



## Happenings @SPJIMR



### SPJIMR Day 2020 (Online)

The SPJIMR Foundation Day on April 17th was celebrated online this year, and it was a day of records! From a total of 1303 registrants, a record number of 852 attendees and 14 panellists comprising of SPJIMR faculty, staff, students, and alumni from all parts of the world tuned in to witness a magical evening of inspiring speeches, heartwarming stories, and a musical performance by current participants which stole the show! The chat boxes were abuzz with delighted alumni connecting with each other and demanding calls for an encore event next year! It was truly an evening where the SPJIMR family came together as one community and exemplified the spirit of courage and heart!



[Read the report here and check out more pictures](#)  
[The YouTube video is here](#)

### SPJIMR in the times of Covid -19

SPJIMR has followed all national and state government directives to comply with the prevailing lockdown situation in the country in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic. The institute has initiated a slew of measures keeping the health and safety of the SPJIMR family as paramount.

Classes and admissions across programmes are being conducted through the online mode of delivery. The faculty and staff have been adequately trained to work remotely. A new webpage has been designed on the institute website where the latest updates and resources related to the current crisis can be found. The "Donate Here" tab on the webpage gives a list of NGOs and initiatives to whom you can contribute in order to help the needy in these grave times.

<https://www.spjimr.org/coronavirus>



#### #WheninLockdown Series

The SPJIMR social media handles have been abuzz with students and staff displaying their hidden talents to the world during this lockdown period, displaying their culinary skills, practising the flute or the tabla or doing riyaz, while many others seem keen to complete their fitness goals. Practising the arts seem to be a favourite with a variety of sketches and paintings on display.

[Check out the series on our Instagram handle.](#)

#### #WeekendingWithVishwas

Frustrated at staying put at home through the week and the weekends? SPJIMR's Weekending With Vishwas initiative is aiming to keep the spirit of weekends alive in these rough times by inviting the SPJIMR family of staff, faculty and students to a weekly themed Sunday evening retreat through Zoom to either sing, meditate, or share stories, all from the comfort of their homes.

[Keep a watch out for these posts on our LinkedIn handle.](#)

### Awards & Recognition



SPJIMR student C Pazhani Raj Thanuj from PGDM 2020 was selected as one of the 100 delegates from over 2000+ applicants to this year's MBA World Summit at Frankfurt, Germany. He was also one among the 22 speakers who had been chosen to deliver a Summit Laboratory Session for the Summit participants.



The Reserve Bank of India appointed Professor Ananth Narayan additional director on the board of Yes Bank, effective March 26, for a period of two years.

[Read the news about his appointment](#)



SPJIMR Professor Dr. Seshu Iyer has been voted the InsideIIM Professor of The Year.

[Catch the full story here](#)



Shalini Kapoor (PGDM, Class of 1997) was appointed an IBM Fellow on April 1. She is the first woman Fellow to come out of IBM India. An expert in Internet of Things & AI, Shalini has worked across multiple IBM business units to assist clients with digital transformation and migration to AI and Cloud computing and is among only 305 leading technologists to be appointed an IBM Fellow over the 57 years of the program.

[Read more](#)



SPJIMR's Grow Your Business (GYB) Programme alumnus from batch 2, Mr. Aditya Borkar, CEO of Borkar Polymers (Boroplast) was awarded the prestigious, 'The Best Entrepreneur of the Year 2020' by the Economic Times. He has also been awarded the 'THE BEST INNOVATIVE PRODUCT' for his 'Plug & Play ATM'.

### DEAN'S CORNER



"Imagine that the crisis is over and you are sitting across a table with an interviewer/boss/mentor. He/she asks you: You were in a lockdown for X days. How did you make the best use of this phase? Take some time to think about your best possible answer to that question."

[Read the Dean's inspiring address on SPJIMR Day.](#)

#### Know Your Colleague

#### Sheila Kapoor



**Favourite Book:** Shantaram by Gregory David Roberts  
**Favourite Song:** Strangers in the Night by Frank Sinatra  
**Favourite Holiday Spot:** Goa  
**Favourite movie:** Andaz Apna Apna  
**Role Model:** My father (an Army man)  
**One lesser known fact:** Fear of heights (acrophobia)

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