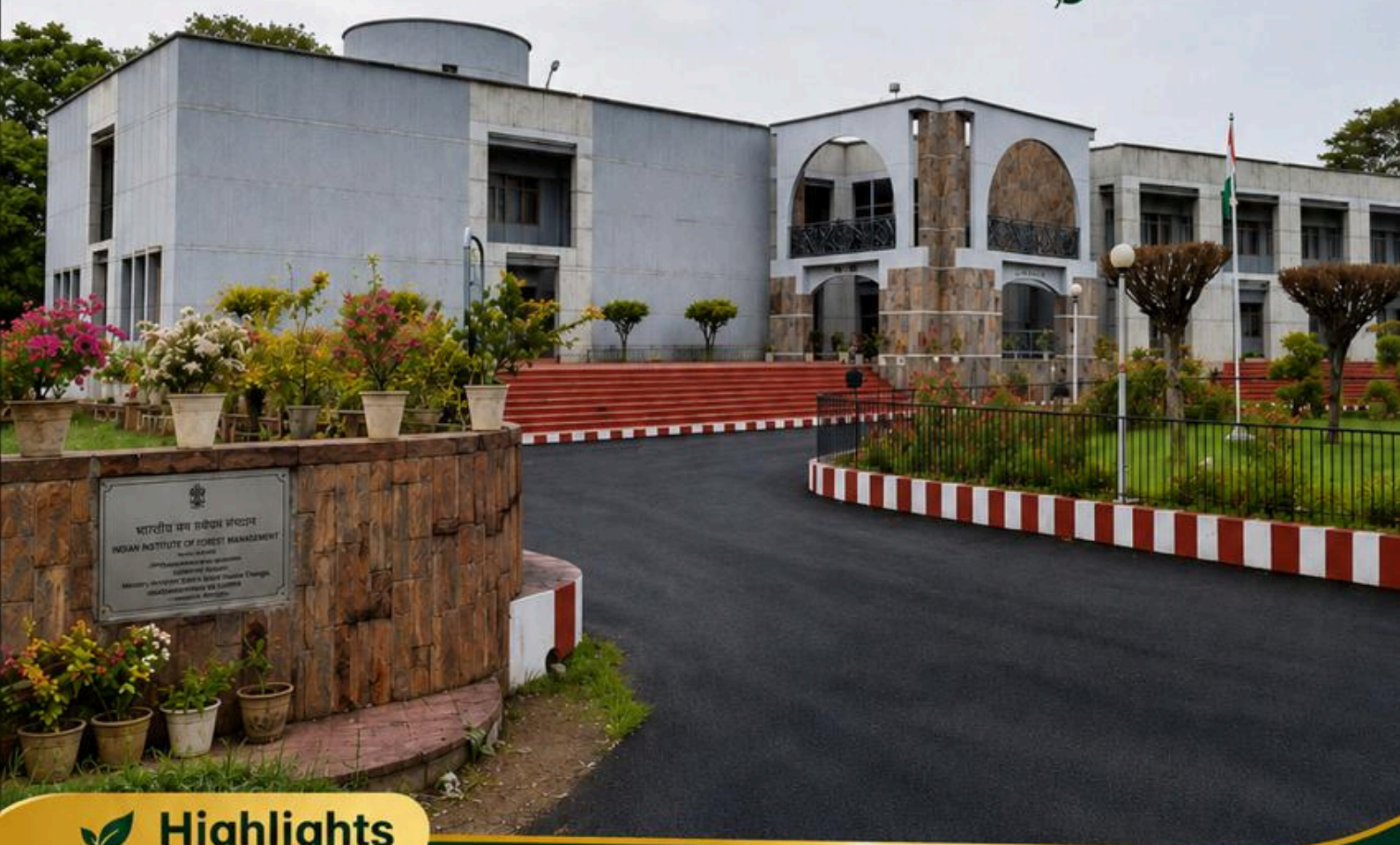


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Newsletter of the IIFM Alumni Association

July – August 2026 Edition

“connecting alumni,
connecting roots (IIFM)”



Highlights



Quiz



Alumni World



Alumni in News



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Number of members	2030 (As on July 2026)
Total Alumni Count (approx.)	2295
Number of Batches	34
LinkedIn Followers	1795
X (Twitter) Followers	333
Instagram Followers	980
Youtube Subscribers	263
Facebook Members	728



QUIZ OF THE MONTH





QUESTION FOR THIS MONTH:

On February 6, 1981, the foundation stone for the (IIFM) in Bhopal was laid by:

1. President of India, Neelam Sanjeeva Reddy
2. Education Minister S B Chavan
3. Prime Minister Indira Gandhi
4. Home Minister Gianj Zail Singh



Answer to the Quiz question of the 37th Edition:

26°53'37.5"N and 88°16'159.20"E These coordinates pinpoint which place?

A) IIFM Kurseong Campus

ALUMNI IN NEWS



**Mukul Kumar (PFM 2006)
promoted as National Head for Credit
& Audit at Piramal Finance**

**Gitesh Gunjan (PFM 2008) got
promoted as PARTNER at E&Y**



**Ravi Gupta (PFM 1991)
(Executive Director Shree
Renuka Sugars Ltd) in a session
with A S Sawhney Chairman,
Indian Oil Corporation (IOC
,Toyota country head Vikram
Gulati as they discussed about
flexi fuel vehicles,E-85
supplies,fuel pricing and how
to create value for the
customers .**

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https://www.linkedin.com/posts/ravipaulgupta_energytransition-sustainablemobility-cleanenergy-ugcPost-7478005994887778304-lcJm/?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_ios&rcm=ACoAAAG0VtUBFZ2jKiWZ99f6OzeZOe34maGUc-l



Sunil Padale (PFM 1997) in action at Animal Taxonomy Summit 4.0 at Kolkata on the theme business and biodiversity

Dr. K Ravichandran (PFM 1993), Director IIFM, chairing the discussion on Biodiversity Management and Policy in ZSI's workshop on Animal Taxonomy Summit in Kolkata



**Sreyamsa Bairiganjan (Shrey) (PFM 2008) has been appointed CEO of Energiva Ventures Pvt Ltd
Its part of the GODREJ Group.
Mr. Jamshyd Godrej (who heads Godrej & Boyce)
In the picture Shrey with Jamshyd Godrej**



IIM Bangalore to open campus in Indonesia, becoming second IIM with an overseas campus

Edited By: [Arnab Mitra](#) X [@arnab_edu](#)

Published: Jul 07, 2026, 12:34 PM IST, Updated: Jul 07, 2026, 01:16 PM IST

IIM Bangalore's Indonesia campus will be second abroad campus of country's prestigious management institute after IIM Ahmedabad's Dubai campus. Earlier, IIT Madras opened India's first abroad campus in Zanzibar, Tanzania and IIT Delhi opened its Abu Dhabi campus in 2024.

One example of constructive alumni cooperation-
 Prof Srinivasan R (PFM 1993) at IIMB and me
 - Sandeep Chakravorty (PFM 1991)

Vibhav Sharma (PFM 2020) one of the speakers at a webinar organised by WRI India on 20th July -2026



THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
Yogesh Jadhav

HAS BEEN FORMALLY EVALUATED FOR DEMONSTRATED EXPERIENCE, KNOWLEDGE AND PERFORMANCE IN ACHIEVING AN ORGANIZATIONAL OBJECTIVE THROUGH DEFINING AND OVERSEEING PROJECTS AND RESOURCES AND IS HEREBY BESTOWED THE GLOBAL PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

Project Management Professional (PMP)®

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, WE HAVE SUBSCRIBED OUR SIGNATURES UNDER THE SEAL OF THE INSTITUTE

Signature of Dr. Narayan, PMP Chair, Board of Directors
Signature of Pierre Le Marché, President & CEO

Certification Number: 4427733 Original Grant Date: 24 June 2026 Expiration Date: 24 June 2029
 Citizenship: India

Hi all,
 Sharing a coveted credential (an honour and a responsibility), bestowed by Project Management Institute - am glad (and humbled) to convey that I am now a certified PMP® (Project Management Professional) (grateful to family, friends and dearest God for passing this exam with 3ATs)
 Yodesh Jadhav (PFM 2000)

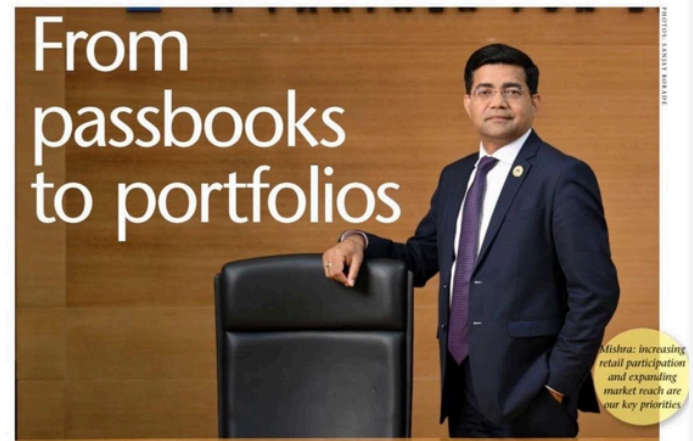


Debasish Mishra (PFM 1991-93)



Cover Feature

BUSINESS INDIA • THE MAGAZINE OF THE CORPORATE WORLD



The story of SBI Funds Management Limited is intertwined with India's financial transformation – marked by expanding financial inclusion, deeper capital markets and the rise of the retail investor

For generations of Indians, the first formal relationship with money began with three familiar letters: SBI. Whether it was opening a savings account, depositing the first salary, buying a recurring deposit for a child's education, investing in a fixed deposit for retirement or securing a home loan, the State Bank of India occupied a place that extended well beyond banking. It was often the first institution to which families entrusted their life's savings. Across cities, towns and villages, the familiar keyhole logo came to represent security, stability and confidence. It was not merely a bank; it was an

institution woven into the country's social and economic fabric. For decades, that relationship shaped the financial habits of millions. Saving, rather than investing, defined the Indian mindset. Households accumulated wealth through bank deposits, provident funds, gold and real estate. The passbook became a symbol of financial discipline, recording years of careful saving and prudent financial planning. Safety mattered more than returns. Preserving capital took precedence over creating wealth. Equity markets remained the domain of a relatively small community of investors, while mutual funds were viewed as

products for the financially aware and the affluent.

That world has begun to change. Quietly at first, and then with remarkable speed, India has embarked on one of the most significant transformations in its financial history. Millions of households are moving beyond traditional savings instruments to market-linked investments. A new generation of investors is discovering the power of long-term wealth creation through mutual funds. Systematic Investment Plans (SIPs) have brought the discipline of monthly investing to ordinary households much as recurring deposits once encouraged disciplined saving. Investing has become less intimidating, more accessible and increasingly democratic.

The shift has been driven by a convergence of powerful forces. Financial inclusion has expanded dramatically through Jan Dhan accounts. Aadhaar-based digital verification has simplified customer onboarding. Smartphones, inexpensive mobile data and the

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SBI Mutual Fund CEO Mishra outlines four priorities to drive growth

Harsh Kumar | 4 min read | 16 Jul 2026, 04:45 PM IST



Debasish Mishra, managing director and chief executive officer of SBI Mutual Fund.

<https://gishty.com/issues/2026-06-22/heatwaves-in-europe-lessons-from-india>

Rohit Magotra(IRADe/PFM 2000)



Ambassador of India to Indonesia and AA President Sandeep Chakravorty (PFM 1991) during our PM's Indonesia visit.

Rohit Magotra(IRADe/PFM 2000) has been recognized for his contributions to developing ward-level Heat Stress Action Plans focused on vulnerable communities.

UNEP Cool Mitra Video Youtube link:
<https://lnkd.in/gWxWhz4E>

**BUILDING RESILIENCE
GLOBAL RECOGNITION.**

Mr. Rohit Magotra

Director
Integrated Research and Action for Development (IRADe)

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“Developing ward-level Heat Stress Action Plans focused on vulnerable communities and building local capacity for heat preparedness and resilient cities.”

As part of UN Environment Programme's 50@50 #WorldEnvironmentDay global activation, #CoolMitra celebrates the changemakers working on the frontlines of extreme heat through community action, #sustainablecooling, awareness, innovation, and local resilience efforts.

50@50
Half a Century of Progress

Two opposing views on India pressing its foot down on the ethanol pedal — is it vroom or doom?

OIL CH₃CH₂OHANGE

Jump on This Bandwagon



Ravi Gupta

Long before EVs and hydrogen became part of the global energy transition conversation, ethanol was at the heart of powering engines.

The first ethanol-powered engine was developed in 1896 by Samuel Morey, and Henry Ford's first automobile, the 1896 Quadricycle, was designed to run on ethanol.

Some 30 years later, ethanol has become an integral part of the transport fuel strategy of more than 60 countries. India may have joined this journey later than many of its peers, but it's now emerging as one of the world's fastest-growing ethanol economies.

Ethanol-blending involves mixing ethanol, a renewable biofuel produced from agricultural feedstocks with petrol. Flex-fuel vehicles (FFVs) extend this concept by co-opting by allowing motorists to use higher ethanol blends depending on availability and price. Although the best to be used as a feedstock is clearly new in India, they are supported by decades of global experience.

Oil crises of the 1970s established ethanol as a strategic importance because countries resorted to domestic alternatives to costly imported crude. Brazil launched its National Alcohol Programme, Proalcool, in 1975 and ethanol economy. The US later invested heavily through its 2005 Renewable Fuel Standard. Fuel Standard. With growing concern over climate change in the follow-up Thailand, Argentina and the Philippines, adopted blending mandates, turning ethanol into the follow-up renewable energy component of energy policy.

During much of this period, India's priorities were understandably different. It was focused on ensuring food security, strengthening agricultural production and supporting economic development. While India launched its Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme in the early 2000s, it remained slow for over a decade. Limited availability, inadequate procurement mechanism, logistical constraints and policy hurdles, meant that blending stood at only about 1.5% in 2014.

The transformation since then has been remarkable. Through consistent policy support, assured pricing, expansion of feedstock options, investment in distillation capacity and stronger coordination between farmers, industry and oil marketing companies, India has rapidly been treading the ethanol path. It achieved its scheduled blending target of 10% in 2022, and increased blending from 10% in

2014 to 16% in 2025 (EYS) and 20% in 2026 in EYS 2026. India also crossed its 20% ethanol blending target ahead of schedule, a milestone by progress progress in detail. The Road Generation (RG) produced from these chaps of sugarcane.

Many of the concerns have demonstrated that — food security, crop diversion, pricing and competition — have been addressed. Ethanol can become a reliable component of a country's energy security and reducing emissions.

The next phase of India's ethanol journey will require moving beyond blending consumption ecosystem. This includes expanding ethanol retail infrastructure, flex-fuel vehicles, competitive fuel pricing, increasing consumer use of ethanol. Govt's approval an important step in that direction.

Benefits of the programme are already becoming evident. According



Chaiti ka naam energy security

to Govt, EBP Programme has generated payments of more than ₹1.5 lakh crore to farmers, displaced over 289 lakh t of crude oil imports, and reduced net CO₂ emissions by nearly 600 million tonnes annually. This is a significant achievement not only as a strategic tool for reducing import

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Ethanol's story is one of transformation. Countries have embraced it to strengthen energy security, support agriculture, oil-price sensitivity. India may have

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started later than its peers but it has progressed at a rapid rate. The question is no longer whether ethanol

The writer is executive director, Shree Renuka Sugars



Ateesh Tankha & Sudhir K Joshi

Don't Become An Alcoholic

In ancient times, alcohol was used either as a safer source of nutrition than contaminated water, or to reduce protein intake offered to deities by mixing it with water in a fixed proportion. Not too dissimilarly, countries like Brazil, battered by the 1973 oil crisis, turned to ethanol as an alternative sustainable to the devastating impact of any future oil shock.

Today, alcohol has outlived its purpose as a water decontaminant. And ethanol — despite its value as a greener feedstock replacement for petrochemicals and as a core ingredient in sustainable fuel (SAF) — is increasingly being passed over as a decarbonising or sustainable fuel for ICE, in favour of new technologies.

So, two questions need to be considered in the context of India's current for E20, blend of 20% ethanol and 80% petrol:

1. Will ethanol drive higher vehicular efficiency and lower emissions?
2. Is ethanol a credible answer to India's energy security dilemma?

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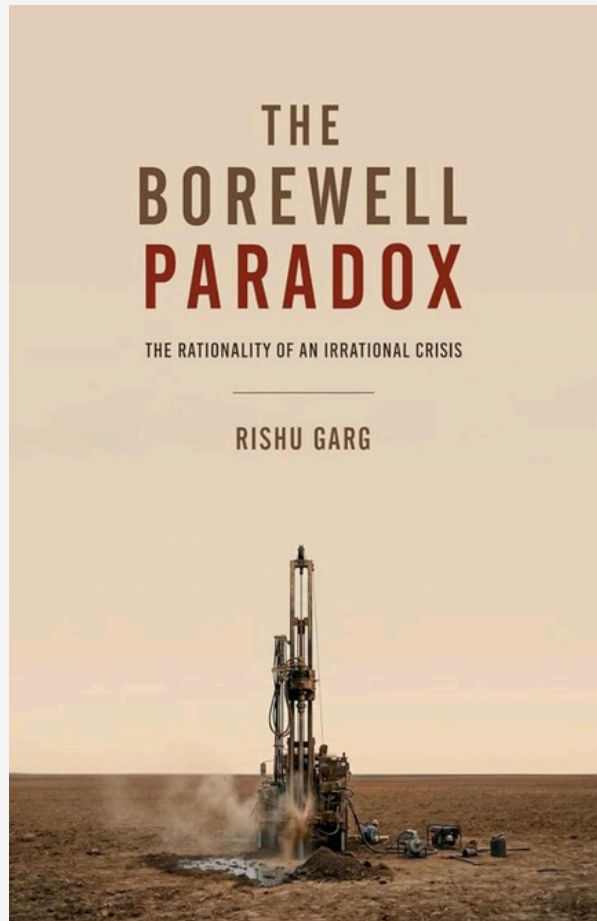
Thanks to AID (Trans Solutions, and Asahi & former director (Finance), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd.



Bhaskar Lakshkar (PFM 2006)
 Indore Divisional Commissioner

Nitin Bassi (CEEW/MRM 2006) was on
 CNBC and NDTV :)





Happy to share that my book 'The Borewell Paradox- The Rationality of Irrational Crises' is now available on Amazon. The ebook could be accessed from the following linkeBook

Links:

USA - <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0H3TCGS8Z>

UK - <https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B0H3TCGS8Z>

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Arshi Aadil (Senior Manager, Government Advisory at MSC/PFM 2015) is on What India Needs speaking about India's welfare delivery systems and what comes next.

The conversation explores the shift from scale to substance, last-mile delivery, digital public infrastructure, social protection, financial inclusion, data systems, and building welfare systems that are more resilient, inclusive, and outcome-focused

<https://youtu.be/YVbGaqvpbOk?si=WKuRII77wahHuXUn>



Another IIFMight got his article published in Deccan Herald on e-cooking
Surya (2021-23)

<https://www.deccanherald.com/opinion/india-wants-households-to-shift-to-e-cooking-but-are-our-kitchens-ready-4039456>

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India wants households to shift to e-cooking. But are our kitchens ready?

Bihar has announced coal distribution through the PDS, while eastern Uttar Pradesh is slated to sell firewood timber to the public.

Surya Shekhar Auddy

Rahul Das

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Too hot to work, too poor to rest

Monday 20 July 2026 | 12:30-14:00 BST | Online

SPEAKERS:



Ranjini Mukherjee
Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI)



Dr. Archana Shukla Mukherjee
Change Alliance



Shakirul Islam
Ovibashi Karmi Unnayan Program (OKUP)



Ritu Bharadwaj
IIED



Madeleine Thomson
Wellcome Trust



Claire Harbron
London Foundation



Joan Pegram
IIFM

Ritu Bhardwaj (IIED, PFM 2000)

IIED and its partners invite you for the launch of a new research exploring the impacts of heat stress on more than 700 informal workers across India and Bangladesh. The study examines both the economic and non-economic losses associated with extreme heat, revealing how inadequate housing, limited access to water and sanitation, and insecure work combine to create a hidden cycle of vulnerability.

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 Secretary: Sarvesh Singh, +91 9793229901

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



**Mini reunion at Anaheim, California (near Disneyland) with my batchmate Dr. Swati (PFM 2009). I met her after almost 15 years.
-Munish Sikka**

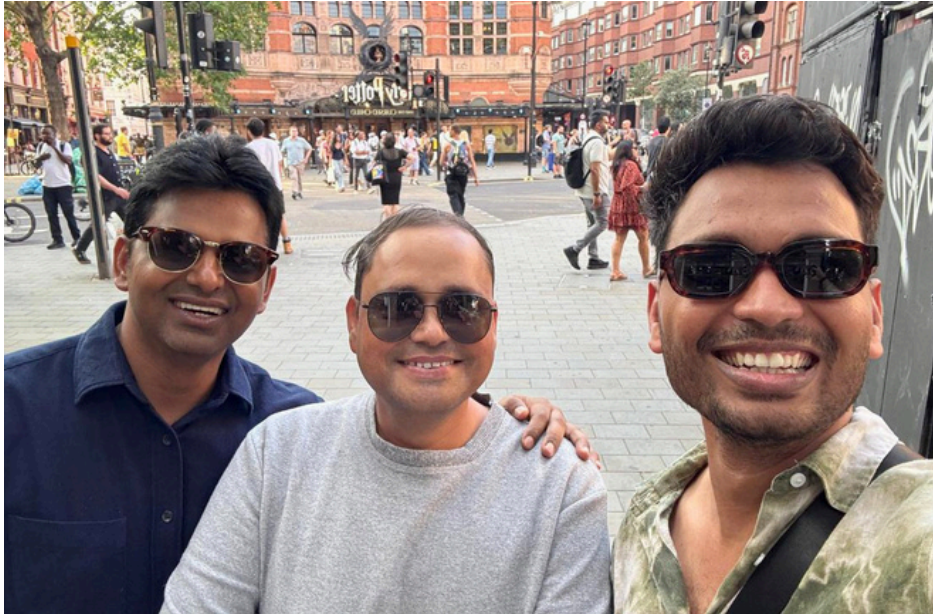


3 IIFM Alumni with 1 Honorary Alum@London 😊
From left to right-
Koyel Mandal(Climate at Children's Investment Fund
Foundation/PFM 2003),Santosh(Intellecap/PFM
2006)Srey(Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation/PFM
2008) & Bobby Deol(Honorary Alum 😊)

IIFMights met in USA
Prof. Madhu Verma (former
faculty IIFM) met Priti B (PFM
2003) and Anand (after he
passed out from IIFM)
during her current visit to
Stanford and San Francisco



Snippets from London Climate Action Week (LCAW)



At London Climate Action Week (LCAW)

L to R:

Vikash Sinha
(PFM 2009)

Akhand Tiwari
(PFM 2006)

&

Bhushan Patil
(PFM 2018)

At LCAW:

L to R:

Vikash Sinha (2009), Santosh K Singh (2006), Nishita Bakshi (1999),
Indrajit Chaudhuri (2002), Vaibhav Chaturvedi (2003), Bhushan Patil (2018)



Snippets from London Climate Action Week (LCAW)

Looks like there's an IIFMite in every room at LCAW.
Great bumping into Anand Sinha (PFM 1994)
L to R:
Anand Sinha
Bhushan Patil (PFM 2018)



At LCAW
R to L:
Nitin Bassi (MRM 2006)
Bhushan Patil (PFM 2018)

R to L:
At LCAW:
Bhushan Patil (PFM 2018)
Ujjawal K (PFM 2009)
Saransh Bajpai (PFM 2010)
Ramanshu Ganguly (PFM 2012)



Snippets from London Climate Action Week (LCAW)



What a way to wrap up LCAW! Another IIFM London meet-up with lots of fun stories and IIFM conversations!

Huge thanks to Shikha and Pranav for hosting us, and to everyone who made time to join throughout the week.

It was amazing to see 25+ IIFMites driving some key climate conversations across LCAW.

- Bhushan Patil (PFM)

L-R: Seyed Faiz (PFM 1999), Anuran (PFM 2018), Srey (PFM 2008), Soumya (PFM 2004), Sriram (Honorary IIFMite), Santosh (PFM 2006), Bhushan (PFM 2018), Indrani (Honorary IIFMite), Pranav (PFM 2001), Shikha (PFM 2003), Regina (PFM 2002) Vaishnavi (PFM 2020), and Veethika (PFM 2018).

 YouTube



IIFM - Where Knowledge Meets Purpose

@quirkytokri3194 37 likes 630 views 2 months ago more

<https://youtu.be/5XkUNFFbVO4>

Made by Quirky Tokri
(whose CEO is Achin Phulre PFM 2014)



**At bengaluru L to R:
Prof. P K Biswas (former faculty IIFM)
Pushpa Megharikh (PFM 2001) batch, along with her
husband who was former DGP of Karnataka**



**A wonderful evening of IIFMights in Jaipur (18 July 2026)
Himanshu Chugh (PFM 2020)
Dhwaj Gautam (PFM 2026)
Dharmendra Daukia (PFM 1991)
Kshitiz Sanadhaya (PFM 2008)
Vikas Chaudhary (1998)
Dheeraj Kumar Rathore (PFM 2018)
Rajeev Gupta (PFM 1998)**



IIFMights met in Alappuzha, Keralam
A wonderful reunion of the FM & SM Batch (2024–2026) in the beautiful city of Alappuzha, Keralam, on the joyous occasion of Govind sister's wedding (SM Batch 2024–2026).

It was a pleasure to reconnect, relive cherished memories, and celebrate together.

The IIFM bond continues to grow stronger, no matter where life takes us.

From left to right:

All 24-26 Batch

Prashams (FM)

Hrithik Raj (FM)

Hari Haran (FM)

Anand Ramesh (FM)

Siddharth (SM)

Nissa (FM)

Sherin (SM)

Ayush Srivastava (FM)

Abhay Anil (FM)

Vishak (SM)

Alphin (SM)

Govind (SM- mid of bottom pic)

Looking forward to many more IIFM

Chapter Meets across the country!

Keralam Chapter Meet 2026!



Sujoy Bannerjee (PFM 1993)



L to R
Shailendra Kumar (PFM 2008)
Pranay Lal



5 IIFMights showed up for the 5v5 mini football tournament amidst the rain.

Out of the 3 games we played, we won two. Imploring other iifmites in Mumbai to join us in the coming weeks.

We play near Gundavali Metro Station, Mumbai
LR -> Rajeev (PFM 25), Satvik (PFM 25), Shaon (PFM 21), Subham (PFM 22), Celes (PFM 25)

Bengaluru Alumni Chapter meet



Rajni Sunduru (1998 -2000)
Prof. P K Biswas (former faculty IIFM)
Vina (2008-10)
Vvs Prasanth (2024-26)
Neeraja (2024-26)
Muskan (2024-26)
Bidhisha (2024-26)
Ayush Shrivastav (2024-26)
Satyakirthi (2024-26)

Ahmedabad Alumni Chapter meet



L to R:
Nimit (2023-25)
Ashi (2023-25)
Shreekant (2005-07)
Sharad (2005-07)
Abhinav (2006-08)
Priyanshikha (2006-08)

IIFMights Chapter meet at DEHRADUN



IIFMights Chapter meet at GUWHATI



IIFMights Chapter meet at DEHRADUN



IIFMights Chapter meet at PUNE



ALUMNI IN CAMPUS

Morning Walk @ IIFM Campus
A refreshing walk through the beautiful IIFM campus brought back countless memories.

Walking on the familiar blacktop roads...Watching the serene Kalia Lake from the old mess rooftop...

Seeing the transformation from the old administrative building to the magnificent new Convention Centre...

From simple hostel rooms to modern AC hostels...

The campus has changed, but the memories remain timeless

Warm conversations about the past, present, and future made the morning even more special.

Some places never leave your heart.

- Bishnu C Parida (MRM 2005)



During the Inaugural & Orientation Programme of Postgraduate Programme (2026–28 Batch) of IIFM Bhopal from 16 to 30th June 2026 I took a session on Development Sector and Social Impact Space (27 June 2026).

Heartfelt Thanks to Director Sir for the invitation, opportunity and providing all the facilities for this

-Bishnu C Parida (MRM 2005)



R to L:
Dr Rajesh Upadhyalu (PFM 1997),
Prof. at IIM Kozhikode, Dr. P K Biswas (former faculty IIFM),
Dr. K Ravichandran (PFM 1993, Director IIFM), Bishnu Parida (MRM 2005),
Jharkhand Livelihoods Mission, Ms Bulbuli Sahu, PRADAN, (MRM 2013)



27th June, the faculty members of IIFM had an engaging and fruitful conversation with our distinguished alumnus Dr. Rajesh Upadhyayula (PFM 1997)

, Professor Strategy at IIM Kozhikode on Scholarship and Consulting. The whole conversation revolved around 4 pillars of scholarship viz Discovery, Integration, Teaching and Application.

Real enjoyment and learning for all of us.

Look forward to have him at IIFM more often.

Wish him the very best at God speed.

-Dr. K Ravichandran (PFM 1993, Director IIFM)

ALUM OF THE MONTH



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JULY 2026

THIS CERTIFICATE RECOGNISES THE CONTRIBUTION OF
SYED TARIQUE ALAM (PFM 07)



As CEO of Dvara E-Registry, Syed has continued to strengthen the institute-industry connection. He recruited a student from Class of 2025 and returned again in 2026 to recruit another IIFM student.

What makes his contribution even more special is his enduring bond with IIFM. Since graduating in 2007, Syed has made it a tradition with his batch to visit the campus every year around Independence Day, spending time with faculty, staff, and students. For nearly 18 years, he has remained closely connected to the institute, embodying the spirit of giving back to one's alma mater.

His consistent support and dedication to creating opportunities for students make him a truly deserving recipient of this recognition. Thank you, Syed, for being a proud ambassador of IIFM and for your continued efforts to support the IIFM community.

PRESIDENT

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ALUMS OF THE MONTH

AUGUST 2026

THIS CERTIFICATE RECOGNISES THE CONTRIBUTION OF
VISHWANATH DIVYA (PFM 05) & DIBYENDU NANDI (PFM 10)



Vishwanath Divya, Head (AGM) – Marketing, India Post Payments Bank, Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications and Dibyendu Nandi, CBO & Co-founder, LivLong, are being recognised for taking the lead in the IIFM Alumni Group Health Insurance Programme initiative and for their dedicated effort in its coordination, execution and overall stewardship.

Their time, expertise and commitment are helping to lay the foundation for what will become a meaningful support system for the IIFM alumni community. Thank you, Dibyendu & Vishwanath, for leading from the front and embodying the true spirit of "Alumni for Alumni."


 PRESIDENT

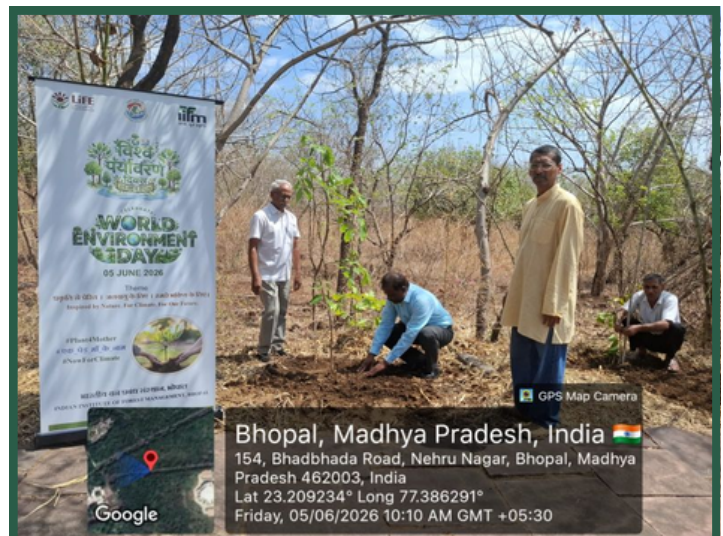


CAMPUS THIS MONTH



The Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM), Bhopal, commenced the observance of Swachhta Pakhwada 2026 on 1 June 2026 under the theme “Inspired by Nature. For Climate. For Our Future.”

Celebrating World Environment Day, the Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal, organised a Plantation Drive under the theme “Inspired by Nature. For Climate. For Our Future” at the campus.



The Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal, commenced its PGP 2026–28 orientation programme on June 16, 2026, welcoming the new cohort to an exciting academic journey.



Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM), Bhopal, organised a Mass Cleanliness Drive under Swachhta Pakhwada 2026. As part of this, students, faculty, and staff gathered for the cleanliness drive, fostering the event theme "Inspired by Nature. For Climate. For Our Future," led by our Director, Dr K. Ravichandran.

As part of Swachhta Pakhwada 2026, the institute also organized a ceremony for the Mission LiFE Pledge



Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal, organized a mass yoga event to celebrate the 12th International Day of Yoga 2026.

The Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM), Bhopal, had the pleasure of hosting Dr. G. Areendran, Coordinator, WWF-EIACP PC-RP, for an engaging session on "Improving Forest Fire Management through Technology Integration".

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>



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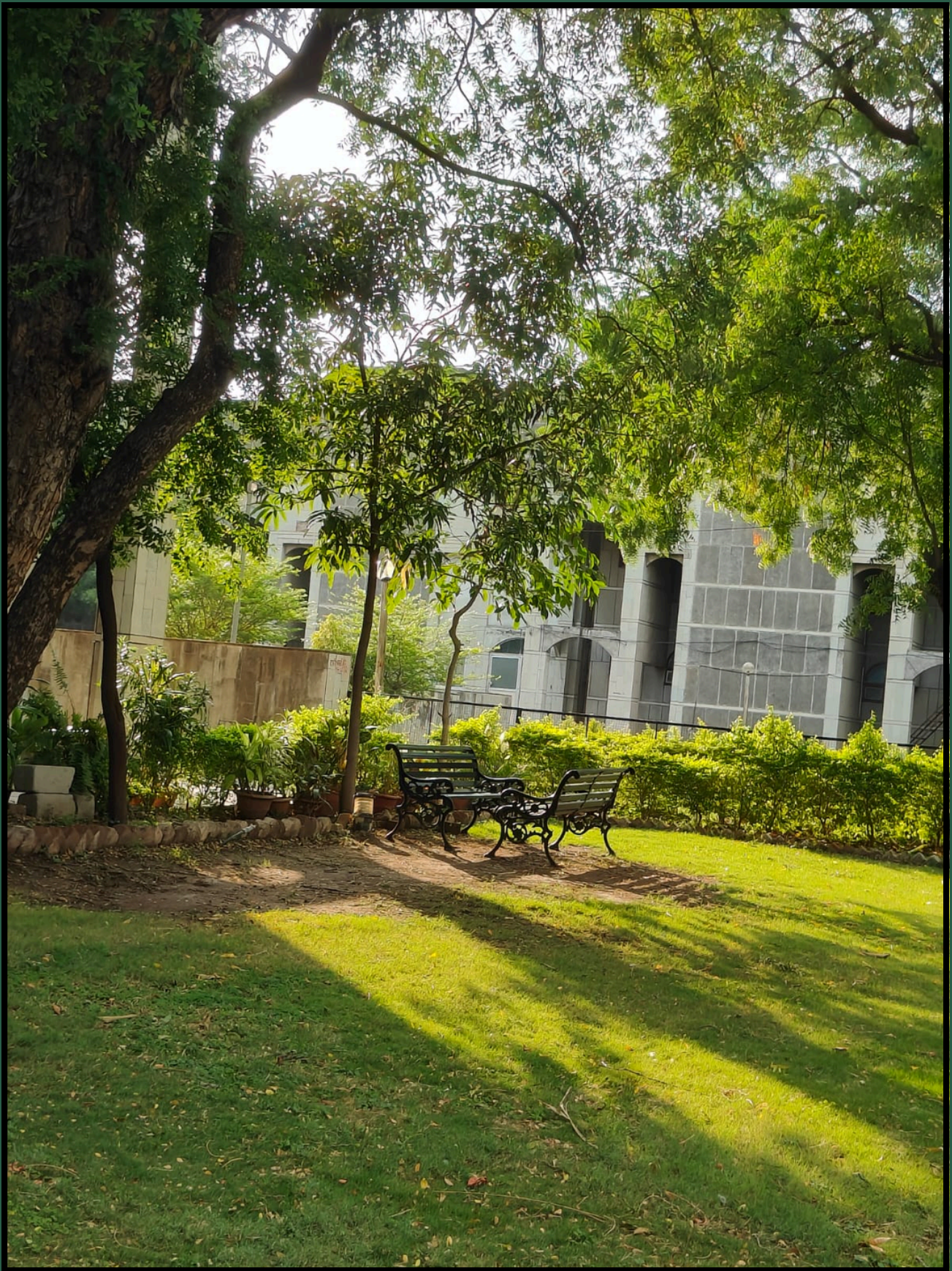
Medha Patkar: "The Voice of the Narmada"

Medha Patkar knew that reckless development breathes ruin into vulnerable communities. In 1985, witnessing massive dam projects threaten the Narmada Valley with widespread submersion, she ignited a grassroots resistance. Leaving her academic career, Patkar mobilized indigenous tribes and farmers to defend their ancestral lands, forging an unbreakable bond between ecological conservation and fundamental human rights.

For decades, she fiercely resisted state oppression and forced evictions. Her relentless labor transformed localized protests into the monumental Narmada Bachao Andolan. Utilizing peaceful marches and severe hunger strikes, she protected the valley's ecosystems, ultimately forcing the World Bank to withdraw its project funding and empowering thousands to demand equitable resettlement.

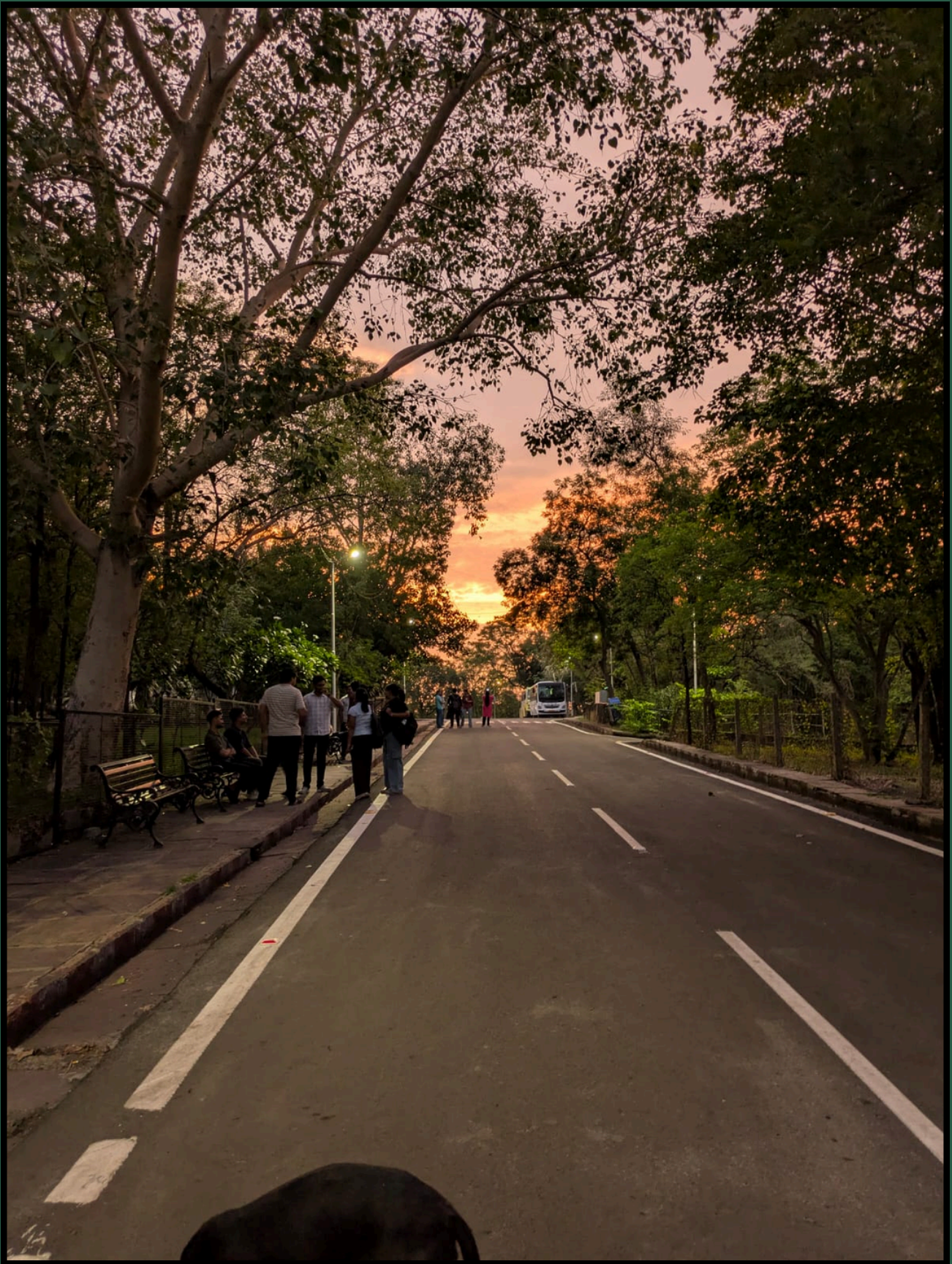
Honored with the Goldman Environmental Prize, Patkar proved that true environmental stewardship is inextricably linked to social justice. Her legacy delivers a timeless truth: collective, nonviolent action rooted in the earth can protect both marginalized societies and the planet.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE MONTH



Quiet afternoon shade.

Photo By - Swati Raghuwanshi MBASM 2026-28



Twilight on the avenue.

Photo By - Abhijeet Verma 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.



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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 Katayayn (MBA-FM 2027), Dreami Ghosh (MBA-FM 2027)

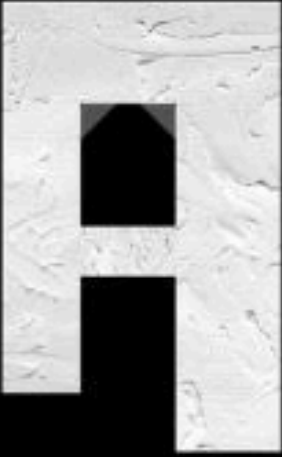
Bottom Line (L to R): Meghna Mishra (PSM 2026), Sherin Chacko (PSM 2026), Aishwariya Mohanty (MBA-FM 2027), Chandana Addagarla (MBA-SM 2027)

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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