

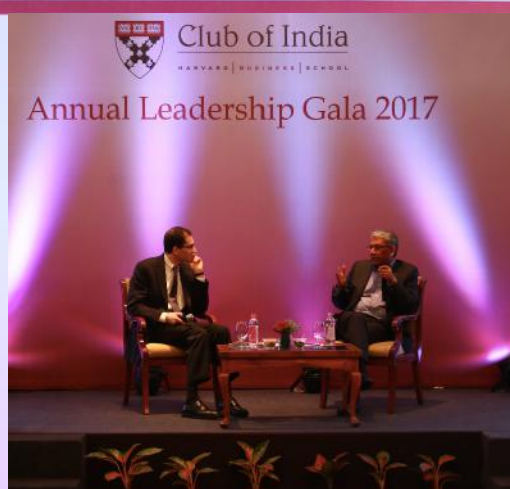


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Annual Leadership Gala - a grand Success!





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The HBS Club of India routinely organises events along with the HBS Research Center and other Harvard affiliates. Some of the events hosted in the last 4 months are as follows:

Chai pe Charcha Series With

Aparna Piramal on 13 Oct 2016,
Mumbai

Nadir Godrej on 16 Nov 2016,
Kolkata

Ravi Venkatesan on 19 Nov 2016,
Mumbai

Renuka Ramnath on 24 Jan 2017,
Mumbai





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Past Events.....



A Founder and leader of the fast growing global Conscious Capitalism movement, **Raj Sisodia** did an interactive session with Begaluru Alumni on 14 November 2016 at Synergia Foundation. The topic of the discussion was Conscious Capitalism: How business can uplift humanity. The discussion was truly inspirational.



Global Networking Night was organised in Delhi, Mumbai and Bengaluru on 18 Oct 2016 at respective locations. Networking night is very famous within the alumni community because it gives great opportunity to explore and expand Harvard Network; the last event drew more than 5,500 alumni in more than 75 locations.



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HBS Club of India in collaboration with Pune City Connect, Social Venture Partners and NASSCOM Foundation have organised a day of interactive sessions at the **Inclusive India Forum** on 22 Nov, 2016 in Pune so that the challenging journey can be tackled better with a collective strength.



Delhi closed the holiday season by organising **Delhi Holiday Soiree** which was hosted by HBS Alumni, Aakash Ohri at the Pavilion, DFL - Gurgaon on 17 Dec 2016.





From the President's Desk.....

A wonderful Gala – and a great milestone !

It was a packed house at the Taj Lands End Ball Room in Mumbai as the fourth HBS Leadership Gala got off to a rousing start with Minister Jayant Sinha and Ravi Venkatesan, both MBA batchmates from HBS. Their extremely articulate sessions and an outstanding panel that followed were both coordinated by HBS Faculty and the participants thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

In four years of my own involvement with the HBS Club of India, initially as Vice President to Adil Zainulbhai and the last two years as Club President, the biggest joy we have had, apart from a steadily growing membership and engagement level has been our focus on two key issues that have great relevance for our country. The first of course is leadership and we have attempted, through our multiple events and the very evocative “Chai pe Charcha” series to showcase this aspect that shines through from all alumni of the school. The second, which is very close to my heart is our focus on Inclusive India. Three outstanding conclaves, at IIM Udaipur, MIM Bhubaneswar and recently the very successful Inclusive India conclave in Pune in collaboration with Social Venture Partners, NASSCOM Foundation and Pune City Connect have demonstrated that our membership, apart from having outstanding heads on their shoulders, also have hearts that beat for India.



Members of our Board have willingly pitched in to take our agenda forward and I would specifically like to call out Nishant, Anshul, Harish, Vinita, Inakshi, Sahana, Neera and Nadir Godrej for their willingness to lead and participate in so many events. I am delighted that Nadir, Harish, Sahana, Vinita and Inakshi have agreed to continue to the next Board that takes office under the leadership of Eureka Forbes Executive Chairman Suresh Goklaney in April this year.

A special word of mention for our tireless Club Director Manpreet. Her energy and enthusiasm have been infectious and I am sure she will continue to do yeoman work for all of us in the years to come!

As Jayant Sinha mentioned in his speech at the Gala, there is an old Chinese curse that goes “May you live in interesting times”. With the demonetisation effects on various sectors of the economy, the anticipated but still substantial moves of Donald Trump in the US White House and the continuing concern about the future of jobs in the world and in India, there will be no shortage of challenges that all of us will face. I am sure we will not only prevail but succeed and keep the HBS flag flying in our companies and our country. All the best to all of you!

Dr Ganesh Natarajan is Chairman of 5F World and NASSCOM Foundation.