# SPectrum

Bhavan's SPJIMR Alumni Newsletter September 2025

### Announcement

SPJIMR Ranked #35 Globally and #3 in India in FT MiM 2025 Rankings!



For the 6th year in a row, we are among the world's top 50 — one of only four Indian B-schools to achieve this distinction.

We are also ranked **#1 in India** across four key categories:

- 1. Alumni Network
- 2. Careers Service
- 3. ESG & Net Zero Teaching
- 4. Value for Money

This recognition underscores our strong industry linkages, vibrant alumni network, and commitment to developing purposeful leaders.

Read more <u>here</u>

# Update

Alumni Awards 2025



Nominations for the SPJIMR Alumni Awards 2025!

You can nominate either yourself and/or another SPJIMR alumni.

Every year, these awards recognize and celebrate excellence in leadership, innovation and creating impact. With their exceptional contribution, our awarded alumni set an example for our alumni community and inspire pride with their extraordinary contribution.

This year the award categories are:

- 1. **Corporate Excellence** For exemplary contribution towards growth of a company, in a leadership role.
- 2. **Social Excellence** For meaningful impact in the social sector (only those who graduated before 2022 are eligible).
- 3. Excellence in Entrepreneurship For innovation, scalability, ability and impact in an entrepreneurship venture.
- 4. **Best Family Business** For an excellent track record in terms of growth, size, management and social impact, after having graduated from SPJIMR, in a company/group established as a family-owned/managed business working beyond the first generation of owners.
- 5. **Alumni Service Award** For excellence in volunteering for SPJIMR and the alumni community

You can watch the entire SPandan Reunion 2024 video <u>here</u> and the Award winners <u>here</u>

To nominate please click on <u>Alumni Awards Nomination Form</u>. The last day for nominations is *Sunday, 5th October 2025, EOD.* 

## SCPC-Henkel Conclave & Hackathon 2025 Concludes



SCPC-Henkel National Supply Chain Hackathon & Conclave 2025, held on 13th September at SPJIMR, concluded successfully with an engaging line-up of keynote sessions, panel discussions, and innovative student presentations. The highlight of the event was the Hackathon Finals, where top B-school teams presented their solutions on cutting-edge supply chain challenges.

We are proud to announce that SPJIMR's Team Avengers emerged as the National Winner of the Hackathon, winning against strong competition from leading institutions including IIM Calcutta, IIM Mumbai, and other top B-schools.

Winning Team: Team Avengers (PGPM)

- Abhilash Mohanta
- Rashi Srivastava
- Saikat Kundu

Their presentation on "Future proofing Kirana Stores vs Quick Commerce" was highly appreciated by the jury for its depth, practicality, and innovation.

# Abhyudaya

Mentorship: Building the Foundation for India's Future Leaders



In a recent *Forbes India* article, **"Why Mentorship Holds the Key to India's Future Leaders,"** Arati Nagaraj, Director of Abhyudaya at SPJIMR, highlights why mentorship is crucial in shaping India's future leaders. She emphasizes that mentorship is not just about giving advice — it fosters resilience, nurtures confidence, and instills values that enable individuals to lead with empathy and purpose.

This vision is embodied in SPJIMR's Abhyudaya initiative, where PGDM participants mentor schoolchildren from underserved communities in Mumbai.

To know more click **here** 

To know more about Abhudaya <u>here</u>

### WISE Tech

India's Next Digital Leap: From Public Infrastructure to Public Intelligence



India's digital public infrastructure has already redefined access to finance, healthcare, and essential services at population scale. Now, the country is preparing for its next frontier: public intelligence.

According to a piece published in *Wise Tech*, this evolution — powered by artificial intelligence and data — could enable systems that not only deliver services but also learn, adapt, and respond to citizens' needs in real time.

The article explores what it would take to build such a future, the opportunities it presents, and the ethical guardrails necessary to ensure inclusivity and responsibility. Read more to discover how India could move from digital infrastructure to digital intelligence.

Read more **here** 

### **Alumni Focus**

### Notable Alumni

**Nilkhil Vartak** (PGPM Class of 2015) on his appointment as Vice President – Automation & Infrastructure at Delhivery. Read more <u>here</u>

**Abhishek Chhajer** (PGDM, Class of 1995) on his appointment as CEO of Bridge Specialty International.

Read more **here** 

Raman Kalyanakrishnan (PGDM, Class of 1995) on his appointment as Chief Executive Officer of the Hinduja Foundation. Raed more <a href="here">here</a>

**Anurag Ahlawat** Anurag Ahlawat (PGCIM/GMP, Class of 2025) has released his debut book, SmartPLS 4.0 for Beginners. Aimed at students, researchers, and practitioners, Read more <u>here</u>

**Ruchika Sharma** (PGDM, Class of 2012) as its new Head of Consumer Marketing. Her appointment marks a significant step in Danone. Read more <u>here</u>

**Rohit Gore** we wish you all the best in your new role as Chief Digital Officer (CDO). Read more <u>here</u>

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

## Alumni on Campus



#### Rohini Venkateswaran (PGDM, 2005)

Chief Sales officer, Indian Sub-Continent, P&G, graced the inauguration ceremony of PGPGM, our 2-year executive management programmes for working executives, as Chief Guest.



#### Priyanka Gothi (PGDM, 2007)

Founder at Taleworthy, took a guest session on "The art of storytelling" at the SPJIMR Delhi campus for executive participants of the 2-year Post Graduate Programme in General Management (PGPGM).



#### Krishnakumar S (PGEMP, 2001)

General director at Kirby Southeast Asia Kirby Building Systems contributed to the sessions in PGEMP on the topic of From Knowledge to Awareness

# Events



Pune alumni meet 2025 was held on 13th Sept, 2025.



UK alumni meet 2025 connecting over a pleasant evening of 18th Sept, 2025.



Gurgaon alumni meet 2025 was held on 20th Sept, 2025.

# **Faculty Speak**

### **Articles**

A. <u>Health, education failures signal deep strain</u> by **Prof. Jagdish Rattanani** in Deccan Herald on 27th Aug, 2025.

**B.** <u>Good management can drive social change</u> by **Prof. Tanojkumar Meshram** in BW Education on 22nd Aug, 2025.

C. <u>Gen Z, mental health, and the role of tech</u> by **Prof. Vidyut Lata Dhir** in Forbes on 13th Aug, 2025.

D. From shopkeeper-in-law to algorithmic neutrality: The quiet power of quick commerce by Prof. Kiran Mahasuar in BW marketing India on 12th Aug, 2025.

E. <u>Is the 10-minute promise a sustainable strategy for brands?</u> by **Prof. Ruppal Walia Sharma** in Social Samosa on 4th Aug, 2025.

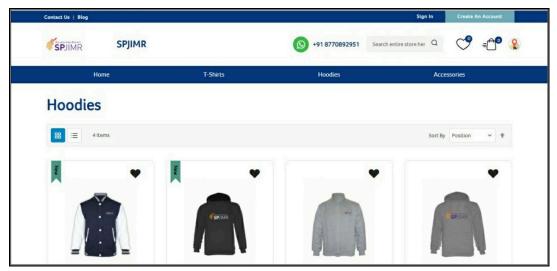
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