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NMIMS SPPSPTM and Merck India launch Catalyst programme to build future pharma talent

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Reinforcing their shared commitment to advancing industry-integrated education, Mumbai-based Shri Vile Parle Kelavani Mandal (SVKM)'s Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies (NMIMS) School of Pharmacy & Technology Management (SPPSPTM) and Merck India have announced the launch of the NMIMS SPPSPTM – Merck CATALYST Programme, a first-of-its-kind initiative at NMIMS designed to prepare students for the evolving demands of the pharmaceutical and healthcare industry.

The 12-week certification programme will equip students with industry-relevant knowledge through intensive modules in different scientific domains. Envisioned as a long-term collaboration, NMIMS and Merck India plan to conduct multiple editions of the CATALYST Programme annually, with participants receiving a certification upon successful completion of the program.

Designed to complement classroom learning with real-world industry exposure, the CATALYST Programme will familiarise students with global pharmaceutical practices and the competencies expected in today's workplace.

Drawing on Merck's expertise in Global Capability Centres (GCCs), which support key global pharmaceutical functions, the programme will expose students to internationally aligned processes and help them develop the technical, regulatory, and professional capabilities required for global roles.