

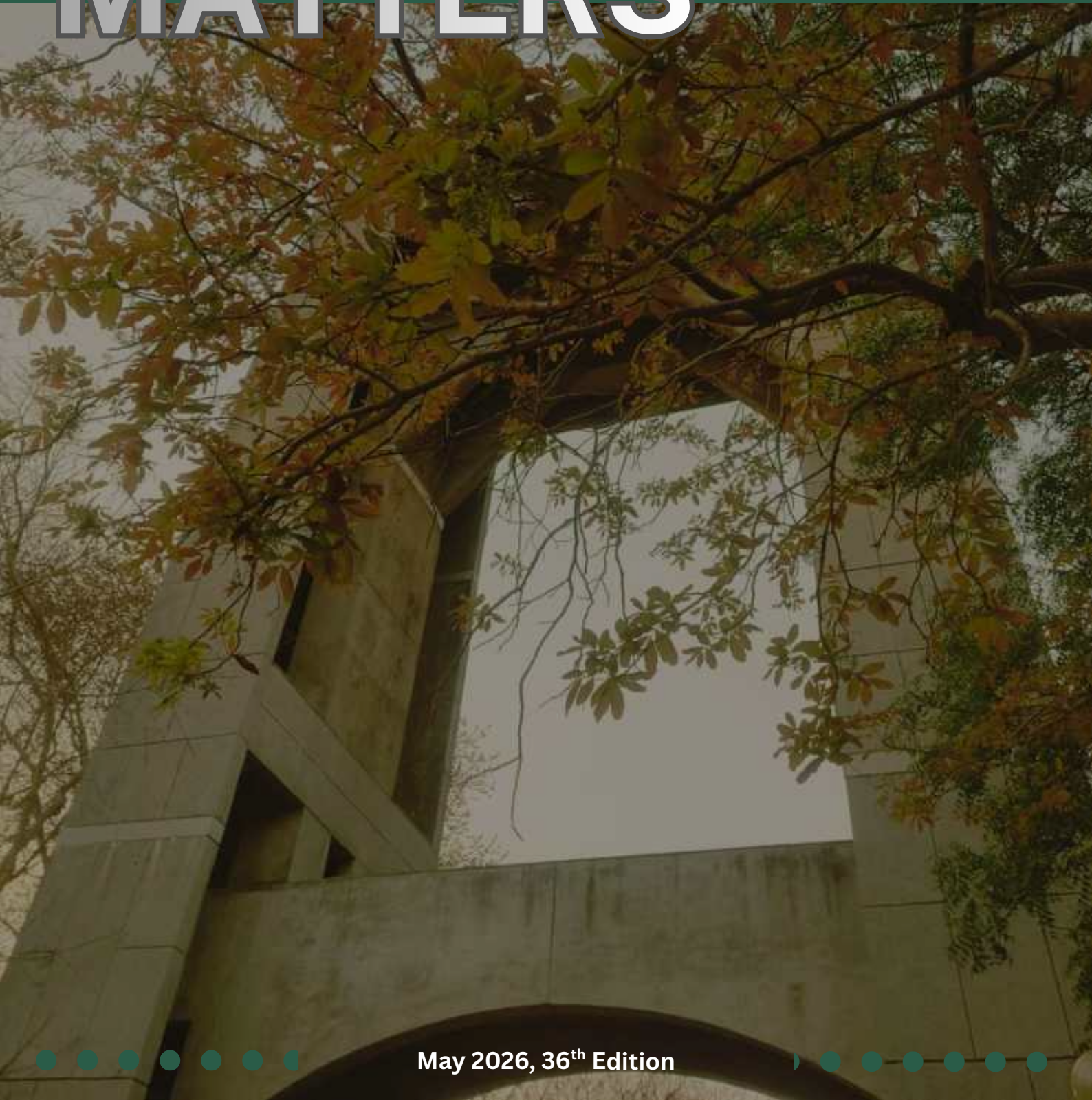


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May 2026, 36th Edition



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Number of members	1927 (As on April 2026)
Total Alumni Count (approx.)	2295
Number of Batches	34
LinkedIn Followers	1635
X (Twitter) Followers	216
Instagram Followers	903
Youtube Subscribers	250
Facebook Members	728





QUIZ OF THE MONTH





QUESTION FOR THIS MONTH:

IIFM Bhopal was established by the MoEFCC, Government of India with financial assistance from:

1. Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA)
2. Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)
3. Department for International Development (DFID)

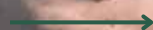


Answer to the Quiz question of the 36th Edition:

Which of the following historic structures features interconnected shaded courtyards that promote passive cooling, similar to the passive design strategies used in the IIFM building?

A. Fatehpur Sikri

ALUMNI IN NEWS





**Neelima Mishra (PFM 2013) was felicitated by Rajendra Singh (Waterman of India) at Ranchi in the program “एकम Dialogues संवाद से निर्माण- Building Regional Resilience for India’s Resource Rich Heartlands”
Sponsored by Medi Assist, WRI India and TBF**



Ecology to civicness: The moral fetish of individual action - ET Edge Insights

Environmentalism today is often sold in the language of personal virtue. We are told to sort waste, refuse plastic, save water, cycle more, consume l...

etedge-insights.com

<https://etedge-insights.com/opinion/ecology-to-civicness-the-moral-fetish-of-individual-action/>

Anish Kumar (PFM 1994)



Women farmers bill 2026: Why India's marginal farmers remain unseen

Marginal farmers India: New 2026 Bill seeks to recognise women and landless cultivators, but millions remain outside policy support. From...

[deccanherald.com](https://www.deccanherald.com)

DH

<https://www.deccanherald.com/opinion/the-farmer-india-refuses-to-see-3976518>

Anish Kumar (PFM 1994)



Congratulations
Debasish Mishra (PFM 1993)
on becoming Deputy Managing
Director at SBI

<https://nervnow.com/ekgaons-vijay-pratap-singh-on-indias-agri-paradox-data-and-ai-exist-intent-doesnt/>

Vijay Pratap Singh Aditya
(PFM 2000)



Ekgaon's Vijay Pratap Singh on India's Agri Paradox: Data and AI Exist, Intent Doesn't...
Ekgaon's Vijay Pratap Singh Aditya argues that India's AI problem in agriculture is not a problem of capability or data. It is a problem of will.

 nervnow.com



Dear IIFMites, #OnewithPurpose

Sharing something we've been building at CSRBOX

Over the years, all of us have moved into different spaces, taken different paths, and found our own ways to create impact.

There is so much to learn from these journeys, yet many of these remain unheard.

With One Purpose Voices, we are bringing together unheard stories from across the purpose economy through a Talks and Stories series.

These are conversations with impact leaders and professionals who are working closely with real challenges. They share their journeys, key decisions, and the experiences that shaped their work.

The idea is simple. Create space for deeper conversations that feel real, relatable, and worth reflecting on.

For all of us as an alumni community, this can be a way to stay connected to evolving perspectives and to each other. The 1st series features our own Vineet Rai sir.

Do follow, connect, and stay engaged.

Youtube: <https://youtu.be/NpwOXPjFCOs?si=NDPIH-UjrwV4puuU>

Bhomik Shah (PFM 2011)

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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Placement Coordinator: Mayank Kumar, +91 8763323511

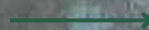
Internship Coordinator: Vedant Khokrale, +91 7738976759

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 Delhi

L to R:

Saroj Kumar Nanda (PFM 1995)

Anish Kumar (PFM 1994)

Rishi Prakash (PFM 2007)



At Ranchi



L to R:
Diksha Sharma (PSM 2025)
Neelima Mishra (PFM 2013)

L to R:
Avinash Kumar (PFM 2000)
Neelima Mishra (PFM 2013)





**At London:
L to R:
Bishwadeep Ghosh (PFM 1996)
Indrajit Chaudhuri (PFM 2002)**

**At Skoll in Oxford
L to R:
Indrajit Chaudhuri (PFM 2002)
Bhushan Patil (PFM 2018)**





Some morning discussions on Digital Public Good in Bengaluru :

L to R:

Chaitrali Bhoi (Researcher at IIM Bengaluru)

Srinivasan R (PFM 1993)

Santosh Kuamr Singh (PFM 2006)



**At Delhi:
L to R:
Rishi Prakash (PFM 2007)
Anishya Obhrai Madan (PFM 1995)
Saroj Kumar Nanda (PFM 1995)**



**At a play 'Nothing Like Lear' at Kamani Auditorium
in Delhi**

L to R:

Bishwadeep Ghosh (PFM 1996)

Dr. Madhu Verma (ex faculty IIFM)

Prabhat Labh (PFM 1996)



**At Thiksey Monastery in Leh
L to R:
Varun Grover
(PFM 2017)
Michelle Maria Thomas (PFM
2006)**



**At Ranchi:
L to R:
Ashish Raj (PFM 1999)
Jogindra Kumar (PFM 1999)
Bishnu C Parida (MRM 2005)**

**L to R:
Bishnu C Parida (MRM 2005)
Navin Horo (PFM 2000)
Kulranjan Kujur (PFM 2001)
in Ranchi during the
Stakeholders' Consultation on
Landscape Approach to
Agroecological Development,
organized by GIZ and NABARD**





Over a decade ago, two fellow IIFMights and I spent our mornings and evenings walking the length and breadth of our campus: from the golden grasslands of Ander Gali to the rustling bamboo groves, the waters of the Badbhada Dam catchment, and the stony outcrops near the caves. Our goal was simple: we wanted to find out how many birds our beautiful campus hosts.

Anjali Aggarwal (PFM 2013)

https://www.linkedin.com/posts/anjle_bird-diversity-of-iifm-campus-bhopal-ugcPost-7459479432827809792-J361?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_android&rcm=ACoAABm9PN0BDP53sGpjwlpmwqw4797D9lxPVlo



Dear All,
 Here is the link to the updated website of the Alumni Association:
<https://www.iifmalumni.com>



ALUM OF THE MONTH



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MAY 2026

THIS CERTIFICATE RECOGNISES THE CONTRIBUTION OF
SAROJ KUMAR NANDA (PFM 1995)



We are proud to recognize Saroj Kumar Nanda from the PFM batch as our Alum of the Month for his outstanding contribution to the IIFM community.

Through his continuous support and commitment, Saroj has facilitated opportunities for 8 IIFM students by helping them secure Summer Internships and Final Placements. Such contributions reflect the true spirit of giving back and play a crucial role in shaping future leaders. His efforts have not only opened doors for young professionals but have also strengthened the bond between alumni and the institute.

Thank you, Saroj, for your invaluable support and dedication to the IIFM fraternity!


PRESIDENT



IIFM LOVE STORIES

Prachi Majumdar PFM 23 & Rajat Goyal PFM 22



Prachi says - It started the way most unexpected things do - quietly, without announcement.

The Alumni Association was looking for candidates from the new batch, and that's when we first spoke. What began as casual coordination slowly stretched into longer conversations, and then into something neither of us had planned for.

Back then, he had a talent for finding reasons to call me to campus — mostly because "this boy wanted cakes and chocolates for his friends." I never complained. Somewhere between those small errands and ANC calls, I had become an ANC member and he was the coordinator. And somewhere in there, I had started finding him very cute. He had absolutely no idea.

I would join ANC calls instantly — just to hear him speak. Finally, gathering every bit of courage I had, I asked a friend to pass the message along. But Rajat, being Rajat, received it as a general compliment and casually responded with a "Thanks." Meanwhile, he now claims that when we first met, he had felt something too — but had never said a word. Timing, it seems, has its own quiet plans.

By the end of October, we were meeting more often, especially while organizing the Bhopal Chapter meet together. Friendship deepened. Feelings grew — quietly, but surely, on both sides. And on the 11th of November, we finally put words to it. That was the day we decided to give our "love at first glance" a real chance.

There were whispers around campus that this wouldn't work. But instead of listening to the noise, we began knitting our two very different worlds together — with effort, with intention, and with a discipline that became our foundation. Since 11th November 2021, we made a promise to meet every single day at 6 PM, no matter what. It's a ritual we still keep.

During our wedding vows on 26th November, I said something that still holds true to the core: Rajat and I grew up very differently. I was probably the most pampered child to have ever existed, while he had already lived through different seasons of life. But together, we are resilient. Together, we balance each other. And I love the thought of us — of building a life side by side, of growing old together, and of course, of teasing and annoying him for the rest of my life.

I still remember saying "I love you" and hearing back, "I love me too." And then one fine day, out of nowhere, he said: "I don't know why, but I feel we should get married." It wasn't dramatic. It wasn't poetic. It was the most unromantic, most authentic proposal I could have ever received. And my yes — that was the easiest, most certain yes of my life.

IIFM didn't just shape my career. It shaped my life. Because if not for that place, I wouldn't have found my forever.

CAMPUS THIS MONTH



IIFM Bhopal, has entered into a strategic partnership with the North Eastern Space Applications Centre (NESAC) through the signing of an MoU to advance collaborative research and training initiatives.


IIFM Bhopal, in collaboration with UNEP-India and MoSPI-GoI, successfully hosted a national-level experts' consultation on 13th April 2026 to standardise ecosystem data for SEEA-EA implementation in India.



IIFM Bhopal, marked the 8th Edition of Poshan Pakhwada with an expert session on early childhood nutrition and development. The session was delivered by renowned nutritionist Dr. Rashmi Shrivastava



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

ALUMNI IN CAMPUS



Visited the campus recently with family after more than a decade. Felt like walking through my own memories while introducing them to a place that shaped so much of who I am today.

The same corridors, the same grounds—just quieter, but full of memories.

Strange how a place can hold so many versions of us at once—the dreams we had, the friendships we built, and the lessons we learnt.

Got to meet Director Sir, so good to hear from him the vision he carries for IIFM. Also met Prof. Yogesh Dubey, Prof. CVRS Vijay Kumar (at Vanika, he is superannuating this August), Prof. Amitabh Pandey (now Director at Manav Sangrhalaya) and Arun bhaiya from Mess team—amazing how they still remember and welcome you with the same warmth. Truly special!

-Vishwanath (PFM 2005)



Sharing a few glimpses & nostalgia from the visit. Made me pause, smile, and feel grateful for where it all began

-Vishwanath (PFM 2005)





Had the pleasure to meet Director sir in the campus, and also met CVRS sir. It was my first visit to college in a decade. My family was with me as well this time.

Ritesh Dhawan (PFM 2008-10)



L to R:

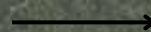
Saroj Kumar Nanda (Founder-CEO- Integram Feeds Pvt Ltd) PFM 1995)

Dr. K Ravichandran (Director IIFM, PFM 1993)

S K Nanda came to IIFM for interacting with Students and offered students OT/SI and Placement



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Jadav Payeng: "The Forest Man of India"

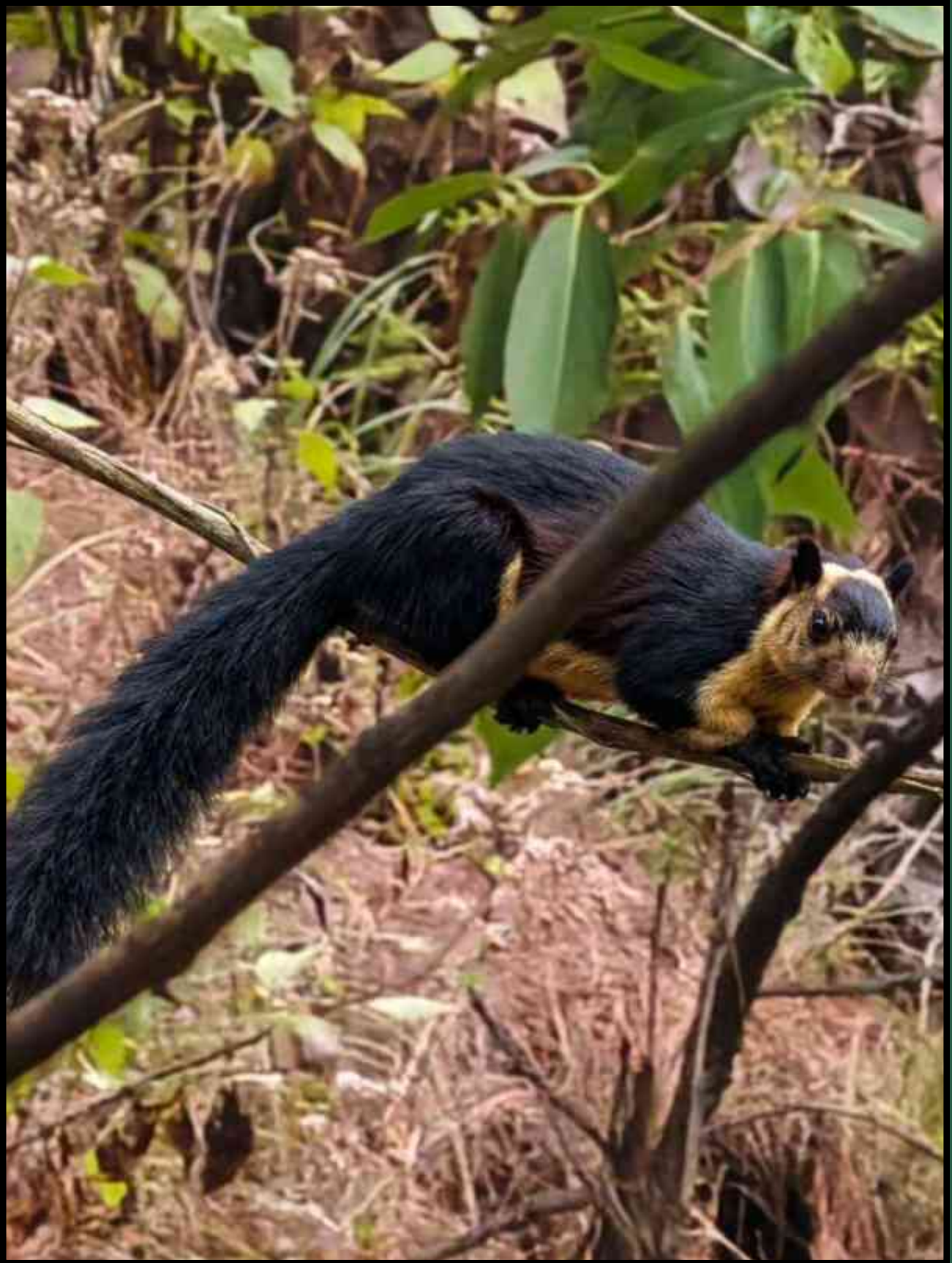
While global institutions debate climate policy, Jadav Payeng created a living blueprint for ecological restoration with his own two hands. In 1979, witnessing the devastating impact of soil erosion and extreme heat on a barren sandbar in Assam, he began a quiet revolution. Armed only with native seeds and an unwavering purpose, he planted life into the scorched earth day after day, working entirely in harmony with the rhythm of the Brahmaputra River. Across nearly five decades of solitary devotion, Payeng has remained an indefatigable champion of biodiversity. His profound labor of love single-handedly transformed a desolate wasteland into a massive, 1,360-acre thriving jungle. Today, the Molai Forest stands as a resilient sanctuary, welcoming back displaced wildlife—from migrating elephant herds to Bengal tigers—and naturally fortifying the fragile riverbanks against erosion. Recognized globally and honored with the Padma Shri, Payeng's legacy bypasses complex corporate frameworks to deliver a pure, powerful truth: true environmental stewardship begins on the ground, proving that individual action can heal the planet.

**PHOTOGRAPHS
OF THE
MONTH**



Crimson sky, quiet mind.

Photo By - Prahlad Pratap Singh MBAFM 2025-27



Spotted in the wild.

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.

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.

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).



