



*Seated on the dias (l-r) Mr. Parag Thakkar, I/C Principal HR College; Dr. Niranjan Hiranandani, Past President HSNCB, Mr. Kishu Mansukhani, President, HSNCB; Mr. Anil Harish, Immediate Past President, HSNCB; and Ms. Maya Shahani, Member HSNCB; with Faculty of H.R. College*

## Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

January 24, 2020, NCPA - TATA Theatre

As a part of its Diamond Jubilee celebrations (1960-2020) the H. R. College of Commerce and Economics, held a grand celebration on Friday, January 24, 2020, at Tata Theatre, NCPA, Mumbai. The event was a part of the ongoing celebrations on the college's 60th anniversary. Various academic activities including national seminars, talks and panel discussions were organized throughout the academic year 2019-2020.

More than 6 decades ago, the founding fathers of the HSNCB established institutions for higher learning to ensure opportunities to realize this goal for the younger generation. The Hassaram Rihumal College now popularly known as the HR College was established in 1960. In the last six decades, the college has proven to be one of the leading academic institutions in the country and has scored 3.72 on NAAC parameters. Beginning with 400 students in 1960, the enrollment has now crossed 7,000 students opting for more than 13 undergraduate, postgraduate and research courses.

The college has been declared as the College with Potential for Excellence by the UGC and has received the Best College Award from the University of Mumbai. Over the years, the college has initiated various programmes and certificate courses for skill enhancement and curricular development along with organizing various field trips for students in respective areas. This has resulted in maintaining a consis-







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tent merit record and high pass percentage. The grand event on January 24, 2020 was a celebration of the achievements of the past years.

The event began with cultural performances. A welcome song and dance, sung and performed by the present batch of students along with the alumni of the college initiated the events of the evening. Every year the college organizes various curricular and co-curricular activities that often cross the mark of 500 activities. These are in the area of academics, social service & awareness creation, culture and sports. A video giving a glimpse of these activities was shown reflecting on events since 1960s. These included pictures and photos in black & white from the era gone by.

A fusion dance performance, a brilliant blend of the western and classical Indian traditions with a contemporary dance finale was presented as a collective effort of the current batch of HR with the alumni.

The formal session followed the cultural performances. Principal In-charge of H. R. College Mr Parag Thakkar in his welcome speech referred to the early beginnings of the college in the pre and post partition period of India and its growth in the subsequent years. He also referred to the accolades and awards received by the college from various academic bodies of national and international significance. He extended a warm welcome to the dignitaries on the dais and all in the audience on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.

Mr. Kishu Mansukhani, the President of the HSNC Board brought out the relevance of the Board in managing 26 prime educational institutes with over 50,000 students graduating every year and the significant contribution of H R College. He commented, "We have a hand full of achiev-

ers, our former and present principals, faculty, staff, and students made this achievement possible. We convey our gratitude for their exemplary efforts in bringing HR College at its present academia".

The Chief Guest Mr. Arvind Sawant, a politician from the Shiv Sena party, in his address congratulated the college and the HSNC Borad for its achievements and underlined the significance of higher education institutions in the national progress. He congratulated the alumni and said, "This is the first time that I have been invited to HR programme and I see the dark and the diamonds too and the way the diamonds performed you must give a big clap for them. Today I am very happy that Alumni's have gathered here it shows the respect to the institution; respect and gratitude, that is our culture. The more you learn the more you should become humble."

On the occasion Mr. Anil Harish, the Immediate Past President of the HSNCB, reflected, "What a great occasion this is, the celebration of the diamond Jubilee of a diamond, for HR College is a jewel in the crown of the HSNC board and in fact is a 'ratna' of the educational system in Mumbai and indeed all over the country".

Dr. Niranjana Hiranandani, and the Past President of the HSNCB, commented, "the students and alumni who are sitting here are those of merit who have not only been meritorious in HR College but have gone out into the world to create such a wonderful memory that people when asked where are you from? They proudly say they are HRites! I promise you we are so proud when we meet the HRites all over the world and that they proudly represent HR College. I congratulate each and every one of you".

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*Mr. Kishu Masukhani felicitated Chief Guest Mr. Arvind Sawant, and Guest of Honour Mr. Anil Desai*



**Abhinav Aggarwal,**  
CEO & Co-Founder  
Fluid AI.



**Adhiraj Harish,**  
Associate with  
D. M. Harish & Co.



**Akshay Gurnani,**  
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**Ashish Pherwani,**  
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Entertainment Leader



**Bipin Shah,**  
First CA from  
HR College



**Bhaghirat Merchant,**  
Former President BSE



**Prof. Lakdawala,**  
first alumnus to become  
a faculty in HR College



**Darsheel Safary,**  
Actor



**Devita Saraf,**  
CEO Vu Technologies



**Firoze Andhyarujina,**  
Senior Counsel,  
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**Himanshu Kaji,**  
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**Indu Shahani,**  
former Principal  
of HR College



**Karishma Phatarphekar,**  
Partner, Transfer Pricing  
& Litigation at  
Deloitte India



**Kavita Shah,**  
Former Teacher  
at HR College



**Keshav Marda,**  
Co-Founder at  
Elemeno Kids



**Khurshed Dastoor,**  
high priest of the  
oldest fire temple in  
Udvada, Gujarat



**Kishore Shahani,**  
First Sindhi to be  
enrolled to HR College



**Miloni Kapadia,**  
film, television  
and advertising artist.



**Munish Anand,**  
MD, of Krislon  
Synthetics Pvt Ltd.



**Nehal Naleen Vora,**  
MD and CEO  
Central Depository  
Services (CDSL)



**Namita Shah,**  
Co-Founder  
Presolv360



**Neil Nitin Mukesh,**  
actor



**Pankaj Jain,**  
Partner Kandilwal  
Jain & Co.



**Parag Aggaonkar,**  
current Principal  
N.M. College



**Parzaan Dastur,**  
actor and writer



**Raghav Aggarwal,**  
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As a part of Government of India's skill development programme, HR College started Bachelors in Vocational course in Retail Management in the year 2014. Ms. Heena Panchal, Head - Industry Engagement (Retail FMCG, Trade & E-tail) declared HR as a college of excellence for Vocational in Retail.

60 illustrious and promising alumni who have excelled in



*Principal, Members of the HSNC Board and students celebrating 60 years of HR College*

their respective fields were felicitated during the celebrations. At the end of the felicitations, the H R faculty were invited on stage as the members of the management cut a celebratory cake. Dr. Pooja Ramchandani gave a Vote of thanks with the event concluding with the National Anthem. It was followed by dinner for all.