

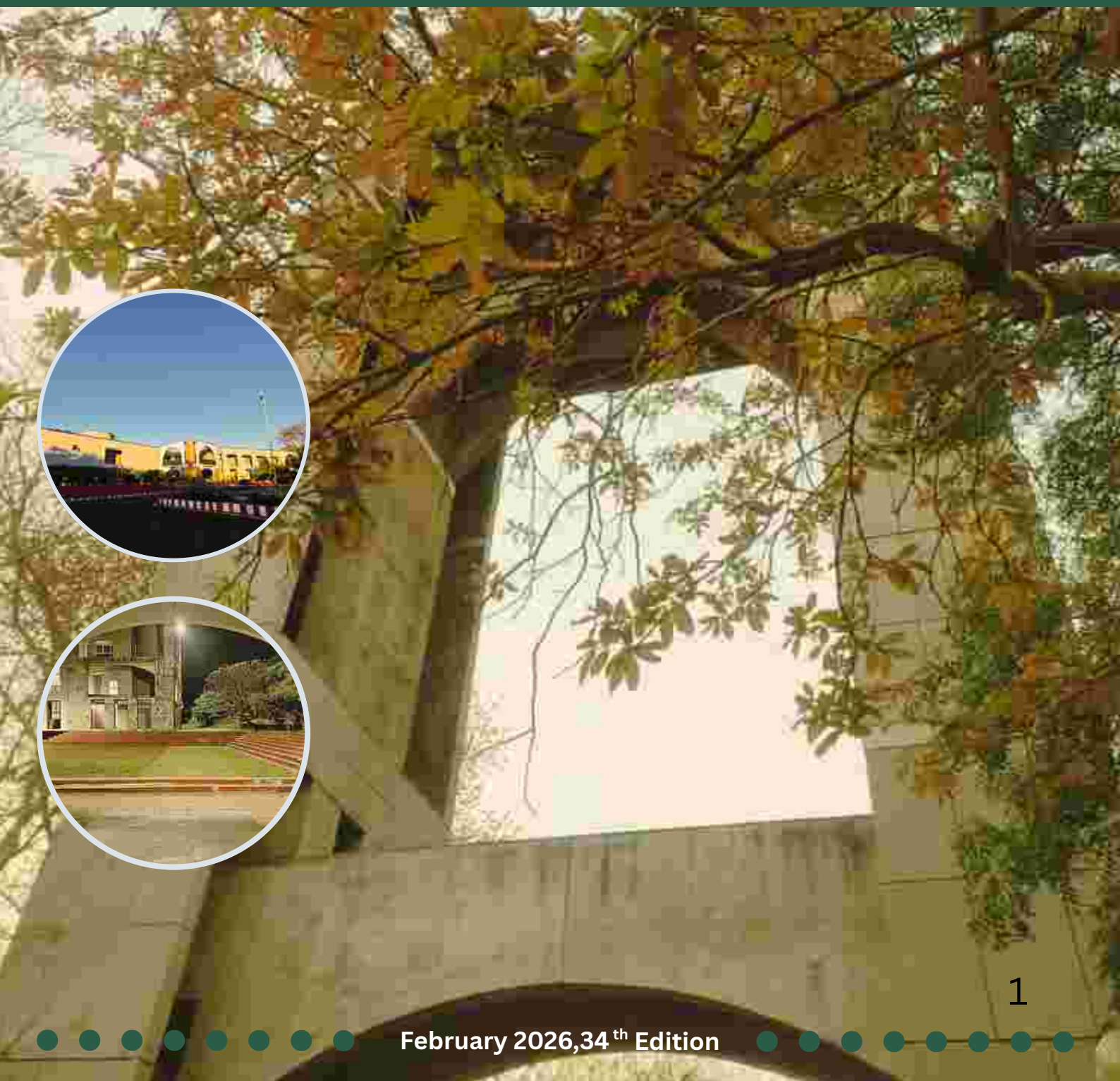


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# ALMA MATTERS





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Number of members	1901 (As on January 2026)
Total Alumni Count <small>(approx.)</small>	2295
Number of Batches	34
LinkedIn Followers	2000+
X (Twitter) Followers	216
Instagram Followers	905
Youtube Subscribers	250
Facebook Members	728





# QUIZ OF THE MONTH





## QUESTION FOR THIS MONTH:

On which date ALMA MATTERS 1st edition was published ?

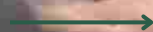


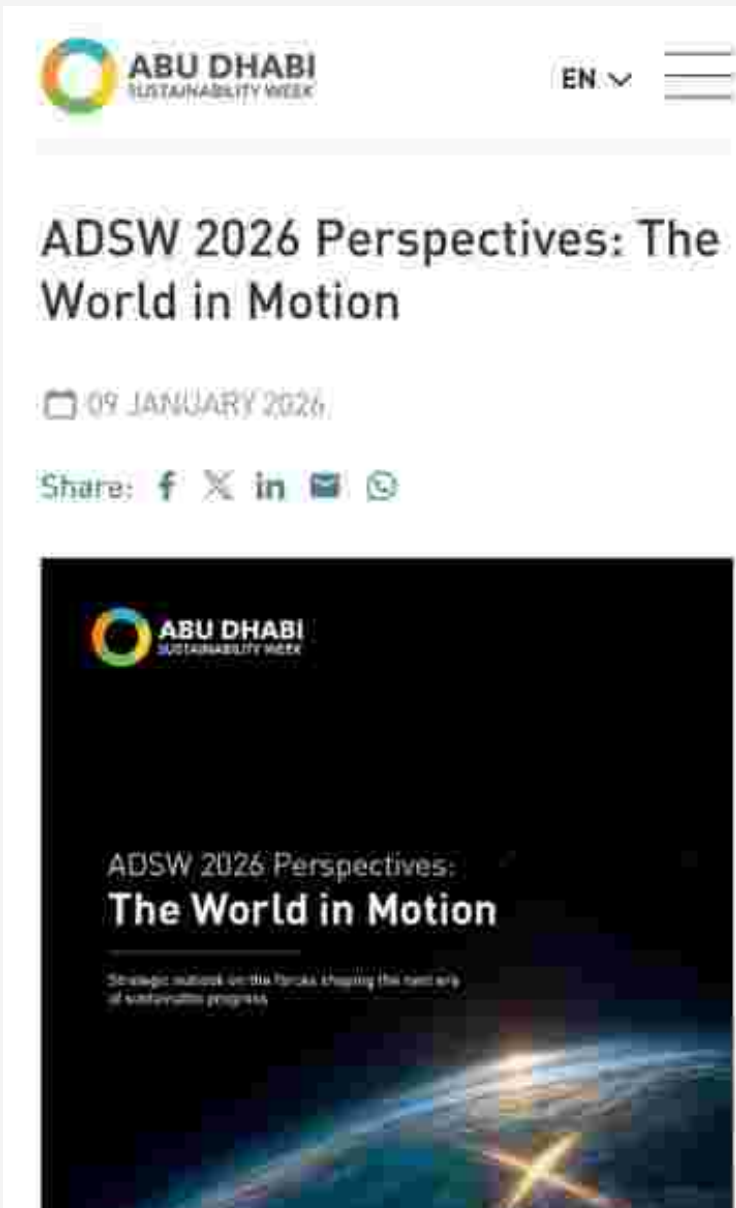
**Answer to the Quiz question of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Edition:**

Who is “Vidwan” in IIFM Campus ?

Vidwan is a state-of-the-art academic block, equipped with modern classrooms, a conference hall, meeting rooms, and advanced infrastructure, designed to foster learning and collaboration.

# ALUMNI IN NEWS





**Nitin Bassi (CEEW/MRM 2006) comes with another wonderful post as part of Global Leaders' essays in ADSW 2026 outlook (59-60). ADSW 2026 Perspectives: The World in Motion**

**Happy to share that I have received the best technical paper award in the Environment Pollution category for my study on Life Cycle Assessment on Automotive Cables and GHG Emission Reduction Scenario in Indian Context at ARAI biennial international conference. -Naman Kumar (PFM 2023)**



**Centre of Excellence for Climate Change Adaptation, IIT Delhi**  
Presents  
LECTURE SERIES ON CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION  
**"Framework For Developing Climate Adaptive Heat Action Plans"**



**Speaker:**  
**Mr. Rohit Magotra**  
Deputy Director - Integrated Research and Action for Development (IRADe)

 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2026  LHC 213, Lecture Hall Complex, IIT Delhi  5 pm to 6 pm

Rohit Magotra (Deputy Director IRADe/PFM 2000) has invited IIFMights to IIT-Delhi for this interesting session on 5th Feb

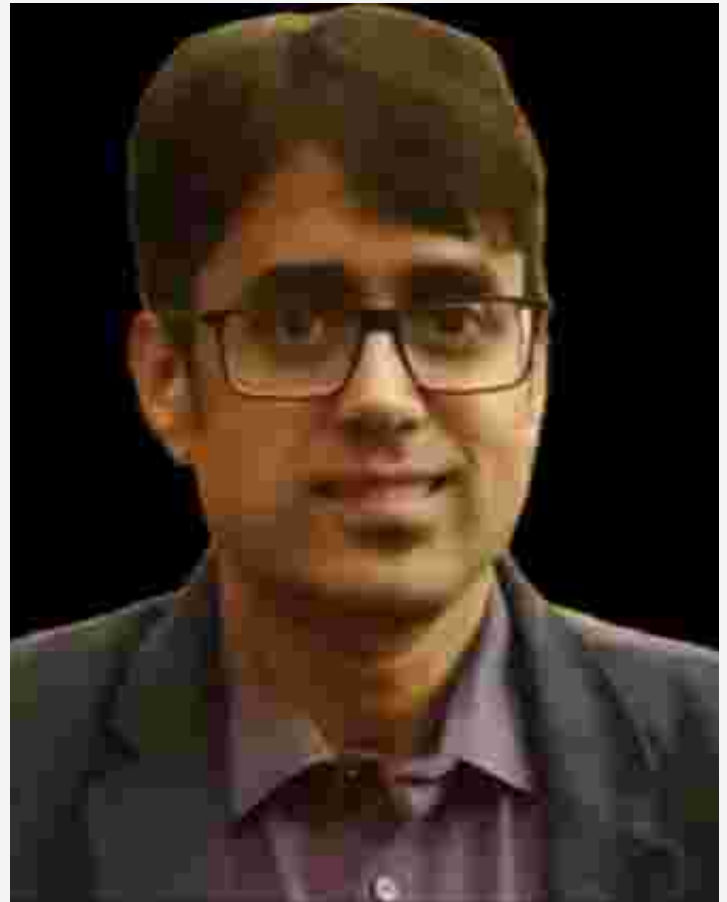




Zee Business Budget Chaupal 2026 Jan 2026 (at 04min 51sec)  
 Mr. Ravi Gupta (PFM 1989-91), Shree Renuka Sugars

Dharmendra K Daukia  
 (PFM 1989-91)





Dvara E-Registry, an agri-fintech startup, won the prestigious 'Fintech for Bharat Award' at the Global Inclusive Finance Summit 2026. The firm was recognized for its innovative, tech-driven solutions improving financial inclusion for smallholder farmers.

Congratulation Syed Tarique Alam(CEO-Dvara/PFM 2007) and Dvara Team for the wonderful work and the recognition

[https://www.linkedin.com/posts/abhishek-anand-2926001b\\_budget2026-budget2026insights-nirmalasitharamanbudget2026-share-7422945236089475072-Qcd9?utm\\_source=share&utm\\_medium=member\\_android&rcm=ACoAACvcTrgBzmwnLxm3UpKc8r7aiLwMlnwPlnw](https://www.linkedin.com/posts/abhishek-anand-2926001b_budget2026-budget2026insights-nirmalasitharamanbudget2026-share-7422945236089475072-Qcd9?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_android&rcm=ACoAACvcTrgBzmwnLxm3UpKc8r7aiLwMlnwPlnw)

Abhishek Anand (PFM 2006)



# ALUMNI WORLD





**L to R:**

**Ramesh Mukalla, first from left (PFM 1989-91)**

**Sandeep Chakravorty, fourth from left (PFM 1989-91)**

**Manoj Dabas, fifth from left )PFM 1988-90)**

**Another great evening with Sandeep and Taruna at Jakarta who so very graciously hosted us (me and two fellow travellers) for a hearty meal. Surprise package of the evening Ramesh Mukalla (also in town, and much to my delight)**

**-Manoj Dabas**



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L to R:  
Kishan (PFM 2023)  
Prashant (PFM 2002)

Proof that PFM graduates only get better with age-or at least more academic! Great catching up with Prashant Sir (PFM 2000-02). From the campus corridors to the faculty halls of IIM Jammu, he's still the coolest marketing guru I know.

-Kishan



Small get together of IIFMights at State level Buyer seller meet jointly organized by Chhattisgarh State Rural Livelihoods Mission (CGSRLM), PRADAN and AFC India Ltd in Raipur.

From R to L

Akash Porte( PFM 2018) Himanshu shambhu (PFM 2020 )  
Alice Lakra ( PFM 1999),  
Zeeshan Khalid (PFM 2020)



At Delhi:

R to L:

Rishi Prakash (PFM 2007)  
Swapnil Shekhar (PFM 2000),  
Ujjawal(PFM 2009),  
Srey(PFM 2008),  
Abhishek(PFM 2025),  
Devashree(PFM 2025)





**At Oxford:**  
L to R:  
Seyed Faiz (PFM 1997-99)  
Nitin Bagla (PFM 2004-06)



**At London:**  
L to R:  
Soumya Guha (PFM 2002-04)  
Nitin Bagla (PFM 2004-06)



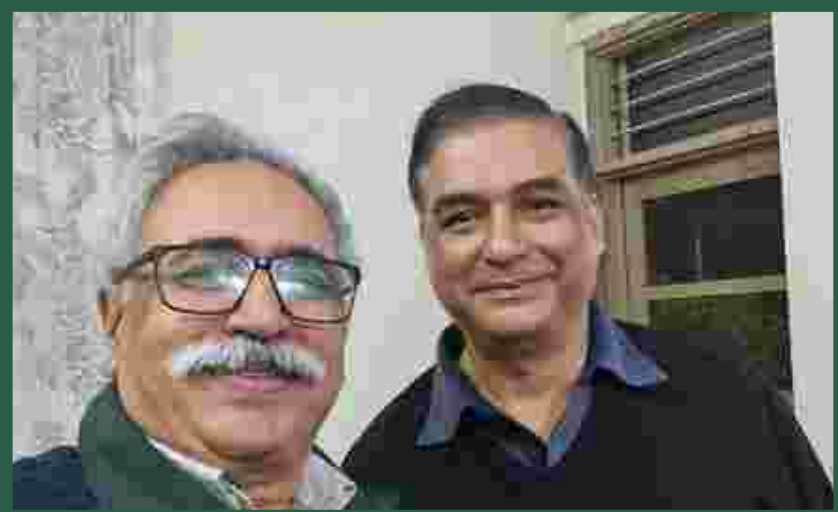
**At London:**  
L to R:  
Tanmay Chetan (PFM 2005-07)  
Nitin Bagla (PFM 2004-06)



At Jaipur:  
L to R:  
Dharmendra K Daukia (PFM 1989-91)  
Prof. P. K. Biswas (former faculty IIFM)

L to R:  
Dharmendra K Daukia (PFM 1989-91)  
Amar Saxena (PFM 1989-91)

“After almost 20 years  
With Professor Amar Saxena.  
I will see him more frequently..  
More on it ... other time”  
-Dharmendra K Daukia



At Jakarta:  
L to R:  
Sandeep Chakravorty (PFM 1989-91)  
Ramesh Mukalla (PFM 1989-91)  
Vikas Choudhary (PFM 1996-98)  
Sonia Bakshi Sud (PFM 1998-2000)

**AVINYA** An Entrepreneurship Series

ORGANISED BY THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF IIFM

EPISODE 03 | 11 JAN 2026 | 7:00-8:30 PM IST

**SPOTLIGHT SPEAKER**

**PAUL BASIL (PFM '94)**  
FOUNDER, VILGRO  
COFOUNDER, MENTERRA

Paul Basil is a leader in social entrepreneurship and impact investing. In 2001, he founded Villgro, one of India's most prominent social impact incubators, and served as its CEO for two decades. He also co-founded and is a partner at Menterra, an impact-focused venture capital fund supporting early-stage enterprises.

Paul has been involved in various social enterprise initiatives, including Pollinate Impact, Unconvention, the Centre for Social Innovation & Entrepreneurship at IIT Madras, and the India Chapter of the Aspen Network for Development Entrepreneurs. He has been instrumental in shaping India's social innovation ecosystem through these efforts.

**OUR CO-HOSTS**

**Shikha Kalra (PFM '03)**  
Managing Director, FIS SCF

**Vinest Rai (PFM '94)**  
Founder, Aavishkar Group

Link will be shared soon on text.

▶ <https://youtu.be/OJ7e8vTdHeo>

Recording now available for Avinya's January episode - A conversation with Paul Basil, Class of '1994, Founder of Villgro and Co-founder of Menterra Capital. The session opened with an introduction by Vijay Mahajan – founder of PRADAN, BASIX, and Sa-Dhan – one of the most respected institution-builders in the country. The fact that he chose to record this message for Avinya, reflecting on IIFM, its graduates, and his long association with Paul Basil, is itself a big moment. What followed is an extraordinary conversation with Paul – a rare, inside look at a founder's journey from the earliest seed-stage struggles, to building a pioneering organisation, to navigating succession, and ultimately stepping away with clarity and purpose. It's not just an interview; it's a masterclass for anyone thinking seriously about entrepreneurship, leadership, or institution-building.

In case of further interest, recommended resources:

1. Paul Basil Ashoka-Lemelson Fellowship video  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g6OVHM-iBMw>
2. Villgro: <https://villgro.org>
3. Menterra: <https://www.menterra.com>
4. Pollinate Impact: <https://www.pollinateimpact.org>



## “New Growth Amidst the Ashes”

Background: In 2025, Devasting fires burnt down parts of LA. Here in the background you can see part of Pacific Palisades with empty plots and many burnt trees and new vegetation is growing with fresh rains. Human rehab will still take years'

-Sent by Munish Sikka (PFM 2009)



From L to R:  
Vanita Suneja(PFM 1993),  
Soumitri Das (PFM 1998),  
Pranay Lal (PFM 1994),  
Ashish Raj (PFM 1999),  
Rishi Prakash (PFM 2007)  
Santosh Kumar Singh (PFM 2006)



At Jaipur  
R to L:  
Vaibhav Chaturvedi (PFM  
2001-03)  
Dheeraj Rathore (PFM 2016-  
18)  
Prof. P. K. Biswas (former  
faculty IIFM)  
Shrestha (PFM 2021-23)



IIFMights met in Paris  
Dr. Madhu Verma (ex Faculty IIFM) met Dyuti (PFM  
2014-16) based in Paris  
They met in a cafe closed to Eiffle tower



IIFMights at IIM Ahmedabad  
LtoR  
Arun S (PFM 2012 Prof. at  
IIM, Ahmedabad)  
Syed Tarique Alam (2007  
batch) CEO Dvara E-Registry



L to R:  
Shailesh (PFM 2023)  
Dr. Manmohan Yadav (former  
faculty IIFM)



Had a short meeting with  
Gokul (PFM 2024) in  
Shillong on new year eve.  
Missed meeting James  
(PFM 2000) but will meet  
him next time for sure.  
- Sneha Kaushal (PFM  
2010-12)





**Alumni Meet-up at the GIF Access summit.**

**From L to R**

- 1. Ramkrishna Atre (PFM 2013)**
- 2. Prabhat Labh (PFM 1996)**
- 3. Arjun Subramaniyan (PFM 2013)**
- 4. Ashish Thekera (PFM 2009)**
- 5. Puja Gour (PFM 1999)**
- 6. Parvej Sheikh (PFM 2013)**
- 7. Sahil Mehta (PFM 2010)**
- 8. Kapil Patil (PFM 2013)**
- 9. Pradip Das (PFM 2012)**



**At Aavishkar's office..**

**L to R**

- Moinak Goswami (PFM 2021)**  
**Vineet Rai (PFM 1994)**  
**Manasi Diwan (PFM 2010)**



**Aavishkaar Foundation team lunch**  
**Right side corner**

- 1. Deepak Shandilya PFM 2003-05)**
- 2. Adhiraj (PFM 2023-25)**
- 3. Vineet Rai (PFM 1992-94)**

**Left side corner**

- 4. Vikash kumar (PFM 2018-20)**
- Left side last second**
- 5. Siddhant Raj (PFM 2018-20)**





**IIFMights met in Paris**  
**Dr. Shubham Sharma ( PFM 2017 )met Dr. Madhu Verma (former faculty IIFM) in Paris.**  
**He is based out of Rotterdam, The Netherlands but came all the way to meet Dr. Madhu Verma mam in Paris.**



**(Sreyamsa Bairiganjan (Shakti/PFM 2006) with Rohit Magotra (IRADe/PFM 2000) @EMI workshop in Mumbai**





In one of the sweetest surprises I met Gyan from my batch ( PFM 2010-12) and his family in the double decker trek in Meghalaya. The double decker living root bridge is unique and has 7000 stairs and is in heart of Khasi hills. Meeting Gyan and his family made all the efforts much more worthy...we met after 8-10 years and couldn't believe it made us so happy and content. It's been 16 years of our friendship and it feels like yesterday we were chilling on top of India Gate  
-Sneha Kaushal

# ALUM OF THE MONTH



# ALUM OF THE MONTH

**FEBRUARY 2026**

THIS CERTIFICATE RECOGNISES THE CONTRIBUTION OF  
**ROHIT MODH (PFM 2009)**

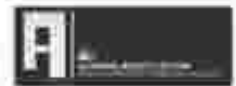


We recognise Rohit for the empathy and care he showed at a moment when it mattered most. During the difficult time following the demise of our alumna, Ms. Laxmi Swarupa Das (PFM 2021), he stepped forward to support her family, bringing fellow alumni together with compassion and purpose. From arranging support for the last rites to mobilising the alumni community and coordinating financial assistance, Rohit's actions reflected not just efficiency, but deep humanity.

Thank you, Rohit, for reminding us what it truly means to stand by one another, and for showing how empathy in action can make a meaningful difference in moments of loss.

  
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# CAMPUS THIS MONTH



Kites and Colours marked the occasion on the 14th of January as the IIFM community celebrated Makar Sankranti.



IIFM organized a three-day MDP from 19-21 January on Public Financial Accounting in the Forestry Sector for forest department officers and professionals across the country.



On 26 January, IIFM came together to celebrate India's 77th Republic Day with commemoration, honour, and pride.



On 31st January, the Alumni Network Committee organized Enigma, a competition with our esteemed Alumni judging the students across three dynamic rounds to determine who stands above the rest.



# तुमको ना भूल पाएंगे





It is with deep sadness that I share that our batchmate Avilash Mahanty (PFM 2017-19) is no longer with us. He tragically lost his life in a bike accident.

What makes this even more painful is that the incident occurred in April 2024, as confirmed by one of his friends, and we only came to know about it yesterday.

We all carry fond memories of him. This is also a reminder that Life is fragile and unpredictable.

We have lost some beautiful minds with whom we spent defining two years of our lives. Let this also be a reminder for all of us to stay connected, check in on one another regularly, and keep in touch and share news with each other.

May the departed soul rest in peace 🙏

- written by Gayatri Pandey (PFM 2017-19)

## 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&ouid=100202441739566861352>



Scan to fill the form

# PETS CORNER





Meet Buddha, a 12.5-year-old giant senior puppy from Ahmedabad, living with Varsha Mehta of PFM 1992–94. This goofy, well-travelled furball may be a veteran in years, but still carries the spirit of an oversized pup everywhere.

Meet Saanjh Ghosh, a three-year-old German Shepherd from Kolkata, living with Reetabrata of PFM 2008–10. Although strong and striking in presence, Saanjh is famously camera-shy, preferring to stay just out of the spotlight.



# KNOWLEDGE CORNER



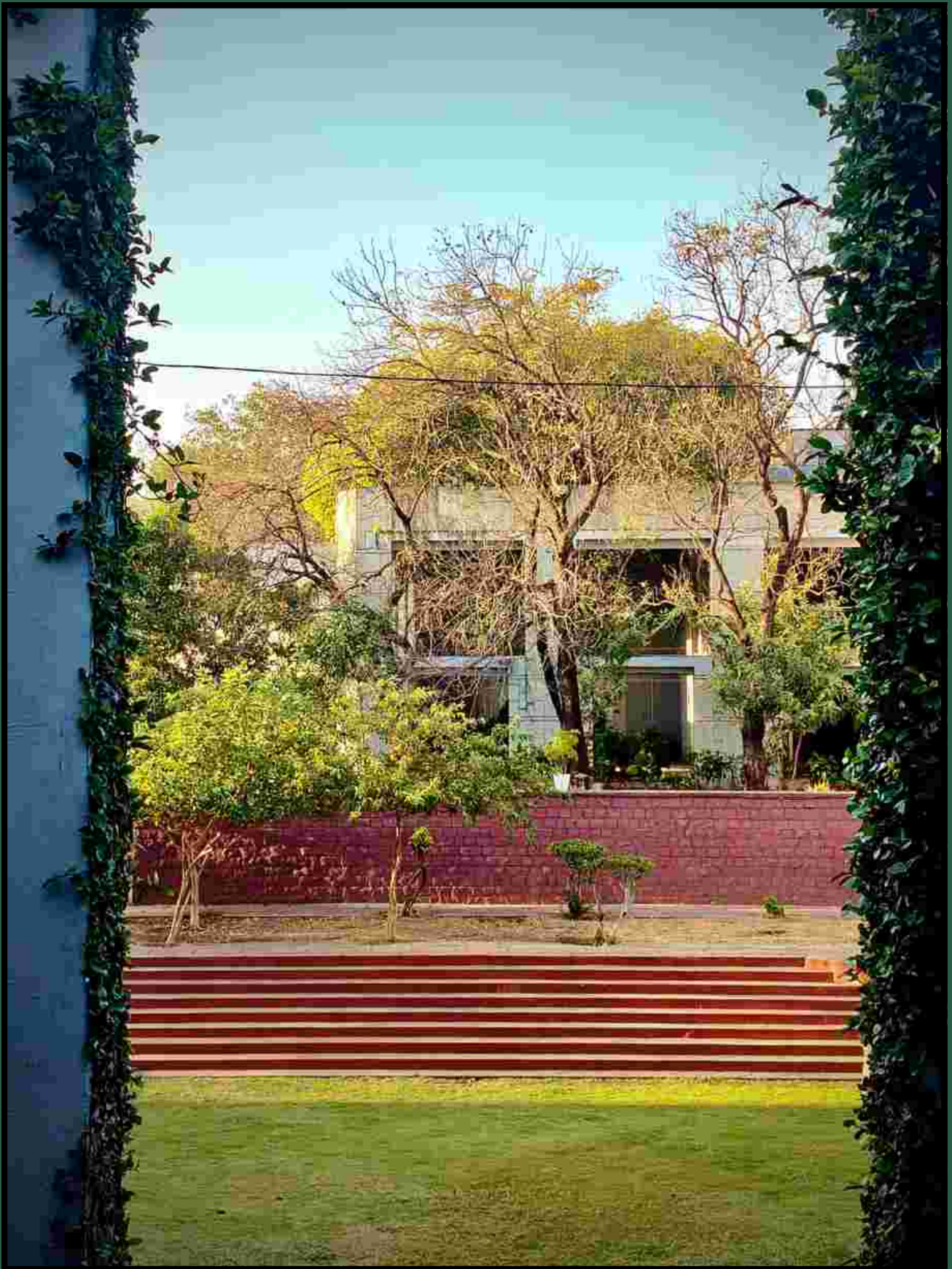
### Robert Irwin: “The Voice of a New Conservation Generation”

Robert Irwin is a prominent Australian conservationist who represents a new generation of wildlife defenders committed to protecting Earth’s fragile ecosystems. Growing up at Australia Zoo, he inherited a deep respect for nature and transformed it into a global mission. As a conservationist, wildlife photographer, and environmental advocate, Irwin works to protect endangered species while inspiring millions through education and media.

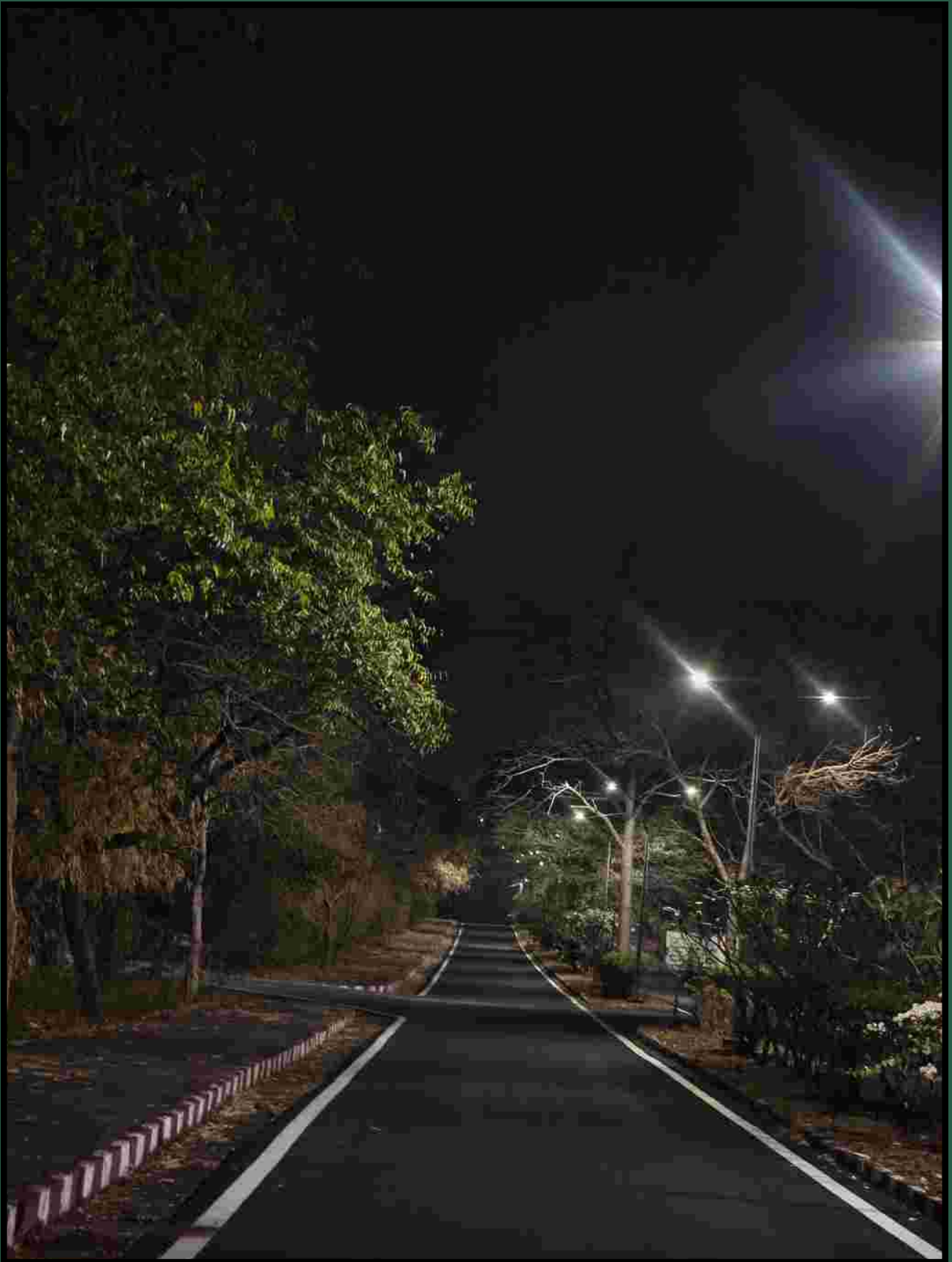
In a country rich in biodiversity yet threatened by climate change, habitat loss, and invasive species, Irwin emphasizes urgent conservation action. Through initiatives supported by Wildlife Warriors, he helps rehabilitate injured wildlife, protect habitats, and promote sustainable coexistence between humans and nature.

Irwin believes conservation is inseparable from climate responsibility and public awareness. By combining science, storytelling, and activism, he empowers individuals—especially youth—to recognize their role in safeguarding the planet. His work reflects a powerful truth: protecting wildlife today is essential to securing Earth’s future.

**PHOTOGRAPHS  
OF THE  
MONTH**



**Quiet Green Escape.**  
Photo By-Alfred Toppo PSM 2024-26



**Lights Lead Home.**

Photo By- Prahlad Pratap Singh MBAFM 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.



## 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.



## ALUMNI GROUP INSURANCE SURVEY

**YOUR PARTICIPATION IS CRITICAL!**

Do it for yourself. Do it for your alma mater.


Please fill out the form using the link in the message below.

Dear IIFM alumni,

We're exploring a Group Health Insurance plan for the IIFM alumni family - designed to offer additional coverage, affordability, and long-term security for you and your loved ones.

For this initiative to take shape, we need the collective strength of our alumni community.

Your response will directly influence whether this program becomes a reality.

 Please take a minute to fill out the survey (it will only take 3 min) :

<https://forms.gle/w2RKuUYXTyoNRiND7>

Every voice counts, and yours truly matters.



# Placement Support for IIFM Students

Dear Alumni,

We deeply value your contribution to the Institute. As we begin the placement process for the 2024-26 batch and internship recruitment for the 2025-27 batch, we seek your assistance in identifying openings. By sharing opportunities within your network, you directly support the development of the next generation of professionals.

- Please fill out this form to share any opportunities (est. time: 2 mins) - <https://forms.gle/cpPgJQ7WJZJrEzSh8>



[For any queries or to share opportunities, please reach out to:](#)

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*Head-Placement:* Prof. Sharadindu Pandey, +91 9560076525

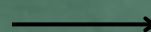
*Placement Officer:* Mr. Dipankar V., +91 9346778199

*Placement Coordinator:* Mayank Kumar, +91 8763323511

*Internship Coordinator:* Vedant Khokrale, +91 7738976759

Your engagement can create a transformative impact on the careers of our students. Let us work together to ensure their success!

We thank you for your continued support.



# JOIN US



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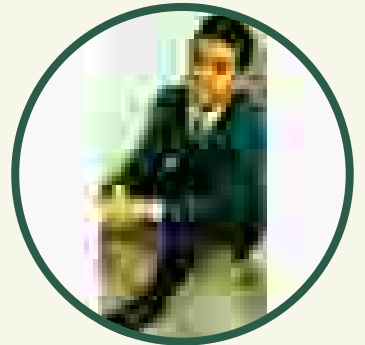


## Newsletter Team

**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)

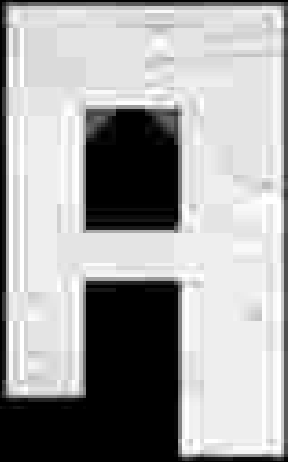
**Bottom Line (L to R):** Meghna Mishra (PSM 2026), Sherin Chacko (PSM 2026), Aishwariya Mohanty (MBA-FM 2027), Chandana Addagarla (MBA-SM 2027)

**On the side (T to B):** Avinash Kumar (PFM 2000), Kallol (PFM 2008), Amrita Bhama (Manager AA-IIFM), Shaon Roy (PFM 2021) Prakriti Pandey(PFM 2020) & Prachi Shrivastava (PFM 2018).





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