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Bhavan's SPJIMR Alumni Newsletter November 2025

Announcement

SPJIMR has been recognised as the 'Top Private Management Institute – PGDM'

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**Private management institute
for PGDM in India**

SPJIMR has been named the *Top Private Management Institute – PGDM* in the Times Education Icons Mumbai 2025, based on the Times B-School Survey 2025. This marks the second consecutive year that the institute has earned Rank 1 in this category.

The survey assessed leading management institutions across India on parameters such as weighted salary, international course experience, international mobility, and other indicators of academic and career excellence.



On **November 14, 2025**, SPJIMR WISE Tech concluded the WISE Tech India Pitchathon 2025, powered by the Sunil Bhatia Start-up Hub, with a dynamic Grand Finale at the Mumbai campus. The event brought together start-up founders, investors, incubator heads, and corporate leaders committed to strengthening India's innovation ecosystem.

This year's Pitchathon spanned 16 regional editions across 12 cities—including Ambala, Bengaluru, Delhi, Hubballi, Mumbai, Raipur, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, and the Northeast. More than 700 applications were received, of which 35 promising ventures advanced to the national stage.

The Finale opened with insightful addresses by Sunil Bhatia and Ashish Fafadia, who encouraged founders to dream boldly, build responsibly, and remain deeply rooted in customer value. Finalists delivered focused, clarity-driven pitches evaluated by Sunil Bhatia; Jatin Madhra of Blume Ventures; and SPJIMR Dean, Dr. Varun Nagaraj.

Three start-ups emerged as winners:

- Pamawel
- DentAtHome
- Glovatrix

The winning ventures received prizes totaling ₹6 lakh and a direct entry into the WISE Tech Accelerator beginning January 2026. Dean Nagaraj congratulated the finalists and reaffirmed SPJIMR's commitment to fostering responsible, inclusive, and impact-led innovation

Alumni Focus

Notable Alumni

Saurabh Gandhi (PGDM, Class of 2019) has been elevated to the position of Vice President at BlackRock. Read more [here](#)

Pooja Sablok (PGDM 2011) as Chief Marketing Officer, where she will shape brand strategy and digital outreach. Read more [here](#)

Girish Wagh (PGDM 1997) appointed Tata Motors MD & CEO – Commercial Vehicles
Read more [here](#)

Rajesh Jejurikar (PGDM 1986), Executive Director & CEO (Auto & Farm Sector), Mahindra Group, on being recognised by Fortune India as one of India's Best CEOs 2025, winning in the Auto – Passenger Vehicles/Four-Wheelers category.
Read more [here](#)

Anirush Likhite PGDM, Class of 2013) has been promoted to Senior Vice President – Supply Chain & Procurement at Pilgrim. Read more [here](#)

Aditya Swamy (PGDM, Class of 1998) appointed Managing Director, Google Play – driving digital innovation across 14 markets. Read more [here](#)

Abhishek Choudhary (PGPM, Class of 2016) has a short story featured in Acorn to Oak, an anthology published by TWAGAA Books & Publishing. Read more [here](#)

Radha Mohan Gupta (PGDM, Class of 1995) on the cover of its edition titled “Leading the Future of Supply Chain: The Voices Shaping 2025 and Beyond.
Read more [here](#)

Anuj Goel (PGEMP, Class of 2020) has authored Corporate Launch, a practical guide to bridging the yawning gap between academic success and professional effectiveness. Read more [here](#)

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

Alumni on Campus



A Nostalgic Homecoming: FMB Alumnus Revisits Campus After 16 Years: Eklavya Rishi (FMB 12), visited the campus where he completed the PGPFMB programme 16 years ago, also interacted with participants of FMB 37.

Events



Kolkata alumni meet was held on 7th Nov 2025 when the alumni come forward and promised to keep the city chapter active.

Alumni from early 2000 to 2025 year of graduation came together for a fun evening.



Alumni based in London met on 14th November 2025.

Faculty Speak

Articles

A. [Beyond speed: Why governance is fintech's new innovation engine](#) by Prof. Ashish Desai in Economic Times ET Edge on 14th November, 2025.

B. [Zerodha's future depends on whether it wants to join its rivals or beat them](#) by Prof. Avinash Ghalke in Forber India on 6th November, 2025.

C. [As 'Parsiana' closes, Indian journalism loses a small but important voice](#) by Prof. Dinyar Patel in Scroll.in on 15th October, 2025.

D. [Influencing India, one micro-campaign at a time](#) by Prof. Ashita Aggarwal in BW Marketing on 13th October, 2025.

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Podcast



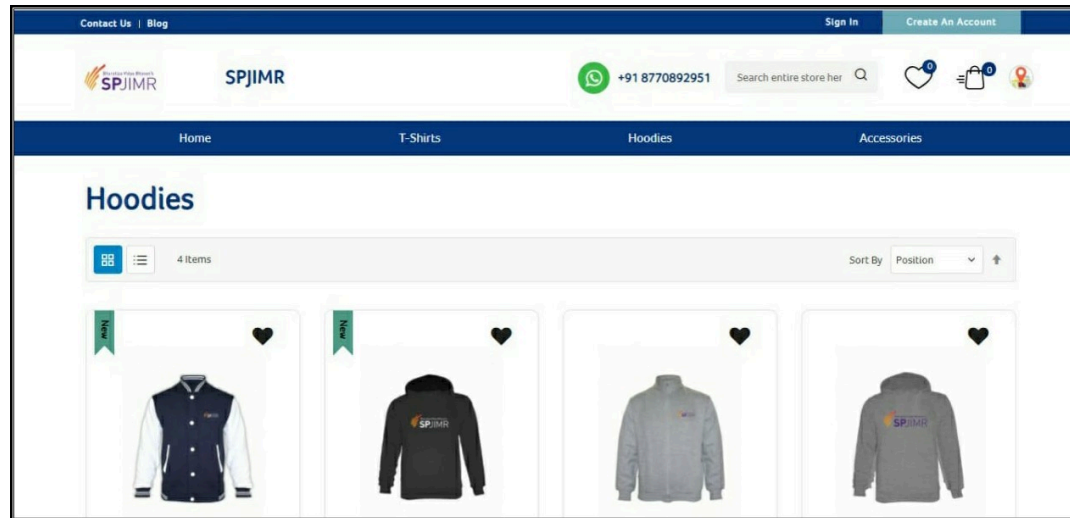
Past Imperfect Episode 23: Padraic X. Scanlan on why Ireland's Great Famine matters.



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