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Number of members	1927 (As on May 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:

26°53'37.5"N and 88°16'159.20"E

These coordinates pinpoint which place?

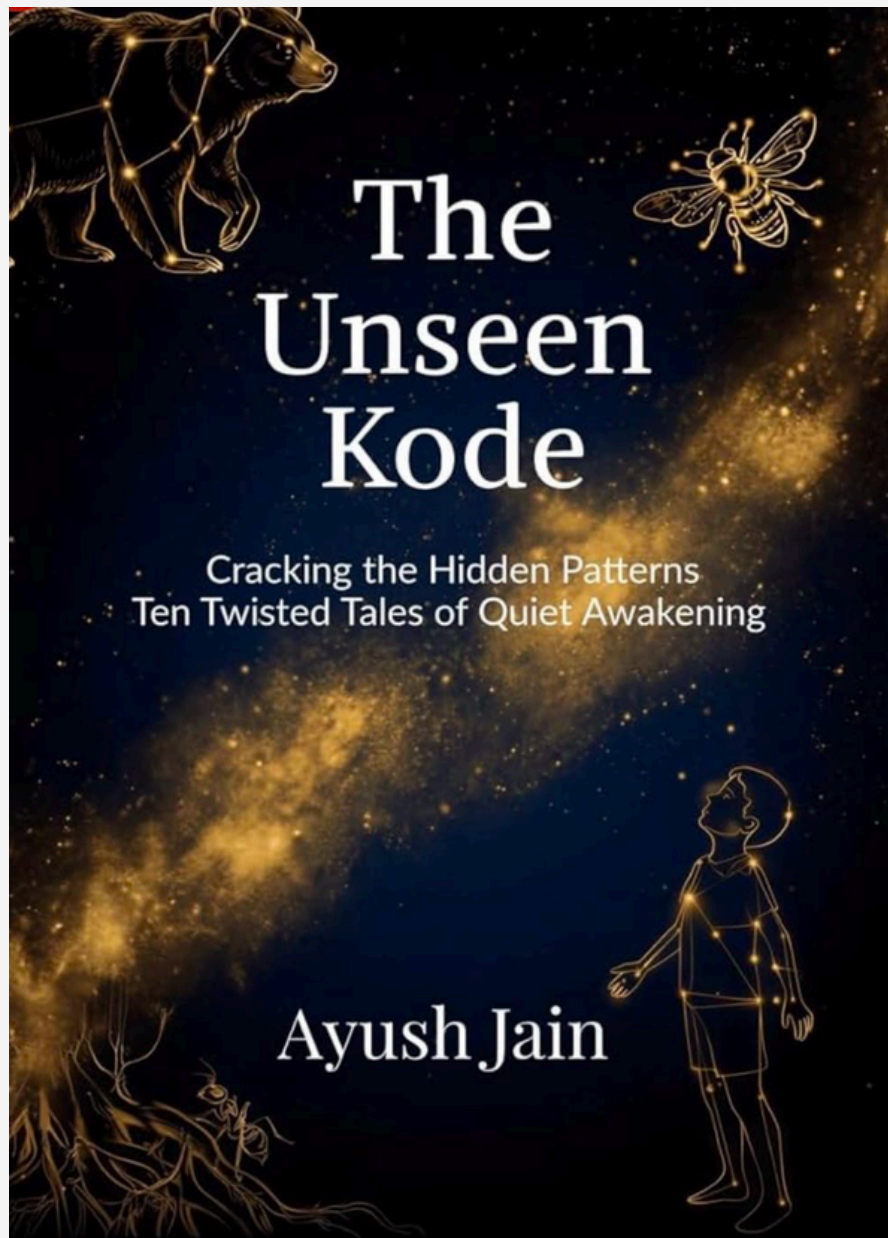


Answer to the Quiz question of the 37th Edition:

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

A) Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA)

ALUMNI IN NEWS



One more author among IIFMights Ayush Jain (IIFM 2016-18)
His first book is out – The Unseen Kode
It's a collection of short stories about young adults navigating
life, fitting in, and finding themselves.

Source: [Amazon.in](https://share.google/OK9oHLUuAhNsVtPn4)
<https://share.google/OK9oHLUuAhNsVtPn4>



BankNBFC.com

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Heartiest congratulations to **Dibyendu Nandi**, Co-Founder & Chief Business Officer of **LivLong 365**, for receiving the Digital Wellness Transformation Leader Award at India's First Gold Loan **FinX Banking Conclave** preseted by **IGM - INDIA GOLD METAVERSE**

The award was presented in recognition of his visionary leadership and significant contribution towards driving digital wellness transformation through innovative healthcare and wellness solutions.

Under Dibyendu's leadership, LivLong 365 has been at the forefront of leveraging technology to make preventive healthcare, wellness management, and digital health services more accessible and impactful for individuals and organizations alike.

Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition and best wishes for continued success in transforming the future of digital wellness.

Arun Kumar Manickam
BankNbfc.com

India's Fastest Growing Digital Association of Bankers

#IndiaGoldMetaverse #GoldLoanConclave
#GoldLoanConclave2026 #DibyenduNandi #LivLong365
#DigitalWellness #HealthTech #WellnessTransformation
#DigitalHealthcare #InnovationLeadership #BFSI
#LeadershipAward #DigitalTransformation #KochiEvents
#BankNbfcCom #IndustryRecognition #HealthcareInnovation
#WellnessLeadership



Dibyendu Nandi
(PFM 2010)
who is also the Co-founder of
Livlong 365 got recognised for his
initiatives

A wonderful article by
Anish Kumar
(PFM 1994)



[https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/farmer-india-refuses-see-transform-rural-india-wdmkc?
utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_android&utm_campaign=share_via](https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/farmer-india-refuses-see-transform-rural-india-wdmkc?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_android&utm_campaign=share_via)



https://www.linkedin.com/posts/ravi-ranjan-ifs-b130781b_climatechange-climateaction-sustainability-ugcPost-7464692371239309312-4JXh?utm_source=social_share_send&utm_medium=android_app&rcm=ACoAACtCy_eIBBQkD4gyFhvx_GQljG_OqMvM2lc4&utm_campaign=whatsapp

A conclave at Ranchi was organised on “Industry’s Role in Climate Mitigation and Adaptation for a Resilient Future”, jointly organised by the Indian Chamber of Commerce and the Jharkhand Forest Department. The start up partner for the conclave was Lecog India Pvt Ltd (promoted by Diksha Sharma (PSM 2025))

Source: Economic and Political Weekly
<https://share.google/WyIIYo2NOTLjk096x>

Extremely delighted to share publication of in EPW 9th May issue regarding 16th Finance Commission allocations for forests and ecology

by Dr. Madhu Verma (former faculty IIFM)
Shweta Bhagwat (PFM-2008)
Dr. Amitabh Kundu

**CNBC
TV18****EXPLORE**

Ethanol, flex-fuel vehicles can strengthen India's energy security: IFGE's Ravi Gupta

Ravi Gupta, Chairman of Sugar Bioenergy Group at the India Federation of Green Energy, said higher ethanol adoption will need policy support through incentives for flex-fuel vehicles, better pricing to offset mileage differences at higher blends, and stronger E85 and E100 fuel infrastructure. He added that the transition will be gradual.

Ravi Gupta (PFM 1991) interview on CNBC about ethanol and flexi fuel cars in india
<https://www.cnbctv18.com/economy/ethanol-flex-fuel-vehicles-can-strengthen-india-energy-security-ifge-ravi-gupta-19909193.htm>

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

Internship Cell Email: internship@iifmbhopal.edu.in

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

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

Placement Coordinator: Juneank 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



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF IIFM

10 MAY, 2026
3:00 - 4:30 PM IST

Open
House
Meet

MODE : VIRTUAL

Recording of Open House Meet 2026 has been uploaded on our YouTube Channel :
<https://youtu.be/bWlQbEZcvDg>



Part of the NJ/NY alumni

L to R:

Ravi Vishwas (PFM 1993)

Pankaj Lal (PFM 2004)

Debashish Mishra (PFM 1993) (first from right)



Alumni meet in London:

L to R:

Kapil Patil (PFM 2013)

Spouse of Kapil Patil

Prachi Srivastava (PFM 2018)

Bhushan Patil (PFM 2018)

**Had a lovely time meeting Kapil Patil (PFM 13) and hearing
about his journey of building Vitto!**

-Bhushan



At RBI, Mumbai
L to R:
Darshan Patil (PFM 2012)
Suvendu Pati (PFM 1993)



Alumnus Achievement - Open Science Contributions to NASA's GRACE-FO Satellite Mission

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 IIFMight / May 10

In a nostalgic nod to his roots, Munish(NASA/PFM 2009) chose to keep his public GitHub username identical to the account name originally assigned to him at IIFM—a testament to the lasting impact of his time at IIFM.

Cheers for his amazing work supporting GRACE-FO mission at NASA

<https://iifmight.com/alumnus-achievement-open-science-contributions-to-nasas-grace-fo-satellite-mission/>

Blog: submitted by – Bhawna Singh (Consultant- Climate & Strategy)

Between a Pause and a Push: The Unequal Pace of Our Growth

It was a regular weekday evening. Not particularly special, not particularly difficult. One of those in-between days where work ends, but the mind doesn't.

On my way back, I stopped at a traffic signal. The usual traffic scene where vehicles were lined up, engines humming, people scrolling through their phones, waiting for the light to turn green.

A young boy approached my auto rickshaw. He wasn't asking for money. He held out a small pack of pens and said, almost mechanically, "Didi, le lo, subah se **baad** hui **baad**."

There was no hesitation in his voice. No request. Just repetition.

For a moment, I noticed something unusual. He wasn't looking at me. He wasn't trying to convince me. He had already moved on, to the next car, then the next.

It felt less like an interaction and more like a routine.

The signal turned green. The cars moved. So did he.

But something stayed with me.

We often speak of growth as movement: faster cities, expanding industries, increasing consumption. By most visible measures, progress is evident. There is more activity, more ambition, more participation.

And yet, not everyone seems to be moving at the same pace.

Some are accelerating.
Some are catching up.
And some appear to be standing still, despite being in the middle of all this motion, suffering even for basic human rights.

This difference is rarely discussed in direct terms.

Across sectors, conversations around challenges tend to focus on access -- **access** to capital, infrastructure, or opportunity. These are important. But they don't fully explain what we see in everyday **life**. Because in many cases, the issue is not complete absence of **opportunity**. It is the **inability to engage with it fully**.

This disconnect is not limited to individual experiences, it also reflects a broader structural challenge across sectors.

In urban economies, in informal markets, and even within organised industries, growth often expands faster than the systems required to support equitable participation.

Whether it is access to stable livelihoods, continuity in skill development, or pathways for upward mobility, many sectors continue to operate in ways where inclusion is not designed into growth, rather it is left to chance.

For some, a city is a place of possibility—new roles, new income, new aspirations.

For others, the same city becomes a system to navigate for long hours, uncertain work, constant adjustment. The goal is not to grow, but to remain stable.

In such a context, choices begin to look different.

Education becomes optional.
Skill-building becomes secondary.
Long-term planning becomes difficult.

Not because people do not value them, but because they cannot always afford to.

This is where the nature of sectoral challenges begins to shift.

This uneven participation is particularly visible across sectors that form the backbone of urban and peri-urban economies. In informal services and labour-intensive value chains, growth often increases activity without improving stability or mobility.

As sectors scale, the quality of engagement through secure livelihoods and skill progression remains uneven, limiting the ability to convert participation into progress.

The question is no longer just about how to create opportunities, but about **who is able to participate in them meaningfully**.

Across industries, this shows up quietly:

Work that depends more on continuity than progression.
Systems that prioritise output over development.
Growth that is visible at the top but uneven beneath it.

None of this is always intentional. But its effects are consistent.

Not because people dream less, but because they learn, often very early that what remains within reach, and what does not.

What emerges, then, is not a lack of effort, nor a lack of ambition.

It is a gradual narrowing of what individuals perceive as possible.

Over time, ambition does not disappear, it recalibrates. It shifts from long-term aspirations to immediate priorities, from possibility to practicality.

Perhaps this is the more difficult aspect of growth to measure. Not how fast systems expand, but how evenly individuals are able to move within them.

As conversations around sectoral development continue, there is value in looking beyond visible indicators of growth.

Because progress, while real, is not experienced uniformly.

And in that gap, between movement and participation - lie some of the most important challenges we are yet to fully address.

Because progress, while measurable, is not experienced uniformly, and what remains unmeasured often reveals the deeper challenge.

The real question, then, is not whether systems are expanding, but whether they are enabling consistent and meaningful participation within them.

It is in this gap- between movement and access, that some of the most critical challenges continue to persist.

That evening at the signal lasted less than a minute.

But it left behind a question that did not move as quickly:

In a system that is constantly moving forward, who is able to move with it and who is only trying to keep up?

**And in the end I just want
to say that**

Not all movement is progress.
And not all who walk the
same road
arrive at the same place.

**Write up by
Bhawna Singh
PFM 2025**



Achin Phulre (PFM 2014)

[https://www.instagram.com/
reel/DYmpK67qORv/?
igsh=Znl2d3Zzbm5oaXg0](https://www.instagram.com/reel/DYmpK67qORv/?igsh=Znl2d3Zzbm5oaXg0)



Alumni meet at Berlin
L to R
Santosh Singh (PFM 2006)
Sanjoy Ghosh (PFM 1994)



Jaipur Meet

L to R:

Dharmendra Daukia (PFM 1991)

Rajeev Gupta (PFM 1998)

Rajni Sundru (PFM 2000)

Kshitij (PFM 2008)

Ajay Bara (PFM 1991)

Delhi Chapter Meet, 17 May 2026



Moments from Delhi NCR Meet with 50 IIFMights together thanks to all the alumni for taking out time on a Sunday and spend 3+ hrs in engaging with students :) Cheers for the 2 students-Anushka & Parthivi-who coordinated so well in putting things together

Delhi Chapter Meet, 17 May 2026



List of Attendees

Sandeep Chakravorty (1989-1991)
 Jayesh Bhatia (1992-1994)
 Prabhat Labh (1994-1996)
 Rajen Tanwar (1996-1998)
 Soumitri Das (1996-1998)
 Subrata Bose (1997-1999)
 Dharmendra Chandurka (1998-2000)
 Swapnil Shekhar (1998-2000)
 Indrajit Chaudhuri (2000-2002)
 Praveen A Singh (2003-2004)
 Santosh Singh (2004-2006)
 Ratul Saha (2005-2007)
 Srevamsa Bairiganian (2006-2008)
 Shashi (2010-2012)
 Saurabh Shukla (2013-2015)
 Ankita Sardana (2013-2015)
 Amit (2013-2015)
 Ashutosh Senger (2014-2016)
 Sunil Kumar (2016-2018)
 Varun Grover (2017-2019)
 Shantam Mondal (2017-2019)
 Karan Mehta (2018-2020)
 Sushovan Das (2018-2020)
 Anuradha Saigal (2018-2020)
 Adyut Anjuman (2019-2021)

Tarushi Singh (2023-2025)
 Ujwala Bansod (2023-2025)
 Ankit Kumar (2023-2025)
 Aman (2023-2025)
 Mosam Kumbhare (2024-2026)
 Aishwariya Mohanty (2025-2027)
 Saksham (2025-2027)
 Himanshu Singh (2025-2027)
 Aditya Mukherjee (2025-2027)
 Abhishek Nair (2025-2027)
 Tanya (2025-2027)
 Praneeti Sahu (2025-2027)
 Viresh Malage (2025-2027)
 Shruti Shivhare (2025-2027)
 Sougata Bera (2025-2027)
 Astitva Ahirwar (2025-2027)
 Harshita Verma (2025-2027)
 Harsh Kushwaha (2025-2027)
 Kshiti Dholakia (2025-2027)
 Somya Maheshwari (2025-2027)
 Yashasvi Tiwari (2025-2027)
 Ayush Satapathy (2025-2027)
 Manshi Punetha (2025-2027)
 Harsh Kushwaha (2025-2027)
 Kshiti Dholakia (2025-2027)

Ranchi Chapter Meet 17 May 2026

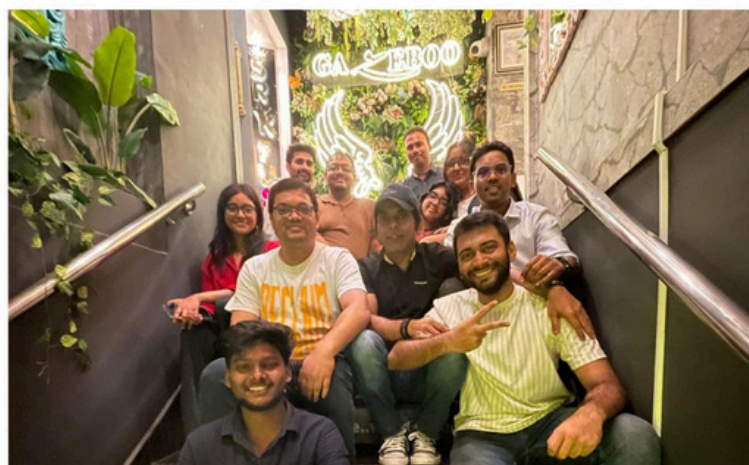


List of Attendees

L to R:

1. Gaurav Yadav (2025-27) – FM
2. Sandesh Padar (2024-26) – SM
3. Shyamal Kr. Mahto (2025-27) – DSF
4. Aastha Prasad (2025-27) – FM
5. Soham Roy Chowdhury (2025-27) – SD
6. Aditya Pratap Singh (2025-27) – DSF
7. Bishwadeep Ghosh (PFM 1996)
8. Ashish Raj (PFM 1999)
9. Jogindra Kumar (PFM 1999)
10. Bishu C. Parida (MRM 2005)
11. Nirbhay Bhatnagar (PFM 2011)
12. Avinash Kumar (PFM 2000)
13. Pankaj (MRM 2017)

KOLKATA Chapter Meet 30th May 2026



List of Attendees

Kallol Mandal (2006-08)
Pushkar (2014-16)
Praveer (2013-15)
Subhajit (2019-21)
Shakti Saha (2004-06)

Kushagra (2023-25)
Aryak (2025-27)
Dreami (2025-27)
Shiva (2025-27)
Sameer (2006-08)

Thanks to (Aryak 2025-27) for arranging the meet
Aranyaa's feedback in her beautiful handwriting sums up the Evening for
IIFMights

Note:
Aranyaa is the daughter of IIFMight Couple (Shakti & Ratul)

ALUM OF THE MONTH



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JUNE 2026

THIS CERTIFICATE RECOGNISES THE CONTRIBUTION OF
SAMEER KUMAR (PFM 2001)



Our Alumnus Sameer Kumar, State Head (MP), PRADAN, has been exceptionally supportive in creating career opportunities for IIFM students, with three successful placements at PRADAN already achieved this year. He continues to actively explore additional opportunities for students still seeking placements.

His commitment to supporting fellow IIFMites reflects the true spirit of our alumni community. His Bhopal office is always open for 'Chai pe Charcha' for all IIFM students to discuss and explore career opportunities in the development sector.

We sincerely thank Sameer for his valuable contributions and continued support.

PRESIDENT



IIFM LOVE STORIES

Rishabh Bhattacharya & Rittika Barua (PFM 2020)



I am Rishabh Bhattacharya, PGDFM 2018–20, and I am married to Rittika Barua from the same batch. We met like most IIFM stories begin - as batchmates. Just two people navigating lectures, presentations, field visits, and the beautiful chaos of campus life. We started as friends. Somewhere between group assignments and shared notes, that friendship quietly deepened. We became best friends. And yet, even then, we never quite knew that the journey we had begun was one that would last forever.

There were evenings spent in the canteen and late nights spent sitting in front of Samagam, talking about everything and nothing. Long hours in CC, racing against deadlines but somehow never tired of each other's company. The golden sunrises and calm sunsets over the grasslands felt different when with each other. Those simple, unplanned trips to Nehru Nagar for "Chai" are some of the moments that taught us something profound - that life is only as complicated as you make it.

Looking back now, it feels like IIFM was gently scripting our story all along. In the quiet corners of the campus, in the laughter after classes, in the comfort of knowing that someone truly understands you - that's where it all began.

Today, as partners, we still carry those memories with us. And we couldn't be more grateful to IIFM - not just for the education, friendships, and experiences - but for giving us each other.

PS: Some memories from our campus days attached as photographs.

तुमको ना भूल पाएंगे





IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR ALUMNUS



Natarajan Sivakumar

PFM 1990-92

With deep sorrow, the Alumni Association of IIFM mourns the passing of our esteemed alumnus.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, and loved ones. His memory will forever remain a part of the IIFM fraternity.

May his soul rest in peace.

OM SHANTI

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

June, 2026

KNOWLEDGE CORNER



Wangari Maathai: "The Mother of Trees"

Wangari Maathai knew that a wounded landscape breathes life into a wounded society. In 1977, witnessing deforestation dry Kenyan streams and plunge rural communities into systemic poverty, she ignited a grassroots revolution. Armed with native saplings, Maathai mobilized local women to plant life back into the depleted soil, forging an unbreakable bond between ecological restoration and human dignity.

For decades, she fiercely resisted political oppression and land grabbing. Her relentless labor transformed a localized effort into the continent-spanning Green Belt Movement. Today, over 51 million trees stand as a resilient sanctuary across Kenya, restoring critical watersheds and empowering thousands of women with economic independence.

Honored as the first African woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize, Maathai proved that true environmental stewardship is inextricably linked to democracy. Her legacy bypasses institutional inertia to deliver a powerful, timeless truth: collective action rooted in the earth can heal both society and the planet.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE MONTH



Dramatic twilight sky.

Photo By - Swati Raghuwanshi MBASM 2026-28



Framed green escape.

Photo By - Joshua Praise Guria 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)

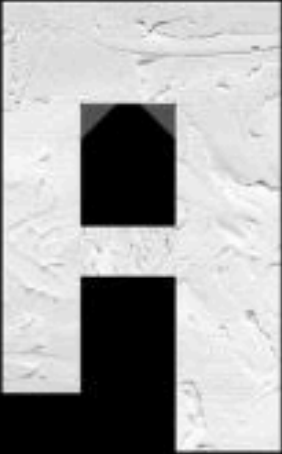
Bottom Line (L to R): Meghna Mishra (PSM 2026), Sherin Chacko (PSM 2026), Aishwariya Mohanty (MBA-FM 2027), Chandana Addagarla (MBA-SM 2027)

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).





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