

# S P e c t r u m

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**Announcement**

Alumni Awards 2024



The graphic features a dark purple background with a gold laurel wreath in the center. Inside the wreath, the word "Alumni" is written in a white script font, and "AWARDS 2024" is written in a white sans-serif font below it. Above the wreath, the text "SPandan presents" is displayed in white. In the top left corner, the SPJIMR logo is shown, consisting of three orange curved lines and the text "Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan's SPJIMR". At the bottom, the phrase "CALL FOR NOMINATIONS" is written in white, bold, uppercase letters, framed by two horizontal white lines.

Shine the Spotlight: Nominate for the SPJIMR Alumni Awards 2024

We are thrilled to announce the commencement of nominations for the SPJIMR Alumni Awards 2024. The prestigious event celebrates alumni who have exemplified leadership, innovation and made impactful contributions in their fields.

Nominations are open until **Monday, 30th September, 2024**, EOD. This is your chance to nominate yourself or a fellow SPJIMR graduate who has brought distinction to themselves and to our alma mater.

The awards recognise outstanding achievements across a wide spectrum of programs, including PGDM/MMS, PGPM, GMP/PGCIM, PGMPW, PGPGM, PGPDM, PGEMP/EMBA, PGDIT, PGDSM-MIT, PGP-FMB, EPBM, FPM, SYB, GYB, OMP, and WMP.

To submit your nomination, please visit the nomination [link](#)

## Abhyudaya

### Hastantaran 2024: Celestial Connections



Hastantaran 2024, themed "Celestial Connections," celebrated the deep bonds forged between second-year PGDM participants and their Sitaras over the past year. As each participant and their Sitara prepare for a journey of personal growth and learning, the event marked a significant transition for Sitaras from their former mentors to new ones.

Reflecting on his experience, Swapneel, a PGP2 mentor, described Abhyudaya as life-changing. "I've learned so much from my mentee and her family," he shared. Sakina

Jabir Khan, his mentee, added, "Swapneel bhaiya taught me about leadership and helped me with my studies. While I'll miss seeing him monthly, I'm eager to meet my new mentor."

The stage lit up with energetic dances and soulful songs performed by Sitaras and PGDM participants alike. A panel discussion allowed second-year PGDM participants and Sitaras to share their Abhyudaya experiences, addressing concerns and inspiring first-year participants.

The highlight of Hastantaran 2024 was the eagerly anticipated first mentor-mentee meeting. Sitaras awaited their 'Didis' and 'Bhaiyas' with anticipation and hope. This moment signified a heartfelt transition from their previous mentors to new ones. The event concluded with ice-breaking activities and team-building exercises, fostering connections through shared stories, aspirations, and expectations.

To read more about Abhyudaya click [here](#)

## Alumni Focus

### Notable Alumni

**Mansi Khanna** (PGDM, Class of 2006) has been appointed as Chief Operating Officer (COO) at Dr. Reddy's and Nestle Health Science Ltd. Read more [here](#)

**Ritu Arora** (PGDM, Class of 1996) On being ranked 17th on Fortune India's prestigious 50 Most Powerful Women list for 2024. Read more [here](#)

**Sumit Singh Gandhi** (PGDSM-MIT, Class of 2009) for being featured in the Times 40 under 40 Summit 2023 North. The Times 40 under 40 Summit 2023 North, powered by Tagg Labs & Find inc. Read more [here](#)

**Rajat Handa** (PGDM, Class of 2019) for being honored as one of the e4m Pitch Marketing 30 under 30 2024 winners! As the magazine puts it, "Your innovation and dedication are shaping the future of marketing." Here's to your remarkable achievements and continued success!. Read more [here](#).

**Rana Ashutosh Kumar Singh** (PGEMP 2011), on his promotion to Managing Director at the State Bank of India. Read more [here](#)

**Anjali Sharma** (PGDM, Class of 2008) has been included in the annual list of the 100 most influential AI leaders in India for 2024 by AIM (Analytics India Magazine). Read more [here](#)

**Lokesh Daga & Shruti Daga's** (PGDM, Class of 2009 ) start-up company Nasher Miles, saw its valuation rise to \$30 million (approximately INR 246 crore) after securing \$4 million (around INR 32.8 crore) in a bridge funding round. Nasher Miles is a direct-to-consumer (D2C) luggage brand. Read more [here](#)

**Kumar Avijit** (PGPM, Class of 2015) for starting a new position as Vice President at Everest Group. Read more [here](#)

**Madhav Nayak** (PGDM, Class of 2007) has penned his debut novel, 'A Murder is Fixed' (published by HarperCollins India) - a murder mystery set in Mumbai against the backdrop of the cricket world. Read more [here](#)

*Share your success stories in brief at [alumni.admin@spjimr.org](mailto:alumni.admin@spjimr.org), and include the relevant hyperlink*

## Alumni on Campus



**Sharad Bhutoria (PGP-FMB, 9),**  
Director, Good Cow Dairy Pvt Ltd  
Mentored the teams for the  
Confluence- Consulting Competition.



**Ankit Kedia (PGP-FMB, 2008)**  
Founder and Lead investor at CapitalA  
Mentored the teams for the  
Confluence- Consulting Competition.



**Gunjan Saboo (PGP-FMB, 2002)**  
President, Mala International  
Guest Speaker for Family Dynamics  
Course for FMB 35



**Sumeet Kabra, (PGP-FMB, 2010)**

Director, R R Global.

Guest Speaker for Family Friday session for FMB 35



**Rajiv Subramanian (PGDM, 2007)**

Vice President, Pidilite for a guest lecture for the PGPGM participants on 24th August on the topic-Crafting the brand experience.

## Events

**Mumbai Alumni Meet 2024**



The Mumbai alumni meet was held on Thursday, 8th August 2024 at BKC's Capital Social.

For more pictures click [here](#)

## Hyderabad Alumni Meet 2024



The Hyderabad alumni meet was held on Friday, August 23, 2024, at Mindspace SOCIAL.

For more pictures click [here](#)

## Bangalore Alumni Meet 2024



The Bangalore alumni gathering took place on Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, at Church Street, Social.

For more pictures click [here](#)

**Faculty Speak**

# Articles

A. [India's banking access rises but MSMEs remain underserved: How Account Aggregator can change that](#) by Prof. Ashish Desai published in Financial Express on 14th Aug, 2024.

B. [Management education in the AI era - Perspectives](#) by Dr. Varun Nagaraj published in ET education on 26th July, 2024.

C. [6P Unified Framework: Understanding Wisdom in the era of Artificial Intelligence](#) by Prof. Surya Tahora published in ET Government on 24th July, 2024.

D. ["Economic costs of climate change in India and policy responses"](#) Prof. Moinika Gupta published in ET Energyworld ,17th July, 2024.

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# Podcast



Past Imperfect Episode 12:  
Taylor Sherman on the myths of  
Nehru's India



Past Imperfect Episode 13:  
Murali Ranganathan on Bombay and  
Mumbai, Past and Present



# Programmes

A First-Time Move: SPJIMR Launches Data Analysis MOOC On Coursera

## SENIOR LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

*Empowering leaders to drive success*

- Visionary Leadership Foundations
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Unlock Your Leadership Potential with SPJIMR's Exclusive Programme

SPJIMR has introduced the "Senior Leadership Programme" designed for leaders next in line for CXO roles. This exclusive programme is limited to a cohort of around 15 participants and will span 10 in-person days spread over 6 months, ensuring minimal work disruption while maintaining a high level of rigor and peer learning.

The curriculum is innovative and contemporary, with a strong focus on agility, strategy, leadership, change management, wise leadership, and sustainability. Senior SPJIMR faculty and industry leaders will be involved in the programme design and delivery, providing participants with invaluable insights. Dr. Snehal Shah and Dr. Rajiv Agarwal will co-Lead the programme.

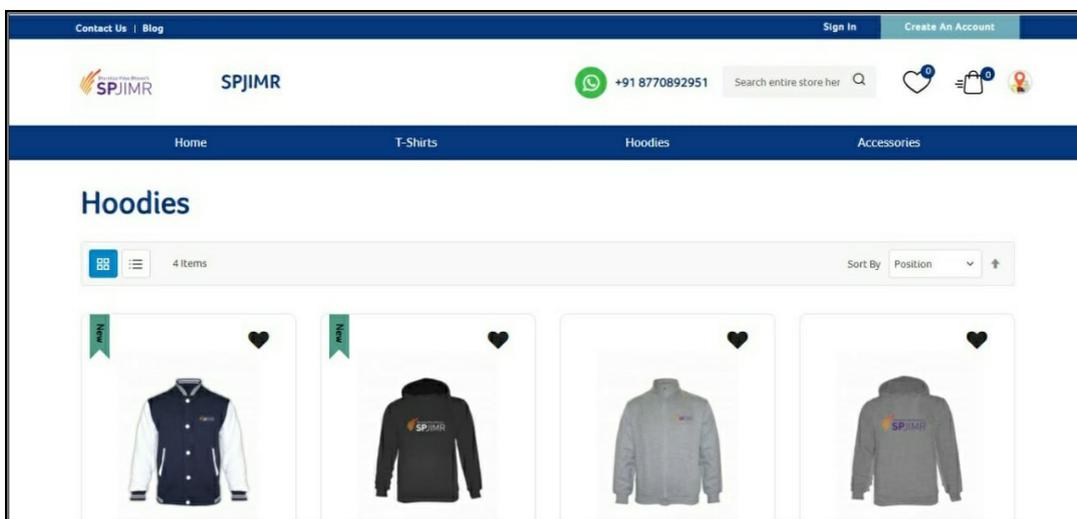
You are encouraged to nominate your colleagues or enroll yourself. For more information, please email [mdp@spjmr.org](mailto:mdp@spjmr.org) or call +91 98204 12559

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