# Project Management Update from PMO Global Alliance India Hub <sup>1</sup>



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# **News Snippets**

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Topic: Integrating Operations & Project Management for improved business outcome.

In an enlightening PMO Insights session hosted by PMO Global Alliance India Hub, esteemed speakers **Dr. Gunjan R Malhotra**, an Associate Professor at the Institute of Management Technology, Ghaziabad, and **Shalini Sankarshana**, Managing Director and Country Manager at Planview, delved into the critical integration of Operations and Project Management. The event, aimed at enhancing business outcomes through strategic alignment, was held live on LinkedIn on 16th March from 4 PM to 5 PM IST.

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#### Speakers:

The event featured distinguished personalities, bringing a wealth of experience and expertise.

- <u>Dr. Gunjan R Malhotra</u>, Associate Professor at <u>Institute of Management Technology</u>, <u>Ghaziabad</u>, Program Director AGMP upGrad, Chairperson Fellow Program in Management (FPM), Chairperson-Operations Management Area.
- Ms. Shalini Sankarshana, Managing Director and Country Manager at <u>Planview</u>, Member of NASSCOM Product Council - Product Skills and NWPC.

Dr. Malhotra, with her extensive academic and practical experience in Operations Management, and Shalini Sankarshana, a seasoned leader known for her strategic insights in managing business operations, provided a comprehensive overview of the synergies between operations and project management. Their discussion highlighted the importance of this integration in achieving operational excellence and driving sustainable business growth.

The session covered a range of vital topics, including the pitfalls of siloed operations and project management, the gap between project execution and operational stability, the impact of technology in streamlining processes, and strategies for fostering a culture of continuous improvement.

Ms. Sankarshana covered about the Change, Evolution of Work, Moving from Output to the outcome-based approach and AI for Project Managers. She left an intriguing thought with all the audience on "What is the AI for Project managers in reality".

The speakers shared real-world examples and best practices, offering valuable guidance to Project management, PMO professionals and business leaders alike.

The interactive Q&A segment allowed participants to engage directly with the speakers, addressing specific challenges and exploring innovative solutions. The insights shared during this session underscored the significance of adopting an integrated approach to operations and project management, emphasizing its role in enhancing efficiency, agility, and competitive advantage.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Gunjan R Malhotra and Ms.Shalini Sankarshana for their invaluable contributions to the PMO community. Their expertise and perspectives have undoubtedly enriched our understanding of the critical interplay between operations and project management.

For those who missed the live session, we encourage you to watch the recording available on our LinkedIn page (<a href="https://lnkd.in/dkdKTu9c">https://lnkd.in/dkdKTu9c</a>). Stay tuned for more insightful events from PMOGA India Hub, as we continue to explore topics that drive excellence and innovation in the field of project management.

#### **Acknowledgment and Thanks:**

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#### **PMO India Awards – Winners**

We received an overwhelming response for the PMO Leader of the Year category, with exceptional nominations showcasing the talent and dedication of Project Management Officers/Project management leaders in India.

We are thrilled to announce the winners and runners-up for the PMO Leader of the Year category, a testament to the exceptional individuals who continue to shape the landscape of Project/Program Management Office.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to these outstanding leaders for their dedication, innovation, and exemplary contributions.

# PMO Leader of the Year Awardees



- Winner Bhavna Longani
- First Runner-Up Manohar Yerraguntla, PMP®, DASSM®, ICP-ACC®
- Second Runner-Up Ajo Koshy Joseph

Their accomplishments truly exemplify the excellence we strive to recognize and celebrate within our community. Despite the adjustment in award categories, we remain steadfast in our commitment to fostering a culture of recognition and appreciation for the remarkable work being done in the project/program management domain.

We would like to express our gratitude to all participants, judges, and supporters who have contributed to the success of the PMO India Awards 2023. Your involvement is integral to the growth and vibrancy of our community.

### **Acknowledgments and References:**

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