



ALMA MATTERS












Re-launch of Alma Matters

Alumni Newsletter helps the alumni to stay connected with the alma mater, stay connected with each other, appreciate the achievements of each other, extend support to each other, engage with current students and faculties, relive the memories of the campus, attend events at institute and much more. That is why "Alma Matters" is back after a gap. Suggestions and participation most welcome.

AA Dashboard

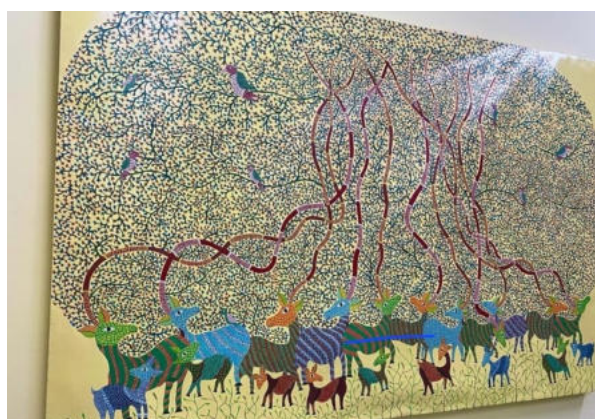
- Number of members : 1368
(As of 27 September, 2023)
- Total Alumni Count : 1905
(PGP Courses)
- Number of Batches : 34

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AA Office, IIFM

The Alumni Association Office was designed and curated from scratch by the association itself. It consists of unique art pieces handcrafted by Tribal artists and local artisans of Madhya Pradesh. The huge Gond painting on the wall was painted by Umesh Kumar, a 15-year-old kid from the Kathodia tribe.



ALUMNI IN NEWS



IIFM's Impact on the G20 and Sustainable Development

The Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM) is delighted to have played a vital role in the G20, the premier forum for international economic cooperation. Several IIFM alumni and faculty have been involved in the G20 process in various capacities, including drafting the G20 negotiations with other member countries, representing the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in energy, working within the Ministry of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change (MOEFCC), and contributing to Forestry, Energy, Agriculture, Employment, Culture, Task Force for Financial Inclusion, and Economic Empowerment. The contributions of IIFM graduates and instructors to the G20 illustrate the institute's commitment to excellence in forestry, environment, and management education and research. IIFM is honoured to be connected with the G20 and to contribute to the global agenda on sustainable development and economic prosperity.



Recognizing Excellence: Mr. Ravi Gupta's Impact on India's Ethanol Policy

Mr. Ravi Gupta, an illustrious alumnus from the 1991 batch of IIFM and Director of Shree Renuka Sugars Limited, has received well-deserved recognition for his instrumental role in advancing India's ethanol policy. The distinguished award was presented by Shri Sharad Pawar Ji, Honourable Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha). This momentous event drew the presence of notable figures, including Shri Jaiprakash Dandegaonkar and Shri Jagdale, Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Non-Conventional and Renewable Energy, Government of India. Mr. Gupta's dedication to the renewable energy sector and his remarkable contributions to India's sustainable future are truly commendable and bring pride to the IIFM alumni community.

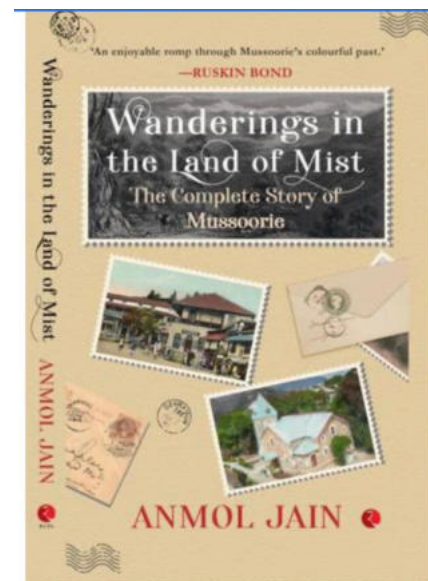


Har Sikhar Tiranga: Hoisting the Tricolour on India's Highest Peaks


The "Har Sikhar Tiranga" project, focused on promoting mountaineering culture across India, is led by the National Institute of Mountaineering and Adventure Sports (NIMAS), with Col Ranveer Singh Jamwal as the head. Naman, a sustainability management postgraduate from the 2023 batch, and four other trainees from ESL Steel Limited recently participated in a Parasnath Hill expedition in Jharkhand. Parasnath Hill, located 90 km from Bokaro, was reached by Naman's team at 5:30 AM, while the NIMAS team arrived at 9:30 AM. After breakfast, the 9 km trek was completed in 4 hours, with the return taking 90 minutes. Following their descent, the group had food at a dharmshala, and the NIMAS team proceeded to Bihar, marking their 26th state.



Mussoorie: A Mist-Shrouded History




Anmol Jain, an alumnus from the 1999 batch of IIFM recently paid a visit to the legendary Indian writer Ruskin Bond, a recipient of the prestigious Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri awards for his outstanding literary contributions. During his visit to Ruskin Bond's residence in Mussoorie, Anmol Jain presented him with the inaugural copy of his latest work titled 'Wanderings in the Land of Mist: The complete story of Mussoorie.' This book delves deep into the rich history of Mussoorie, offering readers an immersive journey into the charming British-era hill town, uncovering captivating tales that time had concealed beneath its cobwebs.




Question:

A line dividing wildlife?

(Hint- Wall)



Answer in the next edition 

FRIENDS OF IIFM

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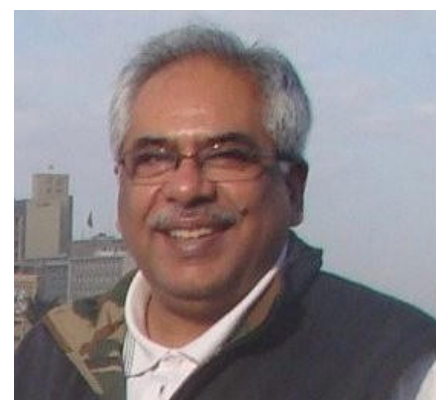
Erik Solheim
January



Prof. K Vijayraghavan
February



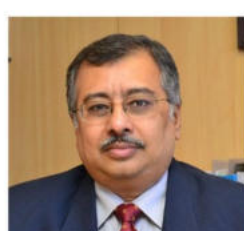
Devina Mehra
March



Rohini Nilekani
March



Sunita Narain
May



Anirban Ghosh
June

The Alumni Association of IIFM had an insightful conversation with Mr. Vinay Luthra, a retired Principal Chief Conservator of Forests in Karnataka, with 15 years of experience in tourism and eco-tourism leadership roles. He shared valuable insights on how Ecotourism and Biodiversity conservation can coexist. Currently serving as the Wildlife and Tourism Advisor to the Infrastructure Development Corporation of Karnataka, his expertise was a rare opportunity for students to learn.



Varalakshmi Vemuru
July



Ajay Mathur
August



Vinay Luthra
September

On August 25th, the Alumni Association of IIFM hosted Dr. Ajay Mathur, Director General of the International Solar Alliance. He discussed his impressive career in energy, including leading TERI and India's Bureau of Energy Efficiency. He's internationally recognized and honored by France. Dr. Mathur's expertise inspired students, highlighting renewable energy's crucial role in global energy solutions.



ALUMNI WORLD

City Meets



New Delhi, India



Jakarta, Indonesia



Raipur, India



Ahmedabad, India



ALUMNUS OF THE MONTH

SEPTEMBER 2023

This certificate recognises the contribution of



DR. K. RAVICHANDRAN

It happens rarely but does happen when one of your tribe gets the opportunity to lead not only your own but many others. Dr. K. Ravichandran straddles effortlessly the IIFM space and the IFS universe, being an alumnus and an IFS officer. It is his passion for the alma mater which brought him back to Bhopal and we all have witnessed the winds of change he has unleashed. His being Director of IIFM fills the heart of all alumni with pride and our minds with optimism that IIFM will now give shade to many by finding its rightful place under the Sun. As he completes a year as Director we are honoured to name him alumni of the month (and the year).

PRESIDENT



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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CAMPUS THIS MONTH



Workshop on the Forest (Conservation) Amendment Act 2023

IIFM hosted a workshop on the Forest (Conservation) Amendment Act 2023 in collaboration with NLIU Bhopal. The event on September 27, 2023, focused on the Act's implications and featured 200 participants from various backgrounds. Distinguished speakers included Shri Subhash Chandra (CEO of CAMPA), Dr. K. Ravichandran (Director of IIFM), and others. The workshop discussed the Act's role in balancing forest conservation and development, fostering a collective understanding among stakeholders.

"Hindi Pakhwada 2023": Celebrating Language and Talent

The Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM), Bhopal, marked a vibrant "Hindi Pakhwada 2023" from September 1st to 14th. The institute buzzed with enthusiasm as staff and students actively engaged in competitions like essay writing, linguistics, creative writing, speech, typing, and formatting. Dr. K. Ravichandran, the Institute's director, expressed his dedication to promoting the objectives of the Department of Official Language. Exceptional participants were rewarded with cash prizes and certificates, making the week a resounding success.



Clear Air Conference: Inspiring Sustainable Waste Management

The IIFM senior batch attended the Clear Air Conference in Bhopal, graced by Madhya Pradesh's Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Government of India's Minister of Labour and Employment Environment, Forest, and Climate Change Bhupendra Yadav. The event honoured districts with effective sustainable waste management, motivating others to follow suit. The Chief Minister praised recognized districts, while the Environment Minister highlighted national environmental policy and collaboration efforts. The conference ended with a lunch, leaving attendees inspired and with thoughtful event goodies.



Museum School at IIFM: A Day of Learning and Joy



' Our new club alongside the N&P club and C2ECE cell, organized the 'Museum School' event at IIFM for 30 underprivileged children. The day featured exploration and learning, beginning with a hearty breakfast and a guided nature walk led by the N&P club. This allowed students to closely observe plants and animals, even sharing a tree-hugging moment. C2ECE conducted interactive sessions on environmental topics like climate change at Samagam, followed by a musical jamming session by talented peers. To conclude the event, the IIFM director addressed the students and expressed gratitude by presenting small gifts. The dedication of Sankalp club members ensured the students remained fully engaged throughout the event. The Mess committee deserves commendation for providing breakfast and lunch, enhancing the overall enriching experience at IIFM.

Festival Celebrations at IIFM Campus



Ganesh Chaturthi

IIFM's Ganesh Chaturthi celebration on September 18th and 19th, 2023, was a joyous affair. It featured student-led 'Aagman,' cultural programs, 'Mahaprasad,' 'Aarti,' 'Matki fod,' 'Havan,' and 'Visharjan.' The event embodies unity, devotion, and hope in the IIFM community, honoring Lord Ganesha.



Janmashtami

IIFM celebrated Janmashtami on September 7th with a Dahi Handi competition won by 'Handi Heroes' in 1 minute and 50 seconds. Vishesh Purswani and Khyati Patwa portrayed Krishna and Radha, followed by cultural performances and an open dance floor for students and faculty.

PHOTOGRAPH OF THE MONTH



Photo by
Mohammed Ashhad Uddin (PFM'25)

ALUMNI IN CAMPUS



Shantam Mondal, PFM 2019 alumnus and Senior Consultant at EY, engaged with IIFM's '24 and '25 batches on September 1, 2023. He shared his transformative journey from a microfinance intern to a Big 4 consultant, emphasizing exploration and addressing queries about career switches, consultancy requirements and network maximation. The Alumni Network Committee extends its heartfelt gratitude for his enlightening session and looks forward to have him again in the near future.

Announcements

Join us at **ENSURE 2024 (ENvironment and SUstainability REdefined)** on **March 16-17, 2024**, at IIFM, Bhopal. Explore enlightening sessions with industry experts and inspirational speakers, delving into vital topics such as climate change, carbon markets, ESG reporting, and more. Redefine your understanding of environmental sustainability – don't miss out!

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