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GREETINGS, FROM JAI HIND COLLEGE'S ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter, & look forward to sharing some more of our achievements & stories with you in the next issue.

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Our Achiever Alumnus - TAJINDER SINGH AHUJA

Tajinder Singh Ahuja hails from the city of Faridabad. He was always good in academics but who knew he would become a renowned singer too.

When it comes to singing his musical journey actually started from his childhood.

After doing his schooling and achieving multiple accolades in music he decided to shift to Mumbai- the city of dreams as it is called..



The young boy pursued B.Com from Jai Hind College and music being his passion he represented his college in music in over 12 intercollegiate competitions in the first year itself. He became the first one to be a part of the record breaking team in Inter University Festival & was honoured by the then Vice Chancellor Mr. Rajan Bhutkar.

He always says that he was very fascinated by the motto of his college 'I will and I can' and made this his motto of life for his new musical journey which started in Mumbai.

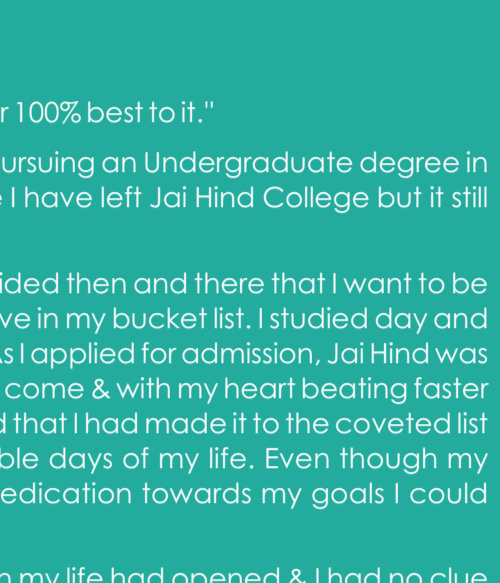
He narrates - the journey wasn't easy but he enjoyed every bit of the learning phase and adds " for me, my teachers have always been a big moral support right from my school days and even in the college. Everyone helped me if I missed my lectures because of my music commitments".

Life was pretty much easy till the college days but the real struggle started when on graduating everyone was getting placed in prominent jobs and he decided to pursue his dream for which he was here.

Having no clue about which direction he should move in, he decided to work as a music teacher in a school for some time.

It was in 2016 when he got selected to compete in Sony Entertainment's 'Indian Idol' and things came on to the right track for him. He marked his presence remarkably well till the Top 6 & all the three judges and audience from all across the globe appreciated his singing. After this reality show he got to sing for the legendary music director Mr. A.R Rahman which marked his debut in the playback singing industry. He is currently working with some top notch music composers of the industry like Pritam, Bhattacharya & Anurag Saikia.

He signs off with the words "the journey is not over yet, there's a lot to come and a lot more to learn"



ZAHRAA BASTA

"Everything that you want is possible to achieve if only you give your 100% best to it."

Hi, My name is Zahraa Basta and I am 20 years old. I am currently pursuing an Undergraduate degree in Knitwear Designing in NIIT, Mumbai. It's been almost 2 years since I have left Jai Hind College but it still feels like yesterday, when I went to collect my SSC result.

When I heard about Jai Hind College in my school days, I had decided then and there that I want to be enrolled at Jai Hind. It was one of the top things that I had to achieve in my bucket list. I studied day and night giving my best for the SSC exams & secured an overall 87%. As I applied for admission, Jai Hind was always Number 1 on my priority list. The day of revealing had finally come & with my heart beating faster than I had ever experienced, I realized Jai Hind college & was told that I had made it to the coveted list in the Science stream. That day was one of the most memorable days of my life. Even though my percentage was not over the top through my hard work and dedication towards my goals I could achieve this & so and so can you.

On entering one of the best colleges in Mumbai, a new chapter in my life had opened & I had no clue on what was in store for me. I met new people and made new friends who still remain connected to me. One day as I was passing by the Principal's office, I saw a painting mounted outside & later learnt that it was done by one of my classmates. It was a beautiful painting representing Jai Hind. I have been painting since I was 3 and a half years old & suddenly the sleeping artist in me was woken up from the core. A new goal was now added to my bucket list- to gift a painting to the Principal of my College. I went home that day and planned the art work that would represent Jai Hind in the best possible way & the Artist in me would sparkle. It started doodling & sketching & after two weeks of deliberation managed to complete it in spite of the overload of studies.

On the day of "Expressions an annual cultural event where students exhibit & showcase their best talents" got the opportunity to go on the stage and gift my art work to our Principal Dr. Wadia. I had never been on the stage before & I could not be happier as I had done something for my college and finally let people know that a Science student could also excel in creative pursuits.

After that everything moved smoothly for me in college and my hard work paid off again. I realised that it was possible to achieve anything if we aimed & toiled for it wholeheartedly. All this while there is one thing that I have not disclosed - my bucket list had just got bigger.

It included an opportunity to publish my own book, a book that is written for the young adults like me, a book that helps us escape from the reality of times because, let's be honest it gets a little boring at times. I wanted to write a book that helps us escape into a fantasy world where a girl who is an introvert and finds it difficult to socialise is pushed into the world of werewolves and hunters. She has no choice but to get stronger and more confident in order to survive. With this prime idea in my head I had started writing before my SSC exams. You must be wondering how did I get time after all, SSC is a huge exam. Well, all I can say is, I did get into Jai Hind.

Even after leaving Jai Hind I stayed connected to the faculty and got an opportunity to paint one of the walls of the College. The painting is inspired by the logo of Jai Hind with an Eagle as the main focal point.

I have read about 300 young adult fiction books with the Supernatural being one of my favourite genres. My love for books is due to my mother who read nursery rhymes to me when I was an infant & took me to Crosswords when I was slightly bigger than exposing me to reading & books. I wanted to read more and more every day, excitement drove me to know what will happen next in the story, better than my boring social life. Raini season was the best for book lovers like me & a story that started taking shape in my head had to be written down. I took my laptop instead of my math book to start writing. As I started typing, the story started to come to life & the little details were added as and when they flashed before my eyes.

One day my mother came walking into the room and peeked at what I was writing. She read the prologue and told me to keep writing. The story line was really huge & so I broke it up in 3 parts. SUPERNATURAL SECRET being the part 1 of the trilogy. There were times when I had a writer's block where no ideas whatsoever came to my head. I felt like quitting, but my mother kept motivating me to write and complete my book & one day even publish it.

I was 19 years old when my book was finally out in the world for people of my age to read. It was nerve racking and unbelievable at times to hold my own book in my hands. It was not an easy path with 4 long years that went into making this into a hard copy for people to read. There were a lot of difficulties & challenges that I had to face but my parents support made this happen..

My book 'SUPERNATURAL SECRET' is now available in Crosswords all across Mumbai. Those out of Mumbai can purchase it online as well. I hope all of you enjoy reading my book and look forward for the next two books in this series to be published soon!



EVENTS - E SUMMIT



COMMENTS PAGE

Ms. Meena Saxena
"Great news letter... 🙌🏻"

INVITATION TO BE A MEMBER OF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Alumni Association Jai Hind College invites all to be a part of Alumni Association.

PRIVILEGES & ENTITLEMENTS:

- 1) Life-time Membership of Alumni Association.
- 2) Access to the Data Base of Past Alumni
- 3) Entry to all Events hosted by Alumni Association such as Annual Reunions, Networking Meetings, Celebrity Talks etc.
- 4) Employment/ Business Opportunities by linking with well placed Alumni from different walks of life.
- 5) Identity Card confirming permanent connectivity with your Alma Mater.
- 6) Memento/ gift from Alumni Association.

Register at the earliest & stay connected forever.

It is Your Moral Responsibility.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

1. Life Member: Rs.3000/-
2. Graduating Class: Rs.1500/-

Note : For further details contact Alumni Den, Ground Floor, Annexe Building or visit our website www.jaihindalumni.com

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Secretary
Alumni Association - Jai Hind College

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS - OUR SUPER ACHIEVER ALUMNUS - NEETA LULLA

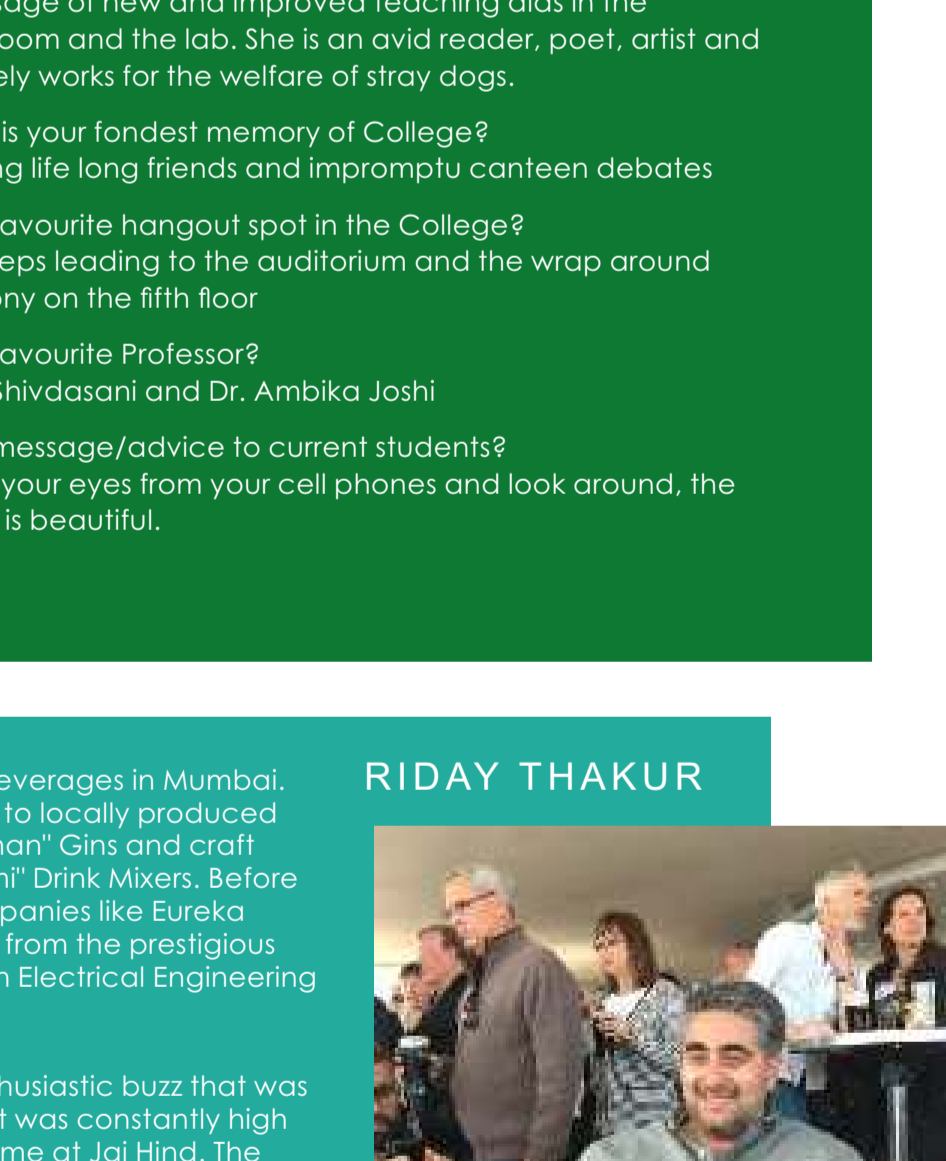


We are extremely proud of our Super Achiever Alumnus - Neeta Lulla for being conferred with the prestigious Dada Saheb Phalke International Film & Fashion Award for excellence in Costume Design at a glittering ceremony held on 21st Feb 2019.

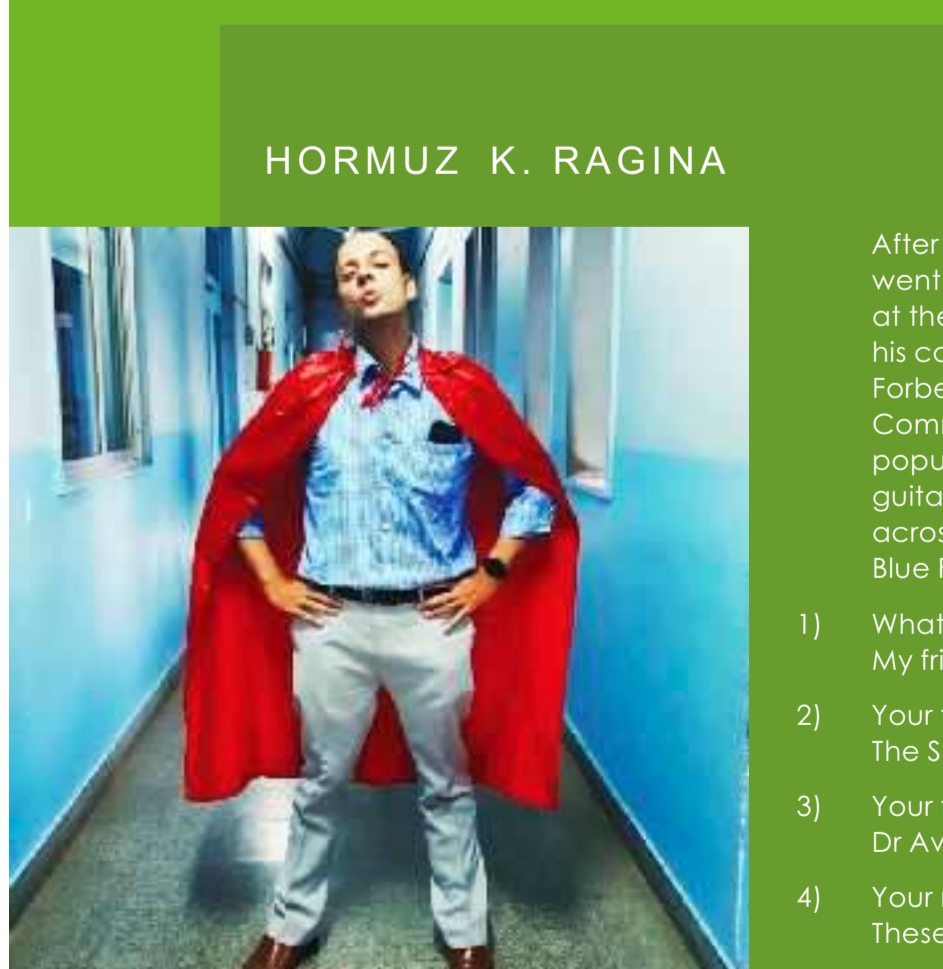
The Dada Saheb Phalke Award is India's highest honour in cinema & was instituted by the Government of India in 1969 to commemorate Dada Saheb's contribution to Indian Cinema.

DR. HRUSHIKESH PAI

"Dr Hrushikesh Pai received the Lifetime Achievement Award for outstanding research contributions on different aspects of Reproductive Health by Indian Society for the Study of Reproduction and Fertility (ISSRF) at their 29th Annual Conference at the Grand Jawaharal Nehru University, JNU Convention Centre at New Delhi. Dr Pai was the only person to receive this ultimate honour in research this year from Padmashri Prof (Dr) Balkam Bhargava, Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Health Research, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and Director-General of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR); Padmashri Prof (Dr) Randeep Gulania, Director of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS); Dr R S Sharma, Sr. Deputy Director-General of ICMR and Secretary of ISSRF; Prof (Dr) N K Lohiya, President of ISSRF; and Prof (Dr) J B Sharma of Obs Gynaec Department, AIIMS New Delhi. Some of the past eminent awardees of this distinguished award are Padmabhushan Prof (Dr) G P Talwar, Padmashri Dr Alka Kriplani, Prof (Dr) S K Guha, Dr T C Anand Kumar, Dr Indira Hinduja, Prof (Dr) Kamal Buckshee, Dr ML Swaranakar, Dr CP Puri, Dr B N Saxena, Dr CV Rao, Dr VM Katoch, Prof (Dr) N K Lohiya, Dr Suneeta Mittal...



OUR SUPER ALUMNUS - DR. RISHMA PAI



We are proud of our Star Alumnus Gynaecologist Dr. RISHMA PAI for being the first woman to have led and head three large national medical gynaecological organisations, namely : President of FOGSI (Federation of obstetrical & gynaecological societies of India; members: 35,000), President of ISAR (Indian Society for Assisted Reproduction; members 3500) and President of IACE (Indian Association of Gynaecological Endoscopists; members 2700).

ALUMINI SPEAK

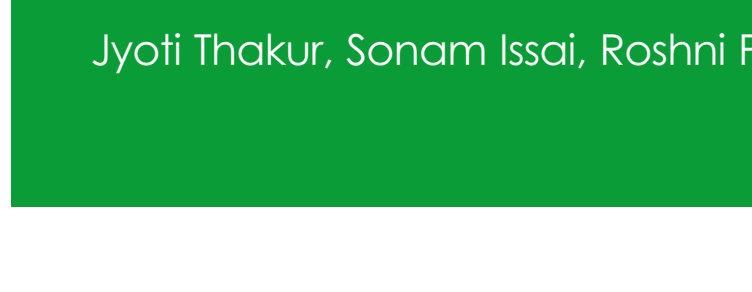


Dr. Anupama Singh is a Professor of Biology in Jai Hind College. She has been teaching for 25 years.

She is an alumnus of Jai Hind and holds a Masters degree in Plant Physiology, a Bachelors in Education and a PhD in Aerobiology. She is an enthusiastic educator and advocates the usage of theory and improved teaching aids in the classroom and the lab. She is an avid reader, poet, artist and actively works for the welfare of stray dogs.

- 1) What is your fondest memory of College?
Making life long friends and impromptu canteen debates
- 2) Your favourite hangout spot in the College?
The steps leading to the auditorium and the wrap around balcony on the fifth floor
- 3) Your favourite Professor?
Prof. Shivdasani and Dr. Ambika Joshi
- 4) Your message/advice to current students?
Raise your eyes from your cell phones and look around, the world is beautiful.

HORMUZ K. RAGINA



After finishing his specialisation in Life Sciences from Jai Hind College, went on to pursue an MBA in marketing, studied innovation and design at the Malardorin University Sweden. An advertising genius who started his career at Draft FCB, UK is currently an integral part of Eureka Forbes with the portfolios of Marketing and Corporate Communication. A stage artist, actor, professor, lead vocalist of the popular bands PURPLE TURTLE and THE BIG RED BUS, table tennis player, guitarist AND currently India's best JAMMASTER... Hormuz performs across India including the Hard Rock Cafe, The Comedy Store, Shiro's, Blue Frog, the Stables, etc....

- 1) What is your fondest memory of the college?
My friends
- 2) Your favourite hangout spot in college?
The SDU staircase
- 3) Your favourite Professor?
Dr Avati
- 4) Your message/advice to the current students?
These days won't come back... Utilize them to the fullest...

APPEAL TO THE ALUMNI

Dear Alumnus,
Greetings from the Alumni Association
We request you to share interesting stories, articles, happenings, achievements, awards & news related to Alumni of Jai Hind College that can be published & circulated
An earnest request to help us in this endeavor.

Secretary
Jyoti N. Thakur
Alumni Association - Jai Hind College

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