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## FT MiM Ranking 2021: SPJIMR 2nd amongst Indian B schools, 39th in the world

SPJIMR is featured among the top 50 business schools in the 2021 Financial Times Masters in Management (MiM) global rankings for a second consecutive year. The 2021 rankings released on September 13 place SPJIMR at rank 39 for the Institute's flagship two-year full time Post Graduate Diploma in Management (PGDM). The Institute is one of only three Indian schools and the only private Indian school of management to feature in the FT MiM top 50 ranks for 2021 and is ranked 2nd in India.

[Read the full report here.](#)

## SPJIMR virtually celebrates India's 75th Independence Day



The SPJIMR family gathered together virtually as well as on-campus to celebrate India's 75th Independence Day.

Celebrations began with the live streaming of the flag hoisting ceremony from the SPJIMR campus, attended by SPJIMR Associate Dean Dr. Vasant Sivaraman, PGDM chairperson Dr. Sajeesh Abraham George and other faculty members. The National Flag was hoisted by Dr. Sivaraman.

This was followed by an array of cultural performances which included dancing, singing, dramatics, poetry, and art and interactive events showcasing the golden heritage of our country, put together virtually by SPJIMR students.

## SPJIMR celebrates virtual Teachers Day



SPJIMR's students, faculty and staff gathered together to celebrate the 133rd birthday of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan with an engrossing virtual Teachers Day event. The celebration had a variety of wonderful performances by both teachers and students. From fun quizzes about teachers to collaborative dance and singing performances, from drama to poetry, the students expressed their gratitude towards the teachers.

[Catch a glimpse of the performances in this video.](#)

## ThoughtCast with Mr. Gourav Rakshit – COO of Viacom18 Digital Ventures and Prof. Vineeta Dwivedi



Mr. Gourav Rakshit – Chief Operating Officer of Viacom18 Digital Ventures, is in conversation with SPJIMR Prof. Vineeta Dwivedi in ThoughtCast – the SPJIMR Podcast.

Mr. Rakshit speaks about how he managed to successfully transition across different industry sectors – FMCG, IT Consulting and Entertainment – and how he decided on the choice of his jobs. He sheds light on how his experiences working for Apple as a client helped pave the way for creating a profitable internet venture in Shaadi.com and tackling the challenges that come with helming a business with a short consumer life cycle. They discuss the phenomenon of India's Over The Top (OTT) streaming platforms and their future, the reasons for migrating Bigg Boss to an OTT only broadcast on Voot, the digitization and monetization challenges unique to the OTT market, and the future of cable network due to the rise in OTT platforms. They also talk about Mr. Rakshit's learnings as a leader from Covid19, his love of building successful frameworks in an organization and his passion for sports. He signs off by sharing some invaluable Guru Mantra for young management students.

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

## GASP virtually presents its annual production titled, 'Crossroads'



The Guild of Actors at SPJIMR (GASP) presented this year's annual student-driven drama production titled, 'Crossroads' in the virtual mode on August 28th. Bringing the SPJIMR auditorium to the screen, 'Crossroads' is a heartwarming story entangled between life and death that takes you through a rollercoaster of emotions. Gasp'21, organized by the PGDM batch of 2022, was the first time ever that the annual production was showcased in the online mode.

[Watch the recording here.](#)

## Alumni Committee 2021 conducts its first event, CopAL Xpress



Alumni Committee 2021 held its first event for the year, CopAL Xpress on the 5th of September, where it hosted 10 esteemed alumni from various industry sectors. Students got the opportunity to have candid conversations with the alumni about life at SPJIMR and their MBA journey.

## Awards and Recognition



### PGDM participant featured in InsideIM's Most Promising Incoming MBA Students

SPJIMR PGDM Class of 2023 participant Abhajeet Chauhan has been featured amongst InsideIM's Best 50 Most Promising Incoming MBA Students 2021.

[Read more about Abhajeet here](#)

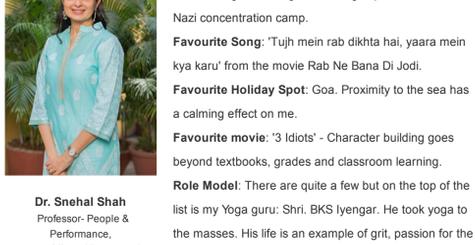
## Webinars

### Dr. Tulsi Jayakumar was part of a Masterclass organized by CII



SPJIMR Prof. Dr. Tulsi Jayakumar was part of a Masterclass on the topic, "Why Family Offices must invest in the startup eco-system" which was held on Aug 20, 2021. The Masterclass had been organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Centre of Excellence for Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Startups.

### Dr. Lata Dhir invited to speak at the 2021 APA Virtual Convention



SPJIMR Prof. Dr. Lata Dhir and FPM Scholar, Gaurav Karkhanis were invited to speak at the 2021 American Psychological Association (APA) Virtual Convention, by the Society of Consulting Psychology- Division 13 of APA on "Creating Psychological Safe Social Spaces in the Virtual World" on 14th August 2021.

They shared some of the social experiments they had designed to create and curate psychological safe interventions in the virtual world and the creation of psychological safe spaces at SPJIMR which was appreciated by Dr. Amy Edmondson, a pioneer in research on psychological safety. Dr. Edmondson further encouraged Dr. Dhir and Mr. Karkhanis to pursue the research paper on psychological safety, which they had presented at the Paper Development workshop of the Academy of Management Journal (April 2021).

### CWIL announces a new webinar series on recent books on Indian History



SPJIMR's Centre for Wisdom in Leadership (CWIL) has organized a new series of webinars, 'Past Imperfect: Indian Histories of Business, Politics, and Leadership' through September and October which will have author discussions about new and recent books on Indian history.

The four webinars in the series are:

- **3 September 2021, 7-8 pm IST:** 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.](#)
- **17 September 2021, 4-5 pm IST:** Vinay Sitapati in conversation with Dr. Dinyar Patel about the book, 'Half Lion: How P.V. Narasimha Rao Transformed India'. [Register here](#)
- **15 October 2021, 6-7 pm IST:** Danish Khan and Ruhi Khan in conversation with Dr. Dinyar Patel about the book, 'Escaped: True Stories of Indian Fugitives in London'.
- **22 October 2021, 7-8 pm IST:** Ross Bassett in conversation with Dr. Dinyar Patel about 'The Technological Indian'.

## Dean's Corner



**Dr. Varun Nagaraj**  
Dean, SPJIMR

"I am touched by the warm reception that I've received from the SPJIMR family as I begin my tenure here this week. We have the privilege of building on an amazing foundation (this week's FT Ranking being just one indicator), as we look to take our institute to even greater heights of student and alumni success, faculty thought leadership, and societal impact."

## Know Your Colleague

**Favourite Book:** One of my favourite books is 'Man's Search For Meaning' by Viktor Frankl. It is an account of hope, optimism and finding joy in simple things in life as the author goes through harrowing experiences in the Nazi concentration camp.

**Favourite Song:** "Tujh mein rab dikhta hai, yaara mein kya karu" from the movie Rab Ne Bana Di Jodi.

**Favourite Holiday Spot:** Goa. Proximity to the sea has a calming effect on me.

**Favourite movie:** '3 Idiots' - Character building goes beyond textbooks, grades and classroom learning.

**Role Model:** There are quite a few but on the top of the list is my Yoga guru: Shri. BKS Iyengar. He took yoga to the masses. His life is an example of grit, passion for the subject and a desire to uplift the masses from physical and mental illnesses.

**Lesser Known Facts:** I love hiking and trekking amidst nature.

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