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SPJIMR Virtually Celebrated its 40th Foundation Day – SPJIMR Day

SPJIMR celebrated its 40th Foundation Day – SPJIMR Day on April 17, 2021. Students, staff, faculty and alumni came together virtually to celebrate SPJIMR Day.

The event kicked off with Associate Dean, Dr. Vasant Sivaraman speaking about the legacy of the institute and its future. This was followed by Dr. Sesha Iyer, Advisor to the Dean, speaking about Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, the origins of SPJIMR and its early days.

In the next segment, Prof. Ratika Gore hosted a chat with SPJIMR PGDM Class of 1999 alum Madan Padaki, Serial Entrepreneur, Strategic Advisor - UNICEF India & President, TIE Bangalore. Mr. Padaki spoke about his many learnings and memories from his time at SPJIMR, how business schools can promote entrepreneurship and the importance of collaborative effort.

Alumni and students from across programmes through short speeches and poetry spoke about the essence of SPJIMR, what defines the institute and how they see the institute from their own unique perspective.

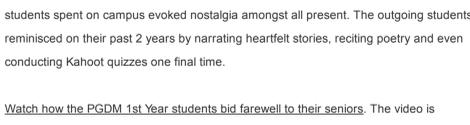
The event also featured Ms. Jayashree Thampi from SPJIMR's IT Team in a conversation with Prof. Vineeta Dwivedi where Ms. Thampi spoke about the transformation that has happened in the institute in her 25 years at SPJIMR. She highlighted the many firsts that the institute has achieved from a technology perspective.

[Watch this video which showcases SPJIMR's legacy and evolution in the last four decades.](#) The pictures and memories showcased in the video were collected from the library and the SPJIMR family.

[Take a virtual tour of the campus here.](#) The video was put together by PGDM 2022 students, Debapriya Paul, Saurabh Dubey and Amrithesh Srivastava from Tasveer - The Creative Club of SPJIMR.

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

SPJIMR's PGDM programme conducted a virtual farewell for its Class of 2021

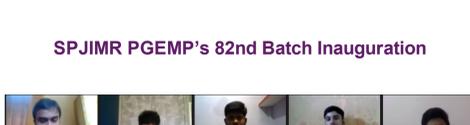


SPJIMR's Post Graduate Diploma in Management (PGDM) programme conducted a virtual farewell for its Class of 2021 on April 16, 2021. In attendance were the outgoing students, SPJIMR faculty, staff and alumni.

Faculty members gave short addresses wishing the best for the batch as they embark on their corporate careers. A video encapsulating the many candid moments that the students spent on campus evoked nostalgia amongst all present. The outgoing students reminisced on their past 2 years by narrating heartfelt stories, reciting poetry and even conducting Kahoot quizzes one final time.

[Watch how the PGDM 1st Year students bid farewell to their seniors.](#) The video is created by BMajor, the music club of SPJIMR.

Inauguration of SPJIMR FMB's Batch 29A

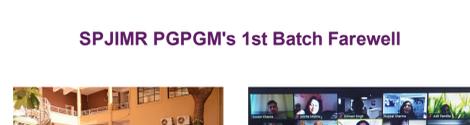


SPJIMR's Family Managed Business (FMB) programme held a virtual inauguration for its new batch of students, Batch 29A, along with their mentors on May 10, 2021.

The event started with the lighting of the SPJIMR lamp followed by the SPJIMR prayer. The importance of a strong value system was emphasized by the chief guest of the event, Ms. Rama Kirloskar, Managing Director of Kirloskar Ebara Pumps Ltd (KEPL). She spoke of her experience of being a part of a family business which is older than a decade and her words served as an inspiration to the newly added members of the SPJIMR family. Her closing statement was something to ponder upon for all the budding entrepreneurs, "The key to thriving in uncertain times is to treat each time as uncertain."

The inauguration was followed by an ice-breaker session for the new batch.

SPJIMR PGEMP's 82nd Batch Inauguration



SPJIMR's Post Graduate Executive Management Programme (PGEMP) conducted a virtual inauguration for its 82nd batch on May 12, 2021.

SPJIMR Associate Dean - Executive Education & Modular Programmes and PGEMP Chairperson Dr. Preeta George addressed the incoming batch of students. PGEMP Associate Programme Head, Dr. Jyoti Jagasia gave an overview of the PGEMP programme. Mr. Debabrata Mohapatra, Head HR, Schneider Electric India Pvt. Ltd. was the chief guest of the ceremony.

Batch 82 comprises participants from Larsen & Toubro, Siemens Ltd, Sun Pharma, e-Clerx Services, IDEX Corporation among others.

SPJIMR PGPGM's 1st Batch Farewell



SPJIMR's Delhi Centre's first batch of the 2 year Post Graduate Programme in General Management (PGPM) successfully completed the programme in March 2021. The programme organized an online farewell event on March 6, 2021.

Faculty members fondly recounted the class interactions with this batch during the farewell. Participants highlighted how the PGPGM Course has helped and impacted their professional journeys so far. Speaking during the farewell event, participants shared how they now see the workplace challenges in a different perspective and have been able to adopt a solution-oriented approach very effectively. Batch participant, Debajyoti Roy while thanking the faculty shared that all the faculty members at SPJIMR are 'Life Coaches' for the participants.

ThoughtCast with Mr. A. M. Naik, Group Chairman of Larsen & Toubro and Dr. Pallavi Mody



Mr. A. M. Naik, Group Chairman of Larsen & Toubro (L&T) talks to SPJIMR Professor Dr. Pallavi Mody in the latest episode of ThoughtCast – the SPJIMR Podcast.

Mr. Naik talks about his 56-year journey at L&T where he started off as an engineer on the shop floor and went on to become the CEO of the company in 1999 and later the MD, Chairman and Group Chairman of the company. They discuss his first 90 days as CEO of L&T, how he brought about a culture of value creation in the company and why he decided to make L&T an international organization.

They also discuss the importance of Atmanirbhar Bharat, how L&T started it in 1971 by building India's first nuclear reactor, why India needs to become a matured democracy to ensure its own growth, why every single Indian needs to contribute to the betterment of society overall and a lot more!

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

SPJIMR CWIL's Webpage now live on the Institute Website

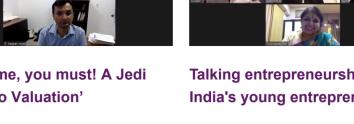


The new webpage for SPJIMR's Centre for Wisdom in Leadership (CWIL) created by the Central Communications Team is now live on the SPJIMR website.

The Centre 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.

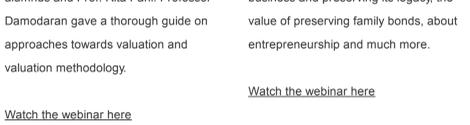
[Check out the CWIL webpage over here](#)

Awards and Recognition



OJAS XIII, SPJIMR's Annual Management Festival, has been awarded the 7th Most Popular B-School Festival, 2021 by Dare2Compete.

Webinars



'Value me, you must! A Jedi Guide to Valuation'

SPJIMR's Centre for Financial Studies (CFS) organised a webinar on the topic, 'Value me, you must! A Jedi Guide to Valuation' on April 23, 2021. The session featured a Masterclass and Conversation with Prof. Aswath Damodaran, Professor of Finance at NYU Stern School of Business and was moderated by Mr. Sanjeev Joshi, SPJIMR 1994 batch alumnus and Prof. Rita Pani. Professor Damodaran gave a thorough guide on approaches towards valuation and valuation methodology.

[Watch the webinar here](#)

Talking entrepreneurship with India's young entrepreneurs

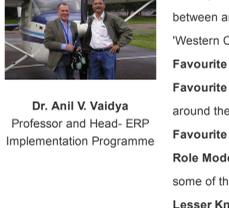
SPJIMR's Post Graduate Programme in Family Managed Business (PGP-FMB) organized a webinar on entrepreneurship with some of SPJIMR's FMB alumni and young entrepreneurs, on April 29, 2021. Mr. Abhishek Bachchan was the guest speaker for the event. The candid conversation revolved around the dynamics of running a family managed business and preserving its legacy, the value of preserving family bonds, about entrepreneurship and much more.

[Watch the webinar here](#)



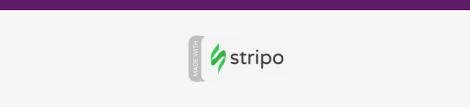
SPJIMR Associate Dean, Dr. Renuka Kamath was part of a webinar discussion conducted by InsideIM on April 28, 2021, where she spoke about why it's worth doing an MBA in 2021.

[Watch the discussion here.](#)



With the rapid pace of change around us today, professionals and executives need to be ever ready to reinvent and adapt. SPJIMR's Delhi Centre conducted an online Panel Discussion on 6th March 2021, where corporate leaders shared insights with mid-career executives on 'Crafting a Successful Professional Journey'.

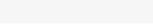
Dean's Corner



"#40years@SPJIMR - A momentous occasion for all of us to be a part of. 40 years of steadfast working towards building a strong next generation of students and giving management inputs to businesses. Here's to its indomitable spirit, for many years to come."

Dr. Renuka Kamath
Associate Dean, SPJIMR

Know Your Colleague



Dr. Anil V. Vaidya
Professor and Head- ERP Implementation Programme

Favourite Book: Leaving out Textbooks, my early days were spent on Arthur Hailey books, lost some years in between and now I am into history books such as 'Western Civilization', World War I & II
Favourite Song: Kishore Kumar songs all the way
Favourite Holiday Spot: Globe, I love travelling all around the globe
Favourite movie: All James Bond movies
Role Model: Many, from B.G.Tilak, M.K. Gandhi and some of the current leaders, not to leave out our Saints
Lesser Known Facts: I enjoy the world including food & adventures, even flying aeroplanes and pushing a BMW to its limit. I still lead a very moderate & disciplined lifestyle

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