the picture)



**Program on Biodiversity & Business in Harmony
Roles & Responsibilities of Chartered Accountants
Organised jointly by SRSB & UNGCNI at New Delhi**

L to R

Nishant Jain (PFM 2013-15)

Achin Phulre (PFM 2012-14)

Dr. Madhu Verma former faculty IIFM)

Rittika Barua (PFM2018-20)

Sakshi Grover (PFM 2006-08)

Suneel Padale (PFM 1995-97)

Ashish Raj (PFM 1997-1999)





Visiting IIFMights at India House, Jakarta, Indonesia

L to R

Narendra Mohan (PFM 2011-13)

Sandeep Chakravorty (PFM 1989-91)


Sonia Bakshi Sud (PFM 1998-00)

Manoj Dabas (PFM 1988-90)

Swati Mehta (PFM 2007-09)

Sridhar Reddy (PFM 1995-97)

Pradeep Tharakan (PFM 1992-94)

 **Bhallamudi Sridhar** 1d · 🌐

After 35 years of professional life and 33 years in NABARD retired as CGM JK and Ladakh RO. It was an every day learning. The job took me to all states except very few in the country. Made so many new friends and some friendships continued after decades. I met so many whom i admire and so many who left lasting impression on me. I declare my availability for teaching and capacity building of any stakeholder. **IT IS NOT ABOUT MONEY. IT IS ABOUT BEING PART OF THEIR JOURNEY TO SUCCESS.**



Bhallamudi Sridhar
PFM 1988-90



Vijay Pratap Singh Aditya, PFM 1998-00

Yesterday I appeared before the Supreme Court constituted high-powered committee headed by former Punjab and Haryana High Court judge Justice Nawab Singh to resolve grievances of farmers in India. Ekgaon was invited to present our model of “Know Your Farmer” farm traceability system and our efforts to support farmers get better markets. Committee also wanted out inputs on block chain technology and its use case for Indian farmers.

I am glad that the HPC is reaching out to stakeholders across the spectrum to solicit solutions for agriculture sector that the government never did. If the HPC reaches out to group members please do share your inputs.

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L to R:
 Dr. P.k.Biswas,
 Dr. Kalpana Rangari
 Dwivedi (MRM
 2008)
 Samta sonwane
 (MRM 2008)



L to R
Swathi K (MRM)
Pankaj Lal (PFM 2002-04)
Ravi Vishwas (PFM 1991-93)

**At Pankaj Lal's annual
networking event in Montclair
State University, NJ**



L to R:
**Komal Preet Kaur, Swathi K (MRM), Bigsna Gill (PFM
2005-07), Pankaj Lal (PFM 2002-04)**
Ravi Vishwas (PFM 1991-93)
**at Farewell party of Bigsna Gill on Friday (May 16th) in
Princeton, New Jersey**



Alumni Chapter Meet - Bengaluru!

In the picture: L to R:

Tarjal Kothari (PSM 2024-26), Bindu Shree (PSM 2024-26), Neeti Khandekar (PSM 2024-26), Samiksha Bagdi (PFM 2019-21), Ankita Yaadav (PFM 2011-13), Sayani Chatterjee (PFM 2019-21), Amit Gautam (PFM 2014-16), Ramkrishna Atre (PFM 2011-13), Dhaval Patel (PSM 2023-25), Anand Raj (PSM 2023-25), Sumit Chawla (PFM 2024-26), Radha Krishna Jha (PFM 2024-26)



Pune Chapter Meet

Left bottom to top: Anuj Malu PSM 26, Vivek Mishra MRM 04, Dr. Ravi Sharma PFM, Priyanka Agarwal 10, Subodh Chaware PFM26, Rishita Mahor PFM 25, Sneha Yadav PFM 25, Sameer Shukla sir PFM 95; Top Right to Bottom: Sandesh Padar PSM 26, Shiva Kumar Ingole PFM26, Divyanshi Gupta PFM 23, Sudeep Kodialbail 08, Varun Agarwal PFM 07, Adarsh Goswami PSM 26





Indore-Chapter meet (17th May, at Kebabsville, Sayaji, Indore).

(Pic: from Right to Left):-

Vivek Jain (M.Phil 2017), Aman Shrivastava (PGDSM 2024-26), Harshit Makode (PGDSM 2024-26) Roshni Wadhvani (PGDFM 2020-22), Aiyappa Nellira (PGDFM 2023-25), Chitransh Pachoriya (PGDSM 2024-26), Yogesh D. Jadhav (PGDFM 1998-00)



**Alumni Chapter Meet
Ranchi, 18 May 2025**

L to R:

**Pranit (PFM 2024-26)
Ayush (PFM 2024-26)
Nirbhay (PFM 2009-11)
Bishnu Parida (MRM 2005)
Avinash (PFM 1998-00)
Pankaj (MRM 2017)
Sidhant (PFM 2024-26)**



ALUM OF THE MONTH





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JUNE 2025

This certificate recognises the contribution of
VARSHA MEHTA (PFM 1994)



VARSHA MEHTA HAS BEEN A STEADY AND GENEROUS PRESENCE IN THE IIFM ALUMNI COMMUNITY, ALWAYS READY TO LEND HER SUPPORT TO STUDENTS AND ALUMNI ALIKE — WHETHER BY SHARING VALUABLE CONTACTS FOR PLACEMENTS OR HELPING THEM PREPARE FOR INTERVIEWS WITH PATIENCE AND INSIGHT. WHAT TRULY SETS VARSHA APART IS THE WAY SHE UPLIFTS OTHERS, ESPECIALLY WOMEN IN THE ALUMNI NETWORK. SHE'S BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN ENCOURAGING THEM TO RECONNECT, SHOW UP, AND SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER. FEARLESS, WARM, AND DEEPLY COMMITTED, VARSHA LEADS BY EXAMPLE — OFFERING NOT JUST GUIDANCE, BUT GENUINE CARE AND INSPIRATION TO EVERYONE AROUND HER.

PRESIDENT



CAMPUS THIS MONTH





As part of their study tour, 41 FRO Trainee Officers from Maharashtra Forest Department visited IIFM Bhopal on May 11, 2025. They explored IIFM's work in academics, research, and consultancy, and attended a session by Prof. Yogesh Dubey on "Mission LiFE" and sustainable living practices.

IIFM Bhopal held a three-day training (May 5–7, 2025) on "Enterprise Skill for Conservation & Fair Income," uniting experts and entrepreneurs to explore eco-entrepreneurship. Sessions covered topics like funding, product-market fit, and conservation-driven enterprises, with a field visit for practical learning.





IIFM Bhopal, in collaboration with IGNFA Dehradun, conducted the MCT Phase III “Management Module” from May 5–10, 2025. The week-long training featured expert-led sessions on leadership, strategy, finance, and conservation, along with an exposure visit to Madhya Pradesh’s World Heritage sites.

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Calling All IIFM Alumni Meet Organisers!

Planning a chapter meet or alumni get-together in your city? 🏙️

Whether it's a coffee catch-up or a full-fledged event, we want to know!

Please fill out this mandatory form to register your meet with the Alumni Association.

It helps us:

- ✓ Maintain a central calendar of alumni meets
- ✓ Spread the word and invite alumni in your area
- ✓ Celebrate and amplify the spirit of our growing network!

👉 FORM LINK:

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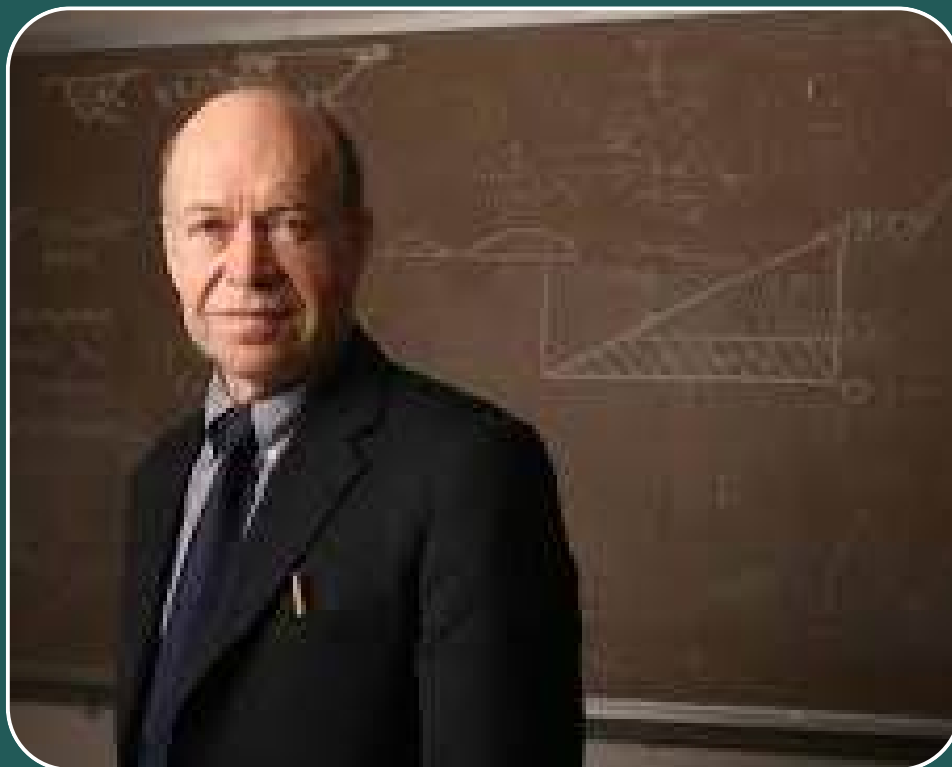


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June, 2025

KNOWLEDGE CORNER





Dr James Hansen: The Early Warner

Dr. James Hansen is a pioneering climate scientist and one of the most influential environmentalists of our time. Best known for his 1988 testimony before the U.S. Congress, Hansen was among the first to publicly warn about the dangers of global warming.

As former director of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies, he spent decades pushing for climate awareness, blending rigorous science with bold activism. What sets Hansen apart is his courage to speak truth to power—whether getting arrested in protests or challenging government inaction.

He has championed carbon pricing as a practical solution to reduce emissions and continues to advocate for intergenerational justice, emphasizing the rights of future generations to a livable planet. Despite political resistance, Hansen's voice has remained unwavering, making him both a scientific authority and a moral compass in the climate movement. His legacy inspires a new generation of scientists and activists to act urgently and boldly.

**PHOTOGRAPHS
OF THE
MONTH**





The Glimpse

Photo By-Md Ashhaduddin PFM 2023-25



A Sunset for Two

Photo By- Gojesh Konsam 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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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.

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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)

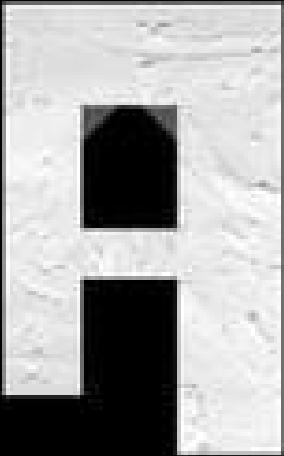
Top line(L to R): Ashapura Adhikari (PSM 2025), Mudita Shukla (PFM 2025), Akash Bajpai (PFM 2026), Sherin Chacko (PSM 2026), Spandan Chattopadhyay (PFM 2025), Divya Solanke (PFM 2026)

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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