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## Bhavan's SPJIMR Alumni Newsletter February 2026

### Announcements

SPJIMR's PGPM ranked #74 globally in the  
FT Global MBA 2026 Ranking

## Post Graduate Programme in Management

Ranked

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2026 RANKING

SPJIMR's Post Graduate Programme in Management has been ranked 74 globally in the Financial Times Global MBA 2026 Ranking, and recognised as the highest new entrant in this year's table.

The 18-month Post Graduate Programme in Management (PGPM), designed for experienced professionals, focuses on developing leaders who can navigate complexity, innovate with purpose, and drive meaningful change across organisations and society.

For the institution, this recognition among the global Top 100 alongside institutions such as Harvard Business School, MIT Sloan School of Management, INSEAD, London Business School, and Yale School of Management represents more than a ranking. It is an affirmation of its growing global standing in contemporary management education.

Commenting on the recognition, Prof. Varun Nagaraj, Dean, SPJIMR, said: “Being recognised among the world’s leading MBA programmes reaffirms our approach to developing managers who can lead, innovate, and drive positive business and societal change.”

**Ranking highlights include:**

- Fifth globally for faculty gender diversity, the highest among Indian business schools
- Ranked 29 globally for value for money
- Ranked 39 globally for careers service effectiveness
- A 199 percent salary increase reported by alumni three years after graduation, the fifth largest globally

This recognition reflects the collective commitment of participants, faculty, staff, alumni, and partners who continue to strengthen the institute’s mission of developing leaders who combine competence with conscience, and business success with societal impact.

Read the full announcement [here](#)

**Abhyudaya**

**A Mentorship Built on Trust and Belief**



Some mentors offer guidance. Others, direction. A rare few offer belief.

After more than a decade, Prof. Debajyoti Biswas (PGDM 2014 to 2016) was reunited with his mentee, Isamuddin Shaikh (Abhyudaya, Batch 5), a relationship defined not by time, but by trust.

The reunion took place during a recent visit by Prof. Biswas to SPJIMR, where he was engaging with faculty and requested to meet his Sitara. What followed was a moment of quiet joy and deep connection, the rekindling of a bond that had endured the passage of time. Their interaction, candid and deeply human, was captured in this video.

More than a meeting, the reunion served as a reminder that meaningful mentorship creates connections that extend well beyond the classroom and often shape a lifetime

**WISE Tech**

# TaSIC 2026 at SPJIMR: Where India's Aspirations Meet Long Term Sustainability



SPJIMR's international Technology and Societal Impact Conference (TaSIC 2026) brought together global scholars, industry leaders, policymakers, alumni, faculty, and students to examine an important question: how can India meet rising consumer aspirations without compromising responsibility, resilience, and long term societal well being? The conference was held on February 20 and 21 at the Mumbai campus and was structured as an Academic and Practice Sprint.

Day one of the programme featured an Academic Plenary with international scholars examining themes such as moral markets, responsible marketing strategy, inclusive technology design, and circular value chains. Dean Varun Nagaraj synthesised these discussions as India's 'aspiration sustainability paradox'. From single use packaging and groundwater depletion to AI's carbon footprint and BNPL driven debt, the sessions highlighted a central insight: systemic interdependence requires systemic redesign.

On Day two, the programme shifted from discussion to action. In a closed door Industry Design Sprint, nearly 50 senior leaders from organisations including Mondelēz International, Mahindra & Mahindra, Cummins India, Godrej Agrovet, Delhivery, and Myntra joined SPJIMR faculty and students. Working in small groups, participants developed 'Prescription Cards', concise and actionable recommendations that mapped trade-offs, accountability, and the consequences of inaction. These

outputs will inform SPJIMR's forthcoming policy paper, *India 2026: Solutions for Meeting Consumer Aspirations Responsibly and Sustainably*.

As TaSIC 2026 reaffirmed SPJIMR's commitment to bridging research rigour with executive action and shaping markets that are resilient, inclusive, and future ready, a special acknowledgement is extended to the SPJIMR alumnus who contributed practitioner insight during the Design Sprint, enriching the dialogue with real world perspectives.

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## Alumni Focus

### Notable Alumni

**Tarun Mehta** (PGDM, Class of 2004) has authored *The Corporate Yogi: Dharma, Karma, KPI and the Middle Path*.

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**Bhaskar Ramesh** (PGDM Class of 2002), Director – Omnichannel Businesses at Google, was nominated for the AMBA & BGA Excellence Awards 2026

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### Events



PGPGM alumni meet in Delhi on 17th Jan 2026



Alumni based in Chennai met on 21st February 2026.

## Faculty Speak

### Articles

A. [Why storytelling is essential for today's social impact leaders](#) by Prof. Kiran J. Mahasuar in Economic Times on 26th February, 2026.

B. [Why management education struggles with outrageous thinking](#) by Prof. Karman Khanna in Reputation India on 11th February, 2026.

C. [2026 is set to be the year of Connected TV](#) by Prof. Rupal Walia in Campaign India on 30th January, 2026.

D. [The tenets of preserving core ideology for success on and off field](#) by Prof. Kapil Khandeparkar in Forbes India 13th January, 2026.

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## Podcast



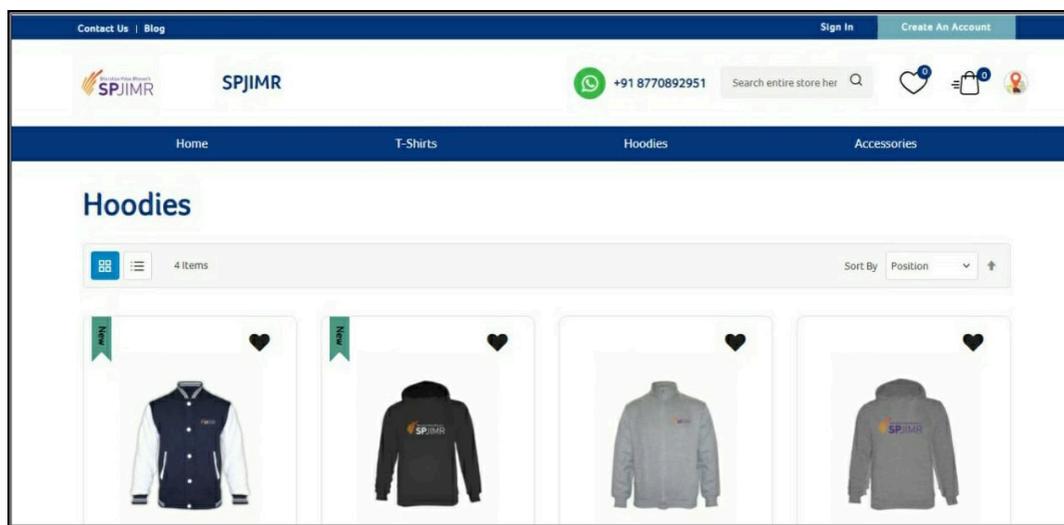
Past Imperfect Episode 25: Female power on the streets of Bombay with Avrati Bhatnagar and Sumathi Ramaswamy



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