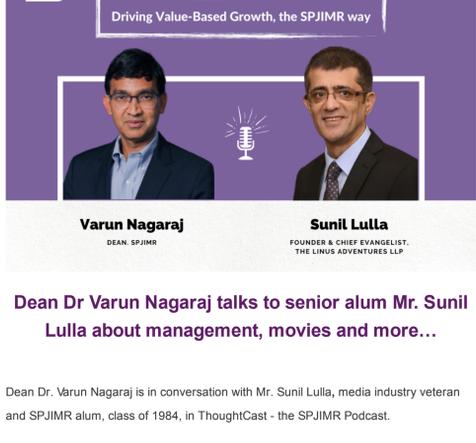




Happenings @SPJIMR



**Dean Dr Varun Nagaraj talks to senior alum Mr. Sunil Lulla about management, movies and more...**

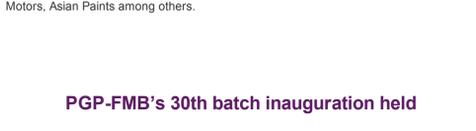
Dean Dr. Varun Nagaraj is in conversation with Mr. Sunil Lulla, media industry veteran and SPJIMR alum, class of 1984, in ThoughtCast - the SPJIMR Podcast.

Dr. Nagaraj shares how he interprets SPJIMR's mission to 'Influence Practice and Promote Value-based Growth' to different stakeholders and discusses how SPJIMR alumni can lead such growth. Mr. Lulla and Dr. Nagaraj discuss the unique role of Centers of Excellence in creating and disseminating thought leadership at scale to shape ideas, behaviours, and actions that can benefit the country on the whole.

They talk about the future of management education in India in the post-pandemic world, why education is a lifelong process, how the process of learning is vastly different from that of yesteryears, and the continued importance of an MBA even for start-ups in India. After discussing how industry practitioners could collaborate with academics, Dr. Nagaraj and Mr. Lulla wrap up by discussing the possibility of a Bollywood movie made on the SPJIMR campus!

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

**PGEMP inaugurates its 83rd batch**



Inauguration of SPJIMR's PGEMP Batch 83 took place virtually on September 15, in the presence of incoming students, SPJIMR Faculty, Staff and the chief guest, Mr. Kurian Parambi, Executive Director (HR), BPCL.

The event commenced with the student-teacher relationship prayer. Dean Dr. Varun Nagaraj shared the philosophy of the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan and explained how SPJIMR's core values relate to the incoming participants. Dr. Preeta George, SPJIMR Associate Dean and PGEMP Chairperson spoke on how PGEMP is built on the model of experiential learning and imparts managerial and soft skills that will help the participants to move into leadership positions. Dr. Jyoti Jagasia, Associate Programme Head- PGEMP, gave an overview of the programme and its learning goals. Chief guest, Mr. Kurian Parambi encouraged the participants to collaborate with faculty and peers.

Batch 83 comprises of participants from L&T, India Medtronic, Emerson, TCE Consulting Engineers, Sterling & Wilson, Yes Bank, Dassault Systèmes, BPCL, Tata Capital, Tata Motors, Asian Paints among others.

**PGP-FMB's 30th batch inauguration held**



SPJIMR's Centre for Family Managed Business (FMB) welcomed the students of PGP-FMB 30 through a virtual inauguration. The chief guest for the event was Dr. Adil Agarwal, CEO Dr. Agarwal's Healthcare Limited that owns and operates a chain of 90+ eye-care hospitals in India and abroad.

The virtual inauguration ceremony began with the lighting of the lamp, followed by the teacher-student prayer and a video message from the Dean – Dr. Varun Nagaraj. The students were welcomed and addressed by Dr. Tulsi Jayakumar, Chairperson FMB. Senior members from the alumni family had also joined in to welcome the new batch. The inauguration was followed by an ice-breaker session for the students to get to know each other.

**Vishwas celebrates 'World Mental Health Day'**



Vishwas, the mental wellbeing initiative of SPJIMR, celebrated the 'World Mental Health Day' on October 10th and 11th. Faculty, staff and students from all programmes participated with love and enthusiasm to bring a smile and destigmatize mental health concerns among the SPJIMR Family.

On the first day, through the 'Gift a Smile' initiative, Vishwas volunteers collected over 700+ messages from their batchmates and sent them across to each participant as a surprise, early in the morning. The messages extended love, encouragement, and support to one another.

On the second day, chief guests, Dr. Anita Sukhwani, a Psychiatrist with 20+ years of experience, and Ms. Vaishali Sachdeva, a Psychologist with a Masters in Psychology from Harvard University spoke on this year's theme, 'Mental Health in an unequal world'.

SPJIMR Dean, Dr Varun Nagaraj, addressed the participants and shared valuable life lessons and anecdotes with them.

[Read more here](#)

**OJAS XIV theme unveiled**



The theme of SPJIMR's annual fest, OJAS XIV was revealed in a virtual theme launch event. The theme for this year's fest is 'Illusions of Reality'. Students put forward a wonderful video catching all students in action and setting the mood for one of the biggest events of SPJIMR.

**SPrint'22 theme unveiled**



The theme of SPJIMR's annual sports fest, SPrint'22 was revealed in a virtual theme launch event on October 12. The theme for this year is 'Stride With Spirit'.

**Awards and Recognition**

**PGPDM student awarded the 'Luminary Growth Champion' at Women in Corporate Awards 2021**



SPJIMR's Post Graduate Programme for Development Management (PGPDM) participant, Ms. Kripa S has been awarded the 'Luminary Growth Champion' at the Women in Corporate Awards (WICA) 2021, the only awardee from amongst 500+ nominations in the social sector. Adjudged by an eminent panel consisting of experts across domains, functions, and diverse life experiences, WICA is designed to bring to light the growing presence and success of women in India Inc. Kripa enables learning for lakhs of children in the remotest villages of India in her current role at eVidyaloka, a non-profit organization, as the Head of Operations and Partnerships for Growth Programs. She has been in the social space for almost a decade now, focusing on improving the quality of education imparted in rural India.

**Visiting Professor Shalabh Sahai awarded the 'Inspiration Spotlight'**



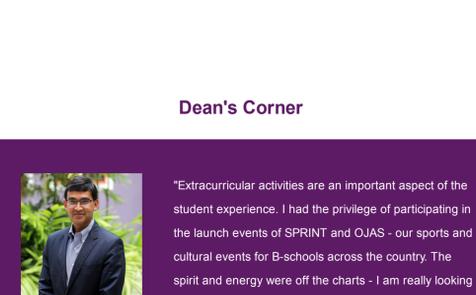
Prof. Shalabh Sahai, visiting faculty at SPJIMR's PGPDM programme, has been awarded the 'Inspiration Spotlight' during The George H.W. Bush Points of Light Awards 2021. Mr. Sahai is the co-founder of iVolunteer-Your Skills can change lives - India's leading service for volunteering.

The 2021 Awards celebration was held in New York City on 28th September and honoured 10 individuals from across the world who demonstrate the transformative power of service, and who are driving significant and sustained impact through their everyday actions and words that light the path for other points of light.

**Webinars**



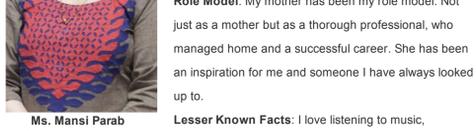
Dr. Snehal Shah was a panelist at a National HRD Network event. SPJIMR Prof. Dr. Snehal Shah was part of a panel discussion organized by the National HRD Network Mumbai Chapter on September 17th, where she shared her insights on the topic, 'Demystifying PhD in HR'. The areas covered in the session included why do a PhD in HR, where to do a PhD and how to get started on the journey to a PhD.



**CFS conducts a session on Cryptocurrency for RBI Bhopal**

The Centre for Financial Studies (CFS) conducted a session on 'Cryptocurrency' for Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Bhopal offices on September 29, 2021. Prof. Dr. Vidhu Shekhar, Associate Head, CFS conducted the session that covered current global trends in Cryptocurrencies, legal frameworks & the future prospects for Central Bank Digital Currencies.

**CWIL's webinar series - 'Past Imperfect: Indian Histories of Business, Politics, and Leadership'**



The Centre for Wisdom in Leadership (CWIL) has conducted three webinars of its four part series which have authors discussing their recent books on Indian history with SPJIMR faculty.

You can watch the recordings of the first three webinars here:

- Mircea Raianu in conversation with Mr. R. Gopalakrishnan and Dr. Dinyar Patel about the book, 'Tata: The Global Corporation that Built Indian Capitalism'. [Watch the recording here.](#)
- Vinay Sitapati in conversation with Dr. Dinyar Patel about the book, 'Half Lion: How P.V. Narasimha Rao Transformed India'. [Watch the recording here.](#)
- Danish Khan and Rishi Khan in conversation with Dr. Dinyar Patel and Dr. Mihir Aijaonkar about the book, 'Escaped: True Stories of Indian Fugitives in London'. [Watch the recording here.](#)

The final webinar in the series will be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 7-8 pm IST and will feature Ross Bassett in conversation with Dr. Dinyar Patel about the book 'The Technological Indian'. Watch the final webinar live on SPJIMR's Facebook page.

**Dean's Corner**



"Extracurricular activities are an important aspect of the student experience. I had the privilege of participating in the launch events of SPRINT and OJAS - our sports and cultural events for B-schools across the country. The spirit and energy were off the charts - I am really looking forward to January!"

[Watch the Dean's recent video message here.](#)

**Know Your Colleague**



**Favourite Book:** Sidney Sheldon books  
**Favourite Song:** 'Nothing's gonna change my love for you' by George Benson  
**Favourite Holiday Spot:** Manali and Mahabaleshwar  
**Favourite movie:** 'Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge' and 'Jab We Met' are my all time favorites.  
**Role Model:** My mother has been my role model. Not just as a mother but as a thorough professional, who managed home and a successful career. She has been an inspiration for me and someone I have always looked up to.  
**Lesser Known Facts:** I love listening to music, especially songs from Hindi movies.

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