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Number of members	1462 <small>(As of 5th Dec, 2023)</small>
Total Alumni Count <small>(approx.)</small>	2100
Number of Batches	34

IIFM declared as to be Deemed University by the Ministry of Education

In a significant stride towards academic excellence, the Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM) in Nehru Nagar is poised to achieve deemed university status, a prestigious accolade granted by the Central Government under the UGC Act.

Following rigorous evaluation by a UGC Expert Committee, IIFM's online application has received a noteworthy endorsement, emphasizing the institution's dedication to pioneering education. Of particular note are IIFM's distinctive programs, including Forestry Management, Sustainability Management.

This recognition aligns with the evolution of academic landscapes, solidifying IIFM's position among institutions shaping emerging fields and advancing educational prominence.



ALUMNI IN NEWS

Embarking on Geographical Frontiers: Kabita Ghimire's Journey from IIFM Alumna to Smithsonian Geographer



Kabita Ghimire (PFM 1999-01), a distinguished alumna of IIFM, embarks on an exciting professional endeavor as a GEOGRAPHER at the esteemed SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION. Renowned worldwide as a premier museum, education, and research hub, the Smithsonian's acclaim stems from its profound cultural and educational impact. Kabita's journey symbolizes unwavering dedication and profound expertise in the expansive domains of geographical exploration and ecological comprehension, a testament to her commitment to advancing knowledge in these realms. Her role at the Smithsonian Institution not only signifies a personal triumph but also stands as an inspiration for aspiring geographers, exemplifying the fusion of academic excellence and real-world application in understanding our planet's intricate landscapes and ecosystems.

Pollution Crisis: Reena Gupta and Dr. Abhishek Kar Illuminate Urgent Political Action on NDTV

Reena Gupta, PFM '99, and Dr. Abhishek Kar, PFM '07, shared the spotlight on NDTV, addressing the pressing issue of "Murder of Health - No political will to fight pollution?" Their insightful discussion shed light on the dire need for stronger political action against pollution, highlighting the critical impact on public health. Their expertise offered a compelling narrative on the urgent necessity for proactive measures in combating environmental challenges.



Colombian Carbon Forestry Project Launched by Iora Ecological Solutions and Codrin Group

On December 3, 2023, Iora Ecological Solutions, founded by our own Alumnus Swapan Mehra (PFM 2004-06) and Codrin Group announced the launch of a new carbon forestry project in Colombia. The project, which will cover 100,000 hectares of land, is expected to sequester millions of tons of carbon dioxide over its lifetime.

The project was launched with an event graced by Colombian Senator Miguel Uribe Turbay. Iora Ecological Solutions, a social enterprise, supports forest conservation in developing nations, providing technical and financial assistance for sustainable forest management. Teaming up with Codrin Group, specializing in sustainable agriculture, they lead a crucial carbon forestry initiative in Colombia. This joint endeavor promises to combat climate change, prioritizing collaboration with local communities for success.



Climate Change's Health Toll: India's Imperative for Urgent Action



Pranay Lal (PFM 1992-94), Senior Advisor, Health Systems Transformation Platform has co-written an article on recognising the impact of climate change on health in 'The Hindu'. The article emphasizes India's vulnerability to climate change's health impact, citing direct illness and fatalities alongside indirect effects on nutrition, work hours, and mental health. Rising temperatures and extreme events like heat waves and floods exacerbate disease burdens, affecting both communicable and non-communicable illnesses. Urbanization worsens issues due to the urban heat island effect. To tackle this, better health data collection, socio-economic support, and proactive measures like urban planning, green spaces, and public health interventions are crucial. Urgent action at global, regional, and local levels is needed, demanding recognition, policy initiatives, and decisive action from governments, researchers, and policymakers for meaningful change regarding climate change's health consequences.

Kindly follow the link to read more;

<https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/recognising-the-impact-of-climate-change-on-health/article67557977.ece>

Empowering Innovation: Aavishkaar Foundation's Entrepreneurship Program Sparks Youthful Ingenuity in Gajipur, Uttar Pradesh



On 4th November 2023, the second phase of Young Entrepreneurship Program was organized by Aavishkaar Foundation (part of Aavishkaar Group) at Grand Palace Hotel, Gajipur (U.P.). As per the Foundation's objective 'Economic Entrepreneurship to Social Equity' this second program was organized after the success of pilot program at Varanasi. The program aims to inculcate entrepreneurial curiosity amongst youth and to take steps towards a thriving entrepreneurial ecosystem in Eastern U.P.

3,285 Students from 10 government schools and 6 government colleges presented sustainable business plan designs. 17 Finalists reached in front of the Grand Jury. Six winning teams were selected, three winning schools and three colleges were awarded. In the winning teams, Janta Inter College Jeevapur received Shrimati Sushila Rai Award for Women in Entrepreneurship for its idea Little Star Play School. Hindu Inter College Jamania received Chandrashekhar Azad Award for Innovation, Courage and Conviction for their idea Energetic Tiffin Centre. Nehru Vidyapeeth Revatipur received Rani Lakshmi Bai Award for Leadership for the idea of Sri Dhenu Milk Production



Question:

What was the first address of IIFM?

(reference of the question by Dr. P.K. Biswas)

Last quiz answer: Dr. P K Biswas. This answer in next edition :)



ALUMNI WORLD

City Meets



Chennai, India- Alok Pradhan, Jayesh and Pradyumna



Hyderabad, India- Ratul Saha, Aniruddh Soni, Dhruv J Sengupta, Aabhal Ballal and Pranjul Chauhan.



Mumbai, India

Ritesh Dhawan, Dibyendu Nandi and Umesh Tyagi



Jakarta, Indonesia

Sandeep Chakravorty and Vikas Choudhary



ALUMNUS OF THE MONTH

NOVEMBER 2023

This certificate recognises the contribution of
AVINASH KUMAR PFM 98-00



Avinash has been championing the newsletter on behalf of the AA for a long time. A couple of years ago he as the founding editor of Alma Matters, newsletter of the AA, anchored the publishing of six wonderful issues. When the current BoG decided to revive the newsletter, Avinash promptly agreed to take up the mantle once again. A small team anchored by Avinash has already published two monthly issues and the third is work in progress. The AA is grateful to him for his wonderful selfless contribution.

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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Appeal to Alumni for facilitating Placements

December, 2023

Dear Alumnus,

It's nearing that time for all courses at IIFM, when all the learning, experiences, exposure, and the joie de vivre over the period of the respective courses must come together and fructify into good jobs.

The Institute and the students are working on this but as alumni, we need to do our bit as well.

The AA urges all of you to explore and convert the possibilities in your respective organizations of offering the best possible job profiles for students finishing any of the courses in 2024 - PGDFM, PGDSM, FPM.

For the batch of 2023, several alumni had recruited for their organisations.

Let us exceed that this time!

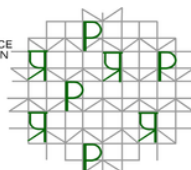
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IIFM THIS MONTH

Empowering Sustainability: LiFE Training Program by Indian Institute of Forest Management



The Indian Institute of Forest Management in Bhopal inaugurated a three-day training program, "LiFE," focusing on promoting an environmentally friendly lifestyle. Professionals from diverse sectors across the country participated. Dr. Parul Rishi, Program Director, emphasized the program's goal of instigating behavioral change towards sustainable living, aligning with India's Mission LiFE. The comprehensive program, chaired by Dr. Rishi and Dr. C.P. Kala, covers topics like Mission LiFE, Pro-Planet-People solutions, eco-friendly practices, and excursions to natural heritage sites. The aim is to foster a collective commitment to building a sustainable future.

Charting Excellence: IIFM's Acknowledgment in Top 15 Government B-Schools

The Indian Institute of Forest Management's inclusion in the prestigious roster of the "Top 15 Standalone Government B-Schools in India," as per the @indiatoday Survey 2023, stands as a testament to the institution's remarkable dedication and collaborative spirit exhibited by the entire IIFM community. This significant accolade not only acknowledges but also reaffirms IIFM's unwavering commitment to delivering exceptional management education.

TOP 15 STANDALONE GOVERNMENT B-SCHOOLS					
These institutes offer only postgraduate management courses					
RANK (2023)	NAME OF THE INSTITUTE	CITY	RANK (2023)	NAME OF THE INSTITUTE	CITY
1	INDIAN INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT-CALCUTTA	Kolkata	8	INDIAN INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT-TIRUCHIRAPPALLI	Tiruchirappalli
2	INDIAN INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT-AHMEDABAD	Ahmedabad	9	INDIAN INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT-MAGPUR	Magpur
3	INDIAN INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT-BANGALORE	Bangalore	10	INDIAN INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT-KASHIPUR	Kashipur
4	INDIAN INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT-LUCKNOW	Lucknow	11	INDIAN INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT-AMRITSAR	Amritsar
5	INDIAN INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT-INDORE	Indore	12	NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION MANAGEMENT	Hyderabad
6	INDIAN INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT-SHILLONG	Shillong	13	INDIAN INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT-SAMBALPUR	Sambalpur
7	INDIAN INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT-UDAIPUR	Udaipur	14	INDIAN INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT-BOOH GAYA	Booh Gaya
			15	INDIAN INSTITUTE OF FOREST MANAGEMENT	Bhopal

This recognition solidifies IIFM's position as a paragon of excellence in the realm of management education, particularly in its focus on environmental sectors. It serves as a beacon guiding the institute toward its fullest potential in environmental stewardship and sustainable practices. Moreover, this achievement underscores the institute's relentless pursuit of fostering a culture deeply rooted in excellence and boundless enthusiasm.

Harmonizing Landscapes: Unveiling Agro-forestry for Sustainable Futures



The Indian Institute of Forest Management launched a three-day Management Development Programme focusing on "Agro-forestry for Sustainable Landscapes and Livelihoods." Dr. C.P. Kala spotlighted capacity-building endeavors, Dr. Dhanya Bhaskar emphasized agroforestry's versatility, and Dr. Bhimappa Kittur covered the science and practices. Led by experts, the sessions explored critical topics like ecosystem services, climate adaptation, industry-driven approaches, and policy frameworks, ensuring a comprehensive learning experience for everyone involved.

Top Gun- Saturday GD Sessions



In the month of November, the Literary Club, in collaboration with the Academic Club, organized "Top Gun" Group Discussions every Saturday evening. Three sessions were conducted, each judged by Prof. Anup Upadhyay, who provided invaluable feedback to the participating students for further improvement. These sessions not only boosted the confidence of the students but also proved beneficial for their placements, enhancing their communication skills and overall self-improvement.

Best out of Waste competition



Turning trash into triumph: Unveiling 'the Best Out of Waste Competition by The Sankalp Club of IIFM

Festival Celebrations at IIFM Campus

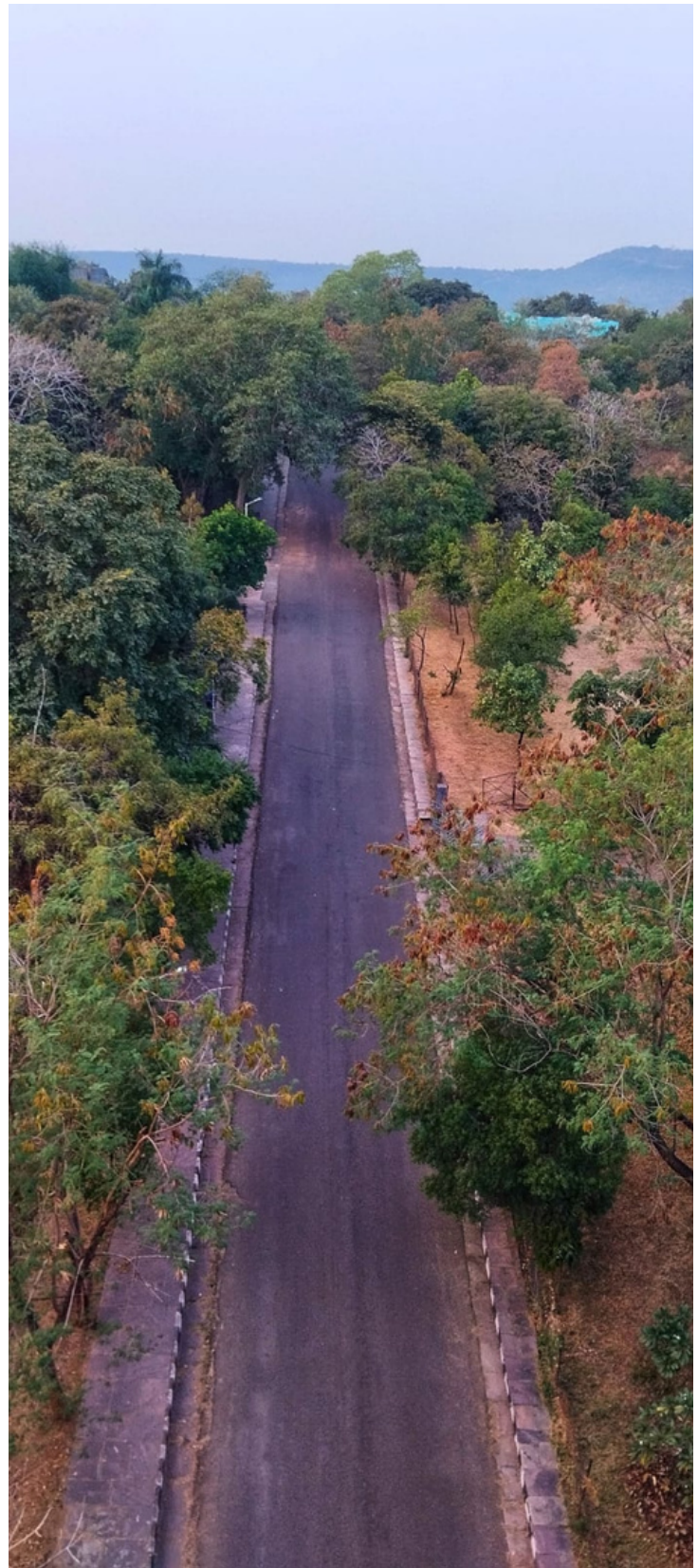


The night of November 11th at IIFM was witness to an exuberant Diwali celebration. The air crackled with joy amid traditional rituals - glowing diyas, the warmth of bonfires, and a spirited jamming session illuminated the atmosphere. The stunning IIFM campus twinkled with radiant lights and a myriad of diyas, painting a picturesque scene of festivity and tradition, marking a vibrant and memorable Diwali celebration.

Filmy Flames



PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE MONTH



Photos by
Spandan Chattopadhyay (PFM'25)

FRIENDS OF IIFM



Anurag Behar, CEO of Azim Premji Foundation, delivered a thought-provoking lecture at the Friend of IIFM event on November 6, 2023. Prior to his current role, Anurag held leadership positions in business. For two decades, he served as Wipro's Chief Sustainability Officer, leading social and ecological initiatives. He also serves on numerous boards and government councils, such as the National Centre for Biological Sciences, the Karnataka Higher Education Council, the CII's National Climate Change Council, and the Skills Council. Anurag holds an MBA from XLRI, Jamshedpur, and a BE in Electrical & Electronics Engineering from the National Institute of Technology, Trichy.

Summary of the Lecture

The lecture highlighted how NGOs navigate the intersection of politics, ideology, and ethics. While they've historically adjusted to evolving circumstances, the imminent faster-paced changes ahead pose a heightened challenge for these organizations. An important element is whether an organisation involved in any kind of service delivery, which CSOs often tend to be doing, can/should be indifferent to larger structural issues of gender, caste or communal issues. The biggest challenge an organisation such as the Foundation faces is being able to put quality people on the ground, especially in villages and smaller towns where they are required most, for sustained periods of time, as the infrastructure to support such people is deficient. The skills sought by any development organisation, including Azim Premji Foundation, in an employee are: i) Critical thinking; ii) Social empathy; iii) Emotional capacity in terms of: a) managing self and b) Possessing courage; and iv) Being ethical. This package of skills is hard to find and organizations work on inculcating them in an individual post recruitment. Those who acquire these skills go on to assume higher responsibilities.

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