

Achievements



HARVARD CLUB OF INDIA

- ❖ The Club has expanded its activities and engagements across the diplomatic, business, diplomatic, educational, legal and social sectors and invited noted individuals to speak to us on current issues of national importance. We are often sought as a platform for debates on key policy issues.
- ❖ We have seen an increase in the number of memberships of the Club, with both new alumni and returning alumni joining us at our various networking and social events.
- ❖ We are about to launch a quarterly newsletter that will highlight the Club's activities and also publish scholarly articles by both HCI members and specialists across various fields. The first issue will be published in November 2019.
- ❖ The HCI will also launch the annual Book Prize commencing in January 2020.
- ❖ Past office holders of the Club have shown a keen interest in mentoring and being more actively engaged in helping recent alums who have returned to India as well as guiding us in expanding our activities. We have welcomed this with great enthusiasm and will set up a mentor committee that will amalgamate the institutional memory with new ideas to bring more vibrancy for the HCI.
- ❖ There is an increased interest by industry leaders to sponsor our events, particularly in the areas of education and public health. With this in mind, we can engage in a few meaningful projects in rural sectors and bring some level change in the lives of those who need it most.
- ❖ We have institutionalised the President's Club Member Of the Month award given each month by the President to the member who has put in the maximum effort in organising events.

Challenges



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- ❖ We need to work harder on the HCI's fund-raising efforts to build a larger corpus to enable us to continue our various initiatives. This has reminded a challenge and needs more robust efforts on our part.
- ❖ The Club needs to balance the inter-generational membership aspirations so that the older and newer members are able to come together and enjoy activities meaningful to them.
- ❖ Our engagement with our city chapter presences needs to be given greater form and coherence so we can jointly organise events in the cities that have Harvard clubs, namely Bangalore, Chennai and Mumbai, and very soon, the about to be launched Kolkata chapter.
- ❖ We need more members to take an active interest in the leadership positions in the Club and contest elections. At the moment, a small group of dedicated members have assumed these functions with regular frequency and this group needs to be mentored and expanded.
- ❖ We also need better coordination with other School presences under the Harvard banner, namely the Business School, Law School, Kennedy School, the School of Public Health and numerous others. It would be more useful to plan more of our events under the HCI banner, in addition to the activities undertaken by alumni of these schools on their own.