

Happy New Year!

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Celebrating our journey together – Highlights from 2025

As an integral part of our extended PwC family, we want to take a moment to reflect and share the exciting milestones we've achieved over the year gone by.

- PwC India has been recognised as a **Leader in the IDC MarketScape: India IT and Digital Transformation Services for Public Sector 2025** – an accolade that reflects the meaningful work we're doing to build smarter, more citizen-centric digital services – that helps shape a future-ready India.
- Innovation is in our DNA, and we're excited about the launch of **Navigate Tax Hub** -- our AI-powered digital tax colleague that took centre stage. By combining PwC's deep expertise, real-time updates, and 300,000+ regulatory sources into one intelligent platform, Navigate Tax Hub turns complexity into clarity. It drafts with precision, analyses with depth, and supports end-to-end litigation to simplify complex tax work.
- We celebrated a big win with **nine awards** at the **SAP ACE Awards 2025** – a testament to the passion and commitment of our people delivering truly innovative solutions to clients.
- We expanded our footprint with new offices in **Mumbai and Nagpur**, strengthening our presence across Maharashtra and enhancing our ability to serve clients across the region and beyond.

We continued to build bonds within our alumni community by organising a series of meaningful engagements:

- **Empowering women leaders:** We hosted a topical webinar around "Leading with Strength: Empowering women to shape tomorrow's workplaces." for all our alums. A big thank you to our trailblazing alums **Sharmila Karve, Nupur Garg, Mayurakshi Ray, and CA Tripti Shinghal Somani** for their inspiring stories and valuable insights. Missed it? Watch the recording [here](#).
- **Insights from industry stalwarts:** We were privileged to hear from distinguished PwC alum and HDFC Bank CFO, **Srinivasan Vaidyanathan at our CFO roundtable** His perspectives on data and GenAI, emphasising their role as a unified source of truth, highlighted how these can drive productivity and growth within finance functions.
- **Celebrating bonds:** Some of our former and retired Partners from the West stopped by the Mumbai office for a **year-end get-together** – it was indeed a wonderful opportunity to reconnect, celebrate friendships and camaraderie, and share with them where we're headed as a firm.
- We also **interviewed alums** **Srikant Krishan, Rohit Bhasin, Satyajit Gupta, Suchita Sharma, and Ankit Desai** for our Spotlight series. It is encouraging to see your comments and appreciation for this series that aims to celebrate our remarkable Alum community who continue to be deeply connected with the firm.

Thanks to your engagement, participation and eagerness to see the India Alumni programme flourish, we're proud to have ended 2025 on a strong note. Let's keep growing and sharing together – because this is truly **#YourNetworkForLife**. If you have any suggestions or compliments about our Alumni programme, write to us at in_alumni.pwcindia@pwc.com.

The Alumni Team
PwC India

Alumni Hub | A dedicated portal for our PwC India Alums – a platform that enables you to connect with each other in more meaningful ways. We look forward to interacting and staying engaged with you on **Alumni Hub!**

Retiring Partners



Sanjukta Pal

We express our deepest gratitude for her commitment, dedication and contribution to the firm. We thank her for being the beacon of inspiration to many and wish her good health, success and happiness in her future endeavours. Welcome to the PwC India Alumni family, Sanjukta!

Celebrating alums



Janvie Wadhwa recently struck her first deal—a big moment that reflects the confidence, grit and client impact our alumni carry into every new chapter.



Satyajit Gupta is part of the GC Hall of Fame 2025 by LawWiser.



PwC alumna turned restaurateur - **Priyanka Bonick (Bhatnagar)** was featured on ET Hospitality World where she discusses about the future of her business.

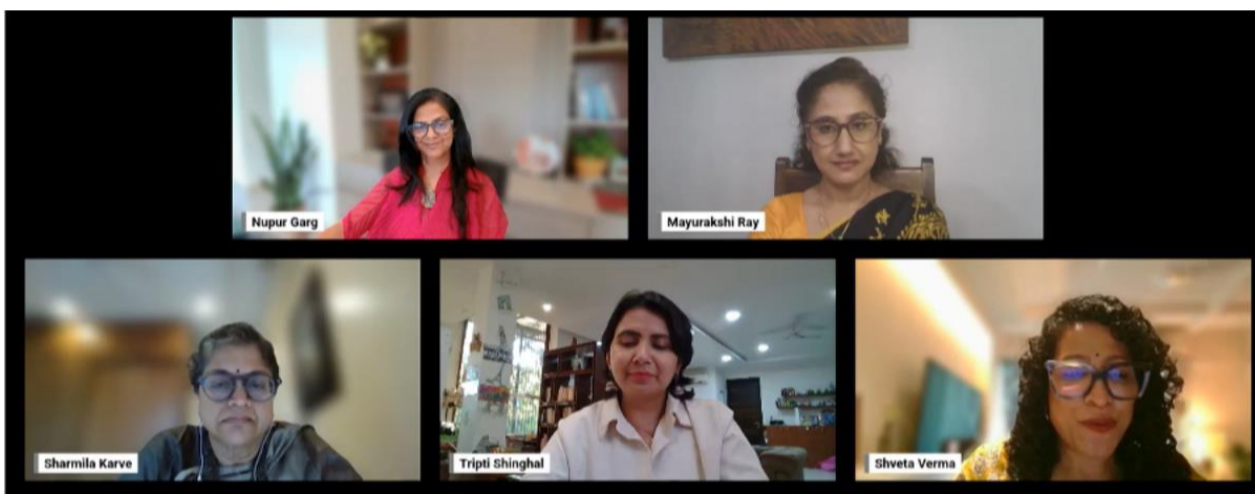


Ashwani Puri became the Non-Executive Director and Chairman of Audit Committee at J B Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals Limited.



Sidharth Vijay was appointed as Head of Internal Audit at Bata India.

Alumni webinar | Leading with strength: Empowering women



With almost 150 participants, the webinar brought together PwC India stalwarts, **Sharmila Karve**, **Nupur Garg**, **Mayurakshi Ray**, and **Tripti Shinghal Somani** who shared their perspectives on leadership, resilience and empowering the next generation of women professionals. The session was moderated by our Inclusion and Diversity Leader, **Shveta Verma**.

HDFC CFO session



A key insight from the recent **CFO Roundtable in Mumbai** was the transformative impact of establishing a single source of truth for finance powered by robust data, advanced technology, and innovation. This approach enables CFOs to achieve real-time efficiencies and ensure compliance with confidence. We were privileged to hear from distinguished PwC alum and HDFC Bank's CFO, **Srinivasan Vaidyanathan**, who shared his perspectives and learnings from engaging with industry peers. The positive response from senior leaders at the event reinforces the value of these forums as platforms for collaboration and knowledge exchange. Watch this space for updates on more of such networking sessions for the financial services community.

West retired partner get-together



Our retired partners who remain treasured members of PwC's alumni family, continue to shape our community with their wisdom, warmth, and camaraderie.

In celebration of these lasting bonds, we recently held a year-end get-together for the **West Retired Partners in Mumbai** to reconnect and walk down memory lane, share stories from times gone by, and exchange fond experiences that have shaped us all. Their presence made the occasion meaningful and reminded us of the strong ties we continue to admire and cherish.

Alumni spotlight



Srikant Krishan

Srikant feels incredibly fortunate to have been part of PwC's nurturing environment. The firm's focused on excellence, collaboration, and empathy deeply influenced his professional ethos.



Rohit Bhasin

Rohit's story is a poignant reminder of how adaptability and strong relationships have propelled PwC's growth—not just for individuals, but for the firm as well.



Satyajit Gupta

Starting as a summer trainee in Kolkata and later joining the Bangalore tax teams, Satyajit remembers how human connections played a key role in shaping his career.



Ankit Desai

Ankit sees his seven years at the firm as a formative period. His journey went beyond technical expertise — it was about developing a broader commercial outlook and embracing collaboration.



Suchita Sharma

Suchita's 12-year journey at PwC India is a testament to professional and personal growth. From manual audits to leading global learning, she highlights the balance of technology, empathy, teamwork, and managing career alongside family.

Second act



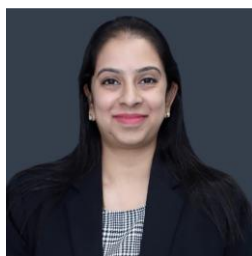
Meenaaz Bastawala

Returning to PwC felt like stepping back into a familiar and supportive environment



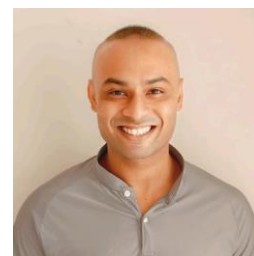
Deepa Rajan

Rejoining with a fresh perspective, I was in a unique position to bridge gaps.



Aishwarya Sriram

I've experienced significant growth since rejoining, both personally and professionally.



Somak Ghosh

PwC always felt like home.

Want to be featured on alumni spotlight? Submit your stories on [Alumni Hub](#) or [in alumni.pwcindia@pwc.com](mailto:alumni.pwcindia@pwc.com)

IDC award



PwC has been recognised as a Leader in the IDC MarketScape: India IT and Digital Transformation Services for Public Sector 2025

This recognition reflects the strength of our consultative approach—combining deep sector knowledge, policy insight, and technology expertise to solve complex public sector challenges.

From cloud and hybrid modernisation to AI-led transformation and citizen-first service design, we bring integrated solutions that deliver measurable outcomes. We see this as a validation of our approach and a marker of the trust our clients place in us.

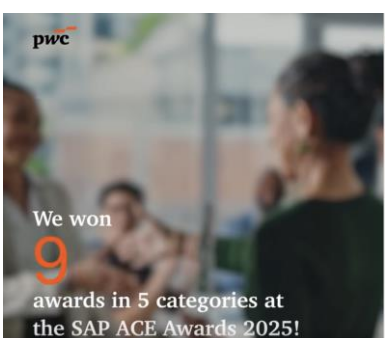
Innovation corner



PwC introduced **Navigate Tax Hub**, a truly groundbreaking AI-powered platform that is revolutionising tax and regulatory management. With instant access to over 300,000 regulatory documents and **10x** faster case law summaries, Navigate Tax Hub transforms complexity into clarity—helping organisations reduce risk, accelerate decision-making, and boost operational efficiency. This platform is poised to redefine how tax functions operate.



SAP ACE Awards 2025



PwC India celebrated a remarkable achievement at the SAP ACE Awards 2025 with nine wins in the Procurement Transformation category.

This recognition underscores the strength and depth of our SAP consulting practice in driving enterprise-wide transformation through innovative technology and forward-thinking solutions.

Moments like these inspire us to continue pushing boundaries and collaborating closely with clients to shape the future of digital transformation.

Expanding our footprint



We strengthened our presence with the launch of a new office in **Nagpur**, Maharashtra advancing our **Vision 2030** goal of fostering decentralised economic growth across emerging hubs. The expansion taps into the region’s skilled talent pool to create meaningful opportunities for local professionals and provides enterprises easier access to high-quality services.

The office is set to grow and offer a broader range of services, reflecting PwC’s commitment to driving inclusive regional growth and delivering impactful transformation across the country.

Oberoi Commerz III office in Goregaon is now open!



We also added **Oberoi Commerz III** to our **Mumbai offices**. Located on the 47th floor, this 38,000sq ft space provides room for collaboration and innovation. This expansion reinforces our promise to delivering exceptional service and tailored solutions, enabling us to better serve our clients across Maharashtra and beyond.

Future Unplugged: Navigating what’s next

Introducing **Future Unplugged: Navigating what's next**, an executive series that brings together influential voices from business and beyond. At the helm is our Chairperson, **Sanjeev Krishan** -- creating space for honest, nuanced conversations with today’s leaders.



Future Unplugged: Navigating what’s next
Episode 4 | Featuring Sanjiv Mehta,
Executive Chairman, L Catterton India,
Former Chairman and CEO of Hindustan Uniliver



Episode 4 - The art of building and leading with Sanjiv Mehta (Executive Chairman, L Catterton India and former Chairman and CEO, Hindustan Unilever)



Future Unplugged: Navigating what’s next
Episode 5 | Featuring William Bissell,
Business leader and social impact architect



Episode 5 - Export roots to artisan revolution: Dissecting business & leadership with William Bissell, managing director of Fabindia

PwC events



8th ETCISO Annual Conclave

PwC India was the knowledge partner for the conclave themed - The CISO Imperative: Resilience, Agility, and Strategic Leadership. While Venkat Iyer delivered a keynote on Future of Cyber Workforce, Amanjit Makesh and Terence Gomes led a closed-door session on Future of CISO – Career paths and development opportunities.



11th Annual Cloud & Data Centre India 2025

PwC India was the strategic partner at the conference, themed - Powering Digital Frontiers: Positioning India as the Global Nerve Center for Data. Vinish Bawa led a fireside-chat while a panel session was moderated by Priyabrata Das. The leaders reinforced the vision of building India into a global data-nerve-centre.



ET Oil & Gas Annual Conference & Expo 2025

PwC India was the knowledge partner for the second consecutive year which brought together industry leaders to discuss the theme Future Energy Systems for ‘Viksit Bharat’ – From Oil & Gas to Multi-Energy Leadership. Manas Majumdar, Deepak Mahurkar, Raman Jha also launched our report “Evolution in global energy transition and its impact on India’s O&G sector”.



ETBrandEquity CX+ Summit 2025

PwC India was the presenting partner at the Mumbai summit. Our Partners, Sanjay Dawar, Sameer Kanegaonkar, Saurabh Tayal, Rituparno Mukhopadhyay, Bhaskar Vashishtha and Rohit Kumar moderated panel sessions exploring next-gen CX strategies, including omnichannel journeys, evolving role of data and empathy in CX transformation.



Economic Times GCC Annual Conclave 2025

PwC India was the title sponsor of the conclave held in Bangalore. Themed ‘Future-proofing Indian GCCs’, our leaders – Vivek Prasad, Rajesh Ojha, Dheeraj Gangrade and Vikram Doshi – delivered keynote, panel and roundtable sessions that explored how GCCs can future-proof themselves against technological disruption, regulatory shifts and rising expectations from global headquarters.

Creating differentiation



o9 Solutions, Inc. awarded PwC India the India Transformation Leadership Award at o9's aim10x Asia 2025 summit in Singapore.



We're delighted to be named Microsoft India Country Partner of the Year 2025.

Driving large-scale transformation. Enabling responsible AI at speed.



We have been named India Country Partner of the Year by Microsoft for driving large-scale transformation on its technologies and helping clients adopt AI responsibly and at pace.



PwC India named a leader in Global Capability Transformation Capability Center by Everest Group.

Everest Group has named us a leader in its report, 'Global Capability Center (GCC) Transformation Capabilities in India – PEAK Matrix® Assessment 2025'



Celebrating our wins

Avtar and Seramount
Best Companies for Women
2025 – Hall of fame

Avtar and Seramount
Most Inclusive Companies
Index – Exemplar

We have once again been recognised as one of the Best Companies for Women in India (BCWI) 2025 by Avtar & Seramount. For the second year in a row, we've been honoured in the Hall of Fame for being on this list for over five consecutive years.



We have been recognised as the 'Best Service Provider' at the prestigious Tatva Awards 2025 hosted by ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company Limited.



We've emerged as the Global Runner-up and APAC Winner at this year's Coursera Impact Awards under the Maximizing Impact category.

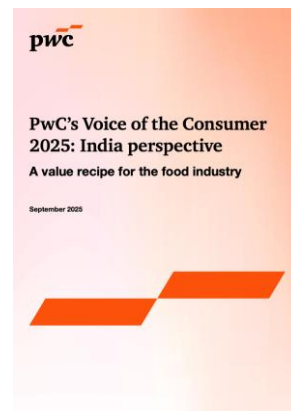
Key thought leadership



The Indian Payments Handbook 2025-2030



2026 Global Digital Trust Insights: C-suite playbook and findings – India edition



PwC's Voice of the Consumer 2025: India perspective



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