



## HARVARD CLUB OF INDIA

### Vision for Harvard Club of India 2017-19

As an alumni club, the Harvard Club of India's (HCI) fundamental objective is to constantly engage with all these alumni and through such engagement benefit its members, the Harvard University and various entities within India, including governments, businesses, professionals and the civil society. HCI intends to deliver on this, while maintaining a culture of fun, excitement and participation, so that all stakeholders keenly look forward to their association with HCI.

**Expand Membership Base:** While the potential membership of the HCI comprises of all alums in India or connected to India, the current membership does not fully represent this potential membership base. There are more than 2000 Harvard Alums in India, who have completed a degree or a non-degree program from the Harvard University or one of its many schools. Towards this end, one of the fundamental objectives of the club for the term 2017-19 would be to bring the actual membership of the Club as close as possible to the potential membership. We intend to explore all possible means to expand the membership base. For ease and convenience of our members, we will introduce membership cards for all paid members.

**HCI as an Active Platform for Shaping Policy:** Harvard alumni, with their varied business and professional expertise, offer a pool of talent that can substantially help influence, shape and provide interventions on key social, political and economic issues facing India. The HCI will facilitate regular engagement with governments and other public bodies through organisation of events with key policy shapers in the government, public bodies, businesses, professionals and civil society members. In particular, the HCI will organise the "Harvard Debates" and panel discussions on issues of interest and also an Essay Contest for students in schools and colleges across India.

**Building Strong External Relationships:** To this end, building strong external relationships will be critical, along with defining various models of engagement with key institutions and leaders across various fields. This initiative will leverage the experience and expertise of Harvard alumni in these fields and hopefully create significant and positive impact in our society.

The HCI will actively reach out to Government and Non-Government bodies to forge partnerships on this front. Amongst the Government bodies, HCI will reach out to the Central Government, the various State Governments and the various public bodies run by both Centre and States, as also international organisations and the missions of various foreign countries based in India. Amongst the Non-Government bodies, HCI will reach out to various businesses and business associations, Indian and International NGOs and active individual members of the civil society in India.



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Specifically, the areas in which events will be organised and relationships will be forged, will be as follows:

- Businesses and Industry Confederations – CII, FICCI, ASSOCHAM, PHD, NASSCOM
- Education - Universities/Schools (both public and private).
- Public Health - Public Health Institutions
- Law & Policy – Thinktanks, State/Central Government and Public Institutions, Lawyers, Jurists, and Law Firms
- Media - Electronic and Print.
- Foreign Institutions - Missions, Embassies and High Commissions in India, United Nations, European Union, International NGO's, UNDP, Asian Development Bank, World Bank
- Cultural institutions – Art, Culture, Theatre, Movies, etc.

**Expanding engagement with Harvard:** The HCI will aim at continuing the Harvard experience for its alumni and also assist Harvard University in continuing its engagement with India. HCI will organise events and discussions around areas of expertise of Harvard professors visiting India. Similarly, the HCI will offer the assistance of its members in interviewing candidates for various courses at the Harvard College and schools such as the HBS.

**HCI Publication-** HCI aims to have a publication or a magazine that would contain articles and pieces on a huge range of areas of interest to Harvard and also map the activities of Harvard alumni in India. The launch of the publication will be an event by itself, where important policy discussions can take place.

**HCI as Fun-** HCI will organise get togethers, cultural events, social events as well as retreats in India where all interested members can re-connect, rejuvenate and make lasting connections with other members and their families. HCI will try and co-organise events with other Harvard Clubs in South Asia.

**Building a Strong Financial Corpus:** HCI will focus on establishing a strong financial corpus and resources for the Club so that the Club can undertake and implement the initiatives that form part of our Vision. HCI plans to do this via active fundraising, increasing the membership base of the Club and also via event-based fees and sponsorships.

**Building a Strong Leadership Team for the Future:** Finally, HCI is committed to build a strong leadership team for the future for the Harvard Club of India so that we can continue to work towards establishing HCI as the premier alumni organization in



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India. So we look forward to getting many of you actively involved in the Club's activities over the coming months.

### EC Member Responsibilities

All EC members shall be assigned key responsibilities in fulfilment of our 2017-19 vision. The proposed assignments are outlined below:

<b>Key Aspect of Vision</b>	<b>Members Responsible for Fulfilment of Vision</b>
Membership	Shadan Farasat, Ghanshyam Tiwari, Darpan Kalra, Alok Sangwan, Anirudh Suri
Policy	Prama Bhandari, Meenakshi Datta Ghosh, Meera Bhatia, Ghanshyam Tiwari and Manish Arora
External Relations	Anirudh Suri, Perna Makkar, Shobhana Rana, Darpan Kalra, Vishnu Karthik
Harvard University Liaison/ Mentor-Mentee	Adwait Vikram Singh, Shobhana Rana, Vishnu Karthik
Publication	Adwait Vikram Singh, Susmit Pushkar, Alok Sangwan, Vishnu Karthik
HCI Events & Fun Activities	Perna Makkar, Anirudh Suri, Meera Bhatia, Shobhana Rana, Shadan Farasat, Darpan Kalra
Financial Corpus and Tax & Compliance Related Matters	Susmit Pushkar, Adwait Vikram Singh, Shobhana Rana, Alok Sangwan, Manish Arora
Strong Future Leadership	Meenakshi Datta Ghosh, Prama Bhandari and Shadan Farasat
Website, Tech & Social Media	Shadan Farasat, Adwait Vikram Singh, Admn Asst
Follow up with EC members on Progress on all Vision Pillars	Shobhana Rana