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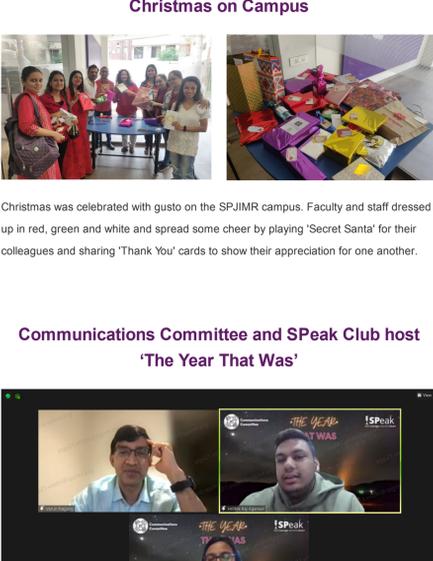


SPJIMR hosts International Conference on Building Resilience in Supply Chains and Communities

SPJIMR and Production and Operations Management Society (POMS) India Chapter's conference, 'Building Resilience in Supply Chains and Communities' was held on Dec 21-24. Dean Dr. Varun Nagaraj in his welcome address spoke about creating sustainability and diversity in the Supply Chain. Conference Chairs, SPJIMR Prof. Dr. Debmalya Chatterjee and Dr. Subodha Kumar (Temple University, USA) shared an overview of the proceedings and the conference lineup. POMS-India Chapter President, Prof. Karuna Jain spoke about collaboration and flexibility in Supply Chains. Chief Guest and SPJIMR alumnus Mr. Rajesh Jejurikar, ED, Auto and Farm Div, Mahindra & Mahindra Limited spoke about creating success for the organization by giving back to society.

The conference featured keynotes/workshops/panel discussions and brought together several leading supply chain professionals and academicians to discuss the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the supply chain sector and measures that helped in managing the crisis.

Centre for Family Business & Entrepreneurship launches venture accelerator initiative- Vriddhi



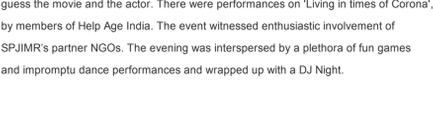
The Centre for Family Business & Entrepreneurship (CFBE) has announced the launch of a new initiative aimed at enabling family businesses meet their funding gaps to help drive a new phase of growth. The new initiative, called 'Vriddhi', is a platform that will connect family businesses which are fundseekers with those that are fund providers, and will work as a funding accelerator exclusively available to SPJIMR's alumni and participants belonging to the CFBE.

Christmas on Campus



Christmas was celebrated with gusto on the SPJIMR campus. Faculty and staff dressed up in red, green and white and spread some cheer by playing 'Secret Santa' for their colleagues and sharing 'Thank You' cards to show their appreciation for one another.

Communications Committee and SPeak Club host 'The Year That Was'



The Communications Committee and the SPeak Club jointly organized the event, 'The Year That Was', continuing a six-year-old legacy of participants and professors reminiscing over their enriching experiences and takeaways of the past year. The event featured musical performances, poetry and 'Dean ke Fundey' encouraging participants to introspect and reflect on their unique and diverse learnings.

DoCC's sports and cultural fest, Aasra held virtually



The Centre for Development of Corporate Citizenship's sports and cultural fest, Aasra was held online on 9th January 2022. Aasra included participants with autism; Down's syndrome and people with disabilities (PwDs). Over 150 participants from 11 non-profit organizations and schools from across Mumbai came together to celebrate life through sports and cultural activities with staff, faculty and students at SPJIMR. This year, for the first time, the event included three organizations working with the elderly.

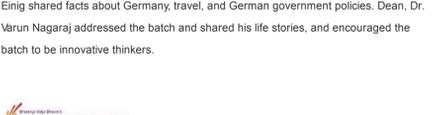
The fest saw performances from participants from all age categories and games catering both to young children and senior citizens. One of the notable games involved the children showing off their acting abilities while the senior citizens had to try and guess the movie and the actor. There were performances on 'Living in times of Corona', by members of Help Age India. The event witnessed enthusiastic involvement of SPJIMR's partner NGOs. The evening was interspersed with a plethora of fun games and impromptu dance performances and wrapped up with a DJ Night.

Vishwas launches a new series- 'The Adventure Diaries' in a hybrid event



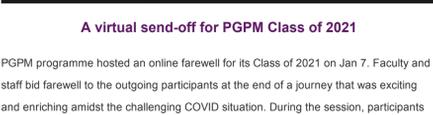
SPJIMR's mental health initiative, Vishwas held a hybrid event on 23rd December 2021 wherein a new series- 'The Adventure Diaries' was launched. The guest speaker for the event, Nakul Nagaraj, shared his experiences of adventures and thrill. It was followed by a walk amidst nature, watching exotic birds and animals like peacocks, snakes, and cockatoos in our very own Bhavan's Nature and Activity Centre (BNAC).

Inauguration of PGEMP Batch 85



Inauguration of PGEMP Batch 85 took place virtually on Jan 12, in the presence of incoming students, Faculty, staff and the chief guest, Mr. Vipul Srivastava, India Learning and Leadership Development Leader, Cummins. Mr. Srivastava encouraged the incoming students to build and sustain a network, an approach he found useful in his corporate success. Dean Dr. Varun Nagaraj in his address encouraged the participants to continuously assess their responses in a VUCA world. He said, "Through PGEMP you should not only learn the basics but also have the ability to think & challenge the world around you and understand the dynamic nature of it so you can act upon it better." Associate Dean Dr. Preeti George shared the three I's - a concept she coined over the years and believed to be relevant to executive management- Introspection, Innovation & Implementation. Dr. Anshul Verma, Chairperson of PGEMP briefed the participants on the course and its structure. PGEMP Batch 85 comprises of working executives in sectors such as Engineering, Construction, Manufacturing, Petroleum, Defence, & IT Consulting.

Batch Farewells



GMP bids adieu to batch 14 in a hybrid ceremony

GMP batch 14 was given a warm send-off in a hybrid ceremony on December 17, 2021. In attendance were faculty members, programme team, participants as well as several alumni from across the globe. The event started with the address by Programme heads, Prof. Milind Kamat and Dr. Debraj Ghosal. Prof. Ratika Gore, Head - Alumni Relations, welcomed the students in the extended family of alumni and updated them on how to stay connected with their alma mater. The German Deputy Consulate General, Mrs. Einig shared facts about Germany, travel, and German government policies. Dean, Dr. Varun Nagaraj addressed the batch and shared his life stories, and encouraged the batch to be innovative thinkers.



PGMPW hosts a virtual farewell for its batch of 2021

Participants of PGMPW Batch 2021 were bid a virtual adieu on Jan 6. Participants reminisced about their journey and memories made during the programme. Faculty and staff congratulated the outgoing students on the completion of their programme and wished them well for their future.



A virtual send-off for PGPM Class of 2021

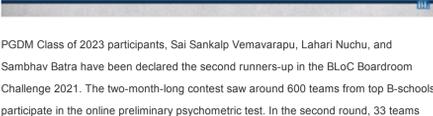
PGPM programme hosted an online farewell for its Class of 2021 on Jan 7. Faculty and staff bid farewell to the outgoing participants at the end of a journey that was exciting and enriching amidst the challenging COVID situation. During the session, participants and faculty members recounted their experiences as they expressed gratitude and celebrated a journey that was remarkable in its own way.

CFS co-hosts the 12th Emerging Markets Finance Conference 2021



The Centre for Financial Studies co-hosted the 12th Emerging Markets Finance Conference 2021, along with xKDR Forum and Vanderbilt University Law School from 13th - 15th December 2021. SPJIMR Profs. Dr. Hemant Kumar Manuja, and Dr. Ranjit Kumar Patnaik were the panelists for the discussion on the topic, 'The landscape of post-pandemic recovery' along with Saugata Bhattacharya - Axis Bank, Tirthankar Patnaik - NSE, Niranjan Rajadhyaksha - IDFC Institute (Moderator). Ajay Shah of xKDR Forum was the Presenter.

SIACOM organises cultural night, 'Night of the Beloved'



The Spirituality in Action Committee (SIACOM) organised their maiden event - 'Night of the Beloved' - a night of music, fun, love, togetherness, and discovery of bonds on December 30. The event featured exciting poetry set to melodious tunes and drew inspirations that date back to the 15th-century ideas of Kabir. Watch it here.

Guest Session

Mr. Gopalaraman Padmanabhan conducts a guest session for The Executive Certificate Programme in FinTech & Blockchain



Mr. Gopalaraman Padmanabhan, Former Chairman Bank of India and Former Executive Director, RBI conducted a guest session for The Executive Certificate Programme in FinTech & Blockchain, on Dec 12, 2021. Programme Director, Dr. Vidhu Shekhar was also a part of the session.

Awards and Recognition

SPJIMR's Team AKSiLa aced the Airtel iCreate 2021

PGDM participants, Simrat Singh Talwar, Lahari Nuchu and Akshay Saxena (Team AKSiLa) were declared National Winners of Airtel iCreate 2021. The finals on 18th December 2021 saw participation from 2978 teams. iCreate is Airtel India's annual Business Strategy Case Competition and gives participants the opportunity to come up with unconventional solutions to real business problems.

PGDM Participants declared second runners-up in the BLoC Boardroom Challenge 2021

PGDM Class of 2023 participants, Sai Sankalp Vemavarapu, Lahari Nuchu, and Sambhav Batra have been declared the second runners-up in the BLoC Boardroom Challenge 2021. The two-month-long contest saw around 600 teams from top B-schools participate in the online preliminary psychometric test. In the second round, 33 teams were shortlisted to take part in the virtual semi-finals rounds across nine cities. The victorious team took home ₹50,000.

Webinar

Prof. Prabhat Pani delivers the keynote address at the Kerala CSR Conclave and Awards 2021

Prof. Prabhat Pani delivered the Keynote address on the topic, 'Leveraging CSR for Impact' at the recently held "Kerala CSR Conclave and Awards 2021" event organized by Kerala Management Association.

Know Your Colleague

Dr. Ashita Aggarwal
Professor - Marketing
Chairperson - PGMPW

Favourite Book: The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho, The Last Lecture by Randy Pausch
Favourite Song: Tujhse naaraz nahin zindagi, hairaan hun main!
Favourite Holiday Spot: London & Tokyo
Favourite movie: Veer-Zaara
Role Model: My Grandmother- for making me the woman I am
Lesser Known Facts: I am asexual and most happy in my own company. I practice and learn spiritual healing. I love dancing.

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