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Hello

Dear Members,

With each new passing day in the Club, activities and entertainment are gaining momentum and members I'm sure begin to understand that everything done, is with a spirit of oneness and fun. I request members to participate and attend all events that we organize, with enthusiasm, zeal, energy and above all a smile. Every program is designed to lift your spirits and cheer you on, as together we intend to make big changes.

We are looking into all the areas that need to be further developed and catered to. As a team, we aspire to achieve and excel. You are most welcome to send in your suggestions and we will look into them.

We are one team - Team Waltair Club.

**DR.S.V.H. RAJENDRA**



# From the Editor's Desk

The nation celebrates 75 years of Independence and we at the Club do likewise with grandiose and fervor. A festive look adorned the entire club throughout the Independence Week.

Our Club boasts of having the very elite from all walks of life. In this issue we feature two eminent personalities- Mr. Gudivada Amarnath, Minister of Industries, Infrastructure, Investment & Commerce, Information Technology, Andhra Pradesh. and Mr.Keshav Murugesh, CEO of WNS-who reached great heights and still continue to be great influencers.

The prestigious club has had some of the most acclaimed and illustrious Presidents over the decades. We talk to Mr.C.V.Atchut Rao as he reminisces of his time as President.

As we have a number of members abroad, this issue has some of them who share their reflections of their times at Waltair Club.

I wish to thank members who have been sending articles. Kindly feel free to give us suggestions as well.

Once again, I request members to send in articles on travel, health, profession, achievements earned, or what you deem fit for Waltair Times. Please send your articles to [sheilajackson753@gmail.com](mailto:sheilajackson753@gmail.com) or contact any member on the Editorial Team.

Thanking you,

**Sheila Jackson**



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# Hon. Secretary's Message

Dear Members,

Greetings and warm wishes. The club celebrated 75th Independence day, Amruth Mahostav, with great joy and fervour. Members joined the festivities with gusto and made it a grand success. Young members are visiting Wills Pubs on weekends which is a nice trend.

We want to celebrate Ganesh Chathurdhi grandly and we are contemplating hosting a vegetarian food festival. Suggestions are most welcome.

Happy Clubbing.

**V.Chandrakanth**



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## New Members List

| S.NO. | MEMBER NAME                 | M.NO.  | CATEGORY   | D.O.J.     |
|-------|-----------------------------|--------|------------|------------|
| 1     | B.S.K.RAJ KUMAR             | R-763  | LIFE       | 28.07.2022 |
| 2     | MS.B.SURYA SAMHITHA         | S-1368 | ASSOCIATE  | 28.07.2022 |
| 3     | MISS.K.KAMAL POOJITHA       | P-382  | ASSOCIATE  | 29.07.2022 |
| 4     | MR.CH.SESHA VENKATA AAKARSH | S-1369 | ASSOCIATE  | 03.08.2022 |
| 5     | MR.M.SATYANARAYANA          | S-1364 | LIFE       | 08.08.2022 |
| 6     | MR.DIVJHOT SINGH ANAND      | D-138  | REGULAR MC | 08.08.2022 |
| 7     | MR.I.SRIRANA TUSHAR         | T-088  | REGULAR MC | 12.08.2022 |
| 8     | MR.I.RAJAGOPAL              | R-765  | LIFE       | 16.08.2022 |
| 9     | MR.K.GOWTHAM DEV            | G-154  | LIFE       | 17.08.2022 |
| 10    | MR.Y.SRINIVASA RAO          | S-1370 | SERVICE    | 23.08.2022 |

### Programmes for August & September, 2022

|            |           |                             |        |
|------------|-----------|-----------------------------|--------|
| 27.08.2022 | Saturday  | Tambola                     | 7.30pm |
| 31.08.2022 | Wednesday | Vinayakachavithi Pooja      | 9.00am |
| 02.09.2022 | Friday    | Movie                       | 7:00pm |
| 04.09.2022 | Sunday    | Beer n Biryani with Tambola | 12noon |
| 09.09.2022 | Friday    | Movie                       | 7:00pm |
| 16.09.2022 | Friday    | Movie                       | 7:00pm |
| 17.09.2022 | Saturday  | Tambola                     | 7:30pm |
| 23.09.2022 | Friday    | Movie                       | 7:00pm |
| 30.09.2022 | Friday    | Movie                       | 7:00pm |

### Weekend Events- At Wills Pub

|                 |                                 |              |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Ladies Night    | Every month 2nd & 4th Wednesday | 7pm to 11pm  |
| Wills Pub Nites | Every Saturday                  | 7pm to 11pm  |
| Seniors Special | Every Sunday                    | 11am to 11pm |

## Announcements

1. Vinayakachavithi Pooja will be performed on 31st Aug, 2022 at Supper Garden @ 9am
2. Classical Music Programmes will be held for 3days - 31st Aug, 1st and 2nd Sep 2022 in connection with Vinayaka Chavithi from 7pm-8pm at Supper Garden.
3. Swimming coaching would begin from 1st Sep. 2022. Interested members / children are requested to give their name at the swimming pool.

## Obituary

We regret to announce the sad demise of the following members.



**MR. D.G.K.RAJU**  
(M.NO.R-008)

EXPIRED ON 09.08.2022



**MR.D.S.RAJU**  
(M.NO.R-157)

EXPIRED ON 14.08.2022



**MR.S.K.DHAVAN**  
(M.NO.D-005)

EXPIRED ON 17.08.2022



**MR.D.VARADA REDDY**  
(M.NO.V-061)

EXPIRED ON 21.08.2022

# SPEED LIMIT

Further to our earlier information, requesting to maintain speed limit below **15KMPH** within all areas of the Club. It is noticed that some persons are still violating the same. Kindly adhere with the above speed limit in the Club premises. Voilation is causing inconvenience to the senior / lady members



## AMARNATH GUDIVADA



**Sri Gudivada Amarnath**

Minister of Industries, Infrastructure, Investment & Commerce, Information Technology, MLA from Anakapalli, Andhra Pradesh.

### 1. Could you please briefly share your journey as a politician?

I am from a political family. My fascination towards Politics started after seeing my (late) father being active in Politics. My father used to always say that, Politics is the only field wherein you get a chance to directly interact with the citizens, know their problems and help to solve them effectively. I was drawn towards this field since my college days as many local residents regularly visited my father's political office to share first hand experiences. I was witness to all this and that really inspired me to do something noble for the society. I could have become a software engineer like any other young lad in AP and happily would have settled in United States, but the satisfaction that you get when you are a catalyst solving locals' problems is very satisfying. My father was my inspiration to get into Politics.

### 2. Though AP is listed first in the ease of doing business, are there any new plans by the Government to improve this further?

Though AP listed No 1 in EODB ranking, I strongly believe that rankings etc by several agencies are a benchmark for attracting investments, but the real issue lies in nurturing the local talent, identifying the local industrial problems (like raising initial capital etc, handholding for marketing support etc) are the actual issues which need to be addressed. I feel, the State Govt. should handhold the MSMEs which churn out the actual output for any

industry. That will remain my key focus and I am happy for the fact that my Government, headed by Hon'ble CM Sri. Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy garu is very keen on uplifting MSMEs in the state.

### 3. Are there any proposed incentives for the MSME sectors?

Our Govt has come up with lot of incentives for MSMEs in our state. We were the only state in the country to clear all pending incentives during Covid time. Twice a year, we clear all pending industrial incentives to MSMEs in AP. Also we have launched something called "YSR Navodayam" as part of our industrial policy wherein we shall fulfill the needs of MSMEs by providing financial relief by restructuring their bank loans. Last month we have tied up with Union Bank aiming to provide loans to MSMEs at 39 industrial parks in the Phase 1 and other MSMEs in phase 2. We have ensured that Union bank shall support local MSMEs in availing loan credit for their operations. 26 nodal officers from Union Bank and some officers from APIIC have been appointed in 26 districts for this purpose.

### 4. Could you share any proposed changes in the Labour Laws ?

We have enacted labour laws to ensure social security to the staff working in various industrial units.

Code on wages is being strictly implemented and we are also encouraging women workforce to be increased in every industry by providing them required skill training etc.

We brought an amendment in the Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition Act, 1970). For the applicability of this act, the minimum number of workmen in establishment or with contractor has increased from 20-50.

We amended the Industrial Disputes' Act 1947 - For its applicability, precondition of permission from the appropriate Govt, notices, compensation for lay-off, retrenchment, closure, the minimum member of workmen in the industrial establishment increased from 100 to 300 workmen.

We are facilitating EODB and Ease of Compliance of Labour Laws specified in the 1st schedule.

### 5. I.T Sector in the country contributes a major chunk of Exports. Are there any proposals to increase the share of exports from A.P and Vizag In particular?

We took many steps to attract and to facilitate IT companies to step into Andhra Pradesh. We branded IT in Andhra Pradesh using its vast length of Coast Line, Visakhapatnam in particular, creating a beach front corridor as a platform

by coining a geographical signage as Beach IT. So many IT companies are coming forward to establish their units in the city of Destiny, Visakhapatnam. The IT giant, Infosys, is the first among them. I hope Visakhapatnam will compete with Hyderabad and Bangalore in IT exports soon.

**6. How does the Government plan improve Infrastructure for Industries ?**

Having the advantage of being the 2nd State with the largest coastline (974km) in India, we are leveraging to full extent. We have started construction of 2 major ports (recently we initiated phase 1 works for Ramayapatnam port in Prakasam Dist with Rs. 3740 cr) and other 2 ports works are in the pipeline. We have a grandiose maritime vision with a view to add 100 million Tonne cargo handling capacity by setting up a string of Ports on the East Coast. 3 more ports would come up at Bhavanapadu, Kakinada Gateway Port and Machilipatnam. Once the 4 ports become functional, cargo handling capacity will go up to 328 million tones. And also 9 fishing harbours are to come up in AP and this will generate lot of employment opportunities and marine exports will increase 10 times. We want to explore the opportunities in Logistics sector and want to become a Gateway to South India. Our state is surrounded by 3 land locked states, and we want to showcase to them the advantage of carrying out their exports from new Ports in AP. For this, we are laying dedicated road lines for cargo movement from place of origin to other states. Road taxes are being minimized and hassle free port operations are being planned.

**7. We hear of many new Investments coming to the State especially to Vizag. Could you please shed some light on these new Potential Investments ?**

In a major boost to the "Green Energy" sector in AP, we have cleared pump storage projects proposed by Adani Green Energy with a total capacity of 3,700 MW. This project will generate employment of 10,000 jobs across 4 districts in AP. We want to be the leader in this space.

Greenko Energy commenced the construction of its 5,230MW integrated renewable energy storage project in Kurnool Dist. This would be the world's largest integrated renewable energy storage project.

The green energy projects will be for solar, wind and power storage, to push towards a decarbonized economy. We have proposed to set up an integrated "Textile Park" in YSR Jagananna Mega Industrial Hub at Koppurthy in YSR Kadapa Dist. We are setting up shrimp processing unit at foods park in Krishna dist - to generate 2500 jobs.

**8. What would be your most favourite memory as a Vizagite ?**

Becoming a regular member in the club.

**9. The club facility you and your family members enjoy the most ?**

Tambola.

**10. Would you like to suggest any changes in the facilities being offered in the club ?**

Be the best club in the country.

**11. How has the club changed since the time you became a member to now ?**

We changed, but the club remains to be the best place to hangout for me and it is the best club, that I have ever seen.

**12. Your favorite item on the club menu?**

Chicken 65

**13. Any movie you remember watching in the club that brings back fond memories ?**

All mega star Chiranjeevi movies.

**14. The facility you have never used in the club ?**

Cards Room.

**15. Your message to club members, especially the younger members ?**

I need blessings of all the older members and suggestions for the development of the state and to the young members, I would say "The youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow, so do your best".



### C.V. Atchut Rao

*Over the years, Waltair Club, has had some of the most acclaimed, dynamic and eminent personalities of the city, serving as the President. We wish to travel back in time, and recall a few precious moments in the lives of a few past Presidents. We begin the series with an illustrious C.V. Atchut Rao (M.No.A-34)*

**Waltair Times :** Thank you so much for taking time to share your thoughts with Waltair Times

**When were you the President of Waltair Club ?**

**C.V. Atchut Rao :** 2003-04

**Waltair Times: Did you hold any other posts in the Club Managing Committee prior to being elected as President ?**

**Atchut :** I was elected unanimously as the Vice-President in the year 2002-03 and next as President in 2003-04.

**Waltair Times: Were there any memorable decisions you took as President? Please share any three ?**

**Atchut :** We started the construction & inaugurated the Kalyana Mandapam in the same year, which is a big revenue-generator even today. We updated the Articles of Association of the Club. We updated the eligibility criteria to become a Regular Member. Income Tax assessment and a Degree were made mandatory.

**Waltair Times: What would you consider was your biggest challenge as President ?**

**Atchut :** Maintaining a good relationship with the colleagues in the Committee and ensuring that the decorum/discipline was maintained.

**Waltair Times : Any new programs / initiatives started during your tenure ?**

**Atchut :** Outlook of the club magazine was changed and many entertainment events were introduced.

**Waltair Times : Which year did you become a member ?**

**Atchut :** R 16-03-1987

**Waltair Times: Your favourite memory as a club member**

**Atchut :** Playing Tambola in the main lounge with limited members.

**Waltair Times : Favourite club facility**

**Atchut :** Greenery and the landscape of the Club. Thanks to all the Committees who maintain the same or even improve it.

**Waltair Times : Most used club facility**

**Atchut :** Walking track.

**Waltair Times : You have held top most appointments in several organisations like FAPCCI ....( please list). How different was this post ?**

**Atchut :** I have been the Past President of FTCCI, HYD (2005-06) FAPCCI (2019-22), Vijayawada. Each position has its own challenges and charm. Associations are for the benefit of Industry & Trade but Club is more of a Social place.

**Waltair Times : Any challenges you faced as President ?**

**Atchut :** I had a comfortable tenure and didn't feel like I faced any challenges.

**Waltair Times : Your favourite memory as President ?**

**Atchut :** Getting prominent speakers to address our members.



**Waltair Times: Any changes you brought in during your term as President ?**

**Atchut :** With the support of the committee and members , we changed the criteria to become an honorary Member, the Member should have been a member for 25 years or should be 65 years of age, whichever is later .

**Waltair Times : Least used Club facility ?**

**Atchut :** The cards room.

**Waltair Times : Favourite item on the club menu ?**

**Atchut :** Roast Chicken, Crumb Chicken and Chocolate gateau during my childhood days.

**Waltair Times : Three generations of your family have been club members . Do you see any changes in how the club is used in the past and now ?**

**Atchut :** My family has been associated with the Club for past few generations and next generation also has the privilege to continue. My father, Late Sri C.V. Sitaramaswamy Garu and brother Late C.V. Raghu N Rao, were involved in the club Managing Committee. In earlier days, the club was like an extended family with limited members but now there is a total change, rapid growth and each committee is eager to do their best



**Waltair Times : Any changes you would like to see in how the club services are utilised by members ?**

**Atchut :** Discipline is the utmost priority of the day. Each and every member should respect the rules and regulations of the Club.

**Waltair Times: Your wife, Vyjayanti, is a past Ladies Committee Chairperson. Any memory from her term ?**

**Atchut :** My wife Vyjayanthi was in the Ladies Committee for many years and took up the post of Ladies Chairperson in the year 1998-99. In her year, she introduced car rallies and Ladies Night, from then it was continued every year.

**Waltair Times : Your son, Pradhyumna, is one of the star players in the volleyball and cricket league. Any memory while watching him play ?**

**Atchut :** To tell you frankly I hear the buzz of Pradyumna's sports activities at home, but never saw him on the court as he doesn't want me to come. He is a sports enthusiast and the game comes to him naturally. I hear a lot of compliments from members.

*Going down memory lane is always a beautiful experience, especially so for someone who was at the helm of affairs of a social institution such as Waltair Club. Only Club members realise the importance of an unanimous appointment as President, or the being a multi generational family as club members and watch the Club undergo change as it ages. Waltair Times thanks past president C.V. Atchut Rao for taking the time to answer all our questions and share his memories.*

**C.V. Atchut Rao was in conversation with Sandhya Godey**





## Les récents événements'

### Azadi Ball



The Centenary Auditorium was all set for an evening of fun. The Independence Day decor was tastefully done. The Hon.President Dr.S.V.H.Rajendra gave his greetings along with him, the Chairman for Entertainment, Mr.K.S.R.K.Raju and the Hon.Secretary, Mr.V.K.Chandrakanth, Treasurer, Mr.V.Kamaraju and other Committee Members, Senior Club Members were all present. The Krosswindz Band from Kolkata performed very well. Dr. K.C. Sekhar & Dr. S. Vijayalakshmi stood first in States Costumes' Competition that was held and the Garuda family won the second place. Sheila Jackson anchored the show with prowess. Mr. G.L.N. Raju, S. Satish, Alka Kumar and a few more members spoke a few words on the occasion of Independence Day and also shared their reflections of times spent in the Club. They applauded the efforts of the Committee in conducting these events with grandeur. Mr & Mrs.Rajgopal Reddy were winners for the best dancing couple. We thank Dr.Rajini Mukherjee and Mrs.Usha Reddy for consenting to be the Judges for the States' Costumes' Competition.





## Independence Day

The Waltair Club was all set for the flag hoisting on 15th August, 2022. Dr.S.V.H.Rajendra, President hoisted the flag along with the other Committee Members. A dance troupe performed and enthralled the audience. Senior member, Mr.D.Murali Krishna, entertained the audience with his melodious songs. Sweet boxes were given to children who were present.

A very elaborate and delicious brunch was served and the spirit of national pride and fraternity lingered amongst all. We are grateful to the Committee for these fun moments.





## Member Honour

Rotary is the oldest and most prestigious service club in the world.

Definitely an award, is an honor and recognition of the efforts a person puts in.

Rotary Club Visakha Centennial on 30th July 2022, presented our member child, **Dhruv Advait K**; S/o. Mr. Madhu Kolagatla (M109), The YOUNG ACHIEVERS AWARD by the Rotary International Director in the presence of Rotary International officers in their installation function.

This prestigious award is given to the young students for the outstanding

performance in the field of service to society and sports over a period of time constantly.



Another feather in

Dhruv's cap. On 12th August '22, International Youth Day, first time ever Coffee table book was launched by the Rising Youth Superstars Of India Project and the Leadership award in the all rounder category was conferred to our member child, Dhruv.



At the age of 7 yrs **KIAAN JAIN's** achievements c/o Mr.Ashok Gothi(A-121)

1. National Bronze Medal in speed kicking Taekwondo.
2. State Gold Medal in Taekwondo.
3. Khel Mahakhumb Gold (the biggest State event of competition)
4. Abacus World Wide Championship winner in both addition and multiplication.
5. Made it into INDIA BOOK OF RECORDS for hanging upside down and calculating single digit 50 numbers mentally at speed of 0.5 seconds.

Congratulations to our member child



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## Member Honour



**Anagh Sarda**, a child of Waltair Club member, recently participated in the Andhra Pradesh State Shooting Competition conducted at Hyderabad in August 2022. He ended the meet with a total of four medals 2 Silver and 2 Bronze. In 50 Meter Free Pistol event he won a Silver medal in Mens' Individual Category and a Bronze in Junior Men Category. In 25 Meter Pistol event he won a Silver Medal in Junior Men Category and a Bronze in Men Individual Category. His scores in this recently concluded state level meet have qualified him to participate in 50 Meter, 25 Meter & 10 Meter events in the South Zone Competition which is the precursor to the Nationals. The South Zone Competitions will be held in October in Kerala.

Earlier in the month, Anagh represented his school - ITASI Timpany and won the Gold in ICSE Board State level 10 Meter Air pistol event. He will continue to represent his school and will now also be participating in the nationals meet for ICSE schools to be conducted in Ahemdabad.

Anagh started his shooting stint with rifles, after a chance meeting with an NCC cadet who was hosting a normal shoot the balloon contest. The cadet in a casual conversation with Anagh, laid the seed that Anagh has a knack for shooting. Then began Anagh's self driven journey in rifle shooting. He started practicing at roof top range at YMCA and was soon raking in medals in his category at district and state level. After two years of rifle shooting, he shifted his focus to pistol shooting. He has now been training for the 10 Meter Air Pistol for three years and plans to continue pursuing all categories of Pistol events for the foreseeable future.



**WALT AIR CLUB**  
WALT AIR CLUB MANAGING COMMITTEE 2022-2023  
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**Snowball Prize  
Rs. 20,000/-**

**DATE : 17th September 2022  
(Saturday)  
Time : 7:30 pm**

**Venue :  
Centenary Auditorium**

**SUPER  
TAMBOLA**



## Artist Corner

### Vizag on my Easel

When you've lived in a city for a long time and drive down the same roads everyday, sometimes you stop noticing them. In your rush from home to work and everything in-between, you stop listening to the sound of the waves as you drive down R.K beach road, the colourful houses on the hills near Arilova and the golden reflection of the sun on the sea. I know I stopped noticing and experiencing the little things around my city.

That changed when I picked up my paint brush a few years ago. I've always been an outdoor person, so discovering plein air painting was the best thing that happened to me.

Plein air is a french word which means painting outdoors.

The most enticing part about plein air is rediscovering a place. Through my paintings I've experienced Vizag like I've never done before. To be mindful and present in that moment and capture the place in a painting is a feeling I cannot explain.

Painting puts you in intimate terms with a place like nothing else does. When you fuse pigment, paint and personality with a place, you give that place a part of yourself. And a piece of that place always stays with you. This experience changes you.

Plein air painting as compared to painting in your studio has a very interesting set of challenges like :

**Weather** - As a watercolor artist the speed at which your pigment dries depends on the weather. If it's too hot, you paint 2X your normal speed, if it's windy hold on tight to your sketchbook and easel, if it's raining, call it a day:)

**Being Conscious** - Somehow elaborate wedding photo shoots have normalized on the beach and Tanneti park, but a person painting is a head turner. Being okay with people looking at your unfinished painting is a part of the process.

**Time** - When painting outdoors you don't have the time to walk around, drink a cup of coffee and get back to your artwork. You need to be quick so that the light does not change and you don't get tired.

Eventually these challenges become fun experiments. Try it. Rediscover Vizag through a sketchbook.

- Khadija Karachiwala M.No.K-214

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*It is not a secret that Waltair Club is like a second home to many of its famous and illustrious members. Waltair Times is proud to bring to its readers the journey of a few such members who went from being member children to role models, respectable pillars of society and leaders in their line of work. In the first of this series, we are proud to share the story of Mr Keshav Murugesh, group C.E.O of WNS Global Services.*

**Waltair Times :** Keshav, thank you so much for making the time from your busy schedule to do this interview. Let's start at the very beginning - a very good place to start ( as the famous song from Sound of Music goes).

**Where were you born and where did you do your schooling and then later education?**

**Keshav Murugesh :** I was born in Madras and studied at Our Lady's School till class II and Don Bosco School, Egmore upto class VIII. Thereafter, my parents moved to Vizag where I finished my schooling at the one and only Timpany school. Thereafter, I qualified as a Chartered Accountant and had the good fortune to be trained at Brahmayya & Co .

**Waltair Times : At what age and where did you start your professional career?**

**Keshav Murugesh :** My professional journey began with ITC (an affiliate of BAT Plc) when I was 25. I trained for 6 months at all operating businesses of ITC across India, joined the audit dept. for a brief while and then was posted to Corporate Finance in Calcutta. However very quickly thereafter I was invited as part of a small maverick group to work with ITC's Dy Chairman then, to create the next wave of ITC diversifications in edible oils, global trading, financial services, where I learnt a lot.

**Waltair Times : What inspired you to pursue a career in Finance?**

**Keshav Murugesh :** Right from my student days, I took a keen interest in the movement of stocks. In fact, I would even advise friends in my cricket club on the share market. I doubled up as a sub-broker, and with the 1.5 percent brokerage I earned, I started investing in ITC shares. I was that odd person who read their annual reports thoroughly, cover-to-cover. This practice got me a job at ITC years later. However I knew nothing about CA at school and the only reason I decided to pursue the course was because I noticed all Waltair club committee members ( my dad was Secretary) being extremely respectful and deferential to the Treasurer Mr.V. Seetharamaiah of Brahmayya and Co. When I asked Dad, why this was the case, he said that Seetharamaiah garu was a CA. That sealed my fate.

**Waltair Times : How and why did you change course to a technology-based company?**

**Keshav Murugesh :** I think it lies more in my belief that finance professionals possess exceptional knowledge and skill in how finance can be applied to business. Personally speaking, I have enjoyed applying this knowledge to become more audacious and stretching the boundaries of how I can add value to organizations, their stakeholders, and myself. For example,

- In ITC, I executed an innovative stock transaction to create substantial profit for one of their companies. Later, I was responsible for creating new lines of business, including their technology business.
- WNS was a much bigger opportunity on a much larger canvas. My adrenalin pumped at the possibility of turning around a company in crisis with path-breaking moves that changed the face of the industry altogether.





**Waltair Times :** WNS delivers solutions in a wide range of businesses. Could you list the two most exciting / disruptive of these?

**Keshav Murugesh :** You are right, WNS delivers exciting solutions to more than 10 industries. If I were to list two of them, here are my choices:

1. One of our clients, a global insurance company, was finding it immensely challenging and risky to assess claims for rooftop damages brought about by extreme weather. We developed a comprehensive drone imagery analytics solution, which automated damage assessment and claims estimation reporting with minimum risks and maximum efficiency. In fact, it gave them potential benefits of more than USD 30 Million
2. Another is the telematics-based solution in the Property and Casualty (P&C) insurance sector. We are digitalizing the end-to-end claims lifecycle - from claims avoidance to first notice of loss through to settlement - with a unique Straight-through Processing (STP) solution. Imagine you're driving under very trying weather conditions. How would it be if a telematics-based app alerted you to which roads you can and not use? And if you meet with an accident despite your careful driving, imagine if this app alerted your insurer in real-time, who arranges your roadside assistance, car repair arrangements, and insurance claim procedures simultaneously and in real-time - with the least hassles? This innovative offering, built in collaboration with leading InsurTechs, leverages IoT / telematics and AI / ML to reduce claims cycle time while improving customer experience and fraud identification.

**Waltair Times :** Having joined WNS in its initial fledgling status, I am sure you feel like a proud father to see WNS at its present stature with multi-million dollar earnings. Could you share a couple of decisions you took that proved the right ones even if you didn't know it back then when these decisions were made?

**Keshav Murugesh :** When I took stock of the situation on joining WNS, I saw that new market realities were emerging. The BPM market was moving beyond outsourcing in finance and accounting or payroll services. It would not be long before global organizations would welcome strategic support in services that were core to their industry. I was convinced that industry and domain expertise could be unbeatable differentiators. But this approach was still ahead of its time and could go either way. But we went ahead with the bold decision to introduce an industry-led approach to outsourcing. We re-structured our business capabilities and offerings with a thorough understanding of our clients' domains and invested

strongly in technology, analytics and talent. I am happy and proud it paid off and we set the trend for other organizations to follow.

**Waltair Times : You are part of the Industry 4.0 initiative for Vizag. Could you share something on this ?**

**Keshav Murugesh :** I am delighted to give back to Vizag as Co-Mentor along with the CMD of RINL for the new industry 4.0 initiative created by GOI through STPI which will create the ecosystem and focus on startups emerging from this region. It should push youngsters to create new jobs as opposed to looking for jobs.

**Waltair Times : How does the Waltair Club compare to other Clubs across the country?**

**Keshav Murugesh :** I think the Waltair Club is a masterpiece amongst the architecturally beautiful buildings in Vizag. It has best-in-class social and sporting facilities. Its culinary excellence and extraordinary service makes it a place that can offer a unique experience. Amidst the concrete jungle that is fast enveloping the city, the Waltair Club remains a remarkable oasis of serenity and greenery. No wonder it is 'the preferred destination' for the people of Vizag. And that goes for me too! My wedding reception also was held there.

**Waltair Times : Have you had a chance of going through the Waltair Club Coffee table book? If yes, your reaction to it.**

**Keshav Murugesh :** Yes, I was lucky to grab the first edition of the Coffee table book. I think it brilliantly unfolds its glorious history of 135 years. I recall meeting the wonderful Mrs and Mr Glassup on beach walks during my school days and they were inspirational.

**Waltair Times : Your favorite hobby?**

**Keshav Murugesh :** I am a coffee connoisseur. On every trip, I must pick the finest coffee beans from that part of the world. I also collect machines that make my favourite cup of coffee.

**Waltair Times : Your favorite holiday city**

**Keshav Murugesh :** We love traveling as a family and every place and experience is different and thrilling. Egypt, Finland, Turkey, Jordan have all been fantastic as the whole family was together. However the city I yearn to be back in for a holiday is really Vizag, where my childhood friends are, my memories reside and the common watering hole is Waltair Club.

**Waltair Times : Your idea of total relaxation**

**Keshav Murugesh :** I work closely with my wife Shamini on community programs. It gives me great satisfaction to give back to the community. No matter how you do it, giving back to your community will touch many people's lives. I believe that's the best way to truly unwind. My startup investments are also in this category.

**Waltair Times : Three people who inspire you.**

**Keshav Murugesh :** Ayn Rand for pushing me to question everything, my mom Arati who did so much in the 1970's before women's empowerment became a movement and my wife Shamini, who is always pushing me to be purpose led.

**Waltair Times : Your most memorable fan boy moment, if any**

**Keshav Murugesh :** When I met Farokh Engineer on a flight and he presented me his book and now we meet whenever possible.

It was an absolute pleasure and a privilege as well as a very informative and learning experience to be in conversation with the totally inspiring Keshav Murugesh. I thank him for his time, patience and sharing. I am sure the readers of Waltair Times will enjoy reading this interview .

**Sandhya Godey**



## Waltair Club Tambola Winners



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2nd prize Mr.G.V.Ramjee (M.No.R-143)

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D/o. Mr.V.Raghuram Gupta  
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## OVER THE OCEANS

Being a resident of Vizag since birth, it was always my dream to become a member of Waltair Club.

I recall in my childhood, passing by the club, looking at the entrance and the structures inside and dreaming when I would become a member.

I did have the privilege of visiting as a guest on several occasions when friends (Phiroze Engineer, Atish Rastogi, Nilesh Eti etc., - who were members) used to take me. I can never forget the club sandwich in the late 80's and 90's as the taste still lingers in my mind.

I finally got my membership in 2001. I still remember feeling proud submitting my application to be a member and names of the eminent members Late Mr. Clement Abraham(A-1) and Late Mr. Ramaiah Naidu who proposed and seconded my membership. The President that year was Late Mr. N. S. Rambabu, a thorough gentleman, who approved my candidature and I became a member.

Since then, I was a regular to the club whenever I visited Vizag and now it was my turn to take friends (yet to become members) to the club. It was the Pub or the Lounge that we frequented more. Be it the firecrackers during Diwali, or the Tambola, or the New Year Events, it was all a marvel to be there attending these different functions. We never missed an opportunity to attend all the functions held in the club.

Even now during every visit to Vizag., the first place that I visit is the club to catch up with all friends and look at the changes (be it structural or a new venue) and breathe the freshness of the air within this prestigious vicinity.

The elections are also an event to be remembered every year, even if not there physically during certain years, I used to follow with keen interest and get involved in the enthusiasm that it generated.

They were either friends, or friends of friends, pitted against each other till the election day. But the most wonderful part was everyone forgetting the election campaign fervor once the results were announced and just getting back to good ole friendship (over drinks) from the very same evening. That is the level of camaraderie that exists in the club, and I do hope and pray it will continue to be so in our lifetime.

Looking forward to good times and the continuous improvement that every committee does each year, God bless us all.



**- Kishore K Pradhan - K149**



My earliest memories of Waltair Club would be around the age of 6-7 during the New Year Ball, we kids sat on the steps giggling n chatting with each other on the Jubilee Deck while our parents all impeccably dressed danced to live music... how magical everything seemed !

Fast forward to my teens when my friends and I would participate in the 'shows' for New Year's Eve - weeks of rehearsals n lots of fun... And on the final day makeup!! The inevitable mistakes but of course we had the most forgiving audience - our families n their friends! Not to forget dancing the night away afterwards... No curfew!

And then in my twenties ... of course we chose Waltair Club as the venue for my wedding ... thanks to their familiarity with the staff and premises my parents could host it stress free.

Over the years the Club has changed so much... the buildings and amenities all upgraded. so many more members have joined the Waltair Club family including my son... the programmes and events are huge affairs with 100s of people attending...

Now that I no longer live in Vizag...really miss not having this home away from home ..a place one can walk in and be comfortable. As the song goes "where everybody knows your name and they are always glad you came"



**- Paripurna Ghosh Kasarabada - P147**



My name is Laya Sagi (M.No.L-054). I grew up in Vizag in the 80s and 90s, completed Bachelors in Sanketika Vidya Parishad Engineering College and have been a part of the Waltair Club ever since I remember life. Since then, I moved to beautiful Pacific Northwest where I have also built my own little family. I work for Microsoft as a program Manager living in Seattle and I also work for my 2-year-old following his commands.

Childhood and memories shape who we are as a person today, and my memories from Vizag are fondly filled with Waltair Club. Where do I begin from, starting with fresh lime soda after my daily badminton "THE BEST" you can get in the whole town. Most of my close friends were club members, when visiting with my parents for Tambola evening and movie nights, I would hang out with all my friends and have a blast. If someone asked me today,

what do I miss from Vizag? I would answer, my memories of sitting under a tamarind tree with blue sky as a backdrop with all my close friends having drinks and good food. I MISS IT! Growing up with access to a place like Waltair Club was indeed a privilege and it remains a privilege today. Its an oasis in Vizag which helped me form community and build memories centered around friends, food, activities and entertainment.

**Laya Sagi - L054**





**World Photography Day** is dedicated to the art, science, and history of photography. It is celebrated on **August 19** every year and on this day, people pay homage to the pioneers of photography who inspired them to take up this skill and the contributions of great photographers are remembered.

On this occasion, here are a few words penned by **Dhruv Pandiri**, an avid club member who now stays abroad.

Photography for me is always that, I can narrate a story out of a picture that I click. I hope to see the world through my lens, one city at a time. It started as a fascination but as days went by, I found myself more passionate about photography and would love to be able to do this for as long as I'm able to.

The start of my journey towards photography was really unexpected. It was 10 years ago when I was behind the camera for the first time. Ever since then, my passion and interest towards photography never died and in fact it made me even more creative. My main motto or

message that I like to deliver through my photographs is that when you take a look at my picture, you would be able to tell a story from it.

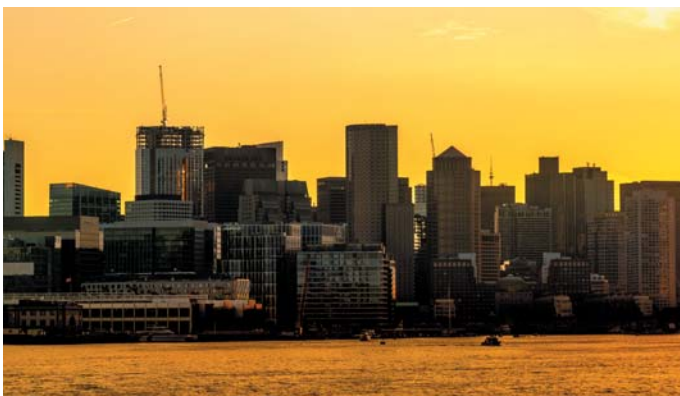
I am Dhruv Pandiri, a mechanical engineer. Photography has been and is always my passion. I moved to the United States and decided to take photography as my career option. I reside in Austin, Texas and I am studying photography right now.

I use a Sony A7RIV, which is the best mirrorless camera so far. Right now, I am a freelance photographer and I am able to travel and click pictures at beautiful locations.

Lindsey Adler, one of the world's finest fashion photographer based out of New York is my role model. I attended a workshop called PEPx which was hosted by Joseph Radhik and Audithya in 2019 and Lindsey Adler was one of the speakers. I became a fan of her work and it really influenced me to take up fashion photography and become a fashion photographer like her one day.

I'm forever grateful and fortunate to have my parents' support that I get to do what I love and hope to make the best use of it.  
**Happy World Photography Day!**

- Dhruv Pandiri - D131





## Café Club Mart

Nestled away in the serene premises of the Waltair Club was an archaic building used for storage. For the average person passing by, this building was insignificant and often went unnoticed. Despite being overlooked all these years, all eyes are on this building now as it houses the Club Café. The café was set up to offer a variety of products such as sandwiches, pizzas, stuffed buns, fresh baked bread, brownies, and muffins. It is not like any other regular cafés though as a lot of recipes are originals and they bake everything at the café from pita bread to stuffed kulchas to bagels and my personal favorite, "the baked samosas". I am a huge fan of traditional deep- fried samosas, but I haven't had anything quite like these baked delights before. They simply melted in my mouth. From traditional delicacies to exotic masterpieces, this place has it all. If you're passing by or shopping at the Club Mart, I highly recommend one stop buy and give this place a try!

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