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**SPandan's Alumni Awards 2020 honours SPJIMR's Alumni Achievers**

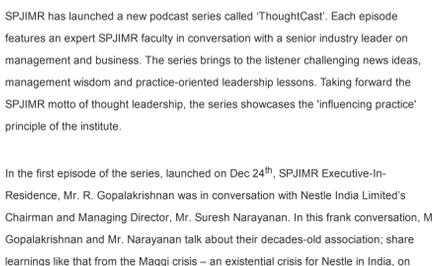
SPJIMR conducted its SPandan and Alumni Awards 2020 event in a virtual ceremony on 9<sup>th</sup> January. This year the annual event, which commemorates the achievements of the institute's alumni, witnessed 10 winners across 6 categories.

The event, well attended by the institute's alumni and the SPJIMR family of faculty, staff and students, was organized and hosted by the Alcom Committee and the Alumni Relations Office. The alumni were addressed by Alumni Relations Head - Prof. Ratika Gore, Associate Dean – Dr. Renuka Kamath and Dean - Dr. Ranjan Banerjee. The event saw fine musical and dance performances by SPJIMR's SPin and B-Major clubs and the alumni were taken on a digital tour of the campus as well.

Following are the list of awardees this year:

- Promising Young Alumnus Award** - Ms. Sanjukta Barooah, GMP 2016, COO, Finturi.
- Social Excellence Award** - Mr. Aaboo Varghese, PGPD 2015, Founder Executive Director, Purnata NGO, Amoli Handicrafts Pvt. Ltd.
- Excellence in Entrepreneurship Award** – Mr. Arnab Ray, Class of 2007, CEO, Array Innovative Services Pvt. Ltd.
- Best Company of the Year Award** – Mr. Tejas Shah, PGPFMB 2002, CEO, Safex Fire Services Ltd.
- Corporate Excellence Award** –
  - Mr. Ram Iyer, Class of 1994, Director, Digital Strategy and ECommerce, Microsoft.
  - Ms. Shalini Kapoor, Class of 1997, IBM Fellow, CTO - AI Applications, IBM India.

**ThoughtCast – The Thought Leadership Podcast from SPJIMR**



SPJIMR has launched a new podcast series called 'ThoughtCast'. Each episode features an expert SPJIMR faculty in conversation with a senior industry leader on management and business. The series brings to the listener challenging news ideas, management wisdom and practice-oriented leadership lessons. Taking forward the SPJIMR motto of thought leadership, the series showcases the 'influencing practice' principle of the institute.

In the first episode of the series, launched on Dec 24<sup>th</sup>, SPJIMR Executive-In-Residence, Mr. R. Gopalakrishnan was in conversation with Nestle India Limited's Chairman and Managing Director, Mr. Suresh Narayanan. In this frank conversation, Mr. Gopalakrishnan and Mr. Narayanan talk about their decades-old association, share learnings like that from the Maggi crisis – an existential crisis for Nestle in India, on succession planning and offer tips for future managers.

[Listen to the first episode of the series here](#)

[Read the full press release here.](#)

**SPJIMR's New Legacy Wall Is Now Online**



The SPJIMR Legacy Wall is now online on the institute website and marks the various milestones in the institute's journey through time. Witness the steady growth that SPJIMR has shown from its inception in 1981, where it started in a floor above the Chemistry lab in Bhavan's college, to the present day where it is considered amongst the top 50 global business schools in the world as per the Financial Times rankings and get a glimpse of the institute's innovations, awards, accreditations and global partnerships.

[See the Legacy Wall here.](#)

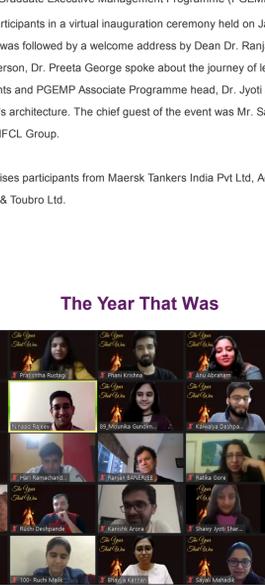
**SPJIMR GMP Conducts Virtual Farewell for its June 2020 Batch**



A virtual farewell was held on Dec 23, 2020, for SPJIMR's Global Management Programme's (GMP) June 2020 batch, which was attended by SPJIMR Faculty, Alumni from the batches of 2015 to 2019 from across the globe, and the GMP team. SPJIMR Dean Dr. Ranjan Banerjee addressed the outgoing students and spoke on Intellectual Humility that emphasises the spirit of learning and approaching the world with curiosity while keeping control of one's emotions. GMP Programme Head, Dr. Debasis Mallik congratulated the students on making the online sessions successful and encouraged students to convert challenges to opportunities. The faculty members congratulated the students and wished them success for their future.

During their six month tenure at SPJIMR, this batch of students displayed maturity, teamwork, patience and adaptive skills as they attended classes online and remained connected with their batchmates and faculty virtually. The event wound up with some heartfelt stories recounted by the outgoing students and Alumni, reminiscing their journey.

**SPJIMR's Centre for Wisdom in Leadership (CWIL)**



SPJIMR's newly-launched Centre of Excellence, The Centre for Wisdom in Leadership (CWIL), aims to create and disseminate ideas for a more responsible and sustainable society by bringing together organisations, researchers and wisdom traditions. The Centre seeks to become a transformative platform for creating insights and designing practices in organisations, at the intersection of Leadership and Wisdom, East and West.

CWIL has announced the launch of a new webinar series titled, 'Flourishing In the New Era', starting January 15<sup>th</sup>, where SPJIMR faculty members, Prof. Jagdish Rattanan and Dr. Surya Tahora will converse with one special guest every week on topics related to Ethics, Sustainability and Spirituality.

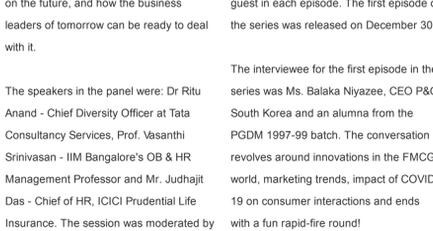
**SPJIMR PGEMP's 80<sup>th</sup> Batch Inauguration**



SPJIMR's Post Graduate Executive Management Programme (PGEMP) welcomed its 80<sup>th</sup> batch of participants in a virtual inauguration ceremony held on January 13<sup>th</sup>. The SPJIMR prayer was followed by a welcome address by Dean Dr. Ranjan Banerjee. PGEMP Chairperson, Dr. Preeta George spoke about the journey of learning for the incoming students and PGEMP Associate Programme head, Dr. Jyoti Jagasia outlined the programme's architecture. The chief guest of the event was Mr. Sanjay Jorapur – President HR, HFCL Group.

Batch 80 comprises participants from Maersk Tankers India Pvt Ltd, Addnode India Pvt Ltd and Larsen & Toubro Ltd.

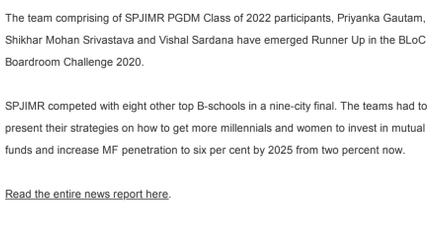
**The Year That Was**



The Year That Was' annual event for 2020 was conducted on December 29<sup>th</sup>. Organized virtually by SPJIMR's Communications Committee and the SPEAK Club, the evening was lit up with enjoyable and creative performances by various SPJIMR clubs as they reviewed the unprecedented year that had just gone by through poetry recitals, artwork, songs, dance and musical performances. The SPJIMR family also got to hear the stories and experiences of some of the students who had arrived on campus in December.

[Watch all the student performances during the event on SPJIMR's Instagram Handle.](#)

**DoCC Voice of Change**



SPJIMR's Centre for Development of Corporate Citizenship (DoCC) hosted Mr Millind Chandwani on 19<sup>th</sup> December as a guest speaker for their annual flagship event, Voice of Change (formerly known as Hero Speak). Voice of Change is a platform where management students meet change-makers and social influencers to discuss their journey.

Mr. Chandwani is the founder & CEO of Camp Dairies, an NGO which empowers kids from low-income private schools and government schools by identifying and nurturing hidden talents and interests of children. He shared inspiring stories of children whose lives had been impacted by his organisation. The session was conducted online with over 100 participants.

**Christmas Celebrations at SPJIMR**



The SPJIMR Family got together to celebrate Christmas and spread some virtual cheer on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. The celebrations included carols sung by the faculty and staff with enthusiastic support from some of their family members and kids and also a surprise appearance of Santa!



**The OBHR Conclave**

SPJIMR's OBHR Conclave was held on December 22 where thought leaders from industry and academia came together online to discuss the future of work, workplace, and workforce in the post-Covid era. The session's discussion revolved around the concurrent effects of the pandemic on the workplace, its effects on the future, and how the business leaders of tomorrow can be ready to deal with it.

**The Conversations Series**

'The Conversations Series' is an initiative of SPJIMR's Marketing Committee, where SPJIMR's student hosts converse with the leading marketeers of today regarding their experiences across various geographies and companies to provide a glimpse of the marketing world. This series will have four parts with a new guest in each episode. The first episode of the series was released on December 30.

The speakers in the panel were: Dr Ritu Anand - Chief Diversity Officer at Tata Consultancy Services, Prof. Masanthi Srinivasan - IIM Bangalore's OB & HR Management Professor and Mr. Jidhajit Das - Chief of HR, ICICI Prudential Life Insurance. The session was moderated by SPJIMR Prof. Vineeta Dwivedi.

The interviewee for the first episode in the series was Ms. Balaka Niyazee, CEO P&G South Korea and an alumna from the PGDM 1997-99 batch. The conversation revolves around innovations in the FMCG world, marketing trends, impact of COVID-19 on consumer interactions and ends with a fun rapid-fire round!

[Hear the full episode here.](#)

[Click here to watch the videos of the event.](#)

**Awards and Recognition**



**SPJIMR Emerged Runner Up in the BLoC Boardroom Challenge 2020**

The team comprising of SPJIMR PGDM Class of 2022 participants, Priyanka Gautam, Shikhar Mohan Srivastava and Vishal Sardana have emerged Runner Up in the BLoC Boardroom Challenge 2020.

SPJIMR competed with eight other top B-schools in a nine-city final. The teams had to present their strategies on how to get more millennials and women to invest in mutual funds and increase MF penetration to six per cent by 2025 from two percent now.

[Read the entire news report here.](#)

**Dean's Corner**



"One of our biggest advantages as an institute is the commitment, ownership and value foundation exhibited by our staff. In many ways, they embody all that is best about SPJIMR. There is goodness and warmth here, and I have learned so much from our staff over the years."

**Dr. Ranjan Banerjee**

**Know Your Colleague**



**Favourite Book:** Advice & Dissent: My Life in Public Service by Dr. Y.V.Reddy, Former Governor RBI.  
**Favourite Song:** Ae Nayan Dare Dare (Singer Hemant Kumar).  
**Favourite Holiday Spot:** Puri, Odisha.  
**Favourite movie:** Mughal-E-Azam.  
**Role Model:** My Father.  
**Lesser Known Facts:** I am a non-veg cook but I am a vegetarian.

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