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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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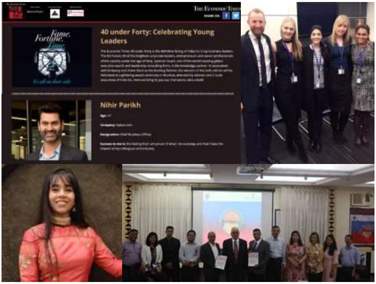

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Nihir Parikh

Fame. Fortune. Time.

Dear Alumnus.

Hope you all are safe & healthy.

While we battle with the difficult situation around us , we earnestly request each one of you to get engaged with your Alma Mater & help us in our endeavor to make Jai Hind College a World Class institution.

We appeal to you to share success stories of fellow Alumni whom you are in touch with for us to feature in the Newsletter.

We also look forward to your valued inputs & feedback on the Newsletter.

Do intimate us of any changes in your contact numbers & Email IDs & assist us in connecting to other Alumni by sharing their details.

Take care of yourselves.

Warm regards.

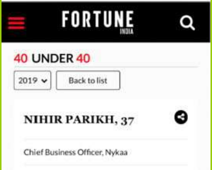
Jyoti Thakur

Secretary Alumni Association &

Executive Coordinator

Managing Board

COVER STORY - NIHIR PARIKH



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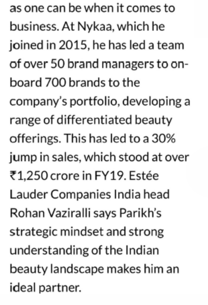
NIHIR PARIKH, 37

Chief Business Officer, Nykaa

On the one hand, Parikh is an adrenaline junkie who loves adventure sports, and on the other, he is as calm and calculated

Dear Jai Hind, Faculty, Staff, Friends

It is an absolute honour to share with you that in 2019 I was awarded **'ET 40 under 40 List of 2019 | India's hottest Business Leaders' and 'Fortune 40 under 40 awards 2019 | India's brightest young business minds.'** I am privileged, humbled, honoured, excited, and proud, to have received these coveted awards!!! As I think back to the key influencers, my years Jai Hind (12th in 2000) played a special role, a big thank you to Jai Hind and a special shout out to all the teachers - for influencing my academic, professional and personal journey!

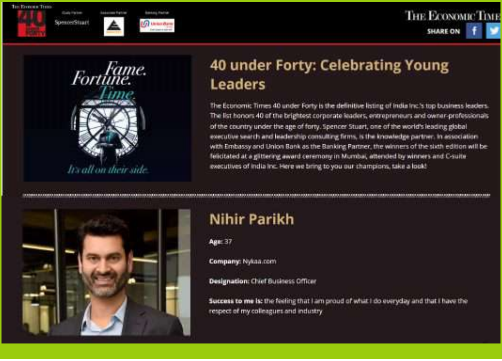


as one can be when it comes to business. At Nykaa, which he joined in 2015, he has led a team of over 50 brand managers to on-board 700 brands to the company's portfolio, developing a range of differentiated beauty offerings. This has led to a 30% jump in sales, which stood at over ₹1,250 crore in FY19. Estée Lauder Companies India head Rohan Vaziralli says Parikh's strategic mindset and strong understanding of the Indian beauty landscape makes him an ideal partner.

My professional journey has been very exciting, where I have seized the opportunity to explore diverse projects and roles across geographies and industries - from research in rocket fuels at Stanford University, to developing treatments for cancer at the leading biotechnology company Genentech USA, to B2B healthcare sales across 10 Asian countries at GE Singapore, and B2C beauty ecommerce in India. The key achievement that led to these awards, was my last 4 years as the Chief Business Officer at Nykaa, where I was part of the key management team that helped build Nykaa into the leading beauty ecommerce destination in India.

Nihir Parikh

Jai Hind, 12th in 2000



40 under Forty: Celebrating Young Leaders

The Economic Times 40 under Forty is the definitive listing of India Inc.'s top business leaders. The list honors 40 of the brightest corporate leaders, entrepreneurs and owner-professionals of the country under the age of forty. Spencer Stuart, one of the world's leading global executive search and leadership consulting firms, is the knowledge partner. In association with Embassy and Union Bank as the Banking Partner, the winners of the sixth edition will be felicitated at a glittering award ceremony in Mumbai, attended by winners and C-suite executives of India Inc. Here we bring to you our champions, take a look!

Nihir Parikh

Age: 37

Company: Nykaa.com

Designation: Chief Business Officer

Success to me is: the feeling that I am proud of what I do everyday and that I have the respect of my colleagues and industry

COVER STORY -NIHARIKA KHANNA

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Niharika completed her Bachelor's in Economics under the supervision of Prof Sarita Jaishankar. She graduated in 2014 and was fortunate to be given the opportunity to interview with KPMG through Jai Hind College placement cell. She was one of the first students who was employed within KPMG's Management Consulting practice from the Arts department.

Niharika worked with the firm for one year at the age of 20 when she realised she wanted to study further and in a global environment. She was fortunate to be admitted to the School of Public Policy at UCL In London. Along with studying an intensive curriculum Niharika worked hard simultaneously to sit for graduate consulting placements. Even though she was discouraged

tremendously on the lack of job opportunities and difficulties for immigrants to receive placements in London, she continued to strive.

After interviewing with 13 firms, each having minimum 8 rounds of interviews with the process spanning 6 months, Niharika succeeded in receiving an opportunity with KPMG London. “Working with different clients across geographies, colleagues from different cultures and surrounded by extremely talented colleagues truly shaped my personality” she says.

However, her life took a complete turn when her mother was unwell and battling a horrific illness. Niharika decided to leave her dream job and return to Mumbai to support her family during these tough times. She was fortunate to be placed with Accenture India within a month of her return to Mumbai and she worked with the firm for 2 years. Whilst working with the firm she realised that her education and her work experience did not coincide. “I've heard people complain about their jobs and how it doesn't fit well with their interests, I've seen people get too comfortable with their daily work routines that they lose initiative to pursue their passion” she says. “I did not want to be them” With the help of my mentor at Accenture and a supportive network that I had built during my tenure with the firm I moved to Accenture Development Partnerships which is the social-impact wing of the firm that works closely with the government and non-governmental organisations for the development of the society by leveraging analytics, AI, Internet of Things, Blockchain and various other digital technologies and mobile platforms.

Niharika realised that even though she had the consulting expertise, know-how of digital and tech services she lacked an understanding of how to manage and execute effective government policies and create an effective public administration system. Her passion and tremendous hard work led her to be admitted to the prestigious **Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies in Washington DC for the MIEF program which trains selected students for leadership roles at multilateral organisations like the World Bank and the IMF.**

“I was often corrected when I told my extended friends and family in India that I am going to study an Master's degree in the United States. They would often assume an MBA. With complete ignorance and a stereo-typical mindset of what a successful career looks like a lot of Indian students get pressurised to study an MBA degree because it is the right thing to do and will earn you more money. Well maybe the latter is true for some corporate organisations and yes if you truly want to study an MBA you definitely should! But I also want to tell those students that times are changing and if you have an interest in another terminal degree don't be pressurised by society to tell you otherwise” she says.

A THOUGHT PROVOKING ARTICLE BY ALUMNUS MS ABHIMANINI SINGH

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Divergent Thinking in the Transatlantic Alliance: The Emergence of Two Visions for the West

By Abhimanini Singh Sawhney, Contributing Writer

With the rise of multipolarity in the international system, concerns have arisen over the perceived weakening of the transatlantic alliance. In reaction to this development, this year's Munich Security Conference centred on **Westlessness** and the current state of the transatlantic alliance. "Westlessness" is not merely the world becoming less western, but also the West becoming less western, in both ideology and policy. Lack of consultation and deconfliction amongst allies, **"apathy and ambivalence"** toward defence, changing trends of global conflict, institutional development, etc. are all indicative of the spread of "Westlessness."

Several European leaders were critical of America's approach toward international cooperation, and cast aspersions on the strength of the transatlantic alliance. French President Emmanuel Macron drew attention to the emerging ideological difference between the United States and Europe by saying, **"…we don't have the same ideas … and our ideas are the ones that we must defend."** Macron also spoke of the divergences in the path followed by the United States and Europe when he alluded to different visions of Europe's role in the future. Given the shared history of cooperation between the two Western powers, this statement reflects the degree to which European leaders have been discomfited by the shift to unilateralism, a key concern for the collective defense infrastructure. This discomfiture was made more evident when German President Frank Walter-Steinmeier disparaged the United States of **"rejecting the very concept of the international community"** and **"making itself great again, but at the expense of neighbours and partners."** These concerns were echoed by German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas.

American leadership at the conference refuted Europe's pessimistic outlook. American Secretary of State Micheal Pompeo stated that **"the west is winning,"** claiming that **"the rumours of the death of the transatlantic alliance are greatly over-exaggerated."** Pompeo cited the upcoming **Defence-20 exercises** as an example of the continuing vitality and strength of transatlantic cooperation, as the exercises are designed to evaluate the **readiness and interoperability** of European and American land forces. In **reaffirming the American commitment to the Europeans** in the wake of the failure of the INF treaty, the exercise also aims at assuaging European fears of a weakening NATO and a crumbling transatlantic consensus, as well as boosting defence spending in Europe above the 2% mark. US Secretary of Defence Mark Esper discussed America's latest national security strategy, with an emphasis on the US engagement with China and Russia in an era of **"declared great power competition."** Esper stated that **"America's concerns about Beijing's commercial and military expansion should be their concerns as well."**

The remarks of the two camps indicated differences in perception on the very fundamentals of Western cooperation and influence that has underpinned the conference and alliance structure as a whole. When European leaders spoke of "Westlessness," emphasis was laid on the reduction in the commonality of Western values and the lack of cohesion in their vision for the future. The understanding that there are tensions in the transatlantic alliance was unspoken, but mutually agreed upon.

Esper urged Europeans to adopt American concerns despite knowledge of both the Chinese inroads into the European political and economic space and the subsequent Chinese pressure on Europeans toward 5G purchases. Given the comments made by Esper and the pressure that China has placed on Europe, the rift between the United States and Europe is not shrinking. Instead, concerns of national interest are now being pitted against the desire for transatlantic cooperation. This comes not long after the **US' withdrawal from the INF treaty**, a cornerstone of European security, even as it attempts to engage with and boost European security through the Defence-20 exercise. These contradictions – engagement over security matters following withdrawal, or calls for cooperation following withdrawal from agreements – create friction in the relationship between the two partners. This friction is exacerbated by the different, if not opposing European goals and approaches toward engagement with countries like China, Russia and Iran, policies on refugees and the withdrawal from multilateral agreements due to a renewed inward focus in the United States. These individual issues coalesce to form one major roadblock in continuing transatlantic cooperation.

Furthermore, the American leaders' remarks did not address core security concerns of the Europeans. There was no discussion on the divergence of future plans of action on matters of engagement with other nations; especially in a time where the balance of power is shifting toward Asia and the Indo-Pacific; and the place of Europe in this American vision of the future. The centrality of these matters as the cause of the discomfiture faced by the Europeans vis-à-vis the transatlantic alliance cannot be understated, and the lack of their addressal is a serious problem. The failure of the American leadership's assurance of their continued commitment to Europe can therefore be partly attributed to the contradictions in American actions, the uncertainty amongst European nations about their position with the United States following the pivot to Asia, or the failure to address key, high-priority topics.

The Munich Security Conference has brought to the surface several emerging fissures in the U.S.-Europe dynamic. This indicates two different sets of concerns and priorities, and a subsequent divergence in goals, agenda setting and plans of action. To remedy this, dialogue on what the perpetuation of Western power truly means – technological, economic and military dominance; or commonality of interests, values and a multilateral system – could very well bridge the rift between the United States and Europe. Statements like "the West is winning" are very welcome, but what "winning" looks like is neither clear nor agreed upon. Though the European and American leadership have long established various systems of communication, a series of discussions on "Westlessness" amongst the upper echelons of policy makers, possibly through a closed-door roundtable, would be tremendously useful. The subsequent clarity on how the United States and Europe fit into each other's long-term vision for the future would thus contribute greatly to an easing of the tensions of the transatlantic consensus.

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NEW INITIATIVES

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Tata Consultancy Services - TCS

has tied up with Jai Hind College, Mumbai to launch Post Graduate - MSc (Big Data Analytics) and Graduate - BCom in Business Process Systems (BPS) Degree programs designed by TCS. The MoU was signed by Dr. Ashok Wadia, Principal, Jai Hind College and Dr Ranjan Global Vice President, HR at TCS. https://t.co/wdsalIEBgl

https://twitter.com/TCS_News/status/1236941237753503744?s=20

INVITATION TO BE A MEMBER OF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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

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Secretary
Alumni Association – Jai Hind College

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

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Dr Hrishikesh Pai

Congratulations Dr Hrishikesh Pai on getting 'The Lifetime Achievement Award' by the largest association of fertility specialists in India - ISAR. Its been a long and difficult journey since you first trained in Australia in 1990 and became one the early practitioners of IVF in India. Now with thousands of successful cases with many parents blessed with beautiful children and your IVF centres spread across India - you richly and rightly deserve all the accolades. Keep your dedication and enthusiasm going and the future will be yours.

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WE ARE PROUD OF OUR ALUMNUS ROHAN VASWANI

Delighted to announce that **Rohan Vaswani**, our Chief People Officer was recognised as "The Business Leader Of The Year" in the retail category at the ET Now National Awards in Mumbai. Yet another feather in the Nexus Cap.

#happynessforeveryone #nexusmalls #hrexcellence #etnow #awards2019 #businessleader #malls

COMMENTS PAGE

Ms Kajal Ramchandani
"Wow..the radiant and sheen presentation of News letter by the evergreen JAI HIND ALUMNI ASSOCIATION..Covering each aspect in the most encompassing, engaging and informative manner. And of course Achievers'Nite n Hojamalo well credited"

Dr Rakhi Sharma
"This is incredible
This newsletter communicates continuous improvement and connects all stakeholders"

Ms Sangeeta Singh
"Tremendous read.. Very very interesting and beautifully put together.. Congratulations Jyoti.. Fabulous work"

Anmol Chandwani
"Amazing it is ma'am"

Mr Rohit Jasuja
" Like always ,I love it "

Mr Deepak Ved
"very impactful presentation with bright but soothing colours "

Ms Romita Wadhwani
"Really commendable efforts, always a pleasure to go through the newsletter"

Mr Surendra Sakpal
" It's awesome..It makes me feel proud of being part of such an amazing n prestigious educational institution"

Ms Meena Saxena
"Jyoti, Awesome work !!!! Enjoyed reading college updates n our alumni achievements !!! Proud to be a Jaihindite "

OBITUARY

Dear friends,

It is with a very heavy heart that we let you know that **Jagesh Sanghavi** is no more with is. He suffered a heart attack and passed away before any help could be rendered.

We are in a state of shock as Jagesh was in good health and had no known health problems.

Let us pray for his soul to rest in peace. He was a mathematical genius based in the US & a graduate from IIT Mumbai.

ALUMNI SPEAK

TASNEEM LOKHANDWALLA

I completed my graduation in B.Com from Jai Hind College in 1995.Got married the same year. In 1996 already had a baby and as I was not very sure what I wanted to do then, I added few more certificates including the fashion designing and nursery teachers training. For the next 5-6 years, I was busy with my kids but also pursued my passion of dance and music side by side by teaching children dance and drama. I also volunteered to teach Folk Dance to children in schools like Christ Church and St. Peters. I alwasy had flair for social networking & dancing. But my ambition was to go out explore the outside world and wanted to prove myself by doing something with what I was good at & excel in the same. In 2004, I joined an organisation which was dealing in imports and supply of Electronic Components and was soon absorbed into the corporate world handling branding, marketing and PR for the organisation. After working rigourously for almost 10 years, in 2014,I thought it was time to venture into business of my own. Today I represent 2 organisations, wherein I am the Business Partner and hoping to climb the ladder of success and one day aspire to be a renowned Woman Entrepreneur. I am so thankful to my Professors who instilled in me the fighting spirit to achieve success. Leadership qualities, Team work, Social Service, Determination and Patience is what I have learnt from the experiences gained during my college days.

1) **What is your fondest memory of the College?**

   My college days are the most memorable days of my lifeThere are many fond memories of College. But my fondest memory is of my dance performance at the Gujarati Sahitya Mandal. I was one of the main performers of the group and suddenly I felt sick and dizzy. I actually fell off the stage while doing the Ghoomar and to my surprise I landed up in the arms of our College Principal Hon. Late Prof Shivdasani Sir. Although it should have been a very embarrassing moment for me, but Shivi Sir, made it the most proud moment for me. He literally went up on stage and applauded me for my performance and dedication towards my passion of Dance. The whole auditorium was vibrating with loud applauds for me.

   I can never forget this moment and Shivi Sir's words have inspired me and helped me reach wheere I am today.

2) **Your favourite hangout spot in College?**

   My favourite hangout spot was the College Campus and the stairs of the main building where we spent our time during free lecture periods. And yes also our College canteen where we enjoyed the most delicious Chole Samosas , something to die for. Even today I miss the canteen food.

3) **Your favourite Professor?**

   Favourite Professor- Mrs Nisha Sikka our Hindi teacher. She has been my best teacher, Mentor, Guide and Friend until today. The bonding has been so strong that even after 25 years of leaving college, we still meet up and have kept the bond alive.

4) **Your message / advice to current students?**

   College days are the most enjoyable part of our lives . Don't miss to experience the thrill and excitement. There will be new opportunities which you need to grab and you will be exposed to a world you've never seen before. College life is fun but it's also the time to build your career. Reminiscing memories will always bring back a smile on your face. No matter where you are, your roots will always lie in your college. Believe me, when you pass through the same hallways again, beautiful memories will come to life once again.

   All the knowledge in the world won't help you if you come out of college with no experience or professional and social relationships

RAJIV HARLALKA

Rajiv Harlalka is an Enterprise Transformation / Change practitioner, currently Director with Silicon Valley Bank in Bay Area, USA. He graduated in Commerce from Jai Hind in 1992 and went on to do BGL at Govt Law College down the lane. Tangent to his academics, he went on to pursue a career in Information Technology . Rajiv had a Web Solution startup for more than a decade serving range of Corporate, Not for Profits across variety of industries and domains before migrating to US and settling there.

While in India, in 2002 he came back to serve his Alma Mater, to revive the Alumni Association

– setting up https//www.jaihindalumni.com and served as convener.

1) **What is your fondest memory of College ?**
   There are many across the years in college - being an outstanding student [attendance wasn't mandatory then ☺] from Talents Parade, College Day, Carrom in Gymkhana room to playing football bare chested in rain at Oval Maidan

   And as an Alumnus– all the evenings and late nights spent in Shivi's office [RIP and miss him every day] organizing Reunions and attending the Annual Reunion Night at NCPA

2) **Your Favorite hangout spot in college ?**
   Steps outside Audi and the Green house opposite where we would hang out – it was the pass through going from old Junior college building to the main building. As junior being picked on by seniors and reversing roles when I moved to higher classes.

   Celebrating birthdays – playing games in Shade area after classes

3) **Your favorite Professor ?**
   Jaihind had / has such awesome faculty from top to bottom – Prof Shivdasani for his dynamic leadership and charismatic personality, Prof Iyer who always put a serious face and was always a favorite for mimicry during college events, Prof Nisha Sikka for juggling teaching Hindi to Hindi Parishad rehearsals and Prof Jeevan Seshan my partner as Gymkhana Secretary

4) **Your message / advice to the current studies**
   Use the knowledge you get as guide to light up your life and everyone you touch around you. Be limitless and follow your passion

   You are privileged to be part of this great institution Jai Hind College and what it represents, make sure you enjoy every moment, soak in everything not just academics and never forget your Alma Mater.

LAMIYA DOHADWALA

I passed with a Bachelor's in Science (life sciences) from Jai hind in 2017, and went on to do a Master's in Science from Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies (NMIMS), Mumbai. I am currently pursuing my Ph.D at the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), Mumbai where I am studying the effects of cellular behaviour on the development of the nervous system. Very recently I received an award from the Indian Women's Scientists' Association.

A strong advocate of women in (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) STEM, I have counselled girls from various backgrounds on a career in science. In my spare time I read, and write poems for my blog.

1) **What is your fondest memory of the college?**
   There never has been a dull moment at Jai Hind. Heading the Student Council of Jai Hind College; organising and hosting Achievers' Nite, organising my own graduation ceremony and in the process, building an identity for myself. Being a proud Alumnus of the Life Sciences dept you could say, it supersedes any learning experience an institution could provide.

2) **Your favourite hangout spot in college?**
   With practicals spanning the entire day, the fourth floor corridor near the Biology department turned out to be our favourite corner for lazing, snacking, completing journals and watching a new drama unroll each day.

It didn't take too long to associate Jai Hind with home.

3) **Your favourite Professor?**
Mrs Sreela Dasgupta from the Chemistry department for her uber cool demeanour, witty remarks and of course for being a brilliant professor. Right from supporting dance performances in the middle of experiments to bear hugs, she is the human equivalent of warmth and honey.

4) **Your message/advice to the current students?**
At the end of your years at Jai Hind, the tassel-ed hat and the free fit robe will just be a validation of your time spent here. It is the milestones you achieve- right from the friendships you built, who end up coaxing you for your first performance on stage, to handling catastrophes minutes before your event begins- will add that sliver of confidence: the best souvenir an experience can give !

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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Jyoti N. Thakur
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