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## HBS CLUB OF INDIA

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*The HBS Club of India routinely organises events across various cities in India with the support of their respective Leadership team and its active club members. Here is a quick snap shot of the months passed by with some beautiful memories.*



Ganesh Natarajan, Club's President attended the Club Leadership Conference (CLC) on May 31 and June 1. CLC included discussions and brainstorming sessions around best practices for running alumni clubs. Professor Warren McFarlan, MBA 1961, H. Gordon Professor of Business Administration and Professor Sunil Gupta, Edward W. Carter Professor of Business Administration led interactive sessions about Joining a Nonprofit Board and Leading in the Age of Digital Disruption.



## Past Events.....



**Sohn Conference** was conducted on 03 June 2016 at the Taj Lands End in Mumbai - This was one of the oldest and largest investment conferences in New York and this was the inaugural conference for India. The session saw eminent speakers like Raamdeo Agrawal, CIOs of Blackrock, ICICI, Reliance Asset Management, Shiv Puri of Voyager, Akash Prakash of Amansa, Kenneth Andrade, formerly of IDFC Mutual Fund, head of JP Morgan Asset Management's India division.



**Global Networking Night** was organised in Delhi and Mumbai on 15 June 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.



**Dean Speakers Series** saw our club's president Ganesh Natarajan speaking at ISB Hyderabad campus on 12 July 2016. He gave his views on "*How businesses can thrive in a digital world*". The session saw great response among the audience.



### India Financing Series

was launched on 08 August 2016. We begin the series with Neelkanth Mishra, Managing Director and India Equity Strategist for credit Suisse. The objective of this series is to provide an opportunity to hear stalwarts in the field of Finance.



**Chai pe Charcha Series Session 07** with Naina lad Kidwai was held in Mumbai, IRC office on 10 August 2016. The session was inspiring, Motivating and though provoking. Naina also gave her recently edited book “ 30 women in power” to each participant with a personal message - Which was totally a leaders style.



**INDIA HR SUMMIT 2016** was organised for the second year on 02 September 2016 in Delhi where the inaugural session saw Delhi HBS Alumni sharing their views on the topic of 'Trends that will reshape the future of HR'.



**"Express Adda with Karan Johar,"** was organised by the Indian Express on 02 September 2016 in Mumbai. The invitation was extended only to the HBS Club members. He shared many of his Bollywood stories with the audience and also talked about his upcoming movies and reality shows.

**Networking Over Coffee** was organised on 25 August 2016 in Bengaluru where the leadership team discussed an action plan to make the south region more active.



## Upcoming Events.....

**Chai pe Charcha** with Aparna Piramal Raje, 13 October, Mumbai.

**Global Networking Night** on 18 October, Delhi and Mumbai

**Chai pe Charcha** with Nadir Godrej on 16 November 2016, Kolkata

**Inclusive India Forum** on 22 Nov 2016, Pune

## *From the treasurer's desk*

Dear HBS Club Members,

Namaskar! First, let me wish you all a very happy festive season in advance with Dussehra and Diwali coming up later this month. Wish all of you much health and happiness!

As we look back at the nine months gone by in this year, through your support, we have made significant progress in making the HBS community in India more cohesive to further the vision of leveraging our vibrant alumni community to give back to our society and country. We still have a long way to go in deepening our engagement and I would like to personally urge each one of you to be ambassadors of the Club in that regard.

We have increased the scale of activities of the Club considerably this year in terms of different types of events to cater to the varying interests of our alumni base. From “chai pe charcha” with Jayant Sinha, Current MOS – Civil Aviation (and Former MOS – Finance) to a tete-a-tete with Neelkanth Mishra, India Strategist, Credit Suisse, we have attempted to create an intimate setting with thought leaders. Having said that, there is always room for improvement and suggestions – I would therefore request all of you to please offer your actionable suggestions on what more can we do to keep the momentum going. We offer something for everyone, so I encourage you to consider joining the activities of the Club based on your interest.



India stands like an oasis relative to the rest of the world and we as HBS alumni have the opportunity to contribute in its continued development. We hope that the wide array of events and interactions planned for the rest of the year will only further strengthen this agenda

HBS instilled a core value in me that life is in large part about giving back to the community. If you have some time or interest, please don't hesitate to contact any of us particularly the one in charge of an area that interests you, about finding a way that you can be more involved. Have a good idea? Let's work together to make it something special. Contributing to the Club is one small way to fulfill this ambition and I hope that you'll give it some thought. Contributions can take as little or as much of your time as you'd like.

As you know, the term of the existing Board comes to an end by Mar 31, 2017 and we are looking forward to handing over the baton to a new Club leadership team. I would like to thank all those who have contributed so much, especially our President Ganesh Natarajan, the rest of the Board including Anshul, Nadir, Vinita, the IRC team led by Anjali, Inakshi and Rukmani and not to forget our enthusiastic Club Director, Manpreet Kaur. Well done, Team!

Together with the Board of Directors we are honored to serve you and hope you will continue engage with your fellow alumni in the Club. Please join us in taking the Club to greater heights!

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