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Dear Alumni,

It sure has been an exciting Q4 for the PwC India Alumni team!

We're proud to share that we've reinvigorated [Alumni Hub](#) – our invite-only platform, by bringing all our services together to give you a seamless experience. We've simplified the 'Login' process, merged the **Alumni Support platform** and are happy to announce the launch of the '**Back to PwC**' page where you can explore career opportunities once again with us.

What's more! The first 100 alums who complete 100% of their profile details on Alumni Hub will stand a chance to win an **INR 1,000 Starbucks coffee voucher** through a lucky draw! Update your details, stay connected, and enjoy a coffee treat on us -- it's that simple.

We hosted our third Alumni webinar which explored the nitty-gritties of the Indian entrepreneur's journey. Making it an enriching conversation were PwC Alum and Co-Founder & CEO, DocuX.ai [Deepak Dhanak](#), Partner and Markets Lead Advisory - Startups and Unicorns, PwC India [Amarjeet Singh Makhija](#) and Partner and Leader Entrepreneurial and Private Business, PwC India [Falguni Shah](#). Our panellists didn't just deep dive into what it takes to make it in India's startup ecosystem but walked through the various factors that entrepreneurs must consider when starting, scaling and sustaining their business ventures.

As a webinar giveaway, we're offering a **mentorship opportunity with PwC Partners and Directors to three shortlisted Alums** who registered for this incredible opportunity for a whole year! Did you make it? Watch out for a 'Congratulatory mail' from us!

If you missed applying, here's your second shot! We are excited to announce the launch of PwC's **Emerging Tech Startup Challenge**, designed to identify and support innovative startups leveraging cutting-edge technologies. Through this initiative, we aim to foster collaboration between PwC and high-potential startups, driving impactful solutions in the emerging tech space and to disrupt businesses soon. To apply, [go here](#).

We hope to hear many more stories from each of you, and hope that you will continue to stay engaged with us through our various channels of communication and 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.

Thank you for being an integral part of our alumni community. We hope you find this enhanced platform a more convenient and user-friendly experience.

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Warm Regards,

The Alumni Team
PwC India

Sad demise



Photo: Courtesy of Reliance

It is with profound grief that we share the sad news of PwC Alum Darshan Mehta who passed away on 9 April 2025.

A chartered accountant by profession, Darshan embarked on his career with us in the 1980s at the Mumbai office and said that the time spent in PwC were some of the finest of his life. He completed his Articleship with us in 1984.

His association with us was beyond work; he always looked forward to reconnecting with old PwC colleagues for sentimental and nostalgic reasons. Darshan was not only a remarkable leader but through his contributions, he has left a lasting impact and will be greatly missed.

Our thoughts are with his family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing him. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

Retiring Partners



[Govardhan Purohit](#) - has been with the firm for 30 years



[Kaushik Mukerjee](#) - has been with the firm for 36 years




[Sushmita Basu](#) - has been with the firm for 33 years



[Padmaja Alaganandan](#) - has been with the firm for 14 years


As **Govardhan Purohit**, **Kaushik Mukerjee**, **Padmaja Alaganandan** and **Sushmita Basu** retire, we express our deepest gratitude for their commitment, dedication and contribution to the firm over the years and decades. It has been a memorable journey for them and us, and we thank them for being beacons of inspiration to many. While it is their positive presence that we will miss the most, what we will always hold in high regard is the way they have embodied the PwC Values every step of the way. We wish them good health, success and happiness in their future endeavours and welcome them to the PwC India Alumni family.

Alumni Spotlight




Nikhil Bhatia

“ You can see how the power of the PwC network and power of relationships that came into play.



Mayurakshi Ray


“ What I am today—both personally and professionally—is because PwC laid the foundation for me.



Tapan Ray


“ It is all about Content. Connect + Content will make the Check. So, while you are doing that, establish that personal rapport as you grow up because that will hold you in good stead as you go along.

Second Act



Ekta Sinha

“ I was happy to be back. Felt like coming home.



Maulik Thakkar

“ PwC is an exciting place to work.

Celebrating Alums




Kriti Makhija

Starting as a green shoot at PwC, Kriti Makhija’s journey is nothing short of remarkable. At just 27, she became a CFO, and today, she is juggling multiple roles with incredible finesse. Her ability to seamlessly navigate diverse responsibilities while maintaining unwavering focus is a testament to her incredible talent and dedication.


Recently, Kriti was featured in the book “**Sheroes Amongst Us**”, which highlights 31 extraordinary women who have made significant contributions across various fields.

People update


Key Leadership Announcements




Arnab Basu takes on the role of **Chief Industries Officer**.




Dinesh Arora takes over as the new leader for the **Advisory Practice**




Manpreet Singh Ahuja has become the **Leader for Clients and Alliances**.



Sivarama Krishnan will take on the role as **Leader of New Initiatives**




Sudipta Ghosh will move into the newly constituted role of the **Chief Delivery Officer**



Vivek Prasad will take over as the firm’s **Chief Commercial Officer**.

Union Budget 2025



Sanjeev Krishnan
Chairperson,
PwC in India

“ A country is not just its soil; a country is its people”, and the Union Budget reflected just that. With a strong focus on skilling, employment, establishing training institutes and centres of excellence, India is on a mission to build a future-ready workforce and cultivate a new generation of AI innovators”

Sanjeev Krishnan, Chairperson, PwC in India, emphasises how this year’s budget focuses on empowering citizens through skilling, employment opportunities and training institutes. With a focus on manufacturing and MSME growth along with a push for collaboration between states and industries to promote GCCs, India is positioning itself as a global hub for innovation and sustainability. This balanced approach not only drives consumption but also creates opportunities for the rural population.

PwC’s 28th Annual Global CEO Survey: India Perspective



At the launch of PwC's Annual Global CEO Survey – India perspective at Davos, **Sanjeev Krishan** was joined by the Hon Chief Minister, Devendra Fadnavis, **Siddharth Zarabi**, Editor of Business Today, along with prominent leaders such as **Amitabh Chaudhry**, Managing Director and CEO of Axis Bank; **Sumant Sinha**, Chairperson of ReNew Power; Radha Dhir, CEO & Country Head India, JLL; and **Balkrishan Goenka**, Chairman of Welspun World, to discuss pressing issues that Indian businesses and policymakers are dealing with in pursuit of the Viksit Bharat dream.

PwC India at Davos



PwC India hosted the panel discussion at Davos WEF 2025, on 'Driving innovation and talent: India’s strategic advantage in Global Capability Centers'. The discussion showcased India’s evolution as the leading destination for GCCs supported by an unparalleled talent pool, cutting-edge technology and innovation ecosystem, and conducive policies.



Exclusive conversation from Davos WEF 2025, **Mohamed Kande**, Global Chairman, PwC, **Sanjeev Krishan** and Shereen Bhan, Managing Editor of CNBC-TV18, discuss how India can position itself as a key player in global value chains.

Creating differentiation



PwC India is the #1 Private Equity Advisor in India for 2024



PwC India’s Investment Banking team advises Haldiram’s on its landmark deal with Temasek, Alpha Wave Global and IHC



Sign up for the PwC Emerging Tech Startup Challenge

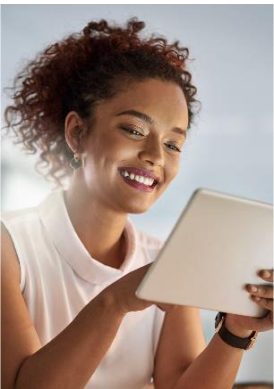


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Key thought leadership



Charting a roadmap for strategic investments to power open innovation



CX in the age of AI and beyond



Powering automation with agents

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