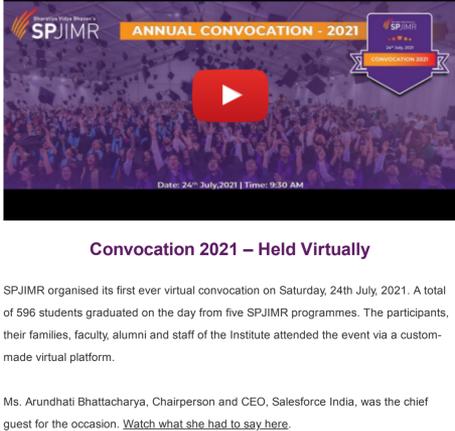




Happenings @SPJIMR



Convocation 2021 – Held Virtually

SPJIMR organised its first ever virtual convocation on Saturday, 24th July, 2021. A total of 596 students graduated on the day from five SPJIMR programmes. The participants, their families, faculty, alumni and staff of the institute attended the event via a custom-made virtual platform.

Ms. Arundhati Bhattacharya, Chairperson and CEO, Salesforce India, was the chief guest for the occasion. [Watch what she had to say here.](#)

The Convocation was chaired by corporate leader and author Mr. R. Gopalakrishnan, Member, Governing Council, SPJIMR. He was standing in for Mr. Deepak Parekh, Chairman of SPJIMR's Governing Council. [Watch his address here.](#)

The students were also addressed by Dr. Vasant Sivaraman, Associate Dean - Academics & Full-Time Programmes.

Chairpersons of the five graduating programmes, PGDM, PGEMP, PGPM, PGMPW and PGPGM read out the names of students and showcased their virtual graduation certificates. They also announced the list of participants who made it to the Dean's Merit List and the Gold Medal awardees. The digital copies of the Post-Graduation certificates and Dean's Merit certificates were shared with the graduates immediately after the ceremony.

[Read the full report here](#)

'What I Learnt at SPJIMR' - Social Media Campaign



A new campaign, 'What I Learnt at SPJIMR', which ran as a build up to the Convocation was a huge success on the institute's LinkedIn, Facebook and Instagram handles. Students from graduating batches shared their stories of the new skills they picked up during their time at SPJIMR.

[Read all the stories from this campaign on our Instagram page.](#)

Get Together of the 2020 Batch



The 644 graduates of the Batch of 2020 had a virtual get together on Saturday, 31st, July 2021.

The congregation was addressed by Dr. Renuka Kamath, Associate Dean - Academic Services and External Relations, SPJIMR who welcomed the gathering. Our alumnus, Mr. Rajesh Jejurikar, member of SPJIMR's Governing Council and Executive Director (Auto & Farm Sectors), Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd. gave a rousing speech outlining five key messages that the graduates need to follow to have a successful career. [Watch his speech here.](#)

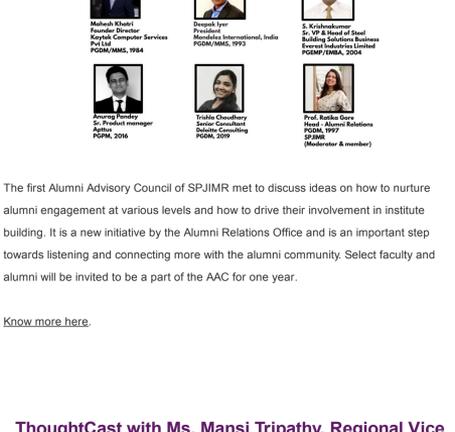
Programme heads, Dr. Sajeev Abraham George, Dr. Preetta George, Prof. Nilendra Singh Pawar and Dr. Ashita Aggarwal along with the participants broke out into programme specific Zoom rooms. Each of the programmes, PGDM, PGEMP, PGPM and PGMPW had organized a specially designed programme for their participants.

The Dean's Merit List holders and Gold Medal winners were announced by the respective Programme Chairs.

The participants enjoyed a virtual video tour of the campus as well as a throwback video of the moments they had spent on campus evoking nostalgia.

The event ended with a 'Vote of Thanks' by Dr. Suranjan Das followed by the rendition of India's National Anthem.

Farewell of GMP's January 2021 Batch



The Global Management Programme (GMP) hosted a warm virtual send off for its January 2021 Batch. The outgoing students completed their study at SPJIMR and will now join the respective Partner Schools in USA and Germany to acquire MS/MBA to become "Global Leaders".

Addressing the participants, Programme Head Prof. Milind Kamat said, "One should always be grounded in reality and human empathy should be at the center of all activities. If you exhibit the right mind-set and attitude with these two things in any adversity, success will be yours".

Associate Programme Head, Dr. Debraj Ghosal, other faculty members and the GMP team members also conveyed their best wishes to the outgoing batch.

The event featured poems, songs, dance performances, and videos capturing the SPJIMR journey of the students.

SPJIMR's first Alumni Advisory Council



The first Alumni Advisory Council of SPJIMR met to discuss ideas on how to nurture alumni engagement at various levels and how to drive their involvement in institute building. It is a new initiative by the Alumni Relations Office and is an important step towards listening and connecting more with the alumni community. Select faculty and alumni will be invited to be a part of the AAC for one year.

[Know more here.](#)

ThoughtCast with Ms. Mansi Tripathy, Regional Vice President – Asia Pacific Middle East, Shell Lubricants and Prof. Ratika Gore

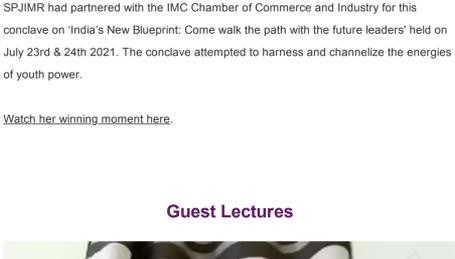


Ms. Mansi Tripathy, Regional Vice President – Asia Pacific Middle East, Shell Lubricants and an SPJIMR alumnus is in conversation with SPJIMR Prof. Ratika Gore in ThoughtCast – the SPJIMR Podcast.

They discuss how leaders are meant to and make tough decisions all the time. Ms. Tripathy talks about how having to flee Kashmir overnight during her childhood gave her a sense of perspective about the real issues in life. She explains the principles and frameworks that she follows when she makes crucial decisions in her professional and personal life, how she embraces the consequences and learns to thrive on them. She further explains the decision making in an organization during uncertain times like Covid-19. They round off the conversation by talking about why managers make bad decisions. Ms. Tripathy's keys to maintaining a healthy work-life balance and the importance of loving the work you do.

[Listen to the podcast on SPJIMR's ThoughtCast page.](#)

POMS India International Conference 2021



SPJIMR in collaboration with the India Chapter of POMS - Production and Operations Management Society (POMS), is organising an international conference on 22nd-24th December 2021. The theme of this international conference is: 'Building Resilience in Supply Chains and Communities.'

Apart from research paper/case study presentations, the conference will include exciting keynote addresses, panel discussions, and workshops by leading academicians and practitioners.

The POMS India International Conference 2021 will be held online.

[To submit a paper to the conference log in here](#)

PGDM students embark on their DoCC rural internship



238 students of the PGDM batch of 2020-2022 embarked on their Development of Corporate Entities (DoCC) rural internship. In the next four weeks, they will work on 162 projects in 24 states across 84 organizations. This year, due to the Covid 19 pandemic, the students are doing their projects in both virtual and on field mode given the local contexts. The intention continues to be to contributing to, engaging with and to keep learning from grassroots organizations.

[Check out some of the photographs sent in by the students](#)

Awards and Recognition



PGMPW participant wins 'Best Speaker Award' at the IMC YLF Youth Conclave

PGMPW's Shweta Mahajan has won the 'Best Speaker Award' at the IMC YLF Youth Conclave. She spoke on the topic, 'Digital Infrastructure for New India'.

SPJIMR had partnered with the IMC Chamber of Commerce and Industry for this conclave on 'India's New Blueprint: Come walk the path with the future leaders' held on July 23rd & 24th 2021. The conclave attempted to harness and channelize the energies of youth power.

[Watch her winning moment here.](#)

Guest Lectures

PGPDM hosted a 'Mahir Milan' session with the head of the Research & Knowledge department at Samhita Social Ventures, Ms. Neerajha K. She spoke on the topic, 'Understanding Impact assessment as integral to CSR project planning and implementation'.

[Read more on the session here.](#)

Webinars

Dr. Preetta George speaks on the future of online education at a Business Today webinar

A KPMG-Google 2017 study estimates India's online education will be \$1.96 billion with close to 10 million users by 2021. The last few months have completely changed that with millions of students across India attending schools/colleges online. What does it mean for schools and higher education institutes to have students who could possibly attend classes from home from anywhere in the world?

SPJIMR Associate Dean, Dr. Preetta George, shared her perspective on the future of online education at a webinar organized by Business Today (India Today group).

Dean's Corner

Dr. Renuka Kamath
Associate Dean, SPJIMR

"The month of August is upon us. The 15th of this month is a special day. Independence to me is being in a position to make choices, live by them and help others do so. Do take a moment and define yours. Mail me, I look forward to knowing yours."

Know Your Colleague

Ms. Hemali Shah
Programme Associate
Family Managed Business

Favourite Book: Don't Sweat the Small Stuff Workbook by Richard Carlson - It taught me how to live life in a calm and productive way.

Favourite Song: Tum itna jo muskara rahe ho - From the movie Arth - Song touches my soul and talks so much about what we all go through in life.

Favourite Holiday Spot: I simply blend and want to be with nature, love the greens and mountains - Any hill station like Nainital, Mussoorie, Kanatal are my favourites.

Favourite movie: Masoom - It's a perfect mixture of all emotions - love, repentance, innocence, self-realization, friendship and forgiveness.

Role Model: Inspired by many for different things, hence difficult to name anyone, though my brother is always on the top of my list.

Lesser Known Facts: I am a spiritual person at heart.

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