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JANUARY 2019 EVENTS

Entrepreneurs Unplugged – Conversation with Sanjiv Bajaj (MBA 1997)

This January, alumni and a few select entrepreneurs congregated in Pune for a discussion with Sanjiv Bajaj as a part of the India Research Center's Entrepreneurs Unplugged Series. The focus of the series is to forge a deeper understanding of the entrepreneurship ecosystem in South Asia. The series tracks the journeys of entrepreneurs who have attempted to launch new business models as they push scale and manage various stakeholders including investors, employees, customers and regulators. During the conversation, Sanjiv Bajaj (MBA ’97), Managing Director of Bajaj Finserv, one of India’s flagship non-bank finance companies, shared insights on business strategy and the use of technology, data mining, AI and machine intelligence to drive innovation and long-term value creation. He also shared his perspective on developing a culture of accountability and entrepreneurship within a corporate set up.

MAY 2018 ALUMNI NEWS

Creating Opportunity for Indian Entrepreneurs

Harsh Bhargava (MBA 1977) was visiting his hometown of Jaipur, India, in 1999 when tragedy struck. In the midst of an unemployment crisis during the Kargil War, the government advertised for 120 open positions in the nearby town of Jhunjhunu. More than 100,000 young men showed up looking for work. The government was not prepared to handle the number of job-seekers, resulting in matters becoming out of control and police killing three young men. The incident ate at Bhargava, and led to an idea: Why not create job creators instead of job seekers through an entrepreneurship training program at the grassroots level? Inspired, Bhargava founded I Create, an organization that teaches entrepreneurship skills to students at the secondary level and also works with disadvantaged women, youth, and discharged soldiers to provide comprehensive training and mentorship.

NOVEMBER 2017 ALUMNI NEWS

HBS Alum to Expand Company's Automotive Operations to Detroit

Anand Mahindra (MBA 1981) has plans to expand the automotive operations of the Mumbai-based company, Mahindra Group, into Detroit in early 2018. The company will begin producing off-road recreational and work vehicles that will contribute to their current U.S. production of tractors.

SEPTEMBER 2017 ALUMNI NEWS

An HBS alumnus and his City of Dreams - Colombo, Sri Lanka
With a clear vision and big dreams for change, HBS graduate Nayana Mawilanda (MBA 2005) shares his plans for turning Sri Lanka's capital city of Colombo into a megapolis that resembles other major international port cities. His master plans for transformation include housing, transportation, water, and environmental priorities, and he talks about how his unexpected career path led him to have the skills he needs to make these big changes.