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**Can you believe that
2019 is already over?**

With so much happening across all our campuses, 2019 was truly an eventful year for all of us at SP Jain. Don't believe us? Here are some of the major alumni and campus updates from just the last quarter. We hope that you enjoy reading about them and that this will serve as a great way for you as alumni to develop deeper connections with the School. Enjoy!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



GOOD BYE, MR SURESH KUMAR!

As alumni of SP Jain, there is no doubt that all of you would personally know Mr Suresh Kumar (Director - Alumni Relations). Many (if not all) of you have built a strong personal connection with him over the past few years, and for good reason. After all, he is known around campuses for his friendly face and a jolly laugh.

It is with great sadness that we inform you about the end of Suresh's exciting tenure at S P Jain. He has decided to move on and relocate to India. Suresh joined SP Jain in 2004 at the Dubai campus and subsequently moved to Singapore where he headed Corporate Relations and then Alumni Relations. He will be greatly missed by all of us, and we wish him the very best in his future endeavours.



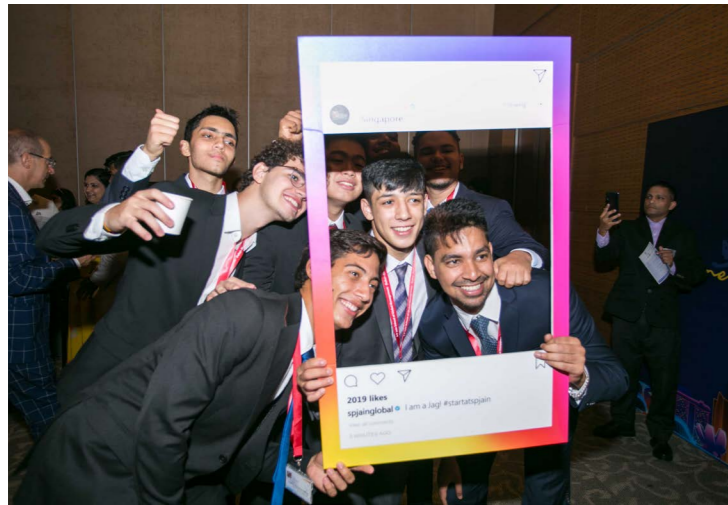
PROMOTION: DEPUTY DIRECTOR - ALUMNI RELATIONS:

Taking over the reins from Suresh, Ms Anu Madan has now been appointed as the Deputy Director - Alumni Relations, and is based at our Singapore campus. She will be your go-to person for everything alumni. We wish her the very best in her new role!

PS - Don't forget to drop by her office and say hi whenever you are at S P Jain Singapore.

BBA ORIENTATION

We are thrilled to inform you that the SP Jain family is growing every day! In September, 146 new students from 22 countries started their Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) journey with us in Singapore, and we are so pleased to welcome them to our family! We wish our Jaguars the very best for their new adventure with us here in Singapore and wish them all the best as they move to our other cities – Dubai and Sydney.



EXECUTIVE MBA ORIENTATION – SINGAPORE & DUBAI

Our Singapore campus also welcomed a new cohort of Executive MBA students on campus this October. The highly engaging Orientation Day was attended by our Guest of Honour – Mr Cherian Varghese (Regional Managing Director & Vice President - ASEAN & SAGE, Oracle), staff, faculty and current EMBA students. With an average class experience of 11 years, the new cohort is made up of an excellent blend of experienced professionals from a robust mix of industries and nationalities.

Soon after the Orientation Day in Singapore, we also welcomed a new cohort of Executive MBA students at our Dubai campus. The Orientation involved sessions to familiarise students with the campus and its myriad facilities, along with an introduction to the faculty, staff, current students and alumni.



CONVOCATION

POST GRADUATE – CLASS OF 2019

While our student community is growing immensely on the one hand, the alumni community also continues to flourish. 127 Postgraduate students completed their tri-city SP Jain journey and attended their Graduation Day at St Regis Hotel (Singapore), joining our diverse alumni community.

Hearty Congratulations to the newly minted Graduates. We are so excited to see what you'll be up to next!



MGLUXM – CLASS OF 2019

Three cheers to our Luxury Management Batch 05 students who recently graduated with flying colours. Their Convocation Day was graced by Biren Vaidya (MD - Rose Group), and Shoyeb Hussain Cyclewala (Program Director - Master in Luxury Management). Congratulations to our graduates!



'QUANTIFYING LEADERSHIP SKILLS THROUGH BRAIN RESEARCH AND PSYCHOLOGY' WITH DR NICOLAS HAMELIN

Our Mumbai campus organised an exclusive session with Dr Nicolas Hamelin (Director - Neuroscience Lab, SP Jain Sydney) on 'Quantifying Leadership Skills through Brain Research and Psychology'. The event also saw a live demonstration of SP Jain's latest Engaged Learning Online (ELO) technology with Prof Christopher Abraham (CEO & Head of Campus, SP Jain Dubai).



SUPPLY CHAIN CONCLAVE – DUBAI

After two successful conclaves at Singapore and Mumbai, our Dubai campus was the last to host SP Jain's annual Supply Chain Conclave "Digital Transformation of Procurement & Supply Chain" to a packed house of supply chain professionals from leading companies including DNATA (Emirates), General Motors, Spinneys, Roche Pharma, Landmark Group, Danzas DHL, KPMG, Beiersdorf (Nivea), Huawei, African+Eastern, Al Futtaim, Jumbo Group (Sony), AW Rostamani (Nissan), Inchcape Shipping, Danube, BASF Chemicals, Fetchr, Redington & many more. The event was also attended by KHDA and several SP Jain alumni who are currently placed at top Supply Chain companies in the region.



FACULTY IN THE NEWS

DR ANNA TARABASZ AND HER TEAM WIN AT RTA INNOVATION LAB



Dr Anna Tarabasz (Assistant Professor – Marketing and Deputy Director – MGB Internships) and her team’s proposal, iShare, was adjudged the winning concept at Innovation Lab 2019 hosted by Roads and Transport Authority (RTA) in Dubai on November 17, 2019.

The idea of iShare is an autonomous detachable pod with a mobile-based application that synchronises with their travellers’ transportation needs and enables to solve transportation challenges within the city and replace existing models of public transport.

Dr Tarabasz’s team included:

- Umang Suri (Chief Specialist, RTA)
- Bob Sorensen (VP Strategy, Innovation Ecosystems and Partnerships, Captum Advisors)
- Nathan Juglard (Strategy & Business Development, Thales)
- Ruba Abdelal (Project Manager, RTA)



DR SMITHA SARMA RANGANATHAN WINS THE YOUNG MANAGEMENT TEACHER AWARD FROM AIMS

We are pleased to inform you that Dr Smitha Sarma Ranganathan (Assistant Professor) was chosen by Association of Indian Management Scholars (AIMS) Awards 2019 for the Young Management Teacher Award. Over 600 academics were formally considered for the award and only 4 persons were chosen, making this a huge achievement.

Dr Smitha went through 6 rounds of interviews to win this recognition, and was the only person who received an Award in the Young Management Teacher category.

Congratulations, Dr Smitha!



DR KARIPUR NANDA KUMAR INTERVIEWED BY BTCN ASIA’S ‘COFFEE & CONVERSATIONS’

Dr Karippur Nanda Kumar (Professor & Area Head - IT) was interviewed by BTCN Asia for their show ‘Coffee & Conversation’, where he shared his insights on the latest digital transformations and explained why many digital projects fail. Want to watch the full feature? Click here:

<http://ow.ly/Wbxk50wBx1h>



ALUMNI EVENTS



ALUMNI MIXERS

Alumni mixers are a great opportunity for us to meet our alumni and get to know about all the wonderful things that you have been up to. It is also an excellent change for the current students to meet and interact with successful alumni like you, brainstorm new ideas, gets tips for building their careers.

In this quarter, both Singapore & Dubai campuses hosted alumni mixers along with the current PG students. The Singapore mixer even saw MGB student interns who joined us for the event and made it a success.



MEET AND GREET WITH DR GRANDHI

Dr Grandhi met few of our senior alumni in Delhi for meet and greet event on 17th November 2019 at Hotel Metropolitan where 9 of our alumni turned up for exchanging ideas.



XPRESSIONS

Our alumni, student interns and current postgraduate students had the pleasure of attending an Xpressions session by Prof Ram Kumar (Adjunct Faculty, Marketing) at SP Jain Singapore. The activities-based session had a packed house of over 50 attendees where Prof Kumar highlighted various business ideas that work for real businesses in the real world

For our last Xpressions session for the year, the Singapore Alumni Committee invited Radhika Shankar (Sr. Digital Account Manager, LinkedIn). Radhika spoke on "Leveraging LinkedIn and on Personal Branding". This session was attended by Alumni and the current students.



SOCIAL

SPJ Socials have become very popular and in the last few months, our Alumni have been organising them and meeting up in numerous cities including Mumbai, Bengaluru, Delhi and Singapore. In India, these Socials were held at various restaurants such as The Little Door in Mumbai, The Beer Factory in New Delhi and at The Terrace at Gilly's Redefined in Bengaluru.

The evenings were full of networking, fun and laughter, and were thoroughly enjoyed by every alumnus who attended.



In Singapore, the Alumni met at the East Coast Park with their families and enjoyed a BBQ by the Beach. It was a well spent afternoon by the beach with games, yummy food, perfect weather and lot of bonding.

SPORTS EVENTS



ALUMNI VS STUDENT- CRICKET TOURNAMENT

Cricket has always been a favourite sport both for our alumni and our students. Keeping this in mind, a Cricket Tournament was held between the SPJ alumni and current students in Dubai. Aimed at reuniting the alumni and helping them network with the current students, the tournament was held at GEMS Heritage Indian School Cricket ground.



Meanwhile, our health fitness enthusiasts got together for a "Tree Top Walk" at the Macritchie Reservoir in Singapore. The alumni were joined by their families and bonded over a hearty breakfast after the walk.

TOASTMASTER'S DEBATE CONTEST

In November, SPJ Dubai hosted the Division B - Regional Debate Competition themed 'A Toastmaster Contest'. The participants in the contest included our current Executive MBA students and some of our alumni including Amit Kapoor, AB Lakshmanan, Mohamed Ashik and Shweta Agarwal.



KNOWLEDGE SHARE

ADDRESS BY GAURAV SHARMA (GMBA'07)

Special thanks to Gaurav Sharma (GMBA'07) who visited our Dubai campus for an ECAP session with our EMBA students. Gaurav has worked in the Gulf for the last 11 years with experience in managing retail banking products (for banks like First Gulf Bank and Mashreq Bank). He has exposure in managing loyalty programs and strategic alliances. For example, he cobranded credit cards for Mashreq Bank. Additionally, he was the Head of Retail Products and Marketing at Gulf Finance. In 2017, he decided to set up his own Consulting Firm in Dubai and has also founded a tech start-up called Open Bonnet which aspires to play a central role in auto aftermarket in the region.



SESSION BY DR MONICA GALLANT

"Enhancing Leadership through Intercultural Intelligence" was the topic for our Knowledge Share series which was conducted by Dr. Monica Gallant -Associate Professor- Accounting at S P Jain School of Global Management. Using practical examples, the session explored the interaction between leadership techniques and intercultural intelligence. Alumni explored their own cultural viewpoints and learned how improved cultural understanding can enhance leadership effectiveness and improve corporate communications in the global workplace.



ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

Ashish Tripathi _ Head of Strategic Sourcing, Logistics and Agency, TORM recently won the Gen Next Leader award for Procurement at the 5th ILSC Awards 2019. Congratulations to Ashish! We at S P Jain are proud of you and wish you the very best.



Three cheers to GMBA graduate Vamsi Krishna Ithamraju (VP and Head of Engineering, Neogrowth) who was recently featured by The Economic Times' ET CIO Wall among the most successful CIOs in the country. Congratulations, Vamsi! We wish you many more laurels in the future!

Click here to read his interview in ET:
<https://lnkd.in/gvVZsT5 hashtag#spjain>

We would like to express our gratitude to the following Alumni for their assistance in the following areas:

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ALUMNI PORTAL

We are pleased to let you know that we are revamping our alumni portal, and will be launching it very soon.

The portal will help you connect with your batchmates and other alumni across the world, keep you updated on what is happening across our global campuses, keep you updated on our upcoming events, help you explore the job openings posted by your fellow alumni, and a lot more!

Stay tuned for more details.

SEND US YOUR SUGGESTIONS

We are always looking for suggestions and ways to improve. If you have any ideas for events or any suggestions, please do write to us.

Additionally, please write to us about your stories, new ventures, awards, promotions, or any other achievements, so we can feature you.

We look forward to seeing you at our next alumni event!

Thank you.

Best regards,

Alumni Relations Team

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