



JAI HIND COLLEGE ALUMNI MAGAZINE - FEB 2025

FROM EDITOR'S DESK

Dear All,

Wish you a very Happy & Prosperous 2025.

The Alumni Association hosted " An Evening of Nostalgia " - the Grand Reunion Meet at the Bombay Club , RWITC on Saturday 14th Dec 2024. The enchanting evening packed with fun , frolic , music & exotic food was a night to remember. Old memories were revived & new bonds were fostered.

A number of interesting events are lined up this year too, to keep the " 75 Glorious Years " celebrations alive. Watch out for the timely announcements .

Do go through the Newsletter 30 & share the same with all your friends , contacts & other Alumni with whom you are connected .

Happy Reading.

Regards

Jyoti Thakur

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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.

For more information, visit our website: www.jaihindalumni.com

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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.

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COVER STORY NIGHT OF NOSTALGIA



***AN ENCHANTING NIGHT OF NOSTALGIA
JAI HIND ALUMNI RECONNECT***

On December 14th 2024, Jai Hind Alumni gathered at The Bombay Club, Mahalakshmi Racecourse, for an evening filled with laughter, memories, and reconnections. Starting at 7:00 pm, the event brought together familiar faces in a celebration of the bonds that time could not fade.

It was an evening that brought the past to life—a celebration and a heartfelt walk down memory lane.

The night was alive with spirited discussions, music that set the tone for nostalgia, and the joy of reconnecting with old friends. Alumni reminisced about their college days, shared life's updates, and strengthened the connections that define the Jai Hind spirit. As the evening unfolded, it became more than just a gathering—it was a tribute to the shared history and enduring relationships that unite the Jai Hind community.

Aptly named Reunion Reverie, the night captured the magic of revisiting cherished memories while creating new ones that will last a lifetime.

With warm smiles attendees departed with a renewed sense of belonging and promises to meet again.

This night of nostalgia will always remain a testament to the magic of Jai Hind and the strength of its Alumni network.....





COVER STORY FAISAL FAROOQUI

Before my 10th Board exam results were even declared, the family table buzzed with discussions about where I should pursue junior college (11th and 12th grades). The unanimous verdict was: "He should join Ruparel or Ruia if he is only interested in academics and Jai Hind if it's about academics and beyond." My inner, unspoken dream was Jai Hind—a choice that meant exploring Mumbai beyond Bandra. Luckily, I secured an open category admission to 11th Science at Jai Hind and soon, every aunty and their neighbor began praising my mother for making such a good decision.



The two years at Jai Hind were intense with academics—lectures, notes, and labs. But that was just the beginning. I am perhaps one of the few students at Jai Hind at the time who was allowed to shift streams after 11th Science. In September of 12th Science, when I initially approached Principal Shivdasani with my request, he categorically rejected it, asking, "How will you do 12th Commerce in one year, beta?" The nervous, shy, and geeky me mustered up the courage to say, "Sir, please give me a chance. I promise you I will make you proud. I will and I can." He smiled, called the office assistant, and approved my transfer. Few months later, when the 12th Board results were announced, I nervously walked back into his office and said, "Sir, the office tells me I've got the highest marks in the 12th Commerce Board exams." I believe I made him proud that day.

Jai Hind had a way of enriching life far beyond the classroom—shaping character, nurturing ambitions, and fostering friendships that left an indelible mark. I still remember that bright monsoon afternoon in late July 1992 when we had our first interaction with Principal Shivdasani. His emphasis on the Jai Hind motto, "I will and I can," left a profound impact on me.

I vividly recall our teachers and their invaluable lessons. A few years ago, I crossed paths with Ms. Priya on a bustling Bandra street and immediately recognized her as our English Rapid Reading teacher. Amazingly, she remembered not just me but where I used to sit in class. Of course, I also recall Ms. Thakur's eloquent Chemistry lectures at 2:00 pm, which inspired many of us to practice good enunciation. And then there was Ms. Vispi Ballaporia—initially intimidating but when you signed the recommendation letter for my US college application, your angelic shine was evident. Ms. Jhangiani's English lectures were eagerly anticipated by all of us, adding to the richness of our learning experience. I also distinctly



remember the Math teacher who introduced us to Surds and other topics—although I regret not remembering much from those classes now, nor do I recall her name. My apologies.

Jai Hind was also the starting point for meaningful connections. Arihant Patni, Rohit Shenoy, Vikram Rupani, Amrita Malik, Zubin Dubash, Dipesh Patnaik and many others were part of the two year junior college journey. We learned as much from each other as we did from our teachers. Those two years prepared me for the life ahead. I chose to pursue undergraduate studies in the United States, earning a dual degree in Information Systems and

Finance from the State University of New York at Binghamton.

While technology and computers had always fascinated me, it was the influence of my classmates at Jai Hind (one reason I shifted to Commerce in 12th) and the college's proximity to the Bombay Stock Exchange that sparked my interest in capital markets and finance. At university in the US, my time at Jai Hind also helped me develop good writing skills. As part of the English Association at Jai Hind, I got a chance to work under Neerja Daswani as a junior editor and assisting her on the 1994 college magazine.



Upon graduating from SUNY-Binghamton, I was hired during campus placements as a technology consultant at American Management Systems in Fairfax, Virginia. There, I worked on complex projects that deepened my understanding of technology's transformative potential in business. However, a vacation to Mumbai the following year inspired me to launch my first startup, MouthShut.com—the country's largest review and rating platform. We started at a time when the Internet was just gaining traction in India. There was no startup ecosystem, no venture capital, and no angel investors. It felt like navigating uncharted waters without a map, figuring out every step through sheer determination and resourcefulness. Those early days were about survival but also about building something

meaningful and impactful. As the Indian internet space began to show green shoots of growth and maturity, I found opportunities to mentor budding entrepreneurs and invest in promising startups, helping nurture the ecosystem we had envisioned.



In 2012, MouthShut.com and I challenged sections of the IT Act in the Supreme Court of India. The verdict was a significant win for all Indians: Section 66A was repealed, and restrictive IT Rules were amended. The courage to challenge norms and think beyond oneself—values deeply ingrained during my Jai Hind days—played a key role in this victory.

Choosing to return to India during a time when it was uncommon to do so remains one of the most rewarding decisions of my life. While many sought opportunities abroad, I believed in the potential of contributing to a nascent ecosystem back home. This decision allowed me to align my ambitions with the growth of my country, making the journey deeply fulfilling. Over the years, besides being an entrepreneur and CEO, I have worn multiple hats in teaching and mentoring young minds. I've taught summer classes at IIM Ahmedabad and am currently a visiting faculty member at the MBA program of Jamia Millia Islamia. Every interaction with students reminds me of the patience and empathy my Jai Hind teachers showed us, especially during difficult times like the 1993 riots, when they granted us extra time to complete our Chemistry lab journals.



Upon my return from the US, I had the privilege of forming a close bond with the legendary Dilip Kumar. I introduced him to tech and social media. He passed away in July 2021. I decided to write a memoir of my times with him. Writing my first book, *In the Shadows of a Legend: Dilip Kumar*, published in 2022, was a deeply personal endeavor. It allowed me to trace my memories of someone who was more than just an actor—he was a friend and philosopher.

Life has taught me many lessons but none more profound than the humility that comes from caring for others. Over the years, I have seen dementia and Alzheimer's overpower my father-in-law, my mother, and Dilip Kumar. These experiences have shaped my perspective and deepened my empathy. My siblings and I have established a substantial charitable family foundation named after our parents - the Tahera and Idris Farooqui Foundation, dedicated to improving health and education. This initiative is our way of giving back to a society that has shaped us and continues to inspire us every day.

As I reflect on the journey from Jai Hind to now, I take pride in founding and co-founding two tech startups and mulling over my third venture, which I hope will redefine the way we experience elegance and innovation. But what I take the most pride in is tracing this journey back to the values of hard work and the pursuit of excellence that Jai Hind instilled in me. The motto "I will and I can" continues to guide me every step of the way.



In my casual, candid, and conversational style of speeches, seminars and numerous keynotes that I have done, I often tell audiences that it is teachers who shape your personality, besides your parents and siblings. Jai Hind College shaped mine and for that, I remain eternally grateful.

(Faisal Farooqui attended Jai Hind in the junior college years 1992-1994. He is the co-founder of two tech startups and CEO of MouthShut.com)

FROM THE HEART

We are thankful to

- 1) Mr Suraj Samat Partner CCS SPORTS LLP Organisers of the very popular "INDIAN STREET PREMIER LEAGUE" for sponsoring the Grand Alumni Reunion Meet as Platinum Sponsors - Rs 20 lakhs
- 2) Mr Varun Vaswani for his generous donation of Rs 2 lakhs.
- 3) Mr Hormuz Hansotia , Mr Krish Agarwal & Mr Zahan Pawar -Class of 2024, for putting up 3 PICKLE BALL COURTS on the Jai Hind campus for the leisure activities of the students.

AWARDS - DR.R.A. MASHELKAR



Received my 50th Honorary Doctorate from Academy of Scientific & Innovative Research at the hands of @DrJitendraSingh, Hon'ble Minister of S &T. Dedicated this honour to my mother, who despite the enormous struggles of a very poor widowed mother, ensured my education.

It was also a humbling experience to pass the highest number of honorary doctorates held so far by any Indian engineer, namely 48, by revered Dr A P J Abdul Kalam

NAAC ACCREDITATION- 2025

Jai Hind College Empowered Autonomous is proud to have successfully completed its FOURTH CYCLE OF ACCREDITATION and have been placed in the prestigious A+ Grade with a high score of 3.36 out of 4.

The process was a mammoth exercise requiring extreme dedication, commitment and sincerity towards the work at hand. The entire data of the college pertaining to Curriculum, Teacher and Student profile, Assessment, Pedagogy, Research, Collaborations, Student and Faculty Empowerment, Budgetary allotments, Extension activities, Governance, Institutional Values and Best Practices was presented in two parts, with respect to Quantitative and Qualitative perspectives. The process concluded with the visit of the NAAC Peer Team on the 21st and 22nd of January, 2025. Eminent academicians pan India had graced our college as assessors – Prof Sudheer S.V., Pro - Vice Chancellor Sreenarayanaguru Open University, Kollam, Kerala, as Chairperson of the committee, Prof. Chandrakanth Kelmani, from Gulbarga University, Karnataka, as Member Coordinator along with Dr. Ghanshyamsinh Gadvi, from Anand, Gujarat as the third member. The two days of visit comprised of presentations by the Principal, Prof Dr Vijay Dabholkar, the IQAC Coordinator, Prof Dr Sreela Dasgupta as well as by all departments. Interactions occurred with current students, alumni, parents and all teaching and non-teaching faculty. Illustrious alumni from all walks of life, including eminent scientist, Prof Raghunath Mashelkar and also our very own Mr John Abraham from the Bollywood industry, vociferously attested the excellent work that the college has meticulously carried out across the years. Stalls show-casing the extra- and co-curricular activities by the students put up an impressive show as did the superlative performance by the talented students of Jai Hind in the evening cultural program. The Peer Team Committee were thoroughly impressed by the spectacular holistic activities carried out by the college as well as the high standards of academic excellence it sets for itself.



The Committee had a special word of mention for the strong student community and the alumni connect. We are happy and proud that we have been able to translate the vision and mission of the college in producing citizens, standing 'tall' in all walks of life. The concerted efforts of the students, teachers and the support staff culminated in the college being rewarded for its cumulative efforts. The Principal and the Management graciously acknowledges the efforts of one and all involved in the process. Let us pledge to take our college to greater heights in consonance with our motto 'I WILL & I CAN'.





EVENTS - THE GLOBAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP SUMMIT BY THE ENTREPRENEURSHIP CELL & SKILL HUB DR. RAKHI SHARMA : FACULTY CHAIRPERSON VIELKA NAIR: STUDENT SECRETARY

Jai Hind College's E-Cell and Skill Hub is dedicated to transforming job-seekers into job-makers through re-skilling, speaker sessions, workshops, and competitions that enhance industry understanding and professional networking. The 9th Edition of The Global E-Summit hosted on 17th and 18th of January, 2025 successfully fostered entrepreneurship by connecting young innovators with industry experts through skill-building workshops, 8 speaker sessions, a panel discussion, and three competitions—Bullseye Broker, Sector Showdown, and Investor's Gambit, each awarding 5,000 Cash prize to the winners. Out of 125 startups, 22 were shortlisted to pitch their business ideas to a panel of 25+ mentors, with the top startup winning 2 lakh. The event saw 350+ attendees engage in high-impact networking and expert-led discussions.

Industry leaders enriched the summit with Keynote speeches, Mr.Raj Kapoor (Founder, Indian Blockchain Alliance) on AI ethics, Mr.Nihar Parikh (Board of Director, Nykaa Fashion) on customer-first models, Lulu Raghavan (President, APAC, Landor) on branding, Mr.Dhruv Chopra (Co-Founder, Chalo) on tech impact, and Mr.Avnish Anand (Co-Founder, CaratLane) on D2C jewelry. Masterclasses featured Mr.Varun Sridhar (CEO, Paytm Services) on fintech, Mr.Karan Tanna (Founder, Ghost Kitchens) on cloud kitchens, and Mr.Harsh Parekh (Co-founder, API Holdings - Pharmeasy) on pharma-tech. A dynamic panel discussion on entrepreneurship in entertainment featured Mr.Karan Singh (CEO, Sunburn Festival), Mr. Madhu Mantena (Co-founder, Mythaverse Studios), Ms. Aditi Srivastava (CEO, Pocket Aces), Mr. Girish Bobby Talwar (Co-founder, BookMyShow), Mr. Saurabh Kanwar (CMO, Veefin), and Mr. Suveer Bajaj (Co-founder, Zoo Media).

The Startup Competition provided mentorship from top professionals, including Mr. Mohit Shukla (MD and Legal Head, Barclays), Mr. Nochiketa Dixit (Managing Director, Edme), Mr. Anil Sakhrani (Chief Executive Officer, Greater Bombay Co-op Bank), Ms. Shilpa Maheshwari (Managing Director-Strategy and Finance, Aavishkaar Group), Mr. Punit Shah (Managing Partner, Alteria Capital), Mr. Yagnesh Sanghrajka (Startup Investor, Ex-Co-founder and CFO, 100x.vc), Mr. Mrunal Jhaveri (Founding Partner, Ice.vc), and Mr. Anshul Arzare (MD and CEO, Yes Securities).

Associations supporting the summit included Startup India, CWE, TiE, Tata's T-Hub, Keiretsu Forum, Wadhvani Foundation, and Microsoft for Startups. Major sponsors such as Edme Insurance Brokers Ltd, SI-Global UK, Omkar Snacks, Unstop, Yes Securities, Greater Bank, Reliance Digital, Selvel, Papel Water, Rio, Cornitos, Good Seoul, Leading Edge, Ekktava, and India Accelerator helped make the event a success. With expert guidance, hands-on learning, and immersive competitions, the Global E-Summit 2025 proved to be a transformative experience for aspiring entrepreneurs.

The summit was also covered by various Media organisations like Dailyhunt, Bharat CXO, Youth Inc, Navabharat and Maharashtra Times.

The Managing team, under the guidance of Academic head Dr. Rakhi Sharma consists of Student Secretary Vielka Nair, Student Deputies: Aarya Joshi and Rishit Ganguli and Student Joint Secretaries Astha Chaturvedi, Janya Sharma, Nehal Karia, Nishita Shirodkar, Arnab Gupta, Anaya Sail and Vani Rajpal.



MEDIA COVERAGES

Global Entrepreneurship Summit 2025: A Celebration of Innovation and Entrepreneurship

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Global Entrepreneurship Summit 2025: A Celebration of Innovation and Entrepreneurship

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Shaping the Future of India: Jai Hind College to Host the 9th Edition of the Global E-Summit

Global Entrepreneurship Summit 2025: Igniting the Entrepreneurial Spirit

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Jai Hind College (Empowered Autonomous) Incubator & Accelerator Centre

Alumni Magazine Report - Start-Up Exposition & Internship Fair 2024-25

Dedicated to fostering an ecosystem of innovation and entrepreneurship, the Jai Hind College (Empowered Autonomous) Incubator & Accelerator Centre (under RUSA) continues to propel the growth of student-led Start-Ups. By expediting scaling processes and cultivating a robust entrepreneurial network, the centre empowers students with essential resources, including expert mentorship, co-working spaces, and premier networking opportunities through flagship events such as the Start-Up Exposition, and now, the Internship Fair—the largest of its kind in Mumbai.

This year marked an unprecedented milestone with Jai Hind College hosting Mumbai's biggest Internship Fair on January 17, 2025, featuring 40 top-tier companies. Renowned industry leaders, including Goodfellows by Shantanu Naidu, Monk Entertainment, Level Supermind by Ranveer Allahbadia, The Souled Store, and many more, engaged directly with students, offering them invaluable career opportunities and hands-on industry exposure. The fair emerged as a game-changing initiative, bridging the gap between aspiring professionals and leading organizations, further strengthening the college's commitment to holistic career development.

In continuation of this momentum, the third edition of the highly anticipated Start-Up Exposition was held on January 18, 2025. Spearheaded by the Incubator & Accelerator Centre, the event was seamlessly executed under the esteemed guidance of Principal, Dr. Vijay Dabholkar, and Mentor-In-Charge, Dr. Rakhi Sharma. This year, the exposition saw a remarkable increase in participation, showcasing 25 cutting-edge Start-Ups across diverse industries. A key highlight was the invaluable engagement of 23 distinguished mentors, each an industry expert, who provided crucial insights, strategic guidance, and enhanced visibility for the participating Start-Ups. Their mentorship played a transformative role in shaping the trajectory of young entrepreneurs and reinforcing the college's legacy as a premier innovation hub.

Behind the scenes, a highly dedicated student management team played a crucial role in ensuring the seamless execution of both landmark events. Led by Student Secretary Drishti Thakker and supported by Student Deputy Secretary Sumra Malik, along with Student Joint Secretaries Anoushka Gandhi, Sapna Kushwaha, Trisha Dalvi, Deeya Nathani, Chirag Bhagwani, Tanmay Chandwani, and Pranshoo Kinger, their collective efforts exemplified the vibrant entrepreneurial spirit that defines Jai Hind College.

With a continued commitment to nurturing innovation and professional growth, the Incubator & Accelerator Centre remains a beacon of opportunity, setting new benchmarks for student entrepreneurship and industry collaboration.



JAI HIND BUSINESS CONCLAVE: A BBA INITIATIVE FACULTY CHAIRPERSON: DR.RAKHISHARMA, STUDENT SECRETARY:KHWAHISHJOSHI

Jai Hind Business Conclave 2024-25: A Grand Success

The Jai Hind Business Conclave (JBC), organized by the BBA Department of Jai Hind College, has firmly established itself as a premier platform for aspiring business leaders. Now in its third edition, JBC 2024-25 exceeded expectations, bringing together students, entrepreneurs, and industry experts for an event brimming with innovation, strategic thinking, and insightful discussions.

With an impressive line up of events and interactive sessions, the conclave aimed to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical business application. The participants not only engaged in intense competitions but also had the opportunity to network with industry veterans and gain valuable insights into the ever-evolving world of business.

Day 1: High-Stakes Competitions

The first day was packed with engaging challenges designed to test participants' business acumen, creativity, and problem-solving skills. The competitions included:

Mad Over Mayhem Lies and Alibis

JBC Ki Talaash: The Ultimate Treasure Hunt Think It to Win It

Pitch Perfect

A major highlight of the day was the flagship event, Zero Rupees, where participants demonstrated their entrepreneurial abilities by transforming a minimal amount into a significant sum through strategic decision-making and innovative thinking. This event showcased the true essence of business—resilience, adaptability, and financial intelligence.



TALAASH

Search for brilliance, creativity, and boundless enthusiasm found its destination at TALAASH 2025! Living upto its name, this landmark 25th Silver Jubilee edition was more than just an event—it was a journey that celebrated the spirit of discovery, talent, and community. Since its inception in 1999, TALAASH, the flagship event of Jai Hind College's BMS, BBA & BDS Department, has been a beacon of excellence, and this year, it outshone every expectation.

Under the visionary leadership of Dr. Vijay Dabholkar and the inspiring mentorship of Dr. Rakhi Sharma, TALAASH 2025 was a spectacle of passion, dedication, and innovative brilliance.



Marking 25 glorious years, TALAASH embraced a purpose beyond celebration through its special initiative, MAAHI - Menstrual Awareness and Hygiene Initiative.



This heartfelt project reached out to women across Mumbai, distributing 25,000 feminine hygiene products through various NGOs, championing health, dignity, and awareness with impactful fervour.



Day2: Industry Insights & Expert Talks

The second day featured an impressive lineup of industry leaders and business experts who shared their experiences and insights through various sessions. These discussions provided attendees with a broader perspective on the challenges and opportunities in the corporate world. The sessions included: CDSL Workshop by Mrs. Mili Paul, focusing on contemporary business strategies and problem-solving techniques.

Keynote Address by Mr. Vishal Shah, who provided a deep dive into the evolving business landscape and the skills required to thrive in it.

Fireside Chat with Mrs. Khushnooma Kapadia, offering a candid conversation on leadership and growth in the industry.

Face-Off Panel Discussion, moderated by Mr. Darayus Mehta, featuring insightful debates and discussions by panelists Mr. Karan Rana, Mr. Hitarth Dadia and Mr. Mehul Gupta on merging business trends and challenges.

The sessions were instrumental in inspiring students to think critically and explore various facets of business beyond the classroom.



A Platform that Made Headlines

JBC 2023-24 garnered extensive media coverage and featured an exciting talent face-off between the BBA, BMS, and BDS departments. This inter-departmental competition added an element of fun and camaraderie, making the event even more memorable.

Jai Hind Business Conclave



JBC 2023-24 was not just a business conclave; it was an experience that ignited the entrepreneurial spirit among students and encouraged them to step out of their comfort zones. The event successfully blended competition, learning, and networking, making it a launchpad for the business leaders of tomorrow.

With its resounding success, JBC has set a new benchmark and has left participants eagerly anticipating the next edition, where even greater opportunities for learning and collaboration will await.

HOJAMALO

Day1 burst on to the scene with electrifying energy, a symphony of culture and intellect. The crowd roared to life with "JAM -Just A Minute," hosted by none other than our dynamic alumnus and JAM master, Hormuz Ragina. The stage radiated with raw musical talent during "Pitch Perfect," leaving the audience spellbound with every note. Meanwhile, sharp minds clashed in "Marketing Triad," a management showdown that tested strategic prowess like never before.

Of course, no TALAASH is complete without its legendary Flagship Treasure Hunt—an adrenaline- charged quest sprawling across Mumbai. Participants raced against time, solving mind-bending clues and embarking on an emotional rollercoaster filled with adventure, camaraderie, and triumph The excitement was amplified by collaborations with iconic brands like Monster, Bravado, and Mossant Craft Beverages, whose vibrant stalls added an extra layer of Vigor to the festivities.



Day2 soared to legendary heights, delivering a grand finale that Jai Hind won't forget anytime soon. The atmosphere was electric as we welcomed Mr. Aditya Bhat, Head of Jio Creative Labs, alongside the dazzling star cast of GOATS—Ms. Devangshi Sen, Mr.Sanchit Kundra, Mr. Arnav Maggo, Ms. Santana Roach, Ms.Elisha Mayor, and Mr.Siddharth Nigam.They unveiled their much-anticipated new show, premiering exclusively on the JIO STAR platform, right at TALAASH's mega finale event,GOATS. Withover 60 colleges and 5,000+ spirited attendees, the event was nothing short of spectacular, creating memories etched in gold.



The seamless orchestration of this iconic celebration was fuelled by the relentless efforts of Jai Hind College and an unstoppable student team. Spearheaded by the dynamic Dev Talreja as the Student Secretary, and powered by his stellar team of Student Joint Secretaries—Shriya Nandini (Public Relations),ShanayJhaveri(Marketing),SamairaShah (Finance),AyushiMandhaniania(Events),YanaAgarwal(Legal), Kshitij Kaulaskar (Executions), Omkar Tejwani (Media), and Yamini Bajaj (Creatives)—TALAASH 2025 was a masterclass in event brilliance.

With hearts full of gratitude towards each and every individual who made this mega event a success and memories brimming with joy, TALAASH 2025 proved to be not just an event; rather a phenomenon. Here's to the legacy that continues to inspire, ignite, and illuminate the path of countless dreamers for years to come!



The Sindhi Circle of Jai Hind College hosted its annual cultural fest, Hojamalo, on December 10th and 11th, 2024. Organized to promote Sindhi language and culture, the event was supported by Dream Developers and Infiniti. The inauguration ceremony was led by the Principal, Dr.Vijay Dhabolkar,along with the Secretary, Dr.Kajal Ramchandani,and Executive Coordinator, Ms. Jyoti Thakur, setting an exciting tone for the festival.



The first day featured a variety of engaging competitions. Vichar Vara, a case study event, allowed students to present real-world solutions, while the Caricature competition showcased participants' artistic skills. Other highlights included Avami Kacheri (artifact design), Photographic Chattabeti (photography), and Taalimi Shisto Munjhi Nazar Mein (building an ideal education system). The day also featured Kath Akshari (alphabetic improv), a vibrant parade, and high-energy events like Jalwa (street dance) and Dhoom (DJ party).

The fest also included 19 diverse stalls offering food, crafts, and services, organized by over 270 volunteers. Local businesses show cased their products,badding a lively, community-focused atmosphere to the event.

Overall, Day1 of Hojamalo was are sounding success,bringing together creativity, culture, and enthusiasm. The various competitions and activities allowed participants to showcase their talents while celebrating Sindhi heritage, making it a memorable and enjoyable experience for all involved.

NEW COURSE LAUNCH BSC IN ACTUARIAL & QUANTITATIVE FINANCE

It is with great pride that we announce the launch of the very first interdisciplinary program at Jai Hind College, BSc in Actuarial and Quantitative Finance, from the coming academic session 2025-26. Aligned with global standards, this dynamic course integrates the concepts of actuarial science, finance, risk management, and quantitative analysis, enabling students to opt for a wide range of career paths ranging from investment banking to insurance, consultancy, financial analytics, fintech.

The wide range of specially curated electives upskill students in the area of specialization of their choice in either Quantitative Finance or Actuarial Science in the third year. The fourth year is optional, following National Education Policy (NEP) guidelines, provides flexibility for further studies or research. A mandatory internship ensures hands-on industry exposure, enhancing professional readiness and employability.

A fine balance between theoretical concepts and practical applications equip the curriculum to match assessment structures of global certifications such as CFA, FRM, and Actuarial Science. Led by a distinguished faculty of academic experts and industry professionals, the program emphasizes quantitative techniques, statistical modeling, and financial strategy, enabling graduates to navigate complex financial environments with confidence.

We appeal for support through circulation of this initiative amongst all networks and helping shape the next generation of financial and actuarial professionals.

For more details, visit jaihindcollege.com or contact +91 9867969050.

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It is okay not to be okay.

A child is considered ideal when they behave, smile, and perform to their best. This may be a broad assumption, but to an extent, we have all been subjected to it or have repeated the same patterns in adult life. We are in a world that celebrates

positivity, so we learn to mask our feelings as kids.

Relationships are messy; emotions make us human. Yet how often have we heard, "don't be emotional, or do not do drama." A very bitter accusation, harsh because it makes you feel guilty of having emotions!

So today, I thought, let's explore the negative emotions that we keep bundled tightly to our chest. As a Positive mindset coach, I always appreciate the other feelings too. They serve us well in indicating what we are going through



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Day2 of "HOJAMALO: THE CULTURAL WEAVE" was an exhilarating experience filled with a variety of events that highlighted athleticism and creativity.

We were honoured to have Mr. Kumar Taurani as the Chief Guest, along with Mr. Kamal Mirchandani as a Special Guest, and Dr. Ram Jawhrani, Mr. Mahesh Sukhrmani, Mr. Raju Khetwani, and Mrs. Preesha Choithramani as Guests of Honour. The Sindhi Circle of Jai Hind College invited everyone for the felicitation of Dr. Preeti Chhabria and Prof. Kishu Daswani for their contributions to the Sindhi community. Their presence was greatly appreciated, making the closing ceremony a memorable celebration.

Day2 featured several exciting events:

Table Tennis: Players showcased their skills in thrilling matches.

Kho Kho: A traditional game with two teams, runners and catchers.

Tug of War: Teams competed to pull the rope to their side quickly.

Connection Rugby: Teams had to make 10 passes before scoring.

Sawaal Jawaab (Quiz): Participants tested their knowledge on various topics.

Nritya Naatika (Musical): A fusion performance celebrating Sindhi culture.

Jalwa (Fashion Show): Showcased Sindhi traditions with modern trends, judged by Manisha Sindhi.

The Closing Ceremony honored all participants and celebrated their achievements.

The Shivy Awards were presented to seven outstanding students: Saachi Haseja, Saahas Haseja, Mahek Gala, Leher Murpana, Aryan Raheja, Priyanka Sheth and Poojita Hathi for recognizing their hard work and contributions.

Essay Writing's winners were Abha Mishra and Ram Malkani. Case Study Competition was won by Naveen.

The Winner of "HOJAMALO: THE CULTURAL WEAVE" were:

1st place: CC AZTEC, HR COLLEGE

2nd place: CC CHINESE, CHM COLLEGE

3rd place: CC THAI, KC COLLEGE

And with that, Day 2 was a fantastic show case of talent, culture, and community spirit, leaving everyone excited for what's to come.



TO BOOK WORKSHOP

Words help to navigate our feeling

We tend to suppress emotions, as the world believes that expressing emotions is a sign of not being strong. We are a "thinking and doing people world." And this makes us think that emotions have no place in them. If you have feelings, you are a living human, so owning how you feel and expressing yourself helps navigate your emotions. You first need to understand yourself.



Emotions are markers of how we feel, and I will try to explain it in a simple anecdote: When a child comes home from school upset, saying another child was rude to them, we tend to either say, it's okay or let it be, or we tend to fix the problem. How about the third one, just listening, empathizing, and acknowledging the feeling. When we are not feeling good, a solution is not always fixing it; most of the time, all we need is to be heard.

Many relationships would be saved if we listened without prejudice, of seeing it from the other point of view. I get taken aback by stories, some deep intimate ones that people share, and then say this is the first time they have voiced it. Keeping things bottled up is like carrying a heavy load that never goes away. It only turns to stone, making us the same. How often have we heard the phrase stone-cold or stone-hearted without knowing their back story?

Emotions are the barometer to what we are going through internally, and by taking a pause, and asking yourself a simple checking question: "what am I feeling?" and putting it articulately in words. Words are powerful when we clearly express what we are feeling. We can help the situation by positively responding to it. But often use generic terms like happy, sad, or angry, and continue using stress, tired, and angry words. And we are entirely missing the real reason we have all those feelings.

In trying to feel better, we push down our negative feelings, think of something else, and hope it will disappear. Suppressing and avoiding our negative emotions makes them dark demons lingering in the hollows of our minds. It gets pushed down, and we learn to live with it until we can examine the feeling and resolve it. One way to do this is by firstly being kind to yourself, knowing you have done the best you knew how to, and forgiving yourself or the other person. Forgiving unties the knots that hold us hostage to the person or situation.

So don't freeze your negative emotions. Learn from negative feelings, learn how to express them, and navigate peaceful actions to resolve difficult emotions. Our formative years and the family dynamics can shape how we manage conflict and negative feelings. For example, I grew up in a home where conflict and negative emotional behavior were not threatening. We could openly express ourselves, and it was okay, as there was a deep foundation of love and trust. I have seen people shy away from the awkward talk, almost in fear that it may lead to catastrophe, without realizing that castles are not built on shifting sands.

For example, if our language is not as expansive as human experience and we cannot recognize the different emotions, they will not disappear.

Human nature is to avoid what hurts, and I encourage you to ask yourself every day how do you feel? And let yourself answer truthfully.

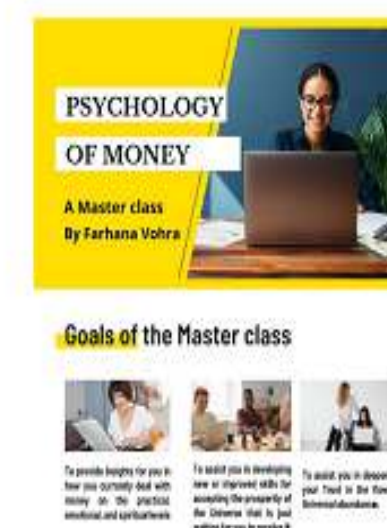
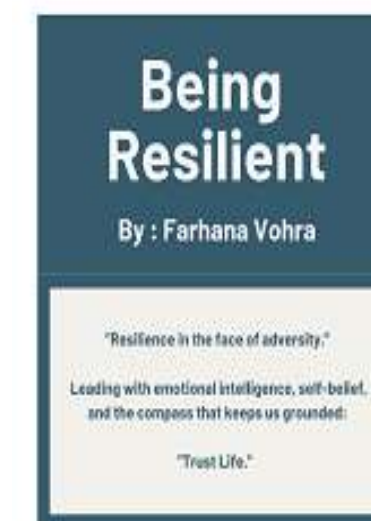
Then listen. And listen again.

We have 87 emotions (Dr. Brene Brown: Atlas of the heart) that can be expressed in words; now, see how expansive they can be.

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ALUMNI SPEAK



ZAHAN PAWAR

I am a Second Generation Entrepreneur, have seen an entrepreneurial pursuit first hand, with my father working & being a part of the Event Industry in India when there was none. Hence always feel blessed to have had great opportunities to work with the Industry Leaders and Game Changers in the field of Event Management. Leading Edge is a group with over 25 Years of experience of executing events in over 70 cities Pan India. We have established ourselves in primarily 3 industries. Events | Weddings | Shooting (Studios & Art Production), we have been successful in acquiring great & renowned venues for the same. As Zahan Pawar I entered the event industry at the age of 16 & successfully administered my first commercial event at the age of 17. Being in college I was very active in most of the college activities

and was donned the Vice Chair Person of the Annual Fest & various other prestigious positions throughout the college years our team was organizing events & attending events practically every second week. Our team has won several records & accolades & we were even featured in the Inida Book of Records for the World's Largest Umbrella Mosaic. Due to all these phenomenal activities, I had a great exposure to corporates & was able to complete various internships, was at one point the Campus Ambassador for a lot of brand, in a couple of months had pushed my self to Mumbai City Rep for networks, was responsible for establishing various such ambassador programs & leading them in the forefront. All of this made a strong connect in majority colleges in the city, this is something that has helped till today. In my Final Year I was organising events in a full fledged capacity, before graduation I was able to pull off the production of a concert at Girgaon Chowpatty Beach, this is still one of the most restricted & difficult locations to carry out events, apart from which I was able to execute various concerts under the banner. Immediately post Graduation the entrepreneurial drive began in full swing. Having the experience of massive collaborations with Colleges, we began tapping various college festivals around the city, as a VCP I had faced the issue of overpriced production with age old event equipments, That is something that I credit myself with today, we brought moderately priced items but latest to the market equipments to the colleges. Before the Pandemic in 2019 - 20 I was able to achieve 100 College Fest Collaborations in a single year, most of the collaborations with down right contracts where we were doing the technicals(sound light led) & production (stage, furniture, stalls etc). Today I administered over 600 events right from Festivals to Conferences to Concerts. Have had Experience in ATL , BTL , TTL marketing with many successful campaigns ! Started off with College Festivals and took them to a whole new Levels with a lot of Accolades and Awards to my name ! I am currently a Visiting Faculty at EMDI (Event Institution), I feel it is the best way to connect to the coming generation in the industry. I get to learn and connect with them every session I have, there are only a few currently because my schedule doesn't offer far too many available dates. We at Leading Edge have put our foot in the hospitality industry & we are working towards being hoteliers, with our first project commenced last year in Igatpuri. With exceptional guidance from many industry leaders, I have been able to find my way into various industries and segments, currently deeply involved with the youth and the Generation Z, hence have been working on Multiple Projects revolving around the Gen-Z, creating a base of self operating networks. Also, through the years, have made my self a part of the team at LIVE TIMES, a Multi-Cast News Channel, based out of Noida which is currently streaming on Tata Play, Airtel, Dish Tv & various digital platforms. Throughout the past few months have become an integral part for the channel management in Maharashtra. Sporting has always been an admired industry & hence it is an absolute pleasure that I get to operate various turfs and sporting facilities around town. Staying on with the trend, we are also creating Pickle Ball Courts & facilities. I have always preferred staying BACKSTAGE & in the

background, but now with 8 to 10 years of ground work, I have explored multiple platforms where I mentor & share my journey with my peers & next gen industry members.

1) What is your fondest memory of the college?

My fondest memory was the first day, when nervously we all walked in the Auditorium for induction and in the end the Vibrant Shivy Sir gave us a small introduction. Made the friends of a lifetime during the first day of college.

2) Your favourite hangout spot in college?

Steps, the best hangout spot of the college, hands down !!

3) Your favourite Professor?

Was fortunate enough to have the best group of teachers, however have had the best lectures with Surti Ma'am, Shenoy Sir & Fazal Sir.

4) Your message/advice to the current students ?

Live each day at a time, cherish it, the atmosphere created in this college has always been magical, experiences and friendships of a lifetime !

It's an endless sea of opportunities, just make sure you show up !



USMAN GHEEWALA

Usman Gheewala is a Business Management Studies (marketing) graduate from Jai Hind College (Class of 2024), where he was recognized for his excellence in organizing co-curricular events.

He is now the Chief Marketing Officer at G Gheewala Human Resource Consultants , a four-decade-old recruitment firm, bringing fresh ideas and strategic thinking to the family business.

1. What is your fondest memory of the college?

Organizing events was definitely a highlight—I loved the energy, teamwork, and the thrill of bringing ideas to life. Another great memory is pulling things together last minute during presentations with my group mates and still managing to score well!

2. Your favourite hangout spot in college?

The canteen was my second home, where I spent endless hours with friends, enjoying the best snacks and even better conversations.

3. Your favourite professor?

Rahul Manhot sir—his lectures were among the best! He had a remarkable way of breaking down complex concepts into simple, practical insights that could be applied directly in business. His teaching wasn't just theoretical; it was real-world knowledge that I still find valuable today.

4. Your message/ advice to the current students?

Make the most of your three years—it's truly the best time of your life. Build amazing friendships, participate in as many events as possible, and never miss a networking opportunity. I consider myself lucky to have formed friendships that feel like family.

COMMENTS

Dr R A Mashelkar

"Thanks for sharing the booklet. It is excellent. Enjoyed. Perhaps the news item about me may be of interest to all Alumni. I'm sure all of them will be happy to know that one of the Alumni of Jai Hind College now holds record for highest number of doctorates ever received by an Indian engineer in history Warmest regards Raghunath Mashelkar"

Ms Meena Saxena

"Jyoti, Delighted to read the latest edition of circle of friendship.. Wonderful achievements of JHC alumni in diverse spheres are truly inspiring. It beautifully captures the vibrancy of events and the enduring spirit of our Alma mater. Kudos to your team for keeping us connected and proud to be a Jaihindite "

Ms Mala Gosalia

"As usual you have compiled the magazine so well that has made it interesting to read. Ramola Motwani's article is really inspiring. Keep up the good work. Time to time you have featured so many of our friends children in the magazine. We feel so proud to read about their achievements and Progress. This time it's Adarsh. Well done.

Dr Rakhi Sharma

"Heartfelt appreciation for the recent issue of the alumni magazine. It is truly inspiring to see the dedication and creativity that goes into each edition."

Prof N K Jyothi

"This one is particularly very interesting.. Compliments and Congratulations "

Mr Aakash Sikka

"Wonderful. Kudos to the entire team "

Mr Kamal Mirchandani

"Hello Jyoti, enjoyed reading the whole magazine...as always excellent coverage and inspiring information. Keep it up.. thanks "

Dr Hasina Sayed

" I get the feeling of immense pride of being a jaihindite for 33 years on reading about the accolades, the achievements, the new initiatives, the talented students and the wonderful faculty nurturing this talent. This magazine keeps one in touch with all this and I look forward to reading it."

Kajjal Ramchandani

"The essence and spirit of our Magazine CoF has been consistently maintained at its ultimate level. The event 'Breaking boundaries' truly propelling all the participants to move in the apt direction. And of course the regular column by Dr. Farhana Vohra 'Deepest Bow' much convincing. And Conclusively I must add. The narrations about Ms Ramola Motwani and Ms Balaporia, the guiding stars inspired me to a great deal".

INVITATION TO BE A MEMBER OF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



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

MEMBERSHIP FEES

1. Life Member: Rs.3000/-
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RIVILEGES & ENTITLEMENTS:

- 1) Life-time Membership of Alumni Association.
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