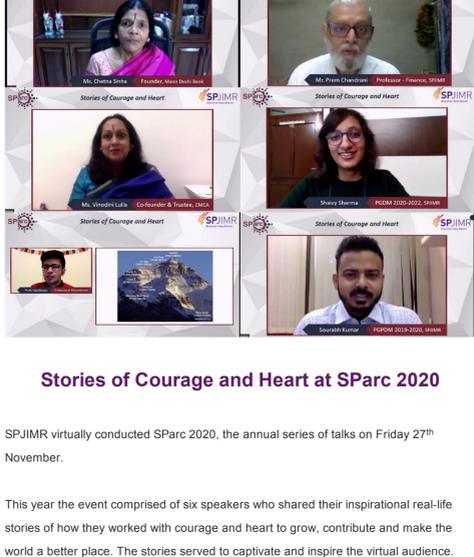




## Happenings @SPJIMR



### Stories of Courage and Heart at SParc 2020

SPJIMR virtually conducted SParc 2020, the annual series of talks on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November.

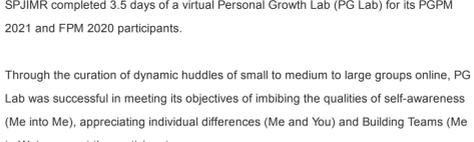
This year the event comprised of six speakers who shared their inspirational real-life stories of how they worked with courage and heart to grow, contribute and make the world a better place. The stories served to captivate and inspire the virtual audience. The event was organised and hosted by the Communications Committee.

- This year's speakers were:
- Chetna Gala Sinha, Founder-Chairperson Mann Deshi Bank and Mann Deshi Foundation, India's first bank for and by rural women.
  - Parth Upadhyaya, Professional Mountaineer | Youngest Mumbaikar to climb Mount Everest.
  - Vinodini Lulla, SPJIMR Alumnus (Batch 1982-84) | Co-founder and Trustee CMCA.
  - Professor Prem Chandran, Professor-Finance and Chairperson - International Relations, SPJIMR.
  - Sourabh Kumar Sahu, student of SPJIMR's PGPM 2019-20 batch, Co-founder and COO, PotHoleRaja.
  - Shaivy Jyoti Sharma, student of SPJIMR's PGDM 2020-22 batch.

[Check out the event recording here](#)

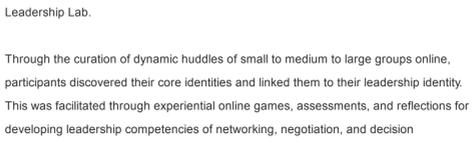
[Watch the SParc 2020 playlist on our YouTube channel](#)

### SPJIMR FPM's 5<sup>th</sup> Batch Inauguration



SPJIMR's Fellow Programme in Management (FPM) welcomed its 5<sup>th</sup> batch of participants in a virtual inauguration ceremony, held on 19<sup>th</sup> November. The traditional SPJIMR prayer was followed by a welcome address by Dean Dr. Ranjan Banerjee. This was followed by an address by Dr. Snehal Shah, Chairperson of the FPM programme. The new participants were also introduced to the current FPM scholars during the event.

### SPJIMR Completes a Virtual Personal Growth Lab for its PGPM 2021 and FPM 2020 Participants



SPJIMR completed 3.5 days of a virtual Personal Growth Lab (PG Lab) for its PGPM 2021 and FPM 2020 participants.

Through the curation of dynamic huddles of small to medium to large groups online, PG Lab was successful in meeting its objectives of imbuing the qualities of self-awareness (Me into Me), appreciating individual differences (Me and You) and Building Teams (Me to We) amongst the participants.

The PG Lab was facilitated by SPJIMR's P&P team, led by Dr. Lata Dhir and enabled by Professors, Dr. Keith C. D'Souza, Dr. Mihir Aigaoankar and Dr. Sumita Datta.

### SPJIMR Completes a Leadership Lab for its Outgoing PGMPW 2020 Batch

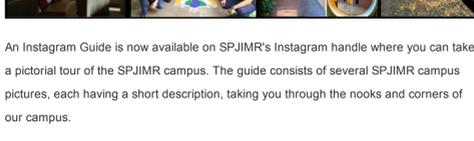


The outgoing batch of SPJIMR's PGMPW 2020 batch completed two days of a virtual Leadership Lab.

Through the curation of dynamic huddles of small to medium to large groups online, participants discovered their core identities and linked them to their leadership identity. This was facilitated through experiential online games, assessments, and reflections for developing leadership competencies of networking, negotiation, and decision making. The Lab ended with online music and dance with the participants and their children, which was a highlight of the Lab.

The Leadership Lab was facilitated by Professors, Dr. Lata Dhir, Dr. Sumita Datta, Dr. Amit Jain, and Dr. Snehal Shah, SPJIMR's P&P team and the PGMPW team.

### Life@SPJIMR Blog



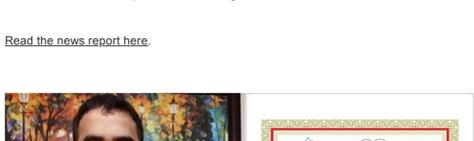
For the first time, there is now a place for students to write their blogs on the SPJIMR website. In the Life@SPJIMR blog, students give a glimpse of their SPJIMR experience by writing about their campus life, classes, friendships, internships, courses at SPJIMR and much more.

As a part of the launch of the student blog, a first ever student blog writing contest was conducted by the Communications Committee. The best entries formed part of the first set of the blog posts on the website. Check out the winners of the contest below.

[Read all the student blogs here.](#)



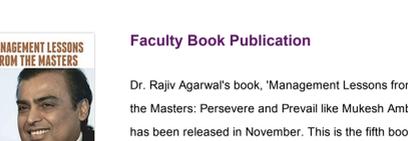
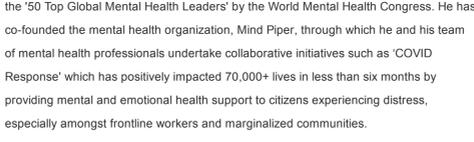
### Check Out Our New Instagram Guide



An Instagram Guide is now available on SPJIMR's Instagram handle where you can take a pictorial tour of the SPJIMR campus. The guide consists of several SPJIMR campus pictures, each having a short description, taking you through the nooks and corners of our campus.

[Check out the Guide here.](#)

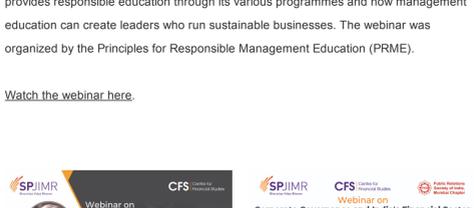
### Awards and Recognition



### Three SPJIMR participants among winners at Tata Imagination Challenge 2020

SPJIMR's PGDM 2021 participants, Aditi Somani, Adrija Sarkar and Shubham Bagga were among the 10 winners in India of the Tata Imagination Challenge 2020.

The Tata Imagination Challenge is the flagship B-school competition of the Tata Group which is conducted by the Tata Administrative Services (TAS) office. This year saw a participation of over 56,000 students. The competition had three rounds and in the final round, the participants had to pitch a business idea that is futuristic and is aligned with the ethos of the Tata group.



### SPJIMR sweeps Mumbai leg of the BLoC Boardroom Challenge 2020 semi-finals

The team comprising of SPJIMR's PGDM Class of 2022 participants, Priyanka Gautam, Shikhar Mohan Srivastava and Vishal Sardana have won the Mumbai leg of the BLoC Boardroom Challenge semi-finals 2020. The runner up team was also from SPJIMR comprising of Sharanga Bora and Sagnik Adhikary from the PGDM Class of 2022. They beat the other two competing teams from the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIMA).

Each team had to present a branding strategy for an FMCG brand and give strategies as to how the brand can increase its falling market shares in emerging categories. The teams were judged on their understanding of the case and its analysis, the case solutions, presentations and team work.

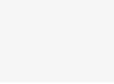
The teams will now compete in the finals against semi-final winners from 8 other cities.

[Read the news report here.](#)



### PGPDM Batch 18 participant, Siddhant Khurana, recognized amongst '50 Top Global Mental Health Leaders'

SPJIMR's PGPDM Batch 18 participant Siddhant Khurana has been recognised amongst the '50 Top Global Mental Health Leaders' by the World Mental Health Congress. He has co-founded the mental health organization, Mind Piper, through which he and his team of mental health professionals undertake collaborative initiatives such as 'COVID Response' which has positively impacted 70,000+ lives in less than six months by providing mental and emotional health support to citizens experiencing distress, especially amongst frontline workers and marginalized communities.



### Faculty Book Publication

Dr. Rajiv Agarwal's book, 'Management Lessons from the Masters: Persevere and Prevail like Mukesh Ambani' has been released in November. This is the fifth book in the 'Management Lessons From the Masters' series.

### Webinars



### PRME Deans Dialogue Series

Dean Dr. Ranjan Banerjee, in a PRME Deans Dialogue webinar, spoke on how SPJIMR provides responsible education through its various programmes and how management education can create leaders who run sustainable businesses. The webinar was organized by the Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME).

[Watch the webinar here.](#)



### The COVID Policy Window: Progress and Opportunities

SPJIMR's Centre for Financial Studies (CFS) organized a webinar on 19<sup>th</sup> November, which featured RBI Board member, and Chairman & Co-Founder of Teamlease Services Limited, Mr. Manish Sabharwal in conversation with SPJIMR Professor Ananth Narayan. He spoke about the progress and opportunities for the Indian economy in the Covid Policy window, touching upon a variety of relevant topics and the way forward for the economy.

[Watch the entire webinar recording here.](#)



### Corporate Governance and India's Financial Sector

SPJIMR's Centre for Financial Studies (CFS) in collaboration with PRSI Mumbai Chapter, organized a webinar on 12<sup>th</sup> December, which featured Mr. Amit Tandon - MD and Founder, IIAS, Mr. Sandeep Hasurkar - Investment Banker and Author and Mr. Tamal Bandyopadhyay, Consulting Editor - Business Standard and Author in conversation with SPJIMR Professor Ananth Narayan, where they spoke on Corporate Governance and India's Financial Sector.

[Watch the entire webinar recording here.](#)

[Check out more SPJIMR webinar recordings on our Youtube Channel](#)

### Dean's Corner



### Know Your Colleague



**Favourite Book:** To Kill a Mockingbird- By Harper Lee / A Short History of Nearly Everything – By Bill Bryson  
**Favourite Song:** We Shall Overcome  
**Favourite Holiday Spot:** Goa  
**Favourite movie:** Many, especially Malayalam movies. Of the recent ones- Kumbalangi Nights (Malayalam), Super Deluxe (Tamil), The Life Ahead (Italian).  
**Role Model:** None. I am inspired by many people I know and meet.  
**Lesser Known Facts:** I love to dance.

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