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| Number of members                              | 1896<br>(As on October 2025) |
| Total Alumni Count<br><small>(approx.)</small> | 2295                         |
| Number of Batches                              | 34                           |
| LinkedIn Followers                             | 1345                         |
| X(Twitter) Followers                           | 280                          |
| Instagram Followers                            | 897                          |
| Youtube Subscribers                            | 243                          |
| Facebook (IIFM Alumni Endowment Fund) members  | 2000+                        |



# Alumni Distribution Infographic

Alumni by Year & Program

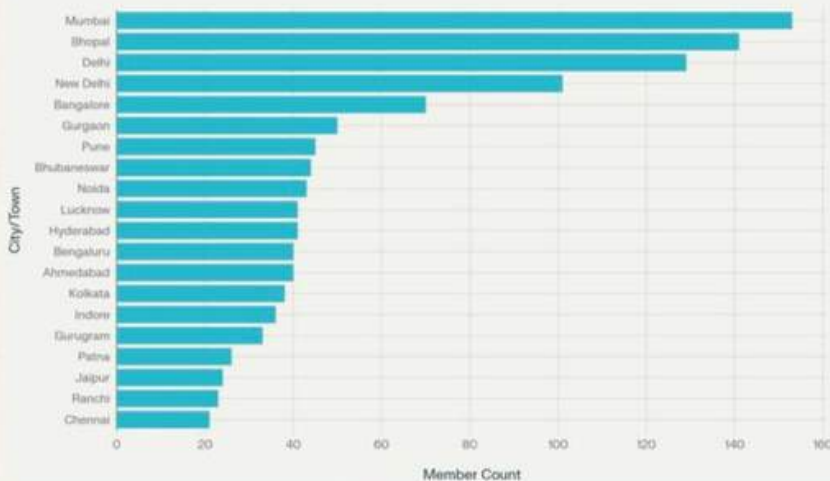
Program PGDFM MRM/MPHIL PHD FPM PGDSM



The chart illustrates how alumni numbers have varied by batch year and academic programme, showing a clear trend of growth and evolving course offerings over time. Each segment of the bars represents alumni from courses such as PGDFM, PGDSM, FPM, PHD, MRMMPHIL, and more for each passing year, demonstrating the spread and size of your alumni network across decades.

# Top 20 Cities by Member Count

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- The total number of members recorded is 1,897.
- The most popular academic program is PGDFM with 1,657 alumni, followed by PGDSM (112), MRM/MPHIL (109), FPM (11), and PHD (8).
- The majority of members are based in India (1,681), with smaller groups in Canada, the United States, and other countries.
- Top cities with the highest member counts are Mumbai (153), Bhopal (141), Delhi (230) and Bangalore (70).
- The alumni distribution shows a steady increase in recent years, peaking around 2025 with 162 members, indicating growth in recent batches.





# QUIZ OF THE MONTH





## QUESTION FOR NOVEMBER:

PhD program at the Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM), Bhopal, is a doctoral program offered in collaboration with :



- A) IIM Ahmedabad
- B) Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun
- C) Institute of Forest Biodiversity (IFB), Hyderabad
- D) Forest Research Institute, Deemed University, Dehradun



### **Answer to the Quiz question of the October Edition:**

What is common among Pranay Lal, Ambar Dwivedi, Anmol Jain and Ayushi Dwivedi ?

- A) They all are IIFM Alumni and book authors

# ALUMNI IN NEWS



Dalberg

Dalberg Advisors appoints

## Jagjeet Sareen as India Country Head

Jagjeet will lead Dalberg India's next chapter of growth by working with our global leadership to deepen partnerships and expand our impact.



“Social Research Methods and Applications: Qualitative, Quantitative, and Mixed Methods Approaches” published by Routledge (Taylor & Francis Group).

Kular Singh (PFM 1998-2000)





I'm elated to share something very close to my heart, I'm starting a podcast called Paryavaran Baatein. It's an attempt to combine my interest in communications and the environment, and to create a space where conversations about nature, sustainability, and climate action are simple, relatable, and meaningful. Many of us talk about climate change and forests in technical terms, but Paryavaran Baatein aims to make these discussions relatable, by connecting expert insights with real-life experiences and stories. The first episode on 7th October,

-Vishesh Purswani (PFM 2022-24)

<https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7380956789468647424>

# Why Sept Drowned India's Cities

Flooding in Kolkata, cloudbursts in Uttarakhand, landslides in Himachal and north Bengal – record-breaking rain has wreaked havoc across India in the past month, turning what was once monsoon's retreat into a season of floods. Analysis by **Nitin Bassi** and **Pratha Mishra** of the Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW) finds it's all a result of shifting weather systems and climate change

## Monsoon Is Retreating Late...

In 2024, the south-west monsoon began withdrawing on Sept 23, six days later than usual. This year, IMD announced on Sept 23 that the monsoon had just started retreating from Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, Rajasthan, and parts of Gujarat

**8%** above-normal rainfall measured in India in 2025 monsoon

CEEW said the excess rainfall is mainly due to delayed retreat. Instead of winding down by mid-Sept, stronger weather systems are extending rains by one to two weeks, making late-season downpours more frequent and intense



Heavy rain in Himachal's Bilaspur district on Tuesday caused a landslide that hit a bus, killing at least 18 passengers

## ...And It's Raining In Bursts

So, rainfall is no longer spread evenly across the monsoon season. Cities now get rain in a day that used to fall over a week or a month, overwhelming drainage and stormwater systems

A night of rain in late Sept subjected Kolkata to one of its worst floods in 37 years as the city received over 247 mm of rain – what it would normally in a month – in under 24 hours. Such instances of sudden, torrential downpour were reported across the country

## Uneven Rainfall Becoming Norm In Northern And Eastern India

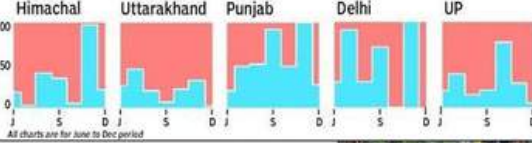
CEEW analysed 40 years' rainfall data to find that 64% of India's tehsils, or sub-districts, recorded 1-15 additional heavy rainfall days in the past decade, often clustering in late Aug and Sept

How to read the charts



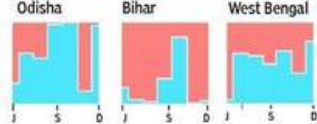
### NORTH

A larger part of states like Himachal, Punjab, Haryana, Delhi and UP has seen an increase in rainfall in the past 10 years (2012-2022) over a 40-year baseline, especially towards the end of monsoon season



### EAST

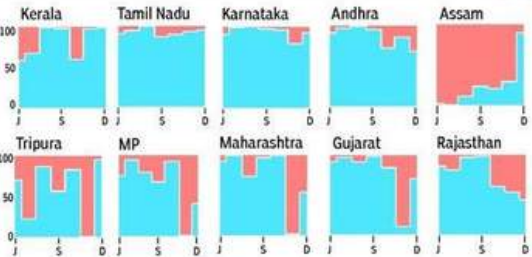
Almost all tehsils in Odisha have recorded excess rainfall around Aug and Sept. Most tehsils in Bihar saw an increase in rainfall in Oct



Kolkata saw massive flooding after getting over 247mm rain in less than 24 hours in late Sept

### SOUTH, WEST, AND ELSEWHERE

In South and West, excess rainfall has been more consistently spread over the monsoon months, but parts of Central India and the North-East were witness to fluctuations



## Role Of Climate Change

Warmer seas and rising global temperatures are fueling stronger low-pressure systems. The atmosphere can absorb about 7% more moisture for every 1°C rise in temperature. Higher sea-surface temperatures in the Arabian Sea and Bay of Bengal are generating more powerful low-pressure systems, which in turn carry more moisture to land

**Warmer air is wetter air, and wetter air means heavier rain. That is why floods in Sept, once rare, are now becoming common** – CEEW

## Why Cities Suffer Most

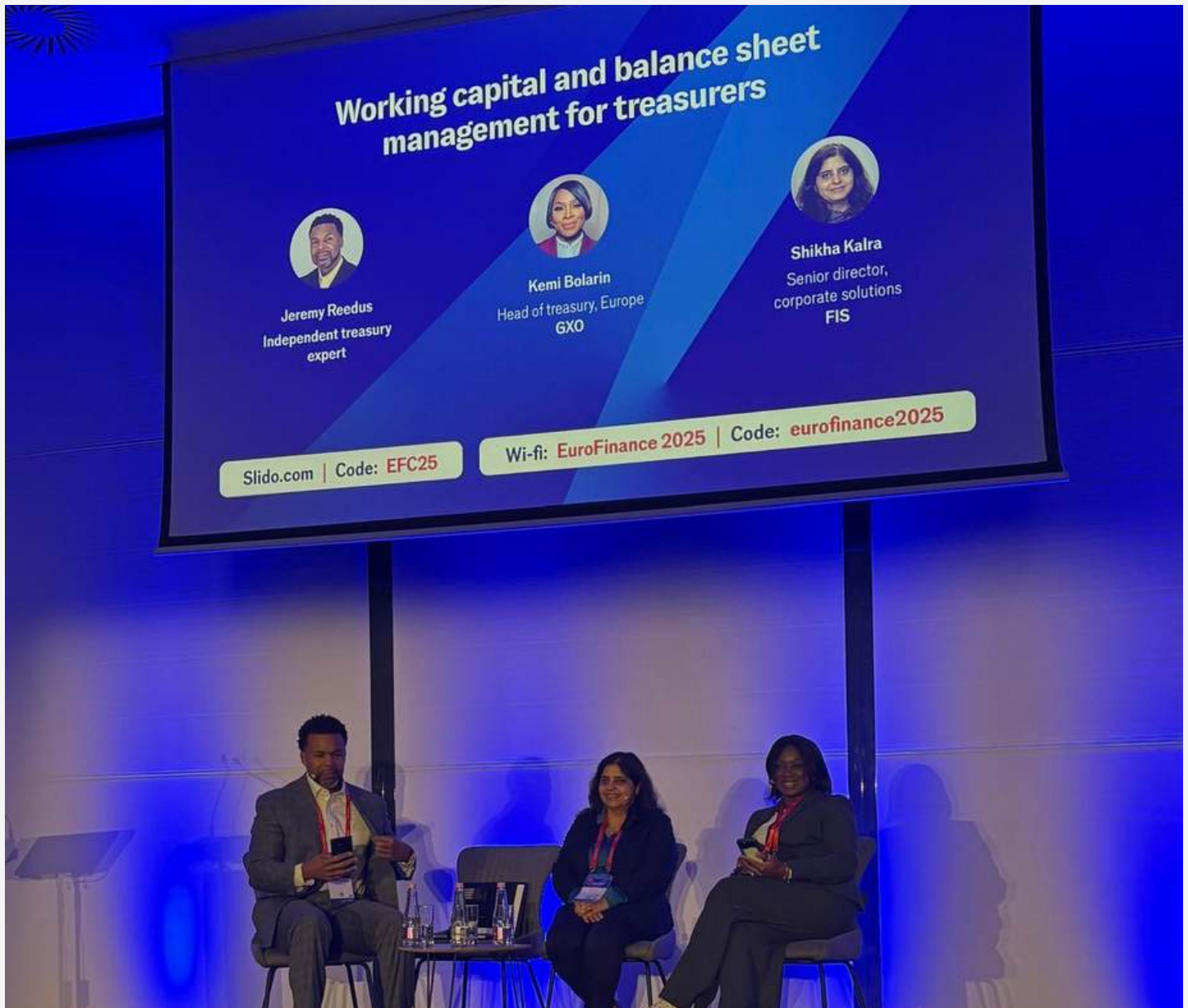
According to the Central Public Health and Environmental Engineering Organisation, most city drainage networks in India are built to handle only 12-20mm of rainfall per hour. Unregulated land-use changes block natural drainage pathways while poor solid- and liquid-waste management leaves drains clogged. Wetlands, floodplains, and green spaces that once acted as natural sponges are disappearing, stripping cities of their natural buffers against excess water

**Nitin Bassi (MRM 2006/CEEW) article in the front page of The Times of India**

**An IIFMight get featured in an OLA AD  
Swapnil Sharma (PFM 2021-23)**

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/DP1L-1pj9to/>

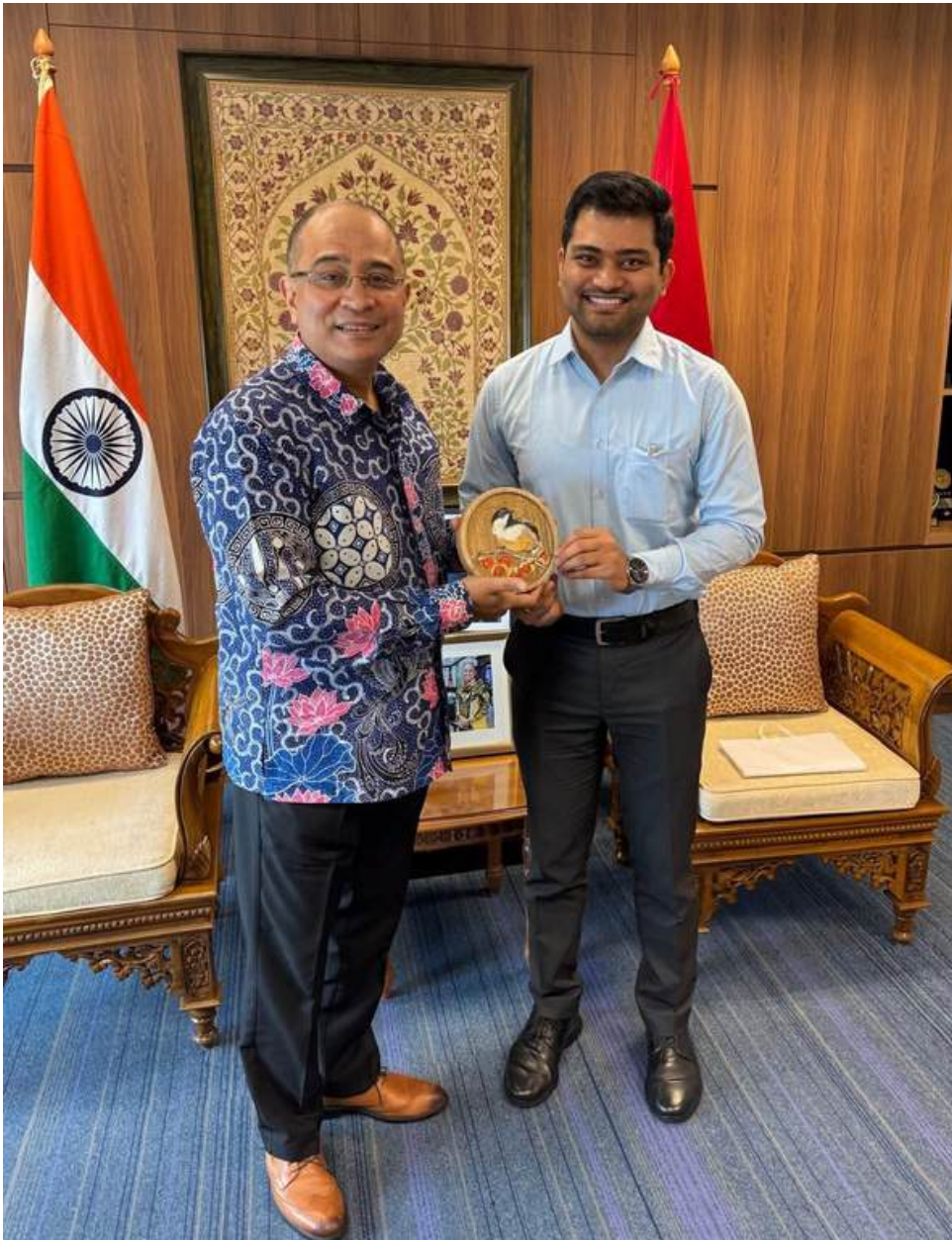




**Shikha Kalra (PFM 2003) speaking on the panel on 'Working Capital and Balance Management' at Eurofinance International Treasury Management Conference 2025 in Budapest in October. It is the most influential treasury management conference globally attended by around 2500 treasurers and CFOs from world's largest corporations.**

# ALUMNI WORLD





L to R:  
Sandeep Chakravorty  
(PFM 1989-91)  
Kushagra  
Harshavardhan  
(PFM 2017-19)

Very touched by IIFMight Kushagra of Microsave gifting me a bird painting made by his wife Anusha who is also an IIFMight. I was in an official meeting when after the meeting he came up to me and handed over the gift. Then I realized that he is from IIFM

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



**At IIFM Bhopal:  
L to R:  
Dr. K Ravichandran  
(PFM 1993, Director  
IIFM)  
Manoj Dabas  
(PFM 1990)**

**At Delhi  
L to R:  
Dharmendra Daukia  
(PFM 1989-91)  
Mohan  
(PFM 2007-09)**



**At IUCN World Congress  
Abu Dhabi  
L to R:  
Swapan Mehra  
(PFM 2004-06)  
Sandeep Sengupta  
(PFM 1997-99)**

# IIFMights at CSRBOX's India CSR and ESG Summit New Delhi.





**At Ranchi**

**Dharmendra Daukia (PFM 1989-91) Shailendra Kumar (PFM 2006-08), Anurag Dhir (PFM 2021-23), Bishnu C Parida (MRM 2005)**



**R to L:**

**A mini IIFMights meet in Princeton, NJ Anand Kanaujia (PFM1993-95), Pankaj Lal (PFM2002-04), Ravi Vishwas (PFM1991-93). All three are residents of Princeton!**



**L to R:**  
**Moments from the  
CSRBOX Event,  
New Delhi.**  
**Shakeb Nabi  
(PFM 1996-98),  
Ashish Raj  
(PFM 1997-99),  
Prof. Parul Rishi  
(faculty IIFM)**

**L to R:**  
**Moments from the  
CSRBOX Event New Delhi**  
**Manisha (FPM), Prof.  
Neeraj Kumar (ex faculty  
IIFM), Prof. Parul  
Rishi (faculty IIFM)**





IIFMights met in Gwalior:  
L to R:  
Ashish Patel (PFM 2024)  
Abhishek Srivastava (PFM 2023)  
Vishesh Purswani (PFM 2024)  
Ankita Panchal (PFM 2025)  
Sakshi Jain (PFM 2023)  
Nishant Savita (PFM 2023)

R to L:  
Rohit Mukerji (PFM 2019-21)  
Ritwajit Das (PFM 2007-09)  
Shakeb Nabi (PFM 1996-98)  
at Climate Action Network  
South Asia (CANSA)  
Regional meet Colombo.



At Patna:  
L to R:  
Nitish (PFM 2012)  
Shakeb Nabi (PFM 1998)



**A mini meet at Noida:**

**R to L:**

- Subrata Bose (PFM 1997-99)**
- Jogindra Kumar (PFM 1997-99)**
- Prof. P K Biswas (former faculty IIFM)**
- Soumitri Das (PFM 1996-98)**
- Ashish Raj (PFM 1997-99)**
- Sachin Kumar (PFM 2001-03)**



**IIFM Batch PFM 2000-02  
Indrajit, Jimmy, Ranjan,  
and Saurabh  
meeting at CP @ QBA**



IIFMights meet at the "Zero Hunger, Zero Carbon Agriculture" roundtable discussion in Patna, organized by TCI in collaboration with CSTR.



From left to right:  
Ujjawal (PFM 2009)  
Stuti (PFM 2025)  
Deepti (PFM 2025)  
Rajnish (PFM 2025)  
Bhaskar (PFM 1998)

L to R  
Shailendra Kumar (PFM 2008)  
Alice Lakra (PFM 1999)  
Geetanjali Shahi (PFM 2010)  
Shekhar Kolipaka (MRM 2001)





**L to R:  
At IUCN 2025 congress at  
Abu Dhabi  
Dr. Chetan Kumar (PFM 1996-98)  
Prof Madhu Verma (former  
faculty IIFM)**



**Thankful for friendship. 30  
years since we've been  
together Sridhar from PFM  
1995-97, Rohit-Mamta PFM  
1994-96 Happy Canadian  
Thanksgiving!  
-Mamta (PFM 1994-96)**





**Dussehra, Gandhi Jayanti & 23rd Ekgaon Foundation Day**

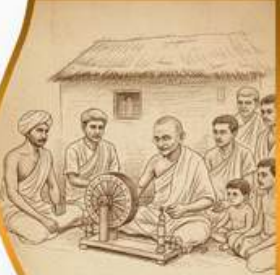

*Today is a very special day: Dussehra, inspired by the epic Ramayana and celebrated as the victory of good over evil, falls on the same day that Gandhi was born. With him, a message of peace and non-violence, long forgotten in the subcontinent, re-echoed and reinvigorated a population pushed into subservience to ask for freedom.*

*In just a matter of a few years, people rose and dethroned the largest colonial power on the planet. This movement not only liberated India but also gave a template for a just struggle to the entire world, reflecting the role of a 'Guru' that India has always been, from Buddha to*

*Today also marks the 23rd foundation day of Ekgaon. Ekgaon's mission of "enterprising social change" is driven by the objective of economic freedom for our farmers through enterprises that revitalize our land, its people, and the nature that nourishes us.*

*We believe it is possible to achieve this in harmony with nature and with sustainability as its core principle. We believe it is the only way.*

*We are doing it one village at a time, hoping to build the "One Village, One World Network."*


*Vijay Pratap Singh Aditya...*  
Co-founder & CEO

## 23 Years of Ekgaon, Vijay Pratap Singh Aditya (PFM 1998-2000), Co-founder and CEO



R to L:  
Sandeep  
Chakravorty (PFM  
1989-91), Ramesh  
Mukalla (PFM 1989-  
91), Jagjeet Sareen  
(PFM 2003-05) at  
India House Jakarta.

# ALUM OF THE MONTH





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### NOVEMBER 2025

This certificate recognises the contribution of



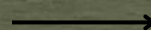
**RAVI KANDPAL (PFM 90-92)**

A PROUD IIFM ALUMNUS AND A PASSIONATE ADVOCATE OF MENTORSHIP, RAVI RECENTLY REVISITED THE IIFM CAMPUS DURING THE INDUCTION PROGRAM FOR THE NEW BATCH. HIS REFLECTIONS ON THE VISIT BEAUTIFULLY CAPTURED THE ESSENCE OF WHAT IT MEANS TO BE PART OF THE IIFM COMMUNITY ROOTED IN EMPATHY, SHARED EXPERIENCES, AND THE DESIRE TO GIVE BACK.

RAVI CONTINUES TO STRENGTHEN THIS BOND BY OFFERING FITNESS COACHING SESSIONS TO STUDENTS EVERY SUNDAY, CREATING YET ANOTHER AVENUE TO CONNECT. HIS CALL TO BUILD AN IIFM ALUMNI MENTORING INITIATIVE IS A TESTAMENT TO HIS BELIEF IN COMMUNITY-DRIVEN GROWTH AND THE SPIRIT OF "PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE." THANK YOU, RAVI, FOR REMINDING US THAT GIVING BACK BEGINS WITH A CONVERSATION AND WITH CARE.

PRESIDENT

# CAMPUS THIS MONTH





**On the occasion of Navratri, IIFM hosted a Garba night filled with dance, laughter, and endless fun.**



**IIFM celebrated Diwali - lighting not just diyas, but lighting hearts.**



**Sankalp - The Community Outreach Club, and the Nature and Photography Club took it to Parvarish - the Museum School, educating the underprivileged children on the Human-Wildlife Conflict.**



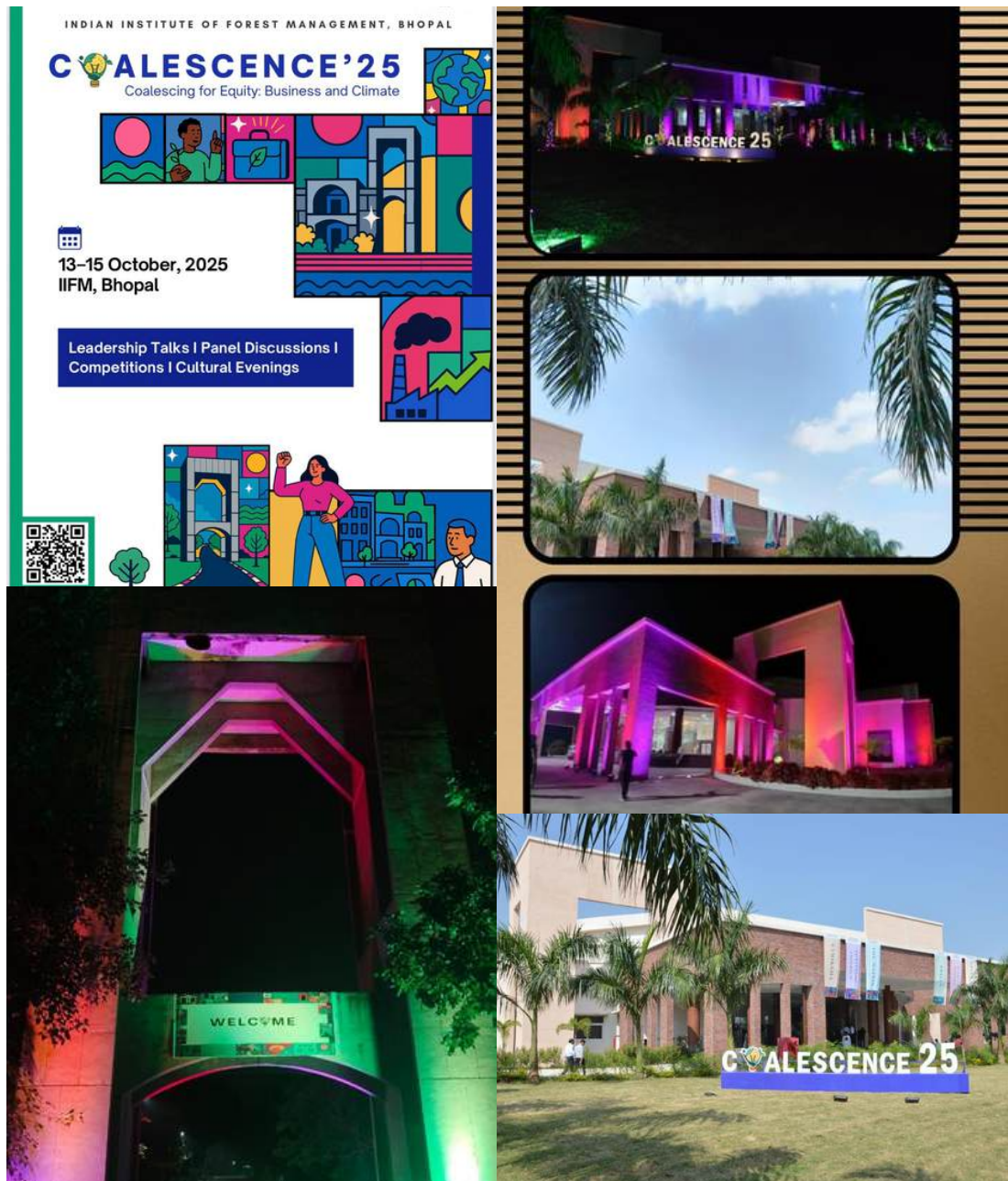
**To contribute towards the Special Campaign 5.0, IIFM organised three clean up drives in October with over 50 participants, including the Director, Faculty members, Staff, Students, and Family Members in each.**



**IIFM in collaboration with Indra Gandhi National Forest Academy, Dehradun organised a four-day Mid-Career Training - Management Module, for 58 IFS officers having 7-10 years of service.**

# CAMPUS NEWS

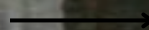
## COALESCENCE 2025



Coalescence concluded after an amazing three days that brought together 14 top business leaders and nearly 50 colleges participating across various events on our campus. It was wonderful to receive numerous compliments from participants for the excellent hosting and seamless management of the fest.

The event opened with a keynote address by Santosh Singh (PFM 2006), Managing Director, Intellectap, followed on Day 2 by an inspiring session on leadership delivered by Kanishk Negi (PFM 2005), Director, Schneider.

# IIFM IN NEWS



## PROMINENT INSTITUTIONS- ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

| RANK 2026 | INSTITUTION  | STATE          | FACULTY STUDENT RATIO WEIGHTAGE | RESEARCH WEIGHTAGE | EMPLOYABILITY WEIGHTAGE | FACULTY QUALITY WEIGHTAGE | INCLUSIVENESS & DIVERSITY WEIGHTAGE | OVERALL SCORE |
|-----------|--|----------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|
|           |  |                | 25%                             | 20%                | 25%                     | 20%                       | 10%                                 | 100%          |
| 1         | INDIAN INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT (IIM), MUMBAI                 | Maharashtra    | 99.64                           | 99.09              | 99.91                   | 99.91                     | 90.03                               | 98.89         |
| 2         | TERI SCHOOL OF ADVANCED STUDIES, NEW DELHI                   | Delhi          | 99.64                           | 99.09              | 99.91                   | 99.91                     | 90.03                               | 98.89         |
| 3         | INDIAN INSTITUTE OF FOREST MANAGEMENT (IIFM), BHOPAL         | Madhya Pradesh | 99.64                           | 99.09              | 99.91                   | 99.91                     | 90.03                               | 98.89         |
| 4         | SYMBIOSIS INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS (SIIB), PUNE   | Maharashtra    | 99.64                           | 99.09              | 99.91                   | 99.91                     | 90.03                               | 98.89         |
| 5         | NALANDA UNIVERSITY, RAJGIR                                   | Bihar          | 99.33                           | 99                 | 99.77                   | 99.65                     | 89.08                               | 98.41         |
| 6         | XAVIER INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT (XIM UNIVERSITY), BHUBANESWAR | Odisha         | 99.47                           | 99.65              | 99.16                   | 99.13                     | 89.89                               | 98.4          |
| 7         | AMITY UNIVERSITY, NOIDA                                      | Uttar Pradesh  | 99.57                           | 98.47              | 99.7                    | 99.44                     | 89.11                               | 98.31         |
| 8         | SURESH GYAN VIHAR UNIVERSITY (SGVU), JAIPUR                  | Rajasthan      | 99.59                           | 98.57              | 99.04                   | 99.09                     | 89.46                               | 98.33         |
| 9         | MATS UNIVERSITY, RAIPUR                                      | Chhattisgarh   | 98.66                           | 98.76              | 99.04                   | 99.72                     | 89.37                               | 98.26         |
| 10        | UNIVERSITY OF PETROLEUM AND ENERGY STUDIES (UPES), DEHRADUN  | Uttarakhand    | 99.01                           | 99.24              | 98.18                   | 99.08                     | 89.79                               | 97.34         |

## PROMINENT INSTITUTIONS- EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SECTOR

| RANK 2026 | INSTITUTION   | STATE                | FACULTY STUDENT RATIO WEIGHTAGE | RESEARCH WEIGHTAGE | EMPLOYABILITY WEIGHTAGE | FACULTY QUALITY WEIGHTAGE | INCLUSIVENESS & DIVERSITY WEIGHTAGE | OVERALL SCORE |
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|           |   |                      | 25%                             | 20%                | 25%                     | 20%                       | 10%                                 | 100%          |
| 1         | TATA INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES (TISS)                            | Mumbai, Maharashtra  | 99.64                           | 99.09              | 99.91                   | 99.91                     | 90.03                               | 98.89         |
| 2         | JAMIA MILLIA ISLAMIA - FACULTY OF EDUCATION                         | New Delhi            | 99.64                           | 99.09              | 99.91                   | 99.91                     | 90.03                               | 98.89         |
| 3         | AZIM PREMJI UNIVERSITY  | Bengaluru, Karnataka | 99.64                           | 99.09              | 99.91                   | 99.91                     | 90.03                               | 98.89         |
| 4         | CHRIST UNIVERSITY - SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK & EDUCATION               | Bengaluru, Karnataka | 99.64                           | 99.09              | 99.91                   | 99.91                     | 90.03                               | 98.89         |
| 5         | JAMNALAL BAJAJ INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT - SOCIAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS | Mumbai, Maharashtra  | 99.88                           | 99.21              | 99.52                   | 99.04                     | 90.8                                | 98.56         |

Amity University, Noida





# REMINISCENCE & YAADON KI BARAAT

# Silver Jubilee Reunion

## The Millennium Batch (PFM 1998–2000)

Celebrating 25 years of passing out from IIFM is a remarkable milestone, and we the Millennium Batch (PFM 1998–2000) marked this occasion by returning to our alma mater to relive the cherished memories of our student days. The preparation for the Silver Jubilee Reunion began in June 2025 with discussions among batchmates. While everyone unanimously agreed to attend, it took two to three weekend Google Meets to decide on dates that suited most of us. Finally, 4th and 5th October 2025 were chosen.

When we approached the institute, the invitation extended to us was warm and heartfelt. We were especially fortunate that our Silver Jubilee celebration coincided with a time when our own alumnus Dr. K. Ravichandran is serving as the Director of IIFM. This added a special significance to the entire event.



Once the dates were finalized, preparations commenced both at our end and at the institute. Under the leadership of Prof. Ashish David, the Reminiscence Team—comprising enthusiastic students—was formed to coordinate the event. Each member of the Millennium Batch was personally contacted by the student committee and warmly invited to revisit the campus, relive old memories, and allow the present students to witness the spirit of a Silver Jubilee reunion.

Finally, the much-awaited day arrived, and ten of our batchmates were able to join the celebrations. The reception by



Millennium Batch (PFM 1998-2000) with faculty of their time, celebrating Silver Jubilee Reunion

L to R:

Nikhil Mathur, Avinash Kumar, Kaustuv Mukhopadhyay, Dharmendra Chandurkar, Kultar Singh, Prof. P K Biswas, Amit Gupta, Prof. Parul Rishi, Sonia Bakshi Sud, Ashish Aggarwal, Rajaram Sankaran, Prof. Vijay Kumar, Radhika Agashe Mathur.

the students was overwhelming. Each of us was warmly received at our point of arrival by a representative of the Reminiscence Team and escorted to the guest house.

The excitement of being back on campus with batchmates was as fresh and vibrant as it was 25 years ago. The day began with a sumptuous mess breakfast, followed by a gracious welcome by our Director Sir. It was wonderful to meet our respected faculty members—Prof. P. K. Biswas Sir, Prof. Amitabh Pandey Sir, Prof. Parul Rishi Ma'am, and Prof. Vijay Kumar Sir—and capture moments with them in photographs. It was heartening to meet another alumnus Advait Edgaonkar who is serving as faculty in the institute. This was followed by an interactive session with the faculty, where we were encouraged to share our suggestions for the institute.

Director Sir then invited us for a special cake-cutting ceremony to mark the Silver Jubilee celebration, just before



we headed for lunch at the mess. Post-lunch, we visited the Memory Grove to remember our two dear batchmates who left us too early—Sachin Dubey and D. H. S. Kumarasiri.

Although the Reminiscence Team had planned some fun games and activities for the afternoon, rain altered our plans. Instead, we took the opportunity to visit our favourite places in the city—New Market and the Upper Lake—bringing back many fond memories.

As dusk approached, we returned to campus to participate in the brightly lit and vibrant Carnival organized by the Reminiscence Team. The preparations were truly impressive. The food stalls offered a wonderful variety of delicious items, and a hand-painting booth allowed us to leave our palm prints with our names—another memory to cherish.

The evening concluded with a lively party featuring soulful singing by our own Nikhil Mathur and enthusiastic dancing by all of us to the evergreen songs of our time.



None of us wanted the night to end—it felt as though dawn should welcome yet another day on our beloved campus.

The next morning, departures began one by one. Sonia was the first to leave for Jakarta. The rest of us stayed back a little longer for an interactive session with the students. Post-lunch, Kultar and Rajaram bid farewell, followed by Ashish Agarwal. By evening, Kaustuv, Amit Gupta, Dharmoo, Nikhil and Radhika also departed. I (Avinash), along with my family, stayed back until the next day.

We all returned to our respective homes carrying “memories forever” — a celebration truly worthy of our 25-year journey.



The ten of us from the batch of 2000 who attended and experienced this magical reunion:

- Amit Gupta -Bengaluru
- Ashish Aggarwal-Noida
- Avinash Kumar-Ranchi
- Dharmendra Chandurkar-New Delhi
- Kaustuv Mukhopadhyay-Kolkata
- Kultar Singh-Noida
- Nikhil Mathur-Noida
- Rajaram Sankaran-Chennai
- Radhika Agashe Mathur-Noida
- Sonia Bakshi Sud-Jakarta









# 10-Year Reunion

## Batch of PFM 2013–2015

A decade had slipped by before I finally found my way back to the IIFM campus, the place I'd called home during one of the most transformative phases of my life. As I stepped onto those familiar grounds, a wave of nostalgia rushed in. The campus had changed, but my memories were just as vivid.

Only a small group from the 2015 batch made it to the reunion. While we do cross paths occasionally in different corners of India, but meeting my batchmates at IIFM felt different. Wandering around the campus without any real purpose suddenly felt meaningful. Sleep felt optional as the eight of us who had turned up for the reunion stayed up late, revisiting and reliving our IIFM days.



Catching up with our professors, especially Professor CVRS, was a blast. This time, it wasn't about "Quantitative Techniques", just easy conversations, shared memories, and lots of laughter. The current batch was incredibly warm and welcoming, and having our seniors around for their 25-year reunion added a lovely, nostalgic vibe. All of it together made those two days on campus feel lively and genuinely special.

Big thanks to the student team who made it possible for us to reconnect with our IIFM roots, and to my batchmates who carved out time to come back and relive our good old days.

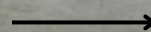
-Gaurav Sinha (PFM 2015)

The alumni from PFM 2015 batch who attended Yaadon Ki Baraat 2025

- Arshi Aadil,
- Sarvanakumar V.,
- Atulya Mishra,
- Rajaneesh R.,
- Nitesh Suryavanshi,
- Ankur Yelne,
- Ambuj Yadav
- Gaurav Sinha



# ALUMNI IN CAMPUS



INDUSTRY-INSTITUTE INTERFACE LECTURE SERIES



Industry Institute Interface:  
IIFM Talk Series: Vineet Rai  
(PFM 1992-94) talking to  
students on Entrepreneurship

Industry Institute Interface:  
IIFM Talk Series: Sonia Bakshi  
Sud (PFM 1998-2000) at IIFM  
to give a very insightful talk  
on “Seeds of success - Power  
of growth mindset in shaping  
careers”.



Industry Institute Interface:  
IIFM Talk Series: Rajaram  
Sankaran (PFM 1998-2000)  
talked to the students “From  
Campus to Corner Office:  
Steering Your Career from  
Learner to Leader”



Thanks to Santosh Singh (PFM 2006), who took 4 classes for the students in 'Impact Investing'. Students got lucky first to get lessons from Vineet Rai (PFM 1994) and then Santosh Singh in this elective



Had a great time being at IIFM teaching the foundations of System Thinking for problem solving  
-Alark Saxena (PFM 2001-03)

## 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!

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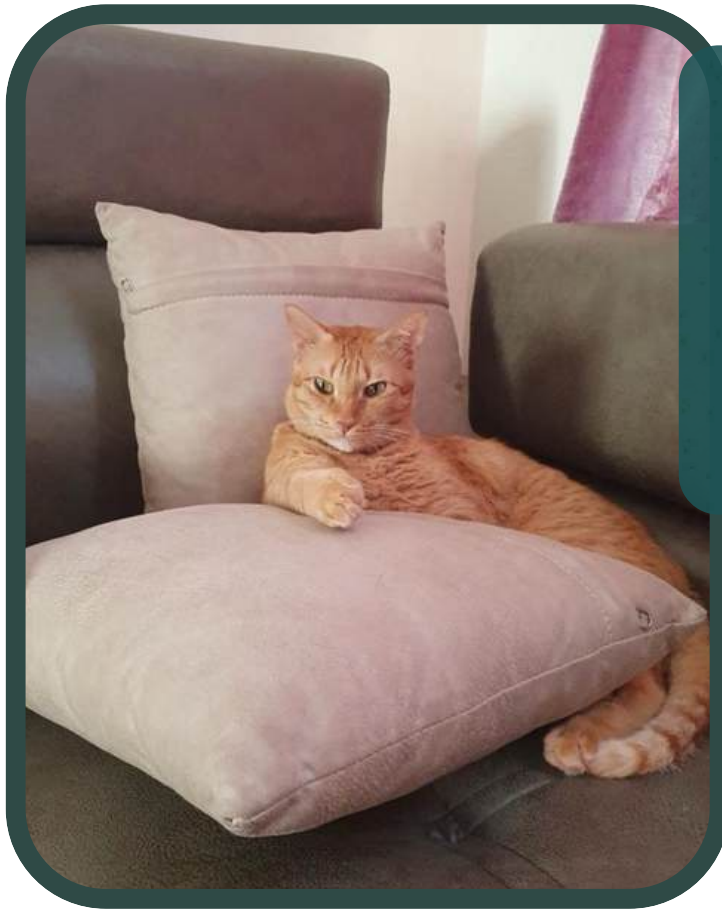
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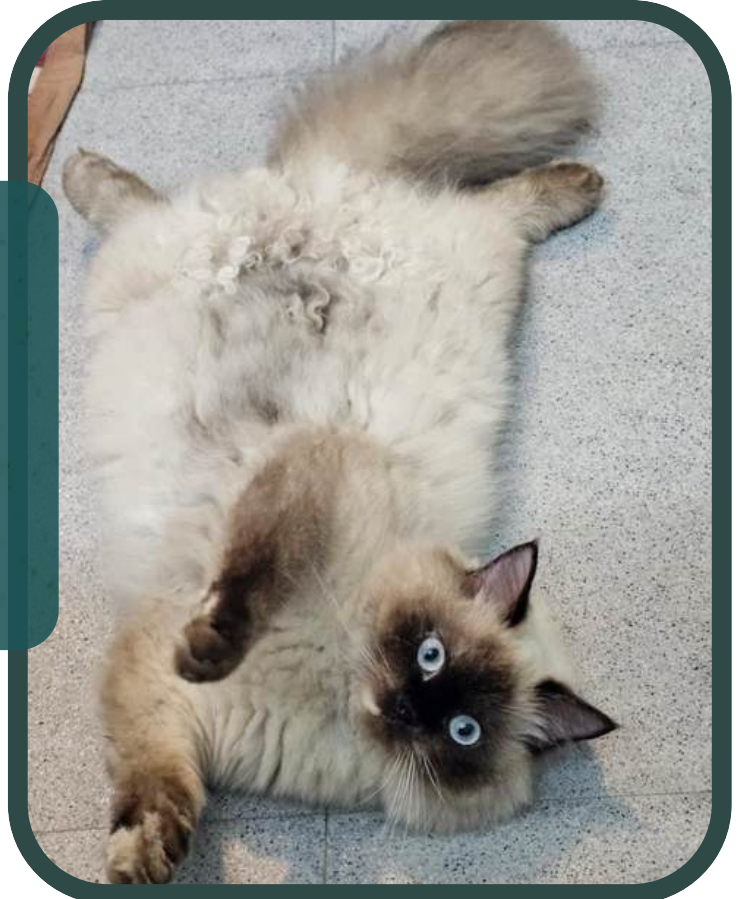
# PETS CORNER



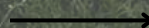


Meet Bailey Battula, who has spent five years with Chitrangi of PFM 2016 in Hyderabad. This cool and confident Indie DSH even kicked off a bit of a star career with an appearance in an Amazon ad.

Meet Misty, now one year into life with Karnik Priyansh of PFM 2019 in Gorakhpur, where this fluffy Himalayan can usually be found rolling on the floor.



# KNOWLEDGE CORNER

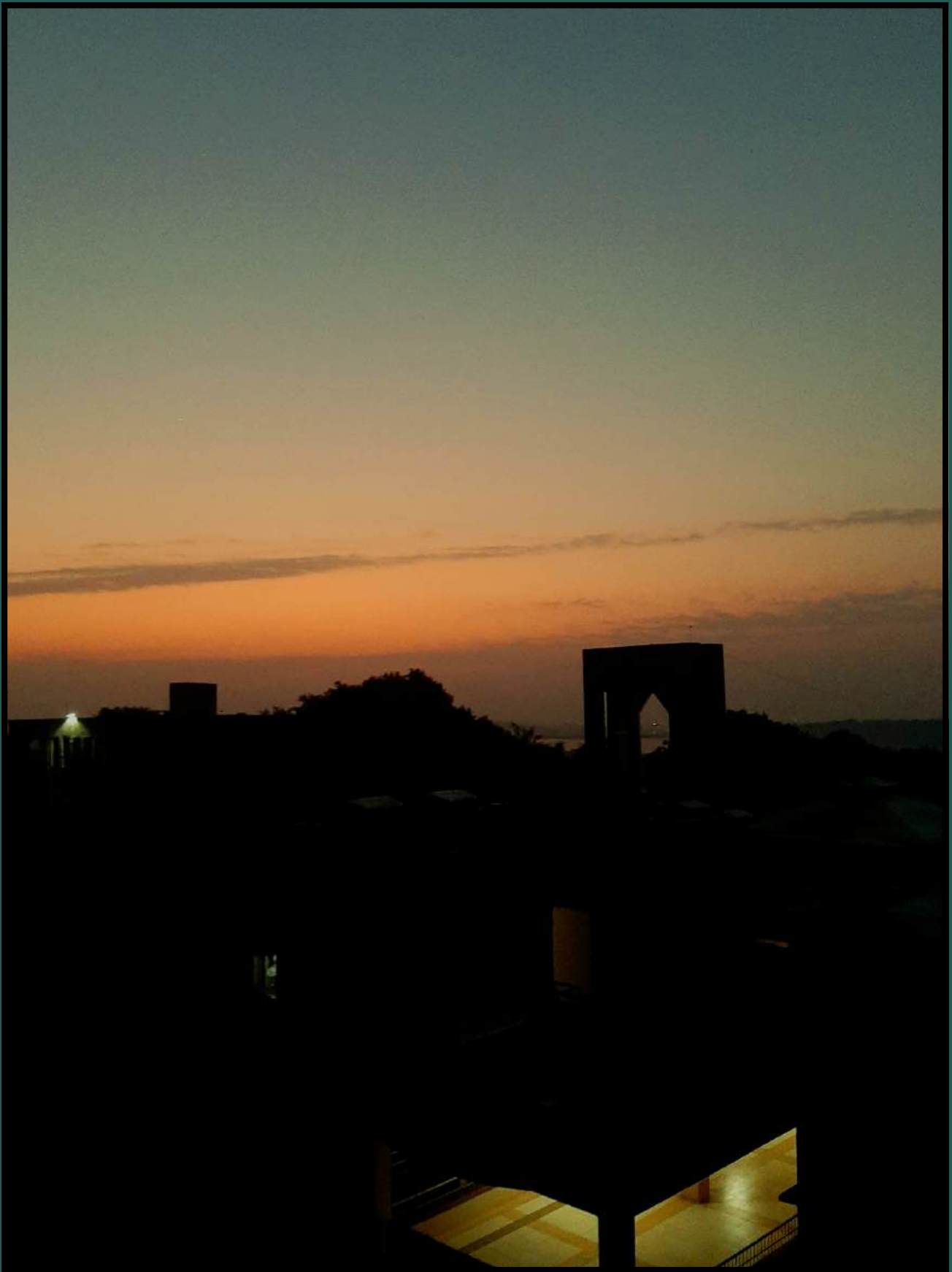




Saalumarada Thimmakka, the “Mother of Trees,”

Saalumarada Thimmakka, popularly known as the “Mother of Trees,” is a remarkable example of how individual dedication can create lasting environmental change, making her story perfect for a Knowledge Corner feature; born in a small village in Karnataka and with no formal education, she transformed her personal hardships into a life mission by planting and nurturing hundreds of trees, especially banyan saplings, along long stretches of roadside land, often walking miles daily to water and protect them from grazing and damage, using simple methods like carrying water in pots and fencing the saplings with thorny bushes, and through her tireless effort she created green corridors that not only enhanced the landscape but also improved biodiversity, provided shade, supported wildlife, and contributed to ecological balance, earning her widespread recognition and awards such as the Padma Shri for her contribution to environmental conservation; her work stands as a powerful inspiration, teaching that meaningful change does not require wealth or status, only compassion, persistence, and a deep respect for nature, and her life continues to motivate communities, students, and environmentalists to take responsibility for protecting and nurturing the natural world.

**PHOTOGRAPHS  
OF THE  
MONTH**



**Silent sunset serenity**

Photo By-Abhay Anil PGD-FM 2024-26



**Reflections of calm**

Photo By- Priya Sharma MBASD 2025-27





# 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](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.

# JOIN US



Scan the QR Code above to join  
Alumni Association





## Newsletter Team (2024-25)

**Top line (L to R):** Rishabh Sharma (MBA-SM 2027), Aakash Bajpai (PFM 2026), Tarjal Kothari (PSM 2026), Garima Giri (PFM 2026), Divya Solanke (PFM 2026), Karthik Kodali (MBA-SM 2027), Tarang Katyayn (MBA-FM 2027), Dreami Ghosh (MBA-FM 2027)

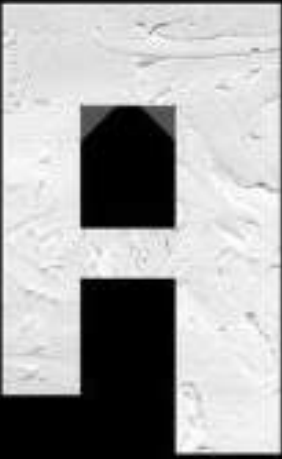
**Bottom Line (L to R):** Meghna Mishra (PSM 2026), Sherin Chacko (PSM 2026), Aishwariya Mohanty (MBA-FM 2027), Chandana Addagarla (MBA-SM 2027)

**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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