



India alumni newsletter

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CEO's Foreword

Dear alums,

Greetings from your old firm. We are proud of you, our alumni, and in order to promote our continued connections with you we are taking steps to enhance our newsletter. This edition adds new sections to give you an opportunity to know more about KPMG in India's leaders, as well as stories from our alumni.

We recently concluded our all India Partners' Meet 2017 with the theme 'Teamwork Makes the Dream Work.' This was an occasion to celebrate our successes, our people and to set the tone for the firm's growth over next five years.

KPMG in India is doing well. We have led in the audit rotation cycle in terms of marquee clients, we have addressed the GST opportunity with innovative solutions and have won an important engagement to deal with a non performing bank asset. We continue to be impactful in the government arena as well, exemplifying the KPMG Story.



Arun M. Kumar

Chairman and CEO,
KPMG in India



KPMG in focus

Global CEO Outlook for 2017 launched

The 2017 Global CEO Outlook is the third annual global survey report and a flagship global thought leadership programme of KPMG International. It brings to the fore timely insights into the issues that CEOs from many of the world's largest organisations are facing. The report is based on the collective apprehensions of 1,261 CEOs across 10 markets and 11 key sectors. It reveals their common urgency to 'disrupt and grow', casting the concept as a key point of focus for the 2017 Global CEO Outlook campaign.

Since last year's Global CEO Outlook, titled 'Now or never', many CEOs and top executives have focused on making a transformative change in their companies. You can visit kpmg.com to access the interactive [Global CEO Outlook website](#). We plan to come out with the India report soon, so do stay tuned!



Investor Relations Awards 2017

The Investor Relations Society India organised the Investor Relations Awards 2017, in association with KPMG in India, Bloomberg and BSE at the BSE International Convention Hall, in Mumbai on Friday, 02 June 2017. The event witnessed insightful discussions on emerging trends both in India and globally and also the evolving needs of the financial community and other stakeholders.

Karan Marwah, Partner, Capital Markets, KPMG in India moderated a panel discussion on 'Evolution of IR globally and road ahead in India' with panel members Kedar Shirali, Head- Global Investor Relations, TCS; P Ganesh, President & CFO, Glenmark Pharmaceuticals Limited and Ambareesh Baliga, Equity Market Analyst.

The event, well attended by Investor Relations (IR) heads and CFOs from several leading companies, also had engaging sessions on 'Leading practices in Investor Relations', 'IR bridging the unknown', including a fireside chat with Tushar Pradhan, CIO, HSBC Asset Management.

It concluded with an award ceremony and closing remarks from the Investor Relations Society India.





HP and KPMG introduce a GST tool for traders and MSMEs

KPMG in India and HP India launched a wide-ranging, secure and affordable invoicing platform to help transition millions of traders and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) to the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime. This GST tool has the capability to support users to file their transactions as per the new tax norms in a convenient manner and also reduce the invoice reconciliation requirements of large companies. In order to ensure business continuity for users, HP will also enable specialised help desk support of tax experts on call, email and chat for GST-related queries and operational assistance. The tool comprises hardware from HP, GST invoicing software by KPMG in India, cloud storage for storing invoice data, uninterrupted GST Suvidha Provider (GSP) access, e-sign and GST registration and migration services. It facilitates the entire process from the input of purchase invoices, generation of sales invoices, management of input credit ledger, and generation of reverse charges. It also helps businesses receive tax credits through the automatic reconciliation of purchase invoices to help ensure a smooth transition.

The tool can also support larger organisations, enforce a regime wherein their vendors, distributors and dealers are on the GST system, helping them comply with the process and file their GST returns accurately.



The KPMG Global Alumni Survey

Our Global Alumni Survey was launched on 15 May 2017 where over 400 of our alumni have sent their responses so far. The survey will assess the experiences that motivated them most at KPMG, how do they feel about KPMG today, whether they would recommend us as service providers or as employers and factors that motivate them when choosing a new employer.

The initial results from the survey findings give an encouraging perspective of the engagement of alumni in India. The Global Alumni Survey is hosted on the alumni website and can be accessed by [clicking here](#). The survey is currently live and closes on 15 July 2017. So, participate now and let us know what you believe defines an "Employer of Choice".





Corporate Fraud and Forensics India Summit 2017

The Corporate Fraud and Forensics India Summit 2017, organised by Inventicon Business Intelligence, was held on 15-16 May 2017 in Mumbai. The summit provided a platform for delegates to deliberate on the fraud situation in India and share real-life experiences. It also engaged the audience to provide innovative solutions to reform the quality of their corporate fraud prevention, detection and control programme.

KPMG in India was the gold sponsor for the Summit. Shashank Karnad, Partner and COO - Forensic Services, made a presentation on 'Forensic audit as a tool to prevent and detect financial frauds' and also moderated a panel discussion on 'Integrating effective fraud risk management into your audit planning'.

The event witnessed over 150 delegates comprising of thought leaders, government officials and speakers from around the country, as well as various sectors. The themes included: Fraud in today's business and regulatory environment, identifying financial crime and audit planning, whistle-blower programmes and fraud investigation in the digital space, use of data analytics and security techniques to detect online and cyber fraud, forensic audit as a tool to prevent and detect financial frauds.

Enactus India National Competition 2017

The Enactus India National Competition 2017, held on 17 June in Mumbai, saw participation from 24 college teams from across the country. Twenty Partners and employees helped facilitate the event as judges, coordinators and scorers. **Akhil Bansal-Deputy CEO and Shalini Pillay-Partner and Head, People, Performance and Culture (PPC)** judged the final round along with business leaders from other companies.

The four finalists were Delhi Technological University, Dr. S.S. Bhatnagar University Institute of Chemical Engineering & Technology, Ramjas College and Shaheed Sukhdev College of Business Studies. All four teams were mentored by our Partners and senior staff through the year.

After an intense round of presentations, Shaheed Sukhdev College of Business Studies was announced the winner of the Enactus India National Competition 2017, and will be representing India at the Enactus World Cup scheduled later this year in London. Their winning projects include 'Raahat' that aims to provide safe sanitation facilities to slum dwellers in Delhi NCR, and 'Udaan' that focuses on promoting digital literacy in rural India.





CII ICT Infrastructure Conference

KPMG in India collaborated with Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) for the ICT Infrastructure conference. The objective of the conference was to discuss challenges and opportunities in the ICT infrastructure sector and evaluate the possible areas of collaboration between the industry, government and various stakeholders to foster development in ICT infrastructure to drive the government's Digital India initiative as well as to 'connect the unconnected'. The event witnessed several industry stalwarts and policymakers coming together in a glittering ceremony held at the India Habitat Centre.

The conference was attended by Akhil Bansal, Deputy CEO, KPMG in India and Mritunjay Kapur, Partner and National Head - Strategy and Markets, Leader - Technology, Media and Telecom, from the India Leadership Team who also unveiled a whitepaper on 'Building ICT Infrastructure - Connecting the Unconnected' at the event. The conference had two panel discussions, which were moderated by KPMG in India Partners, Mohit Prabhakar and KG Purushothaman. The high profile event was well received both by the media and the industry. This association has helped us strengthen our position as thought leaders in the ICT infrastructure sector.

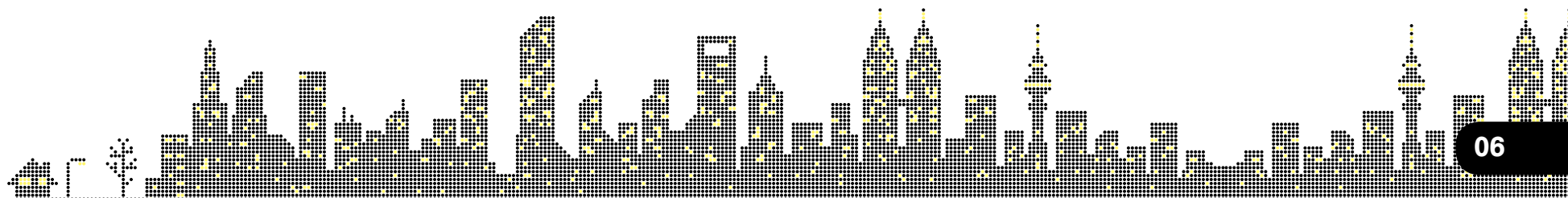




Launch of report: 'Towards gender balanced boards'

In India, women represented only 5 per cent of directorships at listed companies in India before the government introduced a mandate, requiring that there be at least one woman on the corporate boards of listed and certain other companies. To fulfill this objective, nearly 600 companies announced appointments of women directors on their boards.

Given this background, KPMG in India's Board Leadership Center and WomenCorporateDirectors India (WCD) conducted a survey to assess the progress and challenges, which companies faced in identifying, appointing, inducting and integrating the right women candidates into corporate boardrooms.





FICCI Executive Committee Meeting

Arun Kumar, Chairman and CEO, KPMG in India addressed FICCI's Executive Committee's annual meeting, where he shared insights about the future of India-U.S. business relations. He emphasised the importance of focusing upon greater engagement at the state level and how Indian companies have created several job opportunities in the U.S.

Sachin Menon, Partner and Head, Indirect Tax, KPMG in India discussed the key issues, challenges and opportunities for one of India's biggest tax reforms, the Goods and Service Tax (GST). He shared his thoughts on the progress of rolling out GST and that the readiness of Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) sector remains a major concern.

Neeraj Prasad, Additional Commissioner, GST Cell, Central Board of Excise and Customs and Rajeev Agarwal, SVP, Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN) also shared their views on how to take strategic steps towards the implementation of GST.



Mindmine Summit 2017

The Mindmine Summit 2017 was a two-day forum where diverse panelists came together to assess the evolving political, business and societal landscape through a mix of interactive panel dialogues, one-on-one exchanges and debates. It featured pre-eminent leaders, opinion shapers and emerging stars who freely expressed their opinions and offered their insights over plenary sessions, Mindmine Exchanges and debates.

The theme of this year's summit was 'Disruption: The new normal for India?' which was held on 20-21 April 2017 in New Delhi. The chief guest for the event was Venkaiah Naidu, Union Minister for Urban Development, Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, and the guest of honour was Suresh Prabhu, Union Minister of Railways.

KPMG in India was the Knowledge Partner for the summit, continuing since its inception in 2006. Akhil Bansal, Deputy CEO, KPMG in India, while speaking on 'Mainstreaming and Digitising Bharat: Battlefront or Emerging Miracle?', mentioned that digital and financial literacy are key to providing the required impetus for digitising India.





CII Governance Series

KPMG in India and CII organised a breakfast session based on the theme, 'Board preparedness in handling fluctuations in market regulations', in Mumbai. The breakfast event was addressed by Arundhati Bhattacharya, Chairman, State Bank of India.

Setting the tone for the session, KPMG in India's Sai Venkateshwaran, Partner and Head, Accounting Advisory Services, said, "As boards look at balancing growth with the pace of regulatory changes and increasing compliance requirements, they should endeavour to convert these into opportunities for organisational change to derive competitive advantage. To fully capitalise on this transformational opportunity, boards should be conscious of the evolving regulatory landscape and proactively anticipate and address changes in a holistic manner. Each one of these regulatory changes could have an impact on the company's business models, operating structures, current and proposed product and service offerings, legal entity structures, capital requirements and tax and other regulatory obligations."





KPMG in India ranks 3rd in LinkedIn's 2017 Top Companies to work for list

LinkedIn has ranked KPMG as the third most desirable company to work for in India. The list, 'Top Companies 2017: Where India wants to work now' puts us ahead of other professional services firms in the country as an employer of choice.

The 25 top companies were chosen and ranked on the basis of actions taken on LinkedIn by millions of job seekers and professionals. Spanning 10 industries, the list considers job applications (views and applies on postings), engagement (with employees and the company directly) and retention (how many employees stay for a year or longer).



KPMG shines at the Mega Corporate Film Festival and Awards 2017



KPMG in India was recently presented with three Mega Corporate Film Festival awards for 2017. With over 30 corporate films being screened at the festival, KPMG has been well appreciated for its corporate films for '**Best Corporate Film for Driving Change Initiatives, Policy Change**', '**Best Corporate Film for Communicating Vision, Mission and Values**', and '**Best Corporate Film**'.

The festival is among the first-of-its-kind initiatives of the Learning and Organisational Development Roundtable, which is one of Asia's largest forum for practicing human resource/learning and organisational development professionals. The not-for-profit forum currently serves over 7,000 professionals.



Cover story

KPMG in India's Partners' Meet 2017 – When leaders unite

As an annual endeavour to connect leaders across the country, the KPMG Partners' Meet 2017 was held from 25 to 27 May in Mumbai. The Meet hosted over 300 Partners and Executive Directors along with a few international Partners from various member firms. This year's theme 'Teamwork Makes the Dream Work' was an affirmation of our values and the collective aim to collaborate more, respect the individual, lead by example, while also pursuing open and honest communication among ourselves and with our clients.

One firm. One team

In his opening session, Arun Kumar, KPMG in India's Chairman and CEO, shared the first three months of his leadership experience, and brought forward his agenda of cultural cohesion at the firm. "The first thing I learned, as I met various global business leaders, was that there is tremendous respect for KPMG and our people in both private and government sectors. We also have a fair amount of unrealised potential, which can be utilised by transcending silos and being bolder in the marketplace," said Arun.

Arun voiced his belief that to make KPMG in India more impactful, we need to move beyond our comfort zones, be more considerate towards colleagues and leverage upon our diversity to build teams teams which have complementary skills. "We don't need to be the biggest firm, just the best – in terms of talent, quality of service to our clients and the impact we make on them and on

India. To realise this dream, we have to create a strong culture of teamwork," Arun stated.

The meet was rife with excitement as newly appointed Partners from 2016 and 2017 were felicitated in a ceremony that celebrated them, their families and their journeys at KPMG in India.





Rethinking progress with Shashi Tharoor

Over the course of three days, the Meet hosted pertinent discussions, networking opportunities and an engaging speaker line-up. Shashi Tharoor, Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha from Thiruvananthapuram in Kerala, spoke about the realities of globalisation and its undelivered promises in today's politically and economically unstable environment, fueled by rampant xenophobia. "You can argue that the world has gone back decades. Global trade has been growing at a pace slower than the global economy (less than 5 per cent) and many economies have been changing, as a result. The response from leaders has been increasing political denunciation of global trade, hostility or even violence towards foreigners and the imposition of austerity measures," he elaborated.

Shashi also cited various reports that indicated a decline in political rights across numerous states and gradual dilution of freedom, especially within known liberal democracies. Owing to this drift, many democracies are facing imminent degeneration that is likely to impact their economic health and trade, he said.

Mapping the future with Vishal Sikka

Delving into the future, Vishal Sikka, CEO, Infosys, spoke earnestly about 'Services in the time of Artificial Intelligence (AI)' and how automation can change the way professional services firms conduct their businesses. "In times of AI and software, we are dealing with a crisis of skill and employment, and the way out is 'a human revolution'. This is where 'design thinking' steps in," Vishal said.

He explained that there are three dimensions to any successful or innovative product – design ability (how well does it connect/empathise with the end user), feasibility (engineering and architecture of the service provided), and viability (value obtained). "We need to create a massive culture of innovation and entrepreneurship within our organisations and constantly transform ourselves from within, to stay ahead," Vishal stated.





Bowled over by Gary Kirsten

To emphasise our commitment to teamwork, we invited Gary Kirsten, former South African cricketer and World Cup winning coach of the Indian cricket team, to share his experience of building a strong, cohesive and empathetic culture within the team. “Even though the South African cricket team perceived the Indian team as one with strong players, it was no secret that they were fragmented. So they accordingly executed on a strategy to exploit this weakness,” he shared. He recalled how his coaching was primarily focused on creating a team unified by a higher purpose and help them look beyond their personal success.

Gary shared his learnings as a leader and what it really means to engage and invest in talent, “You have got to let people be and let them set up an environment where it is alright to make a few errors. Results come and go and it is impossible to be successful all the time, but you can be a great human being by learning through both success and failure.”

Stories that were INKed in our minds

The INK Salon sessions hosted by founder Lakshmi Pratury at the Meet, were a good platform for unveiling glorious potential, both within and outside the firm. While several Partners presented their experiences about making a difference to clients through innovations and meeting crisis head-on, Neha Bagaria, Founder, JobsForHer (a career restart platform for women) and Kalyani Khona, Founder, IncLov (dating app for the differently abled) demonstrated how empathy can be utilised to drive real change with real solutions.

Matchfit@40 was another session that invigorated minds as Andrew May, Partner, Performance Clinic, KPMG in Australia, revealed the key to boosting confidence, happiness and improving interpersonal relationships through a measured approach to fitness. The table group also saw a healthy participation by our partners, who enthusiastically worked on cementing the fundamentals of creating a cohesive team and leveraging the power of ‘one team’.

Alumni Speak



Celebrating women

"KPMG in India has shaped my career beautifully"



Minakshi Seth,

**Head of Communications-
IFC, South Asia IFC/
World Bank Group, shares
how KPMG in India has
moulded her career and
outlook towards work.**

Tell us something about yourself.

I am someone who is caring, resilient and yet very passionate about my work. Being a good human being makes me stand out.

What does work-life balance mean to you? What, according to you is success?

All my life, I gave my work a lot of importance, despite having a family. As a working person, it is important to do the right thing for your family and being there for them. Over so many years, I have realised that there is another part of life one needs to be alive in. Both work and life go together and we need to live equally well on both fronts.

Success to me means taking everyone along. It means succeeding as a team, not just as an individual, and looking at the larger picture, making it a win-win situation for everyone.

How would you describe the role KPMG in India has played in your career?

Tremendous!!! KPMG is one organisation in which I managed to work across all domains. Working at

KPMG gives you a great bird's-eye view of business and markets. It has shaped my career beautifully and prepared me for all the roles I am currently playing.

What according to you are the challenges faced by women at the workplace and how do you combat them?

As women, we are conditioned to believe certain things about ourselves, like our lifestyles, our career choices, our family orientation and so forth. I believe that we need to find our own voice, we should be liberated from all the social diktats as per our choice and we should live free. As an individual, everyone is unique and the world needs to see both the perspectives of men and women, not at the cost of each other, but to complement each other.

Any message for our readers?

Make the most of where you are and what you are doing. Enjoy your work, enjoy your life and most importantly, focus more on collaborating than competing.



Up close and personal



Sameer Rao,

joined KPMG in India in 2002, as Senior Manager. He left the firm in 2004 to follow his interests and passion and joined Star India as Assistant Vice president, following which he went on to work for UTV Software Communications as Creative Director. He was appointed as Vice President at Discovery India in 2016 and continues to serve in the role today.

We reveal a bit of his candid side.

If not in your current profession, what would you be?

SR: I would have loved to be a filmmaker. But, in all probability, I would have been a consultant because that is what I was before making the move to the media and entertainment industry. I am guessing I would not have been very good at either professions.

If you could go back in time, what would you do differently?

SR: Absolutely nothing! I am pretty happy with everything that has happened in my life so far.

A gadget you cannot do without

SR: My mobile. It has become an extension of my arm.

Favourite holiday destination

SR: Holiday? What's that?

Favourite dessert

SR: Baklava

Favourite street food

SR: Paani puri. I love all Dilli chaat

A film you have seen more than five times

SR: Sholay. Also, Akshay Kumar's Entertainment. That's what happens when you have kids.

Best childhood memory

SR: I must have been three years old when my parents took me to Mt. Mary's Church at Bandra, Mumbai. We sat through pin drop silence during the mass. I was feeling hot, so I started shouting to put on the fan. That was probably the first of many embarrassing moments for my parents.

If you could live anywhere in the world, where would it be and why?

SR: Mumbai. I would not survive anywhere else.

Your personal anthem or theme song

SR: I Want To Break Free by Queen

In your free time where can we find you?

SR: You won't find me. I would be in some corner reading a book.

A habit you cannot live without?

SR: Filter coffee.





Straight from the heart



Kaushik Shubhank,

Senior Knowledge Analyst, The Boston Consulting Group, recalls his first impression of KPMG and the people he admired at the India firm.

I joined KPMG in India in the month of June 2014, right after completing my Master of Science from South Korea. It was indeed a great start to my consulting career, as my prior work experience in the steel industry could be put to effective use right away during my initial engagements.

First impression

On my first day, I remember having travelled to a remote location for a project with a client from the steel industry, without knowing anything in detail about the project's objectives. It was only during the project kick-off meeting with the client that I learnt of what I was supposed to do there. Having worked in the steel industry earlier, I had never seen so much dynamism at the workplace before. That did teach me to be always up on my toes, adapt and get past the learning curve quickly.

My memories at KPMG

I vividly remember coffee breaks with peers in the precious little time we got to spend at office (and not at client sites), the late night deck preparation sessions before steering committee meetings, endless revisions to the decks to make it perfect and the fun dinner parties once we felt we had cracked the case. It was hard work, but the awesome teams I was part of made it much easier than what it was. As a matter of fact, a few of the team members from my first engagement at KPMG remain my friends to this day.

Values that stayed

I think KPMG has helped immensely in shaping me into what I am today. Team spirit, crisp communication, an eye for detail, analytical skills and being honest with one's work are some of the key attributes I took away with me.

People I admire

Shridhar Kamath: There are people who would just expect the most out of one, and then there are ones who would mentor, guide and motivate you instead, to get the best out of you. I looked up to Shridhar in the latter context. He made sure that he would not only review our work, but at the end impart enough knowledge through his impeccable understanding of concepts to help us improve even further. Be it personal etiquette, respect for individual, or handling tough clients, the way he carried himself has always been a benchmark for me to achieve more. I will always see him as one of the best I have worked with.

Suneetha Nagaraj: She played an instrumental role in honing my skills, and I became much better than what I was during my steel industry days. Being my supervisor, she was always there to help me out in my tasks, and gave me strategic inputs to improve.

Sameer Dharap: I would always remember him for his composure and the way he would break complex matters into simple building blocks to handle them efficiently at client sites. During my stint at KPMG, he was one of the most efficient managers I had worked with.

My message

I think that passion for one's work, the vigour to learn continuously while going beyond the set benchmarks, and the attention to detail in our deliverables are key aspects which make all the difference. Good luck to all!



Welcome back



Atul Saraogi,

Director,
KPMG in India

What brings you back to KPMG?

KPMG has always been close to me as it was my first job post qualification and I have had some of the best learning experiences here. So it is more like coming home.

Tell us what you missed most about KPMG?

KPMG's unique culture encourages you to think global and act local.

Do you have a message for our readers?

It's a great place to work – across various stages of your career. It offers several paths for career progression given its various service lines and locations.



Kiraat Desai,

Partner,
KPMG in India

What brings you back to KPMG?

One of the key reasons for joining KPMG again is the familiarity and comfort that I have with the Deal Advisory leadership team, given that I have worked with them before. Besides, KPMG also gives me a platform to work on large deals in the infrastructure space. And last but not least, the fact that KPMG is a very powerful brand in the market.

Tell us what you missed most about KPMG?

Things that I missed most about KPMG include the network and the connection that KPMG as a firm has and the multitude of service offerings for clients.

Do you have a message for our readers?

I urge all of you to come and be a part of KPMG and leverage the opportunity to unleash your potential with an Employer of Choice.

Know our leader



Mritunjay Kapur is **Partner and National Head - Strategy and Markets, Leader - Technology, Media and Telecom** for KPMG in India. He is a core member of the India Leadership Team and is an executive sponsor of the KPMG Board Leadership Center. He is responsible for facilitating cross-functional collaboration for the firm with responsibility

for the firm's Sector, Corridor and Priority account programmes, and the firm's brand marketing and communications.

Prior to this role, Mritunjay successfully led the Risk Consulting practice for three years during which the practice grew to almost twice its size.

Mritunjay has over 20 years of professional services experience across sectors, business solutions, and geographies. Prior to joining KPMG, he founded the greenfield operations of a leading consulting firm in India and was its Country Managing Director for over seven years.

He has serviced marquee clients across the retail, telecom, healthcare, manufacturing, private equity and e-commerce sectors. He has worked in Africa, the U.S. and the U.K., and has significant experience of dealing with cross-cultural work ethos. He comes with hands-on experience on corporate governance, internal audit, investigations and IT risk.

He is the Chairman, ASSOCHAM's National Committee on Internal Audit and Corporate Fraud and is also an active speaker, representing KPMG across several forums.

He talks about his view of KPMG in India, his favourites and his message to all alumni.

1. Define KPMG in one word – **Cutting-edge**
2. At KPMG since - **I joined KPMG in India on 3 January 2014**
3. Describe yourself in three words.
Innovative, committed and goal-oriented
4. If you were not working with KPMG, what would you be doing?
Would be an art/antiques curator
5. One thing nobody knows about you.
Nothing. I am open.
6. Things you don't leave your house without.
Mobile phone and positivity
7. Your favourite...
Holiday Destination – Mountains
Cuisine – Japanese
Book – Good to Great by James Collin
Sport – Horse riding
8. When you're not working, you are...?
Chilling
9. If you could go back in time, what would you tell your 25-year-old self?
Have fun
10. If you could trade lives with anyone for a day who would it be and why?
I don't want to trade lives
11. Message to all alumni – **Thank you for your contributions in making KPMG one of the best places to work.**



Corporate Citizenship



Aspire mentoring session

Our Corporate Citizenship programme works towards sustainable development in communities and brings about a change by working with schools that align with our focus on lifelong learning.

Our Aspire programme helps build the skills and abilities of underprivileged girl students through

quality education and other relevant inputs with the objective of enhancing their employability. In celebration of International Women's Day, our people interacted and helped organise various extra-curricular activities for these students to ensure their all-round development.

Mentoring sessions by women leaders of KPMG in India

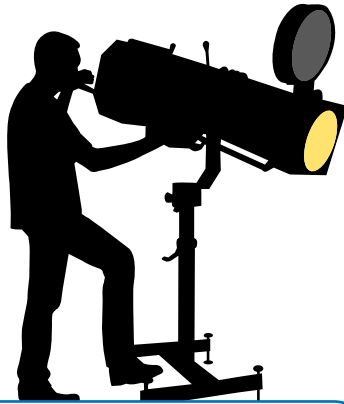


Puppet making workshop at Dr. Bhau Daji Lad Museum



Visit to a book store





In the spotlight

Lord Michael Hastings' visit to India

During Lord Michael Hastings' visit to Delhi NCR, he interacted with students supported by some of our Lifelong Learning programmes.

On 13 April, Lord Hastings, Global Head of Corporate Citizenship, KPMG International, and Rupendra Singh, Chairman, KPMG Foundation in India visited the Resource Centre established by us at Lady Shri Ram College for Women and interacted with the Principal and students. The centre helps make educational material accessible for students with visual disabilities. The students demonstrated the various assistive devices, and shared their experiences of using technology to access study material.



Lord Hastings with students at the Resource Centre



Lord Hastings engages children in a story at the library we support

Next on the agenda, was a visit to The Vidya School, where we organised our first KPMG Day which brought together Aspire mentors, KPMG's Family For Literacy (KFFL) programme volunteers, Junior Achievement (JA) mentors and volunteers who organised educational activities related to Lego robotics and environmental awareness. Lord Hastings and Rupendra Singh interacted with students and teachers through the day, and reiterated our commitment to quality education.



Lord Michael Hastings' visit to India



Volunteers with The Vidya School teachers and the Aspire students



Junior Achievement session in progress



Volunteers assist students in creating a working model of a robot

Welcome our partners and directors



Partners



Sumit Goel is a **Partner** in our **Infrastructure, government and healthcare (IGH)** practice in **Mumbai**. He will be part of the Healthcare team, focusing on strategy and operations for clients.

Sumit joins us with over 15 years of consulting experience, of which the last 10 years were focused on the healthcare sector. Over the years, he has assisted clients in their operational transformation journey with a focus on revenue and cost, strategy definition, post-merger integration and commercial due diligence.

Prior to joining us, Sumit was with EY and was integrally involved in developing the life sciences advisory practice. Sumit has been a speaker and panelist at various industry seminars and has written articles related to healthcare.

During his spare time, he practices long distance running and has also ran many marathons including the New York and Berlin marathon.



Ankur Nigam is a **Partner** in our **Deal Advisory** practice in **Gurugram**.

Ankur joins us with 18 years of experience, most of which has been in mergers and acquisitions (M&A) consulting across various sectors like IT, education, travel, consumer technology and digital.

Prior to joining us, Ankur was with Smile Group where he was responsible for M&A, structuring, investor management, group finance and fund raising. In the past, he has also been associated with McKinsey & Co, EY, Deloitte and BSR. During his stint with EY, he was instrumental in co-founding the post-merger integration practice and has worked in the U.S. and Europe on secondments.

Ankur is a Chartered Accountant and Commerce (Hons.) graduate. During his spare time, he enjoys playing tennis and driving.



Kalpesh Desai is a **Partner** in the **Private Equity** practice in **Mumbai**.

Kalpesh joins us with over 20 years of experience in

Private Equity funds, M&A Tax and International Tax. Prior to joining us, Kalpesh was with BMR Advisors LLP as a Partner, leading their Mumbai M&A Tax practice. In the past, he was associated with Suresh Surana & Associates and RSM & Co.

Kalpesh is a Chartered Accountant, Company Secretary and a graduate in Commerce. He enjoys listening to music and going on jungle safaris in his leisure time.



Vikram Surana is an **Executive Director** in the **Governance Risk and Compliance Services** team in **Bengaluru**.

Vikram joins us with over 15 years of experience in strategy development, process reengineering, strategic project management, risk-based internal audit, sox compliance, special reviews, quality assurance reviews and process migrations; having experience in the U.K., Middle East and India.

Prior to joining us, he was associated with Baker Tilly DHC. He also has experience working with EY, KPMG Saudi Arabia and AXA group in the past.

Vikram holds a Post Graduate diploma in Financial Management from NMIMS, Mumbai and has a Bachelor of Commerce degree from Pune University.

In his leisure time, he likes to play badminton, travelling, learning about new gadgets and trying different cuisines.

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Leon Graham Van Der Walt, is a **Technical Director** in the **IGH - MPA** team in **Gurugram**.

With over 38 years of experience, Leon brings with him immense experience not just in delivering large capital projects, but is also well versed with stakeholder management and people and change initiatives that are at the core of any consulting assignment.

Prior to joining us, Leon was working with Parsons Brinckerhoff - South Africa. He has previously been a part of the IGH-MPA team at KPMG as a dedicated subject matter expert.

In this second innings with us now, Leon would be focusing on actively working and supporting teams in the areas of business development, building new and sustaining existing relationships, developing and mentoring teams and leveraging on existing capabilities to sharpen our delivery model – with a thrust on methods, processes and technology.



Biswajit Das is a **Director** in the **IT Advisory team in Gurugram**.

Biswajit joins us with over 12 years of experience in the Telecom sector, specialising in marketing and technology areas including customer lifecycle management and customer value management.

Biswajit brings in a wide range of experience including leading the largest transformation of a customer lifecycle function in a telco globally.

During his spare time, Biswajit enjoys outdoor activities and is a nature lover. He is a moonlighting musician and is passionate about bartending during the weekends.



Siddhartha Malaviya is a **Director** in our **Management Consulting** practice in **Mumbai**.

Siddhartha joins us with over 16 years of experience in business strategy, shared services for project management office (PMO), global risk, post-merger integrations, consultative selling – spanning across Europe, the U.S. and India.

Prior to joining us, Siddhartha was associated with Morgan Stanley and has also worked with KPMG and TCS in the past.

Siddhartha is a Masters in Business Administration from Asian Institute of Management and holds a Bachelor's degree in Technology from K. J. Somaiya College of Engineering, Mumbai.

In his leisure time, he likes reading, cooking and listening to music.

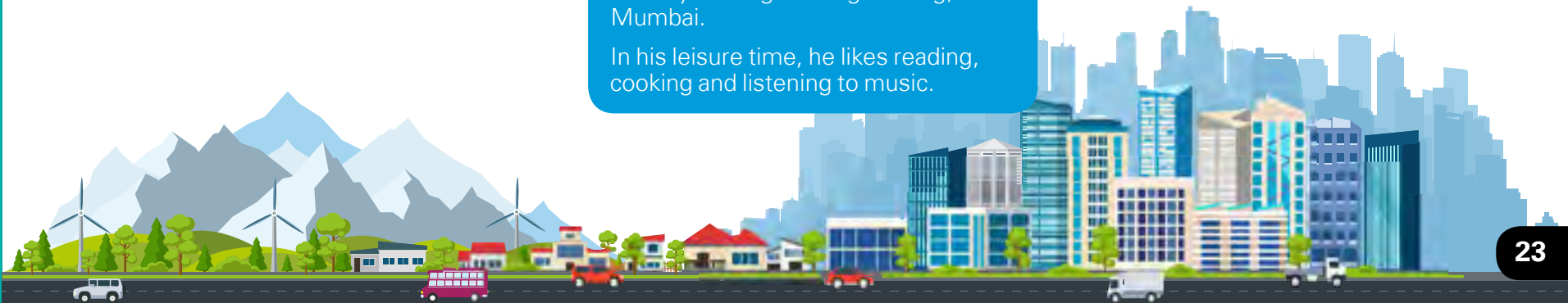


Sameer Mishra joins us as a **Director** in the **IGH** practice in **Mumbai**.

Sameer has done his Masters in Business Administration from XLRI, Jamshedpur and his Bachelor of Engineering from VBS Purvanchal University, Uttar Pradesh.

Prior to joining us, he was working with SBI Caps. He has also been associated with NPCIL in the past.

In his leisure time, Sameer likes playing golf, restoring old automobiles and pursuing archeology.



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