

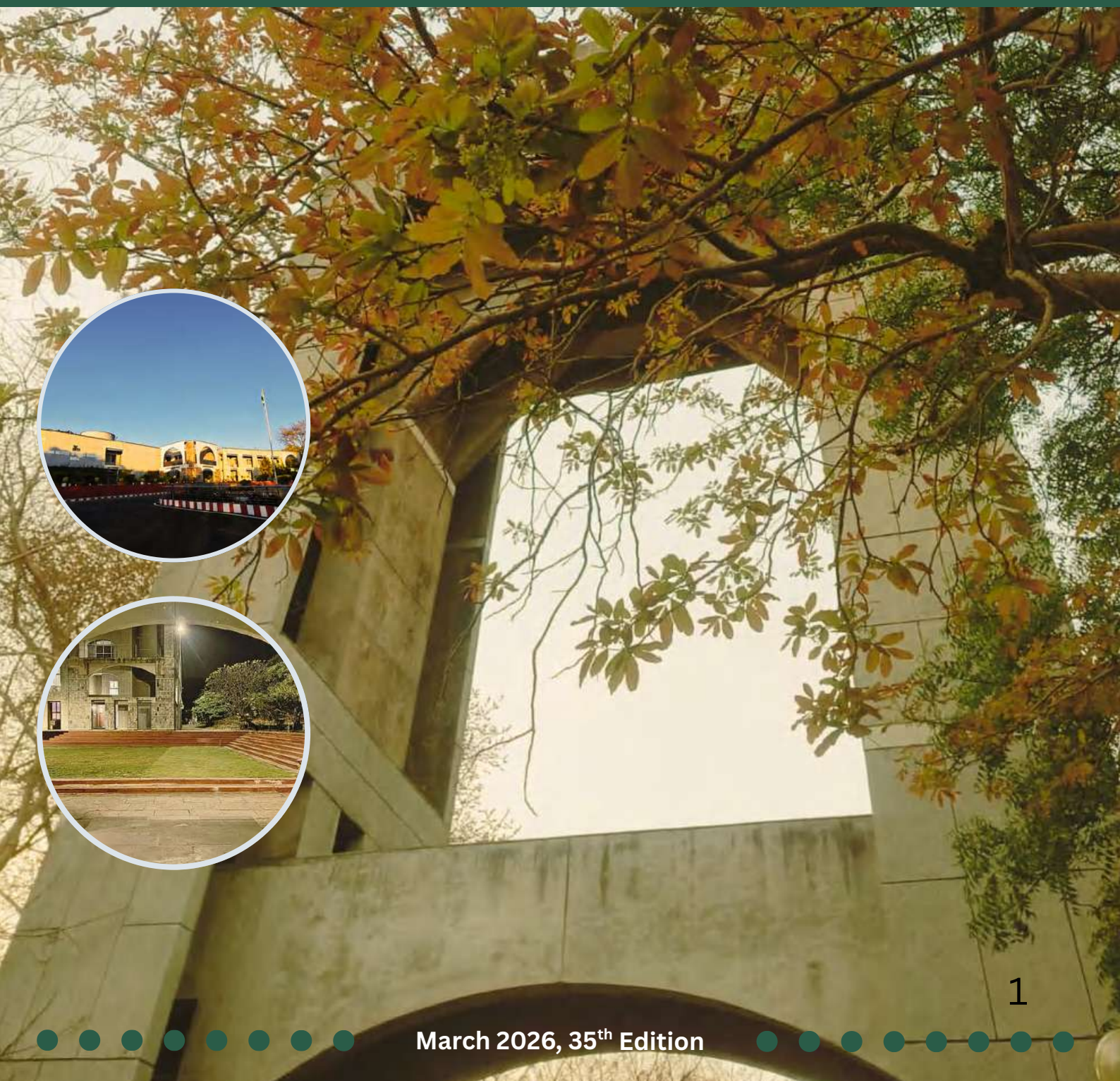


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ALMA MATTERS





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Number of members	1901 (As on February 2026)
Total Alumni Count <small>(approx.)</small>	2295
Number of Batches	34
LinkedIn Followers	1635
X (Twitter) Followers	325
Instagram Followers	904
Youtube Subscribers	250
Facebook Members	728





QUIZ OF THE MONTH





QUESTION FOR THIS MONTH:

IIFM was created based on the recommendations of ?

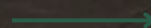
1. Forest Advisory Committee
2. National Forest Commission
3. National Commission on Agriculture
4. Central Forest Commission



Answer to the Quiz question of the 34th Edition:

On which date ALMA MATTERS 1st edition was published ?
November 2020

IIFM IN NEWS



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The Economic Times
Maharashtra Business
Summit & Awards 2026 is a...

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Union Budget 2026-27: Viksit Bharat takes flight with yuva shakti and green reforms

The Union Budget prioritises manufacturing boosts like Biopharma SHAKTI and ISM 2.0, infrastructure projects including high-speed rails, MSME support, services sector growth, and tax reforms while targeting fiscal discipline.

  Dr. K. Ravichandran & Aghila Sasidharan

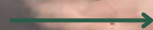
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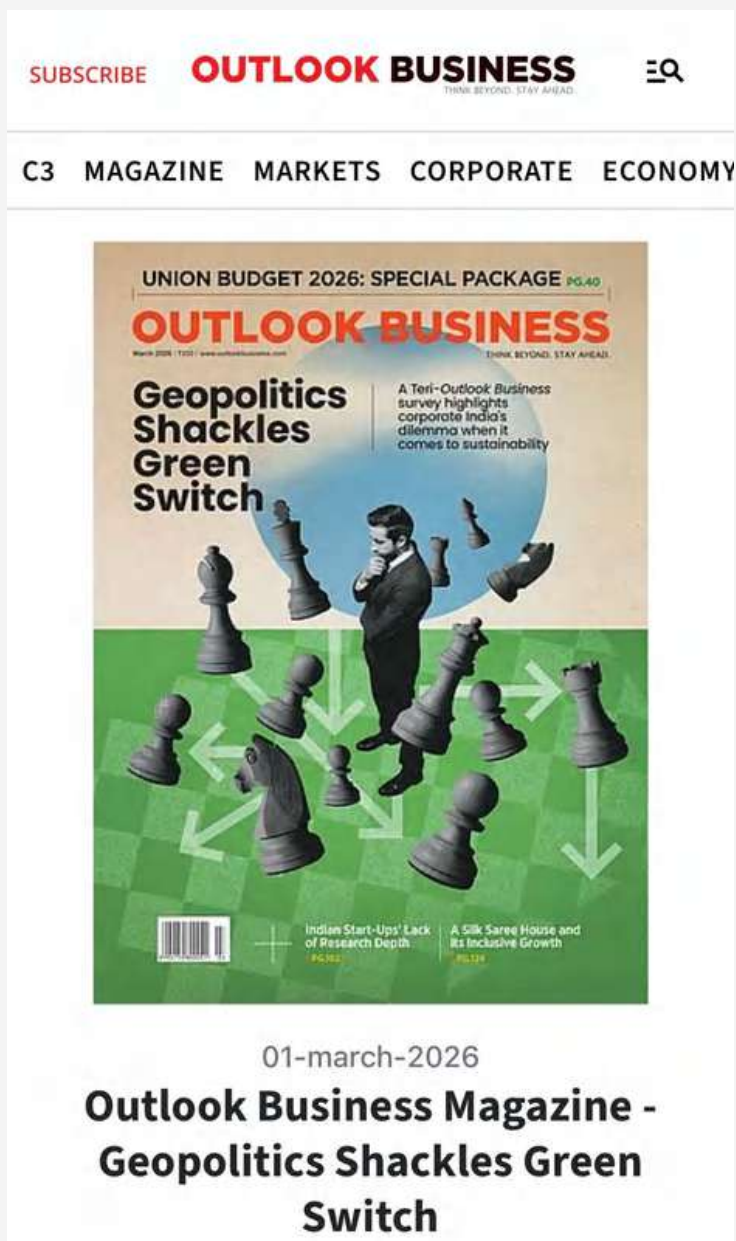
  

Important insights on Union Budget 2026-27 by Director Dr. K Ravichandran and Prof. Aghila Sasidharan

<https://government.economictimes.indiatimes.com/blog/union-budget-2026-27-driving-india-towards-a-viksit-bharat-with-youth-power-and-green-initiatives/127882192>

ALUMNI IN NEWS





Dear fellow IIFMites,
Ayvole partnered with Outlook Business magazine for the third year in a row for their annual StartUp Special issue (February 2026). Do check it out if you are interested in the startup space in India, whether it is top startups across select sectors, key investors, top states and cities for their startup attractiveness.

You can pick up the magazine from newsstands/bookstores or even read the online version magazine here:

<https://www.outlookbusiness.com/magazine>

A few highlights:

1. Read my column to get an executive summary of the research and its findings:

<https://www.outlookbusiness.com/magazine/start-up-outperformers-rankings-2026-how-funding-margins-and-revenue-quality-define-sector-leaders>

2. Like last two times, we have covered CleanTech as a sector (which would be relevant to this group). Do check out what StartUps in this sector are doing and how do they rank:

<https://www.outlookbusiness.com/magazine/outperformers-rankings-2026-top-5-start-ups-in-the-clean-tech-segment>.

3. Last but not the least, would like to congratulate Ms. Ishita Singh (PGDFM 2023-25), an Associate Research Manager at Ayvole, for being one of the youngest columnists to feature in the Outlook Business magazine. Read her, and her colleague's, note on the methodology here:

<https://www.outlookbusiness.com/magazine/start-up-outperformers-2026-evaluating-series-b-c-start-ups-on-funding-valuation-and-operations>

Happy reading! Would be very happy to get on a call to take you through our research.

-Rahul Bharadwaj
Founder, Ayvole

<https://www.ayvole.com>

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The Energy Exchange

Sheraton Grand Palace, Indore
Madhya Pradesh
4th Feb 2026 | 9AM Onwards

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Esteemed Guests

- Mr. D. Raghunathan, Director General, Power Regulatory Commission
- Dr. Umakanta Panda, Chairman, Madhya Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (MPERC)
- Dr. PNC BOSE, Chairman and Managing Director, BHEL (Bhilai)
- Mr. Ramesh Jha, Executive Director, IIT Bombay

Experts at the 13th Edition of EPS Industry Connect, MP

- Mr. Karanvir Bedi, Founder, Energy Hubs
- Mr. Shailesh Guravler, Senior Vice President - Corporate Affairs, ACME Group
- Mr. Sachin Mangal, Founder & CEO, Solar Trade
- Dr. Karanmohan Singh, Founder, Windplus
- Mr. Akash Kumar Bernal, Founder, Madhya Pradesh Power Regulatory Commission
- Mr. Sandeep Das, Lead Analyst, Investment Intelligence - IIT Bombay
- Ms. Nishita Mangal, Founder & CEO, Supreme Energy Pvt. Ltd.
- Mr. Prasad Dhanraj, Founder and Managing Director, Vedant Capital Pvt. Ltd.
- Mr. Bharat Kaverik, Vice President - Technical, Haryana Industries
- Mr. Ajay Shukla, Founder & CEO, MP City, Vikas, Nigam Ltd.
- Mr. Sandeep Das, Senior Business Head, Greenko
- Dr. Ravindra Pathak, Head, Office of Innovation Affairs, Madhya Pradesh University
- Dr. Nilesh Khare, Co-Founder, Director & Advisor, Corporate Partner and Educator, BuildFuture and IIT Bombay
- Dr. Yogesh Jadhav, Chief operating officer, Skill Development Institute for Rural Women
- Mr. Satish Bhargava, Founder, EcoCarb
- Mr. Ananya Mishra, Founder & CEO, INDIAN INFRASTRUCTURE
- Ms. Kalyani Shukla, Researcher, Climate Research Foundation
- Ms. Arti Gupta, Country Manager, World Bank Association

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Karthik M P (AVP Strategy and Research, The Udaiti Foundation) (PFM 2012) speaking on enhancing womens workforce participation in urban logistics at a conference held by Zomato in Delhi



Santosh Kumar Singh
(PFM 2006) in
CLIMAPRNEUR Show

<https://www.linkedin.com/posts/shweta-dalmmia-64b3a0147-we-are-back-with-season-2-of-the-climapreneur-ugcPost-7432373996962213888-J-Ra>



Ritu Bharadwaj
(PFM 2000) on
BBC

https://www.linkedin.com/post/s/ritu-bharadwaj-410130156-i-spoke-on-bbc-business-today-about-the-us-activity-7429032944490459136-NhB?utm_source=social_share_send&utm_medium=member_desktop_web&cm=ACoAAEOMWVIBSNd-FL4O23Bicr7xm8ODrtrVROQ



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:](#)

Placement Cell Email: placement@iifmbhopal.edu.in

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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.

ALUMNI WORLD



At India AI Impact Summit 2026 New Delhi

L to R:

Suwendu Pati (PFM 1993)

Sasidhar Thumuluri (PFM 1999)



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thecircu-
larproduct

Hi everyone! 🙌

Sharing a small personal milestone. I've started an eco-brand called The Circular Product (TCP) 🌱

www.thecircularproduct.com

Abhishek Mahawar
(PFM 2020-22)



**At “National Conclave on Financial Literacy and Resilience” New Delhi
Bishnu C Parida (MRM 2005)
Pradip Das (PFM 2012)**





L to R:
Syed Tariq Alam (PFM 2007)
Vineet Rai (PFM 1994)
Pratik Prabhakar Sukrar(PFM 2019)



At Academy of Administration Bhopal
L to R:
Prof. P K Biswas
Bulbuli Sahoo (MRM 2013)



**At Jaipur
L to R:
Rajiv Gupta (PFM 1998), Dharmendra
Daukia (PFM1991)
Prof. P K Biswas (former faculty IIFM)
Kshitiz (PFM 2008)**



IIFMights in London

Left to right

Front row:

Soumya (PFM 2004),

Bhushan (PFM 2018),

Faiz (PFM 1999),

Anuran (PFM 2018).

Back row:

Pranav (PFM 2001),

Aishwarya (PFM 2013),

Dr Madhu Verma (former faculty IIFM),

Shikha (PFM 2003),

Prachi (PFM 2018)

Aparajita (PFM 2002)



It was so wonderful meeting Ritu Bhardwaj PFM 1998-2000, Team Leader and Principal Researcher, Climate Change Group at the International Institute of Environment and Development (IIED), London and knowing about her amazing work across the globe.

- Dr. Madhu Verma
(former faculty IIFM)

**Three alumni at Sankalp
Africa Nairobi**

L to R:

Vineet Rai (PFM 1994)

**Varalakshmi Vemuru (PFM
1991)**

**Santosh Kumar Singh, fourth
from left (PFM 2006)**





IIFMights in the State Rural Livelihood Mission office, New Raipur

From L to R

Sampath (PFM 2012)

Shailendra (PFM 2008),

Ashish (NRP, NIRD, Hyderabad),

Himanshu Shambu (PFM 2020)

Alice Lakra (PFM 1999)



ALUM OF THE MONTH





ALUM OF THE MONTH

MARCH 2026

THIS CERTIFICATE RECOGNISES THE CONTRIBUTION OF
NIKESH KUMAR SINHA (PFM 1993)



We are pleased to recognise Nikesh Kumar Sinha (PFM 1993) as our Alumni of the Month for his contribution to the Alumni-Led Mentorship Program at IIFM.

Through his guidance and willingness to mentor students, Nikesh has helped strengthen the connection between alumni and the current student community.

His support reflects the true spirit of giving back and nurturing the next generation of IIFM leaders. Thank you, Nikesh, for your continued support to the IIFM community.

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PRESIDENT



CAMPUS THIS MONTH

IIFM's 45th Foundation Day



February of 2026 marked the 45th year since the institute's foundation. On the 6th of February, the entire college came together in the auditorium to commemorate this milestone.

The institute was honoured to have Dr Balakrishna Pisupati, Country Head in UNEP, as the Chief Guest for the Foundation Day Function. A brief word by the guest discussing the intersection of psychology and sustainability was followed by an enriching interactive session where students and professors further explored the idea.

15th Convocation at IIFM

On the 1st of March, IIFM hosted alumni from across the years to formally confer their degrees. The two-day event brought together alumni of six cohorts spanning from 2020 to 2025.

The Honourable Chief Guest, Shri. Bhupender Yadav, Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, commended the highest-scoring candidates with the gold and silver medals.



The Batch of PFM 2021

It's the greatness of certain places - with their unbounded magnanimity they bless you abundantly without there even being a need to ask for the same, paralleling the greatness of the all-pervading and all-healing time. To me, IIFM has been that place - contrary to all the apprehensions and self-doubts of a person having spent over five years in a typical government job losing himself in bits and pieces with time, it ushered in him a new lease of life.

It's again a mark of great places and great souls - they bestow, let go and move on. Six years since having passed out, the Institute hasn't really sought anything specific from me and I really doubt if I could ever return something meaningful. But yeah, that would be a quest for life.

IIFM was a pristine sacred groove that had in and with it the best of the souls which had only humbled me with their sheer kindness and accommodation. They let me be the one I was - never any nudges, not even the subtlest one to alter myself to fit in despite me being a typical sore thumb. The teachers taught lessons which went beyond academics and continue to guide things and life in general even today. I thoroughly relished and at times, even exploited the soft corner the faculties and the support and the admin staff had for me. It wouldn't have been easy pursuing dreams without their guidance and generosity.

And the 'young' souls never let me felt left out despite being me being weirdly silent and into my own world and having seen a few *Diwalis* more than broadly the rest of the batch. I actually feel the need to hone up my writing skills for what I just typed in the last sentence is an understatement - they not only just let me in but strangely even celebrated me in their own weird manner, the pieces of which I am still struggling to put along through these years. I still don't understand that. And equally strange yet so satiating that most of my friendships sprouted after we had left the campus. Nonetheless extremely grateful to them for letting me be the one I am in every respect - including the performance in acads. They let me clinch the, so it's as much of the entire batch as much as it's mine being a part of them.

There can't be a parting note to something like this which is unbounded and continues to evolve as time passes - the influence of an Institute. So leaving with the lines (*from my self-reflective piece, The 'I' that subsists in me*) that pertain to my journey at the IIFM -

*Yet with life as kind as God,
Into a haven like a heavenly Gurukul,
I still could leave a trail through
the Withered leaves and
a new life longing -
The I that subsists in me.*

A words shared by NK Dheerendra Patnaik, gold medalist of PFM 20 batch on his thoughts, coming back to the campus.



The Batch of PFM 2020



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/1FAIpQLSciLdOLeCyW8gMlzkVXv9JrOFV7ihWoiJ1tXpRKT44szOwlJw/viewform?usp=sharing&oid=100202441739566861352>



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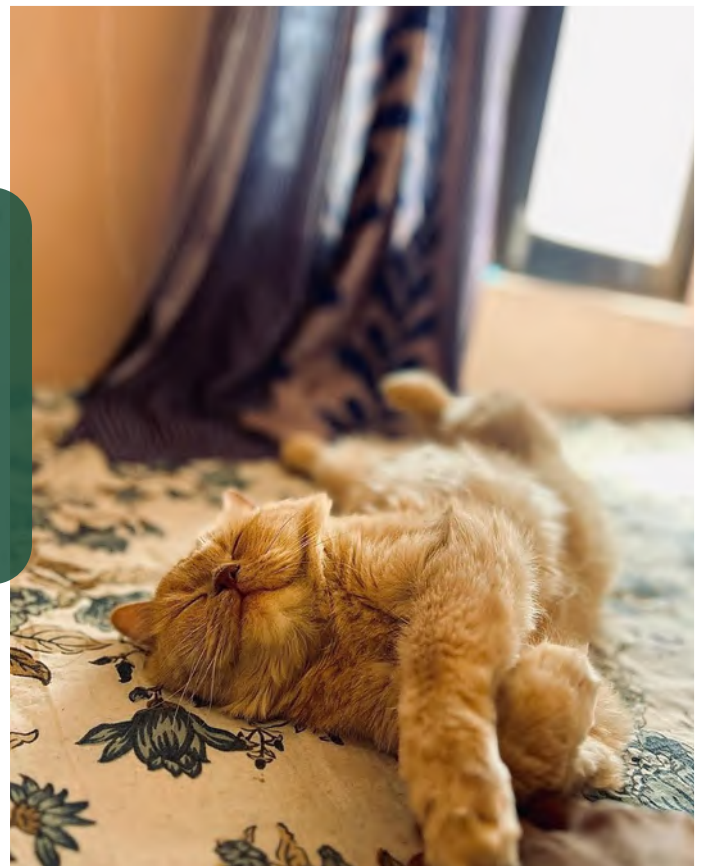
PETS CORNER



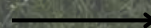


Meet Hobbes, a 2.5-year-old orange Indie living with Jayati (PhD '10) and Alok Pradhan (PFM '01) in Hyderabad. Uniquely a pucca vegetarian, he absolutely “loves grass.”

Meet Coffy, a two-year-old doll-faced Persian living in Delhi with Amal A M (PFM '22). Calm and super-friendly, she has a secret hyper-mode personality.



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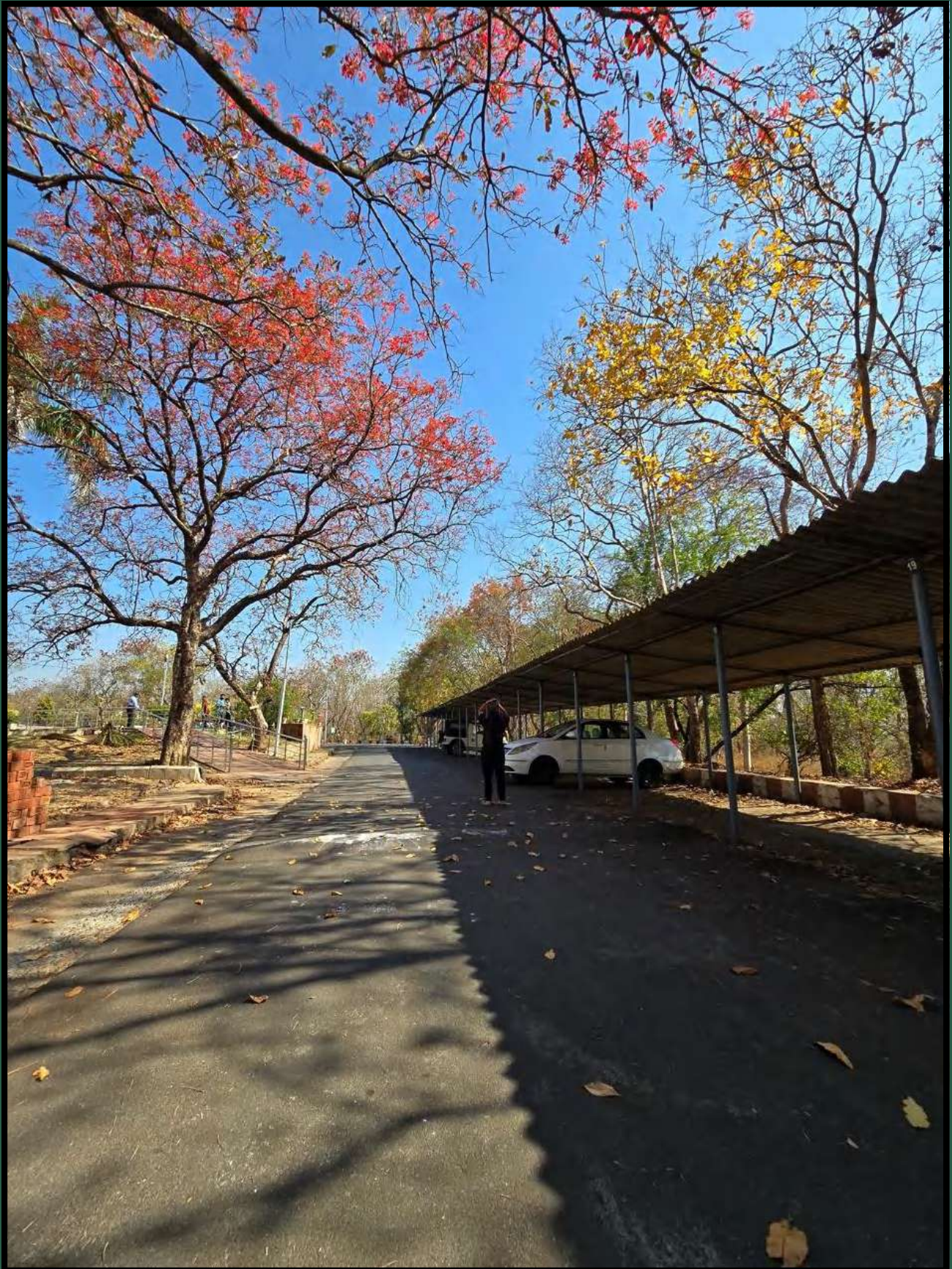




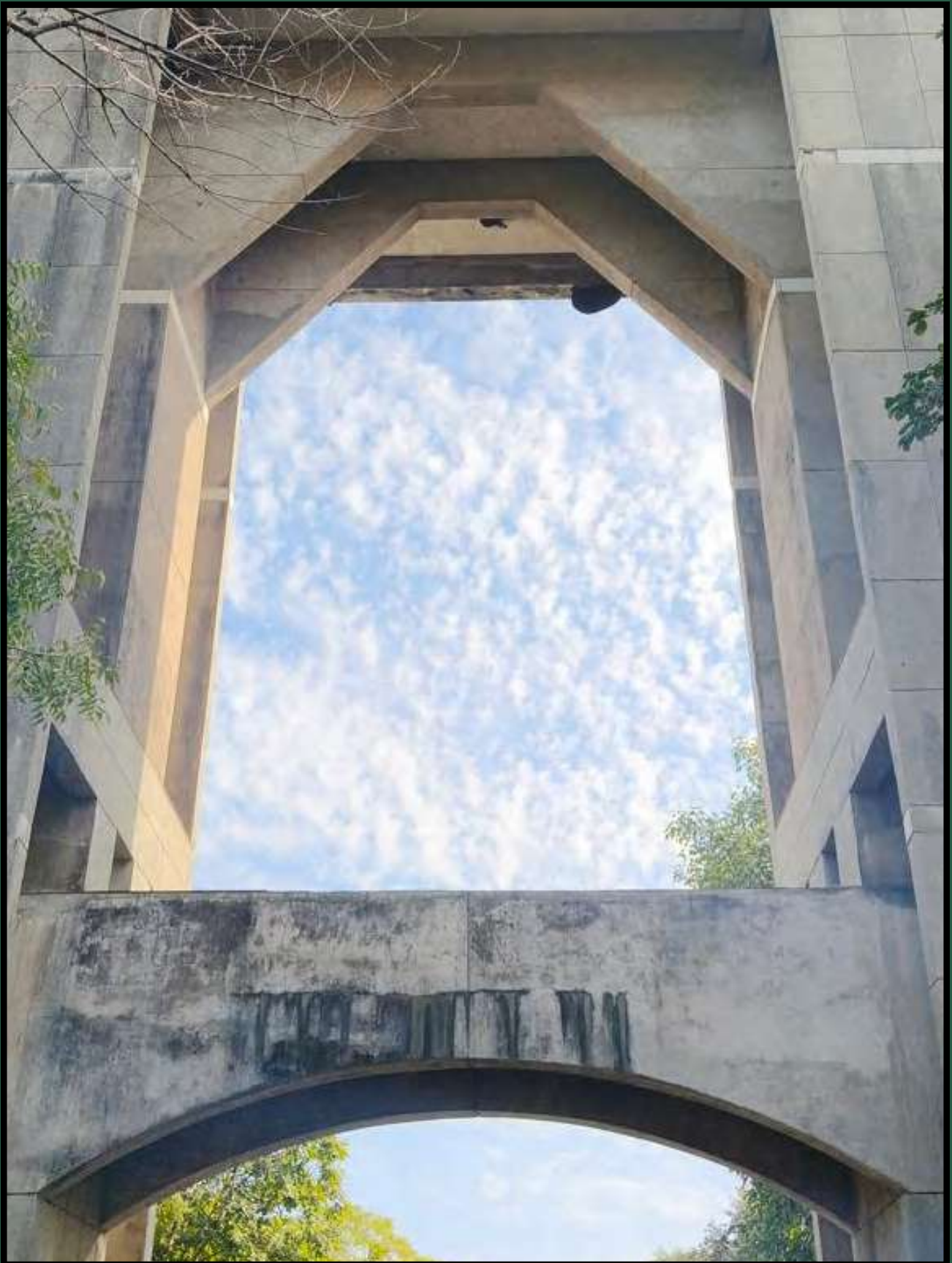
Vandana Shiva : “Gandhi of grain”

In 1952, amid the whispering Himalayan foothills, Vandana Shiva was born to a forest conservator father and devoted farmer mother, where childhood hikes revealed nature's fragile beauty suddenly threatened by ruthless deforestation. This awakening propelled the brilliant physicist from quantum theories to ecological warfare, earning her the title "Gandhi of grain" for defying corporate giants monopolizing seeds and pushing GMOs. In 1991, she birthed Navdanya, a lifeline of 150 community seed banks safeguarding over 6,000 indigenous varieties, training women farmers in organic resilience against biopiracy stealing neem and basmati treasures. As the Green Revolution scorched soils, drained waters, and erased ancient crops, Shiva's ecofeminist saga intertwined women's timeless nurturing wisdom with Earth's own, pouring into 20 influential books that reshaped global sustainability dialogues. Crowned with the Right Livelihood Award in 1993, her relentless crusade for agroecology and true food sovereignty promises resilient ecosystems, bountiful harvests, and a thriving planet for generations yet unborn.

**PHOTOGRAPHS
OF THE
MONTH**



Vibrant spring canopy.
Photo By-Varian Walter Crasto PFM 2024-26



Framing the sky.

Photo By- Jayasaipavan MBASM 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.

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.



HAVE YOU LOOKED AT YOUR HEALTH INSURANCE COVER RECENTLY?



You've grown,
Your career has evolved.



Your responsibilities
have changed.

Has your health cover kept pace?

Why this matters



Medical costs
have risen
sharply



Life stages shift –
marriage,
children, ageing
parents






Old policies may
no longer match
real needs



A quick review
now can prevent
financial stress
later

Pause and reflect

-  Would my current cover handle a major medical emergency?
-  Is my sum insured enough for today's healthcare costs?
-  When did I last update my policy?



A small check today can protect your tomorrow

Take a moment. Review your coverage today.
Your future self — and your family — will be glad you did.



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.



JOIN US



Scan the QR Code above to join
Alumni Association





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)

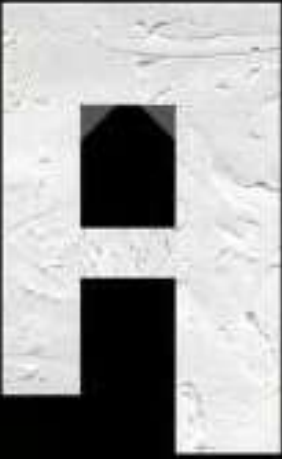
Bottom Line (L to R): Meghna Mishra (PSM 2026), Sherin Chacko (PSM 2026), Aishwariya Mohanty (MBA-FM 2027), Chandana Addagarla (MBA-SM 2027)

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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