1) Corporate Excellence (CE)
   a) Venugopal Nair (PGDM/MMS, Class of 1994)
      Company - Shopper stop
      Designation - Advisor
      For more details click here

   b) Ritu Gangrade Arora (PGDM/MMS, Class of 1996)
      Company - Allianz Investment Management
      Designation - CEO and CIO
      For more details click here

2) Excellence in Entrepreneurship (EE)
   a) Tarun Anand (PGDM/MMS, Class of 1996) (>5 yrs)
      Company - Universal Business School
      Designation - Chancellor and Founder
      For more details click here

   b) Saumya Prakash (PGDM/MMS, Class of 2007) (>5 yrs)
      Company - Multiplier AI
c) Alok Bansal (PGCIM/GMP, Class of 2011) (<5 yrs)
   Company - Buildmyinfra
   Designation - Chief Executive Officer
   For more details click here

3) Best Family Business
   a) Ashish Gupta (PGP-FMB, Class of 2008)
      Company - Best Roadways Limited
      Designation - CEO
      For more details click here

4) Social Excellence
   a) Sujith Nair (PGDM, Class of 2006)
      Company - FIDE (Foundation for Interoperability in Digital Economy)
      Designation - CEO and Co-founder
      For more details click here
   b) Ramakrishnan Sreenivasan (PGDM, Class of 1995)
      Company - Conservation India
      Designation - Co-founder
      For more details click here

5) Alumni Service Award
   a) Nikhil Ladha (PGPM, Class of 2015)
      Company - Tiger Analytics.
      Designation - Manager - Business Development
      For more details click here

6) Distinguished Alumni
   a) Rajesh Jejurikar (PGDM, Class of 1986)
      Company - Mahindra Group
      Designation - Executive Director and CEO (Auto and Farm Sector)
      For more details click here
b) Sunil Bhatia (PGDM, Class of 1989)
   Company - Infogain
   Designation - President & CEO
   For more details click [here](#)
The flame of nostalgia burned bright at the SPandan Annual Alumni Meet of our Institute.

Alumni relived their campus days as they traveled down memory lane and participated in a plethora of engaging activities held over the span of 3 days for the first time from 15th to 17th December 2023.

And so, a Star was born. 15 years ago, Abhyudaya, a tiny cluster started with a handful of Sitaras. Today it has grown into a constellation beautifying the universe with its luminous presence: 353 alumni Sitaras, 523 active Sitaras and 3533 Mentors.

To reunite them under one sky, the Abhyudaya office, organized a special program at the SPJIMR Alumni Meet 2023. The program was attended by 120 Alumni Sitaras (from Batches 1-7) including former mentors who reconnected with their Sitara mentees.

Sitara Priyanka Choraghe and her mentor Antariksha Banerjee sang a duet. The strong bond between the two was apparent as Antariksha encouraged Priyanka to sing a solo,

Both Stars shone bright.
Alumni Focus

Notable Alumni

**Saakshi Verma Menon** (PGDM, Class of 2003) has joined PepsiCo as Sr. Marketing Director for Africa, Middle East & South Asia. Read more [here](#).

**Arjun Purkayastha** (PGDM, Class of 2001) has been appointed SVP & Managing Director, Greater China at Reckitt. Read more [here](#).

**Tarun Anand** (PGDM, Class of 1996) for his prominent feature in the Inspiring India 2023 Booklet. Read more [here](#).

**Ritu Arora** for being featured in India Today's "The She List of Top 100 Women Achievers of India". Read more [here](#).

**Sidharth Tripathy** (PGDM, Class of 1995) has joined SRM University-AP as Director of Entrepreneurship & Innovation and Professor of Practice in Entrepreneurship. Read more [here](#).

**Mitesh Lahoti** (PGEMP, Class of 2018) has made it to the Inavate APAC 40 under 40 Class of 2023. Read more [here](#).

**Madan Padaki** (PGDM, Class of 1999) has been elected to the Global Board of Trustees at TiE Global. Read more [here](#).

**Ankur Chaudhary** (PGPM, Class of 2011) has authored his third book. Read more [here](#).

**Sudhir Chikhle** (PGDM, Class of 1997) has joined Tata Motors’ EV business as Chief Purchase Officer. Read more [here](#).
Seemantini Pathak (PGDM, Class of 1996) has been appointed as Associate Professor of Strategy at the Ivey Business School at Western University in Canada. Read more here

Samit Datta (PGDM, Class of 1995) has won two awards namely the Leading CIO of the Year - Industrial Sector & the Thematic - Data Analytics and Business Insight Awards 2023. Read more here

Satish Mittal our alumna (PGEMP, Class of 2010) has become Co-Founder of Chargeup, India. Read more here

Share your success stories in brief at alumni.admin@spjimr.org, and include the relevant hyperlinks

Events

Seattle-based alumni came together on December 10, 2023
PGPGM Alumni from batches 1 to 4 return to their Delhi campus for the get-together held on January 6, 2024.

Upcoming Events
SPJIMR PGDM admissions are scheduled in person at Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata and Bangalore after a gap of 4 years. Many of our faculty members are travelling to these cities. As always, we are also hosting an alumni meet taking advantage of our faculty members presence in these cities. It is a great opportunity for you to meet faculty members and fellow alumni in your own city.

February alumni meet details are as below:-

Delhi - 6th Feb 2024, 7.30pm onwards (Rs. 550/- per person)
Kolkata - 12th Feb 2024, 7.30pm onwards (Rs 850/- per person)
Bangalore - 14th Feb 2024, 7.30pm onwards (Rs 950/- per person)
Mumbai - 21st Feb 2024, 7pm onwards (Rs 550/- per person)

**Non Refundable**

Click [here](#) to register:

**Venue details:**
Delhi - SPJIMR, Gate No. 4, Copernicus Road, KG Marg, New Delhi, Delhi 11000.
Kolkata - Monotel, DM-2, Salt Lake, Sector-V, Kolkata 700 091.
Bangalore - The Pride Hotel, 93, Richmond Road, Bangalore -560 025.
Mumbai - SPJIMR Campus.
GREY MATTER QUIZ 9.0

With
Quiz Master
KUMAR VARUN

Join us for a night of fun and challenge at our Quiz Night! Test your knowledge, enjoy great company, and win exciting prizes. Everyone's welcome!

9TH FEBRUARY, 2024 | MLS AUDITORIUM
The Grey Matter Quiz has established itself as a quizzing competition where the SPJIMR's most inquisitive and brilliant minds congregate to compete and learn over the years. It's like a rest stop for seasoned questioners! Read to your heart's delight, engage in quizzes, chat with other quiz takers, and reclaim the streets.

This year we have with us a very special Quizmaster Mr. Kumar Varun who will be conducting the 9th Edition of the exciting Grey Matter Quiz, which ensures the experience is one of a kind. Building on the past years' legacy of Alumni sweeping pole positions, the quiz is back for all SPJIMR alumni and we hope you all participate in large numbers.

The details of the event are as follows:

**Prelims:**
- Date: Jan 28, 2024 (Sunday)
- Venue: Online, Unstop (Subject to change)
- Duration: 30 mins (approximately between 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM)

**Final Showdown**
- Date: February 9th, 2024
- Venue: ML Shrikant Auditorium, SPJIMR, Mumbai
- Time: 7:00PM - 9:30 PM

Registration Link: [GREY MATTER QUIZ 9.0](#)

Registration Deadline: EOD, 25th January 2024

Team Size: 2-3 Members (please note only one member per team should fill up the form)

**Note:** In case you are interested in participating but do not have a team, please register on the same link. We will connect with you for team formation.

Looking forward to seeing you!!
Faculty Speak

Articles


B. 'Wed In India' makes sense and it isn't about soft power article by Dr Tulsi Jayakumar in Mint, December 19, 2023.

C. "Circular Economy for Sustainability" articles by Prof. R Jayaraman published in IPFonline, Dec 01, 2023.

Disclaimer: Views in these articles may not reflect the views of the Institute

To view more faculty published articles click here

Case Study

BAEL: Can Pivoting to blockchain help the early stage agritech startup in India? article by Prof. Sushmita Srivastava and Shyam K C (PGDM, Class of 2021) published in Asian Case Research Journal.

Programme
The Fellow Programme in Management (FPM), approved by AICTE, is a doctoral-level programme of SPJIMR designed to create world-class researchers and high-calibre faculty in various management disciplines. It encourages rigorous interdisciplinary research in contemporary areas of management. It focuses on relevant and contextual research to address current business issues and aims to create knowledge that helps shape the world for a better future. The programme can be pursued in full-time and part-time mode depending on the flexibility and requirements of the candidate.

Programme Start Date: June 6, 2024
Duration: 4-5 years
Apply [here](#)

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