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Number of members	1805 (As on June, 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 JULY:

What are two commonalities between Anmol Jain (PFM 1997-99) and Ruskin Bond?



Answer to the Quiz question of the June Edition:

Q) Which batch of IIFM is known as Millennium Batch?

A) PFM 1998-2000

ALUMNI IN NEWS





I am very pleased to share that Ranjan Mathur, Jayant prakash and Amit Bajaj, three of our illustrious alumni have been promoted to Partners at EY. Becoming a Partner at a Big 4 is a testament to their brilliance, resilience and exemplary body of work in their respective area of expertise at par with the best across the globe

They deeply recognise the role our alma mater has played on shaping their respective diverse journeys.

Ranjan will be a Partner in the Skills, Entrepreneurship and Rural Development, Jayant Prakash in the Economics Development advisory and MSME and Amit Bajaj in Agriculture and Natural Resource Management businesses. This will also be the biggest group of Partners promoted coming from the same institute in the Government and Public Sector at EY.

What broke the glass ceiling as a trickle is now a deluge and I wish and pray that more IIFMights in consulting aspire to reach the top seeing these examples.

Congratulations once again.

As expressed by
 Amit Vatsyayan (PFM 1999-01)
 Partner and Leader
 EY: India & Africa Super region

Heidrick & Struggles

Meet Rajaram Sankaran (PFM 1998-2000)— trivia buff, wordle whiz, and partner in Heidrick & Struggles Bangalore office, leading the Healthcare & Life Sciences Practice in India. Watch the video to find out more about what motivates him inside and outside of work.

https://www.linkedin.com/posts/heidrick-%26-struggles_leadership-healthcare-lifesciences-ugcPost-7345979654383575040-k_ET?



Dvara E-Registry launches micro LAP to deepen agri credit access


Dvara E-Registry launches Micro LAP product, providing secured credit to agri value chain

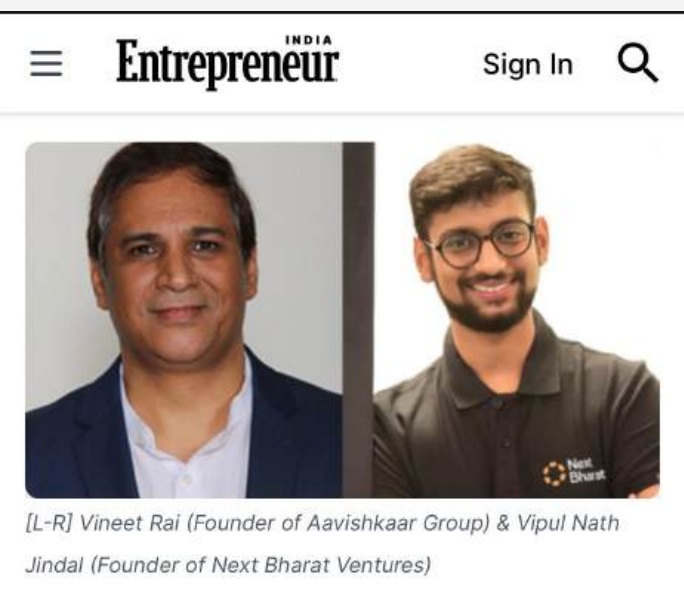
Syed Tarique Alam the Co-Founder & CEO is PFM 2005-2007

<https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/agri-business/dvara-e-registry-launches-micro-lap-to-deepen-agri-credit-access/article69782463.ece>



The/Nudge Turns 10! a piece of resilience, innovation, and impact is celebrated. Four years ago, Quirky Tokri journeyed into the heart of Jharkhand, documenting how The/Nudge Institute's End Ultra Poverty program was transforming the lives of ultra-poor didis through BRAC's graduation approach. Since then we have been in close association with the program and bring visual narratives of Didis. At Quirky Tokri, we're proud to support this mission—capturing stories from the grassroots and helping amplify the voices of communities to audiences across the world. Interviewed @Bishnu Parida from JSLPS who is supporting the program from past 4 years.

- Achin Phulre (PFM 2012-14) To watch the video please visit:  <https://youtu.be/W2PBf1UAoKE>



Aavishkaar Foundation and Next Bharat Ventures Join Hands to Empower Grassroots Entrepreneurs
Vineet Rai (PFM 1994), founder Aavishkaar Group
<https://www.entrepreneur.com/en-in/news-and-trends/aavishkaar-foundation-and-next-bharat-ventures-join-hands/494674>



Our alumni Swapan Mehra (PFM 2006) and Dr Rohini Chaturvedi (PFM 2003) were part of this power packed panel.

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Seminar on Forests & Finance

Carbon Markets
as Catalysts for Climate Investment **2025**

Centrum, WTC Mumbai
July 16 4.15 PM

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2025

Meet the planet protectors leading the Circularity charge!

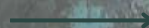
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Honoured to be featured by IIM Calcutta Innovation Park and proud to be part of the ReGen Innovation Accelerator cohort! At Ceiba Green Solutions, our work goes beyond waste – it’s about shifting mindsets and building inclusive systems for sustainability. Grateful for the support.

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Neelima Mishra (PFM 2013)



ALUMNI WORLD



In the beautiful home of Dr. Madhu Verma at Bhopal:

R to L:

Bishwadeep Ghosh (PFM 1994-96) Country Head "Water for People"

&

Dr. Madhu Verma (former faculty IIFM) (She is part of Indian Board of Water for People)

Dr. Madhu Verma shared that Bishwadeep Ghosh batch was the 1st batch whom she taught after joining IIFM in 1994.



Got opportunity to meet Paramjyoti Chattopadhyay (first from left) (PFM 2004-06) at WFP office This is Saiteja from PFM 2019-21 batch



IIFMights at Bhubaneswar LtoR Neelima Mishra (PFM 2011-13) Dr. K Ravichandran (PFM 1991-93) Director IIFM Sudeep (PFM 1990-92) Chandan Kumar (PFM 2008-10)





IIFMites in the picture:
Pranav Sharma (PFM01),
Shikha Kalra (PFM03),
Bhushan Patil (PFM18),
Soumya Guha (PFM04),
Prachi Shrivastava (PFM18),
and Vaishnavi Pemmaraju
(PFM20)

Honorary IIFMites: Sriram,
Indrani and 4 little ones!



At Hyderabad: L to R
Basavraj (MRM 2011-12)
Syed Tarique (PFM 2005-
07) Dr. PK Biswas (former
faculty IIFM) Utkarsh (PFM
2022)



IIFM UK Chapter Meet 2025





Left to right 1. Ashutosh Mahana (PFM 2005-07) 2. Kiran KP (PFM 2010-12) 3. Ashish Raj (PFM 1997-99) 4. Dr. K Ravichandran (IIFM Director, PFM 1991-93) 5. Manoj Dabas (PFM 1990-92) 6. Anandita Bhattacharya (MPhil 2004-05) 7. Alisha Seth (PFM 2021-23) 8. Aditya Senger (PFM 2022-24)



At Bengaluru
L to R:
Saurabh Shukla (PFM 2013-15)
Amit Gupta (PFM 1998-00)

At Delhi
L to R (from top): Shivanshu Sharma (PFM 2011-13) Swapan Mehra (PFM 2004-06) Shweta Bhagwat (PFM 2006-08) Advait Edgaonkar (PFM 1991-93) Bishwadeep Ghosh (PFM 1994-96)





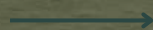
L to R: Anuradha Saigal (PFM 2018-20)
Swapan Mehra (PFM 2004-06) Dr. Prodyut Bhattacharya (former faculty IIFM)
Dr. Madhu Verma (former faculty IIFM)
Shweta Bhagwat (PFM 2006-08)
Shivanshu Sharma (PFM 2011-13)
Bhaskar Sinha

(Associate Professor IIFM) Biswadeep Ghosh (PFM 1994-96) Advait Edgaonkar (Associate Professor IIFM) (PFM 1991-93) Chandan khanna (PFM 2008-10)



What a pleasure to meet Pooja Mathur (PFM 2018) at Toronto. I'm happy to see her growing as a very confident person - Dr. Rekha Singhal (former faculty IIFM)

ALUM OF THE MONTH





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AUGUST 2025

**THIS CERTIFICATE RECOGNISES THE CONTRIBUTION OF
PFM CLASS OF 2011**

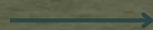
This month, we extend the Alumni of the Month recognition to the PFM class of 2011 for their heartfelt efforts in supporting their classmate, Late Mr. Jagmohan Mallick and his family.

In a moment of profound loss, the class came together with compassion and solidarity, offering generous contributions and emotional support to his family. The Alumni Association deeply appreciates this collective gesture. It reflects not only the strength of the bond shared within the class, but also the spirit of unity that makes IIFM a family.

PRESIDENT



CAMPUS THIS MONTH





The Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM), Bhopal, successfully organised a three-day training programme on "Air Quality Management" for Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) and Class-II & Class-III officers sponsored by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India.



IIFM, MoEFCC, and UK-PACT conducted a joint conference on 'India-UK knowledge exchange on forest standards, certifications and product traceability'.



The Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM) proudly welcomes the incoming batch of 2025–27, marking a historic milestone as the largest cohort ever admitted to the institute. This diverse and dynamic group of students will be pursuing one of four specialized MBA programs:

- MBA in Forestry Management
- MBA in Sustainability Management
- MBA in Sustainable Development
- MBA in Development and Sustainable Finance

This expansion reflects IIFM's growing impact and commitment to nurturing future leaders in sustainability, development, and environmental stewardship.



Vidarbha Corporate Philanthropy Summit 2025: A Convergence of Ideas and Action The Vidarbha Corporate Philanthropy Summit 2025, hosted by IIM Nagpur in collaboration with Crowdera, served as a pivotal platform for dialogue on sustainable development and social impact. Over two days, thought leaders, industry experts, and NGOs explored themes ranging from skill development and entrepreneurship to water conservation and digital transformation. The discussions emphasized collaborative models, innovative CSR approaches, and grassroots empowerment to drive inclusive growth in Vidarbha. Abhishek Gawande (PFM 2019), (in the middle in the picture) currently pursuing his PhD at IIM Nagpur participate in the event. The event also saw enthusiastic participation from student volunteers Varian Crasto (first from left in the picture) (2026) and Pranit Sarnaik (third from left in the picture) (2026) of the Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM), who contributed as rapporteurs. Their efforts ensured the seamless documentation of key insights and proceedings.

The summit underscored the power of collective action and youth engagement in shaping a sustainable future for Vidarbha.

IIFM IN NEWS

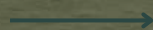


NITI Aayog (@NITIAayog) on X

NITI Aayog organised its 2nd Regional Workshop on the Darpan Portal at the Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal, Ma...

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SISTERHOOD SERIES





**My dear girlies,
What an amazing time I have lived with you all – and through you all.**

I cannot name just one person because each of you has, at some point, been my support, inspiration, or mentor during our time at IIFM.

One of my first and strongest memories of this sisterhood was during our fresher's party. We were all new – to the city, to IIFM, and to each other. Yet, I saw us looking out for every girl that night – whether drunk or sober – ensuring everyone felt safe, nothing inappropriate happened, and every single one of us made it back to the hostel safely. Some of us even walked others to the bus, double-checked they reached their rooms, and stayed up late just to make sure no one was left behind.

That care and connection only grew stronger over time. From helping each other with interviews, notes, quizzes, and event organisation to celebrating Holi, preparing for exams and assignments, sharing Maggi, lending electric cookers, giving tampon tutorials, borrowing scooties for DB Mall trips, giving relationship advice, preparing for internship interviews, going hiking together – and so much more.

We even said our final goodbyes by dropping each other to the railway station when it was time to leave.

#Sisterhood #SupportersForLife

-Nisha Singh (PFM 2017)



Aditi, Mini & Me – From Roommates to Forever Homies

We were just three random girls thrown into a shared room at IIFM: Aditi, Mini, and me. Little did we know, that tiny room would become our happy chaos zone. From fighting over little things to sharing emotional breakdowns over assignments, we bonded hard and fast.

Aditi was our calm, sweet little girl who'd just laugh when Mini and I fought. Mini was silent outside the group, and loud inside it. And me? Probably the one always fighting to keep the AC at freezing temperatures. But we had each other's backs like sisters. We cheered, cried, ranted, and always rooted for each other.

Even today, the bond hasn't faded. We still share life updates, gossip, memes, and random "I miss IIFM" texts. IIFM gave me a degree, sure - but it also gave me two homies for life.

- Saisri (PGDFM '24)

I've made many close friends at IIFM , some I speak to too often, others I reach out to occasionally, like when I want them to respond to an AA survey or share an event invite. Like so many before me and surely many after, I've experienced both beautiful friendships and painful lessons during my time there.

But what I want to truly honour today is a different kind of connection, the one I found in the virtual world of "IIFM_Women". I don't even remember who added me to the group or why I stayed (especially since I'm known to exit WhatsApp groups as swiftly as a salary exits the account). But this group ,this unexpected circle of strength, became something profoundly meaningful.

In a space filled with women I haven't met, I found something rare: a community built on compassion, shared struggles, quiet courage, and loud encouragement. We are loosely connected by an institute, but deeply bound by something far greater, the belief that we rise by lifting each other.

It is here that I realized how many of us have carried similar burdens: the quiet battles at IIFM, the challenges of being seen and heard, the moments we've stood up to patriarchy in our own ways on campus and far beyond. We are told we come from a progressive, inclusive institution, and in many ways we do. But every one of us carries a story of having to speak up, push back, or simply survive.

This group became a safe place. A place where I could disagree with grace, without being labelled too opinionated. A place where debates didn't turn into hostility ,where we could agree to disagree, and still feel seen, heard, and respected. That, to me, is rare and precious.

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What touches me most is the encouragement I've received from women who don't know me, and whom I may never recognize even if we crossed paths at an event. Yet their words, filled with care, belief, and strength. They have often meant more than anything I've heard in my 15 years of professional life.

I feel safe here, safe enough to say "I don't have the energy for this today," and also safe enough to say "Hey, I think you'd be amazing at leading this conversation." I've learned to let go of old biases, to listen with an open heart, and to lead with kindness. I've learned that sisterhood isn't about knowing each other, it's about showing up for each other without knowing each other or even despite knowing each other.

For me, the real IIFM sisterhood lives in this virtual space. A space created by all of us, with our stories, our time, our disagreements, our support. And I hope every woman here finds even a sliver of the strength, understanding, and love that I've found.

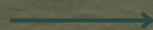
So, the next time you're feeling lost, uncertain, or just want to talk, type a simple Hi in the group. I promise, someone will be there. A sister, waiting to hold space for you.

In solidarity and sisterhood,

- Renuka Saroha (PFM 2010)

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." —Margaret Mead

ALUMNI IN CAMPUS





L to R: Dr. Parul Rishi (Professor at IIFM)
Bishwadeep Ghosh (PFM 1994-96)

L to R: Dr. Yogesh Dubey
(Professor at IIFM) Varun
Agarwal (PFM 2007) Dr. P K
Biswas (former faculty IIFM)



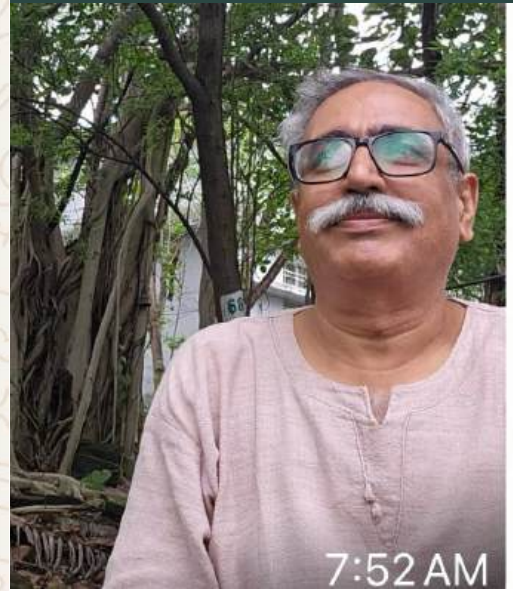
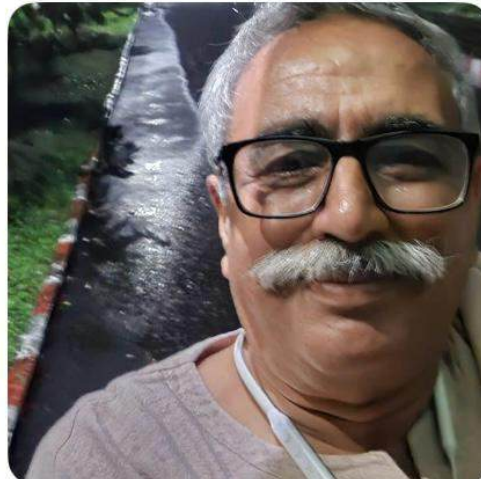
Debashish Mishra (PFM
1993) CGM SBI, at IIFM to
take session during
orientation of new batch
(2027).

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Dharmendra Daukia (PFM 1989-91) visited IIFM in July.

In the first picture with Chandu Bhai (from IIFM Mess)



Jayesh Bhatia (PFM 1994) Managing Director Intellectap, at IIFM to take session during orientation of new batch (2027). <https://x.com/IifmBhopal/status/1941113005808484436>



Vanita Suneja (PFM 1993) Program Lead, Water Justice Fund, at IIFM to take session during orientation of new batch (2027). <https://x.com/IifmBhopal/status/1941075376442351621>



Dr. Neeraj (MRM 2018) , Assistant Professor IIM Rohtak & Dr. Arun Sreekumar (PFM 2012) Professor IIFM Ahmedabad at IIFM to take session during orientation of new batch (2027). <https://x.com/IifmBhopal/status/1941074227672850453>



Dr. Puneet(PFM 2005) & Ravi Kandpal (PFM 1992) at IIFM to take session during orientation of new batch (2027). <https://x.com/IifmBhopal/status/1941073992762470688>



Bishwadeep Ghosh (PFM 1996), Country Director, Water for People at IIFM to take session during orientation of new batch (2027). <https://x.com/IifmBhopal/status/1941076368361767261>

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:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSciLdOLeCyW8gMlzkVXv9Jr0FV7ihWoiJ1tXpRKT44szOwlJw/viewform?usp=sharing&oid=100202441739566861352>



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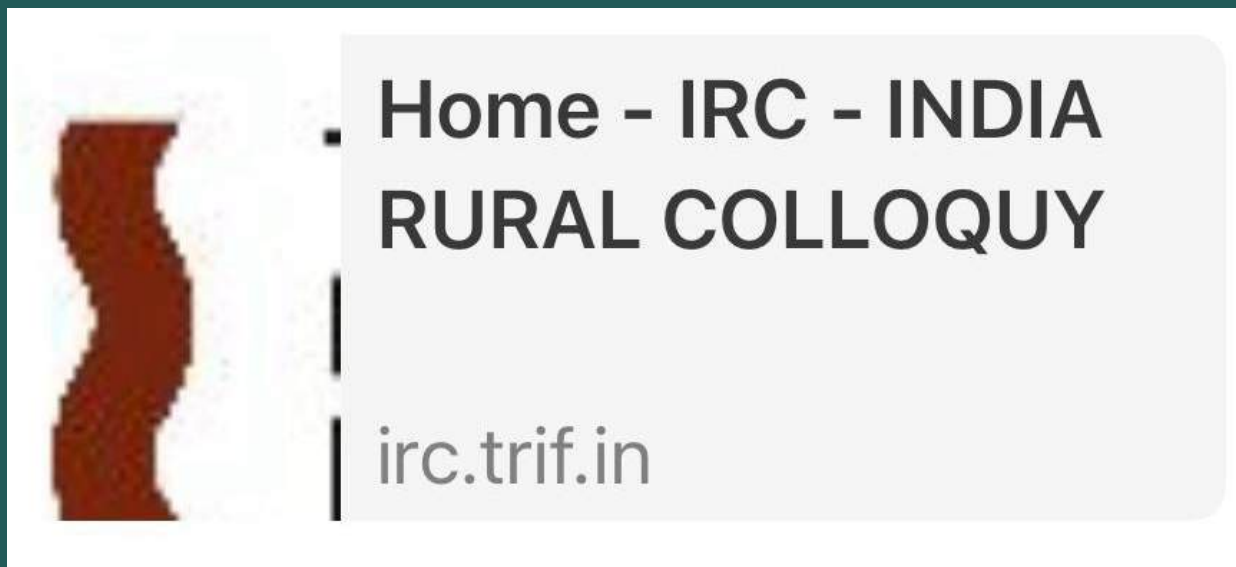


Jane Goodall: A Lifelong Voice for Nature

Jane Goodall, born in London in 1934, is one of Europe's most influential environmentalists and primatologists. She is best known for her groundbreaking research on wild chimpanzees in Gombe Stream National Park, Tanzania, which began in 1960. Her patient, immersive approach transformed scientific understanding of primate behavior, revealing complex social structures, tool use, and emotional depth previously thought unique to humans.

Over the decades, Goodall has shifted from research to global environmental activism. In 1977, she founded the Jane Goodall Institute, which works to protect chimpanzees, conserve their habitats, and promote sustainable development in local communities. Her "Roots & Shoots" program, launched in 1991, engages young people worldwide in environmental, conservation, and humanitarian projects, fostering a sense of responsibility toward the planet.

Goodall's message emphasizes the interconnectedness of all life and the urgent need for action to address climate change, biodiversity loss, and unsustainable consumption. She advocates for plant-based diets, ethical consumer choices, and empowering local communities



This year marks five years of the India rural colloquy for TRI. What began as a virtual series has now grown into a dynamic, multi-state event that shapes narratives and catalyses change. And this year they cover MP,UP,Chattisgarh,Jharkhand,Maharashtra and New Delhi between 1st to 8th August when we all get a chance to join and meet/engage with government leaders and policymakers, local changemakers and activists working to bring forth India's rural renaissance.

Check more details and register at: <https://irc.trif.in/?1>

**PHOTOGRAPHS
OF THE
MONTH**





In the Midst of Chaos
Photo By-Alfred Toppo PGDSM 2024-26



Rainy Nights

Photo By- Shivam Awasthi PGDFM 2024-26



APPEAL



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.

EMAIL : 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): Ashapurna Adhikari (PSM 2025), Mudita Shukla (PFM 2025), Akash Bajpai (PFM 2026), Sherin Chacko (PSM 2026), Spandan Chattopadhyay (PFM 2025), Divya Solanke (PFM 2026)

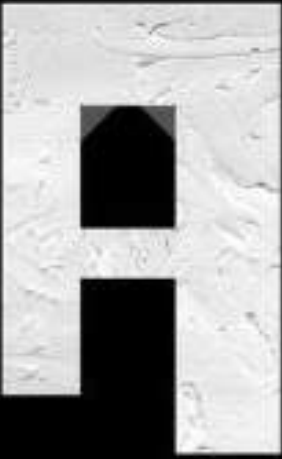
Bottom Line(L to R): Meghna Mishra(PSM 2026), Garima Giri(PFM 2026), Tarjal Kothari(PSM 2026)

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





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