

You are part of something extraordinary

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Dear Alumni,

It has been our endeavour to share with you how we are creating a future of infinite experiences, one that reflects what we stand for and what drives our people. For this edition of Connect, our quarterly newsletter, we went deep into our archives to put together heartfelt stories from some of our esteemed alumni and former partners who took a walk down memory lane, recalling their time in the firm.

Whether it's the culture of innovation, the enabling environment, or the lifelong friendships – our new series, '**Second Act**' has former alums and now PwCites share how the firm has laid the foundation for their individual growth stories. As you read this, we hope you'll reflect on your own experiences and the unforgettable moments that defined your time with us.



A few weeks ago, we had the privilege of hearing from former partners **Sharmila Karve** and **Tapan Ray** at our **Network Leadership Development Programme**, which brought together over a hundred partners from across the PwC Network for an immersive experience into the culture, creativity and potential in India. Aside from impactful client interactions and an inside view into how PwC India has been creating value for our stakeholders, the participants were truly appreciative to have had the opportunity to interact with Sharmila and Tapan da. Each of them shared their stories – their experiences with challenges, the need for change, and our ability to come together to overcome any obstacles – the power of our brand and the people who shape it.

This year, our commitment to enhancing our talent brand has also led us to take significant steps forward, one of which is our collaboration with **Masters' Union**, a new-age business school. To commence this exciting partnership, we organised a half-day event so that students will gain invaluable insights into the business world and corporate culture through interactions with our senior colleagues, leaders, clients and partners. As we work towards nurturing the next generation of leaders and innovators, we'd love to welcome many of you from our alumni fraternity who would be keen to contribute their time and expertise towards guiding our future visionaries.

We hope that you will continue to stay engaged with us through our various channels of communication: [Alumni Hub](#) – our exclusive platform for you to stay connected, our LinkedIn page – [PwC India Alumni Network](#), and also join us for the virtual and in-person events we continue to organise. If you have any suggestions or feedback about the Alumni programme, do write to us at in_alumni.pwcindia@pwc.com. We'll be happy to hear from you.

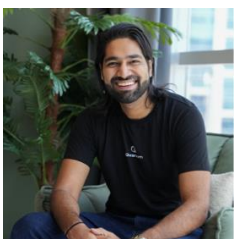
On behalf of your PwC family, we wish you and your loved ones a happy and fulfilling 2025!

Together, we look forward to another year of close ties and stronger bonds.

Warm regards,

The Alumni Team
PwC India

Alumni Spotlight



Kapil Dhiman

“ PwC has always had a special place in my heart. Even after venturing beyond PwC, getting that same warmth from this place means a lot to me.

back to the firm.



Aakash Sikka

“ My favourite abbreviation of PwC is People who Care.



Divya Malik

“ The breadth of projects at PwC was something I really began to miss.

From the archives



Pesi Kushru Choksey was in Price Waterhouse (PW) from 1944 to 1982 and became a partner in 1956. He was the Senior Partner of the firm starting 1971 till he retired in 1982. He was a Chartered Accountant and holds the distinction of being the first Indian qualified person to become partner at PW India. He continued to extend his vast professional expertise to organisations and sat on the board of two companies as a Non-Executive Director at Zensar Technologies and Kesoram Industries. He passed away in 2015. **Read his story [here](#)**



Darshan Mehta joined PwC in the early 1980s in Mumbai and says that the firm was a ‘natural choice’ for him to start his career. After completing his articleship at PwC in 1984, he joined the Lalbhai Group as the CFO and went on to serve as CFO of Trikaya Grey Advertising (India) and as the CEO of Arvind Brands Ltd. He currently is the President and CEO of Reliance Brands Ltd. Darshan has over 30 years of experience in the finance and retail industry in strategic leadership positions. **Read his story [here](#)**

My enriching journey as a volunteer



Sudipta Ghosh

“ I always encourage volunteers to never give up on family time – instead get your family along! It will serve the twin purpose of spending the time with your loved ones while giving them a very different and unique experience.

[Read his volunteering journey here](#)

Shaping our future



This year, we were honoured to host the **Network Leadership Development Programme in Mumbai**. With partners joining us from across the world, the event presented a significant opportunity for us to showcase all that is happening in India and the growing potential for the rest of the world as well. It was an energising week – right from client conversations around reinvention, sustainability, diversity and more, to powerful sessions with our own leaders – both past and present. We were joined by **Sharmila Karve** and **Tapan Ray** – both of whom hosted very impactful sessions with the group. Sharmila provided insights into navigating challenging situations and the importance of accountability and putting up a united front. Tapan da, in his most entertaining ways, kept the group in high spirits as he delved into his experience with change – moving from depth to scale and building an ecosystem to support his clients in a holistic manner.

Creating differentiation



Global capability centres (GCCs) are expanding their scope of work in India by evolving from providing





The **Women in Tech** event, hosted by PwC India in partnership with Nasscom Member Connect,



PwC India hosted its inaugural **Golf Invitational** – an extraordinary event which saw

backend services to engaging in actual product development within the country. At the ET GCC Annual Conclave 2024 , we saw bold ideas meet transformative insights. We are optimistic that the talent within GCCs, when scaled, can support India's vision of Viksit Bharat.	saw CXO leaders, many of who are senior women tech leaders, share their stories of breaking barriers, achieving success, discuss strategies to close the gender gap in tech and explore the future of women in the industry.	industry leaders swap the boardroom for the fairway, fostering new relationships and strengthening existing ones. Participants embarked on an exhilarating shotgun start, showcasing their mastery in driving, chipping and putting.
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Key Thought Leadership

 <p>October 2024</p> <p>From sunrise to sunshine</p> <p>The contribution of online gaming to the Viksit Bharat journey and India's cultural power</p>	<p><u>From sunrise to sunshine</u></p> <p>The Indian gaming landscape stands at a pivotal juncture, with the opportunity to solidify its position as a global gaming powerhouse. Achieving this would require industry stakeholders to focus on developing and promoting subscription-based models like gaming-as-a-service (GaaS) and developing Indian intellectual properties (IPs) that have global appeal.</p>
 <p>Decoding the Fifth Industrial Revolution</p> <p>Marching towards a resilient, sustainable and human-centric future</p>	<p><u>Decoding the Fifth Industrial Revolution</u></p> <p>Industry 5.0 – or the Fifth Industrial Revolution – goes beyond efficiency to build resilience and sustainability with human-centric technology. According to PwC India's latest research, 93% of senior executives across six industries would like to be known for their sustainability initiatives and yet achieve 2x to 3x profitable growth over the next three to five years. This would entail making six transformational shifts across the enterprise.</p>

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