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From the **President's Desk**

Dear Members,

As I step into the second month of my presidency, I am filled with gratitude for the warmth and support you've shown me. This past month has been a period of learning, listening, and laying the groundwork for the exciting journey ahead.

Our club is more than just a place; it's a thriving community built on shared values, friendships, and a commitment to excellence. In these few weeks, I've been fortunate to witness the incredible spirit that defines our club-whether it's in the camaraderie on the courts, the lively discussions in the lounge, or the dedication to wellness and personal growth.

The gathering on August 14th is exciting and encouraging. It was a fantastic, independence day eve.

The flag hoisting on August 15th, independence day was celebrated with you all and followed by breakfast.

As planned we have inaugurated the PICKLE BALL COURT on 18th August which is first of its kind in our state.

Thank you once again for your trust and encouragement. I look forward to continuing this journey with all of you, making our club a beacon of excellence and camaraderie.



Best Regards **K. Vamsi Kishore** (V-168) 98491 66669

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Vice-President's Message

Dear Fellow Members,

As we turn the page into another month of our club's journey, I am filled with pride and excitement at the vibrant pulse of activity and engagement that continues to define our community. The past weeks have been a testament to the dynamism and creativity that each of you brings to our shared space.

Our house journal has quickly become more than just a publication-it's a living chronicle of our collective endeavours, achievements, and aspirations. Each article, each story, each submission is a reflection of the enthusiasm that fuels our club's spirit, and I am thrilled to see how this platform has

blossomed into a showcase of our members' diverse talents and insights.

As Vice President, my

goal is to support and amplify the voices of our members. I encourage you all to keep contributing, keep sharing, and keep engaging with this journal. Let us continue to celebrate the milestones we achieve together and look forward to the new horizons we will explore in the months ahead.

Thank you for your continued passion and participation. Together, we are crafting a legacy that will inspire and unite us all.

With sincere appreciation,

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Editors Message

Dear Esteemed Members,

As we step into the second month of our journal's journey, I am delighted to witness the blossoming of our shared creativity and camaraderie within these pages. Your unwavering enthusiasm has turned our fledgling publication into a vibrant tapestry of thoughts, insights, and experiences that reflect the very essence of our cherished club.

I am thrilled to receive calls from our members for the idea of viewing members activities through a video using QR code. Thank you for your encouragement.

This month, we continue to weave together the stories, achievements, and passions of our members, each contribution adding a unique thread to the rich fabric of our collective narrative. I am particularly thrilled to see the diverse array of submissions that have graced our editorial desk-your words, images, and now, videos, have truly brought our community to life.

As we evolve and grow, I encourage each of you to continue sharing your voices and talents with us. Let this journal be not just a chronicle, but a celebration of the remarkable spirit that defines our club.

Here's to another month of shared stories, new connections, and the ongoing journey of discovery that we embark upon together.

With warm regards and gratitude,

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Hon. Secretary's Message

Dear Members,

As we move into the second month of this term, I want to express my sincere appreciation for the continued support and enthusiasm that you have shown. It has been a productive month, filled with meaningful interactions and exciting developments within our club.

One of my primary goals as Secretary is to ensure clear and effective communication among our members. I believe that staying connected and informed is key to fostering the strong sense of community that we all value so much. In this spirit, I have been working closely with our team to streamline our communication channels and make sure that every member is kept up-to-date on the latest news, events, and opportunities at the club.

Over the past month, we've introduced a few new initiatives aimed at enhancing your experience. Our event calendar is now more accessible, and I hope you've had the chance to participate in some of the activities that have been rolled out.

As we look ahead, I am committed to ensuring that every member feels heard and valued. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns you may have. Together, we can build on the successes of the past month and continue to make our club a vibrant, welcoming place for all.

Thank you for your active participation and support. I look forward to working closely with each of you as we move forward.

Best regards,

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1947 AT DELHI

On August 14, 1947, Delhi was the epicentre of historic events as India prepared to gain independence from British rule. Although the official independence day is celebrated on August 15, 1947, several crucial events



occurred on August 14, setting the stage for this momentous occasion. Here are some key events that took place in Delhi on that day:

1. Constituent Assembly's Midnight Session

On the night of August 14, 1947, the Constituent Assembly of India held a historic session in the Parliament House, New Delhi. This session marked the transfer of power from the British to the Indian people.

During this session, India's first Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, delivered his iconic "Tryst with Destiny" speech, declaring India's independence. The speech began with the famous lines, "At the stroke of the midnight hour, when the world sleeps, India will awake to life and freedom."

2. Transfer of Power Ceremony

Although the formal transfer of power occurred on August 15, 1947, the process began on August 14. The British Viceroy, Lord Louis Mountbatten, formally transferred power to the Indian leadership, marking the end of nearly 200 years of British colonial rule.

3. Preparations for Independence Celebrations

Throughout Delhi, preparations were underway for the celebrations that would begin at midnight. Streets were decorated, and people gathered in anticipation of India's independence. The city was abuzz with excitement, with the Indian tricolour ready to be unfurled as a symbol of newfound freedom.



4. Formation of the Dominion of India

The Indian Independence Act, passed by the British Parliament, came into effect on August 14, 1947, officially creating the Dominion of India. This legal document laid down the framework for India's independence and the partition of British India into two separate dominions, India and Pakistan.

5. Partition and the Creation of Pakistan

August 14, 1947, also marked the creation of Pakistan as a separate dominion. While events in Delhi focused on India's independence, the partition led to massive migrations and communal violence across the newly created borders. In Delhi, there was a significant impact as people began to move between the two nations, with refugees arriving in the city.

These events in Delhi on August 14, 1947, were pivotal in the history of India, as they set the stage for the country's transition to independence and laid the foundation for the birth of a new nation.



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AT DELHI 1947

August 15, 1947, is a monumental date in Indian history as it marks the day when India gained independence from nearly 200 years of British colonial rule. Delhi, being the capital, was the centre of numerous significant events and celebrations that symbolized the birth of a new, sovereign nation. Below is an overview of the important events

that took place in Delhi on this

- o On the morning of August 15, 1947, Jawaharlal Nehru hoisted the Indian national flag at the Lahori Gate of the Red Fort for the first time.
- o He addressed the nation, emphasizing unity, peace, and the enormous tasks ahead in building the nation.
- o This event established a tradition that continues to this day, with the Prime Minister addressing the nation from the Red Fort on Independence Day every year.

Symbolic Significance:

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o The Red Fort, a symbol of India's rich history and resilience, was chosen as the site for the flag hoisting to signify the end of colonial rule and the restoration of India's sovereignty.

Public Jubilations:

- The streets of Delhi were filled with people celebrating with joy and enthusiasm.
- o Citizens gathered in large numbers, singing patriotic songs, dancing, and distributing sweets.
- Buildings and streets were decorated with flags, lights, and banners o expressing patriotism and unity.
- **Processions and Parades:**
- Various processions and parades were organized throughout 0 the city, showcasing India's cultural diversity and unity.
- Schools, colleges, and organizations participated in marches, 0 cultural performances, and other celebratory events.
- **Interfaith Prayers and Gatherings:**
- Religious and community leaders conducted interfaith prayers 0 and meetings to promote harmony and solidarity among the diverse populace.
- o Special services were held in temples, mosques, churches, and gurdwaras to pray for the nation's peace and prosperity.

Formation of the Interim Government:

- o Members of the newly formed interim government assumed their respective offices.
- o Key positions were filled as part of establishing the administrative framework of independent India.
- o Dr. Rajendra Prasad took charge as the President of the Constituent Assembly, steering the process of drafting the Constitution.

Diplomatic Engagements:

- o Representatives from various countries sent messages of congratulations and goodwill.
- o Diplomatic protocols were established with foreign nations, marking India's entry onto the global stage as a sovereign nation.

• Mahatma Gandhi's Absence:

- o Notably, Mahatma Gandhi, the foremost leader of the Indian independence movement, was not present in Delhi during the celebrations.
- o He was in Kolkata (then Calcutta), working tirelessly to guell communal violence and promote peace between Hindus and Muslims.
- o His absence was deeply felt, and many leaders and citizens paid tribute to his contributions and sacrifices.









PRE-INDEPENDENCE DAY - 14-08-2024



INDEPENDENCE DAY - 15-08-2024



HISTORY OF PICKLEBALL

Pickleball is a sport that has gained immense popularity in recent years, known for its blend of elements from tennis, badminton, and table tennis. Despite being a relatively new sport, it has a rich history filled with interesting anecdotes and developments.

 Birthplace: Pickleball was invented in the summer of 1965 on Bainbridge Island, Washington, USA.



- Inventors: The game was created by three friends: Joel Pritchard, who was a U.S. Congressman; Bill
 Bell, a successful businessman; and Barney McCallum, who joined them later.
- **Name Origin:** The origin of the name "pickleball" is somewhat disputed. One popular story is that it was named after Pritchard's dog, Pickles, who would chase after the ball and run off with it. However, Joan Pritchard, Joel's wife, has stated that the name was actually derived from the term "pickle boat," which refers to the last boat to return with its catch in rowing. The idea was that pickleball was a combination of various sports, much like the crew of a pickle boat is made up of rowers from different teams.
- **Rule Development:** As the game evolved, the rules were formalized to create a distinct sport. The original rules were based on badminton, with a court size and net height similar to that of badminton, but with a few modifications to suit the new game. Over time, the equipment was standardized, with wooden paddles initially being used, which later evolved into more sophisticated composite materials.
- **First Permanent Court (1967):** The first permanent pickleball court was constructed in the backyard of Joel Pritchard's neighbor, Bob O'Brian, in 1967.
- **First Official Tournament (1976):** The first known pickleball tournament took place in 1976 at South Center Athletic Club in Tukwila, Washington. This event was a significant milestone in promoting the sport beyond its local origins.
- Formation of the USA Pickleball Association (1984): The USA Pickleball Association (USAPA) was founded in 1984 to promote the sport on a national level. The association helped standardize rules, organize tournaments, and foster the growth of pickleball across the United States.
- **Spread to Schools and Retirement Communities:** The sport quickly spread beyond its origin, particularly gaining popularity in schools, community centers, and retirement communities due to its appeal as a fun, low-impact game suitable for all ages and skill levels.
- Major Tournaments and Professional Play: Today, pickleball has a robust competitive scene, with numerous regional, national, and international tournaments. The USAPA National Championships, the US Open Pickleball Championships, and other major events attract players from around the world, including professional athletes.



RULES TO PLAY PICKLEBALL

- Pickleball is a fun and easy-to-learn sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton, and table tennis. It can be played both indoors and outdoors, either as singles (two players) or doubles (four players). Below are the basic rules and guidelines for playing pickleball.
- 1. Court and Equipment

• Court Dimensions:

- o The pickleball court is 20 feet wide by 44 feet long, the same size as a badminton court.
- o The court is divided into two equal halves by a net that is 36 inches high at the sidelines and 34 inches high in the center.



o The area close to the net on each side, extending 7 feet from the net, is known as the **non-volley zone** or **kitchen**.

• Equipment:

- **o Paddle:** Players use a paddle, which is slightly larger than a table tennis paddle but smaller than a tennis racquet. Paddles are typically made from wood, composite materials, or graphite.
- **o** Ball: The ball used is a perforated plastic ball, similar to a wiffle ball, with holes in it. The ball is light and designed to be played on a hard surface.

2. Starting the Game

• Serve:

- o The game begins with a serve. The server must stand behind the baseline and serve the ball underhand, ensuring that the paddle contacts the ball below the waist.
- o The serve must be made diagonally, starting from the right-hand side of the court to the opponent's right-hand service box.
- o The ball must clear the net and land in the diagonal service box on the opponent's side, beyond the non-volley zone (kitchen).
- o Only one serve attempt is allowed, except in the case of a "let" (when the ball touches the net on the serve and still lands in the correct service box), in which case the serve is replayed.

3. Scoring

- Points:
- o Points can only be scored by the serving team. The receiving team cannot score points.
- o A point is scored by the serving team when the opposing team commits a fault (e.g., failing to return the ball, hitting the ball out of bounds, or hitting the ball into the net).
- o The game is typically played to 11 points, and a team must win by at least 2 points. In some cases, games can be played to 15 or 21 points, depending on the tournament rules.

• Switching Sides:

o Players switch sides of the court after every game. In tournaments, sides are often switched when one side reaches 6 points.

4. Playing the Game

• Double Bounce Rule:

- o After the serve, each side must let the ball bounce once before hitting it (this is called the "double bounce rule").
- o After the ball has bounced once on each side, players can volley the ball (hit it out of the air) or play it off a bounce.

• Volleying and the Non-Volley Zone (Kitchen):

- o Players can volley the ball, but not when standing within the non-volley zone (kitchen).
- o The non-volley zone extends 7 feet from the net on both sides. Players cannot step into this zone to volley the ball. They may enter the zone to play a ball that has bounced, but they must exit the zone before volleying again.
- o If a player volleys the ball while standing in the kitchen or steps into the kitchen during or after a volley, it is considered a fault.

5. Faults

• Faults:

- o The following actions result in a fault:
- § The ball is hit into the net on the serve or any return.
- § The ball is hit out of bounds.
- § The ball is volleyed from the non-volley zone.
- § The ball bounces twice before being returned.
- § The player or their paddle touches the net.
- § The serve does not land in the diagonal service box.

• Serve Rotation:

- o In doubles, when the serving team commits a fault, the second player on the team serves. If the second player also commits a fault, the serve is passed to the other team. This is known as "side out."
- o In singles, the server serves until they commit a fault, at which point the serve passes to the opponent.

6. Winning the Game

Game Points:

- o The first team to reach 11 points with a 2-point lead wins the game. If both teams reach 10 points, the game continues until one team has a 2-point lead.
- o In tournament play, matches may consist of best 2 out of 3 games.

• Tiebreakers:

o In case of a tie in match points, tiebreakers are usually determined by playing a deciding game to 15 or 21 points, following similar scoring rules.

7. Strategy and Tips

· Positioning:

- o Players should focus on maintaining good court positioning, staying near the baseline during the serve and moving forward to the net after the double bounce.
- o In doubles, teamwork and communication are crucial. Players often take diagonal positions to cover the court effectively.

Shot Selection:

- o Mixing up shots, including volleys, dinks (soft shots into the kitchen), and lobs, can keep opponents off-balance.
- o Precision and control are more important than power, especially when playing close to the net.

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Where there is a "Will" there is a Way. Forward

This article is of seminal importance to everyone - not merely the rich/super-rich; old and/ not so fit persons. When I mean everyone. I mean EVERYONE.

The need for estate planning or to put it simply how to put your house in order particularly for the future is the issue.

Most people either dread the idea of making/executing a will or feel that they are fit, young and happy - where is the need for estate planning and a will.? They feel nothing will happen to them or that the issues will take care of themselves but believe me life has more than a few surprises/googlies.

Any lawyer worth his salt will tell you that a majority of the litigations in court are fights for property and for rights in property and many times between family members and siblings also. Without a will; many officers refuse to believe your claims. Banks refuse to give you what is legally due. Most of the property involved in such matters is hard earned property built from scratch and rupee by rupee.

Should all the effort/the sacrifice be wasted or can some planning be done to prevent this? Even a simple task of changing the name of the owner of the property (mutation)



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or getting a proper person/ legal heir certificate after you - can be a huge daunting task. It will be worse if the successor is an aged spouse or is a child living abroad who is in India for a short visit. The legalese and the beaurac - grease will exhaust even a marathon runner.

To avoid all of these a few simple things are necessary to be done by EVERYONE.

Your estate simply means your assets; properties; investments; bank account; movables; case; gold; shares etc. all put together along with your liabilities. Estate planning is the method to ensure that your estate is properly utilised during your lifetime and/or properly distributed/ utilized after you.

- A. THE FIRST STEP: It is very simple. You must first carefully assess all your assets and liabilities. Everything must be listed: - all the documents/deeds/pass books/share certificates, proof of ownership etc must be studied. Gather all the documents/deeds/books of your assets. If you have a bank locker, list out the items in the locker. Make a clear and comprehensive list.
- Make a list of liabilities with the documentation also.
- Identify the beneficiaries to whom these assets must go after you like --spouse/ children/grandchildren/ or charitable causes.
- Decide how the beneficiaries should utilise the bequest/or the estate given to them. For example, you can decide that your spouse will have a right to stay in your house till his/her death or your spouse can use the interest from



your investments/or rent from properties for his/her use. You can direct discharge of the liabilities. You can decide to direct a child to clear the mortgage loan in say Bank 'A' and take the property etc.

- B. THE NEXT BIG STEP: For most individuals and in most cases a registered will is the best way forward. A will is a document which you should execute in a sound disposing state of mind. It should be attested by two witnesses. A simple and clear way to do this is to specify with clarity the asset and the beneficiary. For example you can say house with door number 11111 in Street/ colony is bequeathed to my elder daughters MS. You can say the amount due to XX bank which is secured by a mortgage is Rupees......... This should be cleared by my second son. Then he can take the property with absolute rights.
- Although registration of a will is not compulsory, registration will ease many doubts/prevent many questions. A
 registered document has a presumption in its favour. It does not cost much to register a will and the fees are not
 dependent on the value of the property. Registration will help your successors handle everything including the
 doubting thomases better and will definitely make things easier for them.
- C. You can also establish a trust for administering your property.

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- Execution of a power of attorney is also a good step authorising your agent to spend money etc from your bank accounts in case you are hospitalised/incapacitated and cannot operate a bank account for your hospital bills etc. The agent with your power of attorney will operate your account to pay the bills etc.
- Please note that a nominee for a bank account/ fixed deposit etc is only authorised to collect the amount for the successors. So, if you want a successor to get a portion of your money you should clearly specify the same in your will.
- You can always review these documents and modify the same depending on changing circumstances. In fact, you MUST periodically review the same.

A word of caution.

Always remember to consult a lawyer and/or a chartered accountant for help and guidance. A carefully worded well drafted document will go a long way in avoiding future problems. A self-written will has good value but to ensure that there are no future difficulties- consulting a professional is advised.

Advantages

- a. These steps minimize disputes/legal battles as your intentions are clear and are expressed in words in a registered document.
- b. Family members and dependants are protected and safeguarded. Aged spouses; minors etc will be greatly benefited. Future generations are benefited and hard-earned wealth is not wasted.
- c. You may also be a beneficiary if you execute a power of attorney and are later incapacitated/hospitalised.
- d. Tax savings can also happen.
- e. In the case of family business there will be smooth transition and continuity.

Since this is an article in our club magazine it is written with the "barest-legalese". Its purpose is to kick start the thought process and to enable you to understand the need and to make you act - NOW.

Trust me (if you will trust a lawyer). Even if you do not; think it over and act for your sake, for the benefit of your next gen /spouse.

A STITCH IN TIME SAVES NINE - SO ACT NOW.

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Four Former Prime Ministers Vie for Top Position at Oxford:

A Sneak Peek at the 'Election Sans Borders'

The year 2024 has reigned in a historic year of elections. As reported by The Economist, "close to 2 billion people in 70 countries head out for polls this year". As people vote to shape the future of their nation, a smaller group of influential people across more than 90 nations will cast vote to elect the head of the leading university in the world.

In October 2024, about 2,50,000 alumni of the University of Oxford constituting eminent personalities in different fields will be eligible to vote for the Chancellor of their alma mater. The eligible voters from



India notably include former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh; economists Dr.Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Dr. Arvind Subramaniam; writers Amitav Ghosh and Vikram Seth; journalist Vir Sanghvi amongst others. In the recently concluded Paris Olympics, four medals were won by Oxonians representing their respective nations. To facilitate the participation of the alumni in diverse geographies, this would be the first time the elections will be held online. For a university that is inclined to uphold traditions, this marks an unprecedented shift to include its former students in decision-making of the university.

The Chancellor of the oldest English-speaking university is a position of grandeur. The selection of the ceremonial head will reflect the university's vision for future. The race to the chair will be contested by an unusual array of candidates. While the nominations are still being filed, UK news agency Telegraph revealed a few contenders. Three former prime ministers of UK, Sir Tony Blair, Theresa May and Boris Johnson have registered interest along with Imran Khan, former prime minister of Pakistan. The diverse political history of these contenders will likely have influence on the voter base.

Tony Blair, served the Prime Minister from 1997-2007 as a representative of the Labour Party. He has mostly led a defensible political career except for his participatory role in the US-led invasion of Iraq. For a university committed to strengthen its international engagements, his political legacy might pose a challenge. Boris Johnson, served from 2019-2022, is regarded with contempt amongst general British public and Oxonians alike. His violations of Covid-19 regulations and misleading statements made as a part of the 'Leave EU' campaign are still fresh in public memory. Some reports suggest that he is likely to withdraw from the race. Theresa May who served as the second woman prime minister of UK from 2016-19, is favoured to become Oxford's first woman chancellor. Her political legacy is revered by conservatists and remembered for its anti-immigration agenda by

liberals. Yet, both factions take cognisance of the political circumstances that she inherited after the Brexit referendum and could be persuaded to vote her.

The candidature of Imran Khan, however, brings new dimensions to the fore. He shall contest from Adiala Jail in Rawalpindi where he is currently serving prison sentence. With 48% of academic staff and 46% of students in Oxford being from outside the UK, his candidature is of appeal to Oxford's international voter base. Distant from the political theatre of Pakistan, at Oxford, he is perceived as a protagonist who attempted to democratise the political system but was restrained by the villains. In 2023, he delivered an address at the Oxford Union earning revere from the audience. While he is held in high regard, is it adequate to elect him as the first South Asian head of the University?

Besides other political leaders, reports suggest that Lady ElishAngiolini, a pro-vice-chancellor and the president of St. Hugh's college in Oxford is also a likely candidate. She has greater engagements with academia and being part of college administration gives her the outlook of an 'insider'. Her candidature would bring forth the university's preference on the political-academic nexus in higher education space.

The line-up of contenders make this election an international contestation for the academic bastion of power. The election comes in the backdrop of Oxford's attempts to rebrand itself as the 'global' university. While internationalisation has always been a salient element of the university, 'global orientation' has recently become a prominent feature of its strategy. This is also partly a result of the decline in state funding of higher education. International collaboration is now an eminent factor in its agenda and the selection of chancellor will prove crucial towards the same. Further, the university cannot afford to overlook the local power dynamics in its bid for global ambition. The far-right protests in the UK, inflation, impact of international crises, the political lobby to curb immigration and the declining job market are only a few challenges to realising its global vision.

Members of the Convocation, the electoral body of this election, thus have a daunting task ahead. As the top university in the world, Oxford also occupies the position of defining the doctrine for the higher education space. Therefore, the decision will not only shape the future of Oxford but will also draw the horizon for emerging 'global universities' of the world.

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In the heart of our social club, amidst the laughter, conversation, and camaraderie, one tradition stands out as a favourite among members of all ages-Tombola. This age-old game of chance,

which has been bringing people together for generations, is more than just a pastime; it's a celebration of luck, excitement, and community.

- " Tombola, also known as Bingo in many parts of the world
- " The origins of Tambola can be traced back to Italy in the 16th century. It is believed that the game was derived from the Italian lottery known as "Il Gioco del Lotto d'Italia," which began in 1530. The game quickly gained popularity and became aweekly tradition in Italy, where it was played every Saturday.
- " From Italy, the game spread to France in the late 1770s, where it was known as "Le Lotto." French aristocrats were particularly fond of the game, and it became a fashionable pastime among the elite. The French version of the game featured a 3x9 grid card with 90 numbers, similar to the modern-day Tombola. The format of the game closely resembled the version played today, with players marking off numbers as they were called out.
- " The game crossed the Atlantic and arrived in the United States in the early 20th century. Initially, it was known as "Beano" because players used beans to cover the numbers on their cards.
- " In countries like India, Tambola became a popular version of Bingo, often played in family gatherings, social clubs, and even schools. The format of Tambola, with its numbered tickets and various winning combinations like full house, lines, and corners, made it an entertaining and engaging activity that brought people together.

Today, Tambola remains a beloved game in many parts of the world, particularly in India, where it is a common feature at events, parties, and club gatherings. The game has also found a new life in the digital age, with online versions of Tambola allowing players to participate from the comfort of their homes.

A Game of Luck and Laughter

The rules of Tombola are straightforward-each player receives a card filled with numbers, and as the host calls out the numbers drawn from the cage, players mark them off. The excitement builds as participants edge closer to completing a line, or better yet, a full house. The shouts of "Line!" and "Full House!" echo through the room, accompanied by applause and cheers from fellow members.

But it's not just the chance of winning that makes Tombola special; it's the shared moments of joy, the playful banter between friends, and the collective anticipation that binds everyone together. It's a game where the thrill lies as much in the journey as in the destination.

The Community Spirit

Tombola nights at our club are about more than just prizes; they're about fostering a sense of belonging. It's an opportunity for new members to mingle with longstanding ones, for families to enjoy an evening together, and for everyone to connect over a shared love of the game. The tradition has seen countless friendships formed and strengthened, all under the warm glow of the club's atmosphere.

So, next time the cage begins to spin and the numbers are called, join us in this beloved tradition. Who knows? The next shout of "Full House!" could be yours.



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జైలు నుండి పోటీ చేసే విలు బెయిలు పై ఉంటూ పాలించే నేతలు ! ఎన్నే ళ్లయినా తేలని కేసులు ఎన్ని నేరాలకు పడ్డాయి శిక్షలు !!

ఆస్తి తగాదాకు అరవై ఏళ్లు శిరోముండనానికి ఇరవై ఏళ్ళు ! హత్య కేసులే మచ్చుతునక కక్షి దారులు చచ్చినాక !!

వాయిదాల మీద వాయిదాలు న్యాయమూర్తులు మారడాలు ! సత్వర న్యాయం ఎండమావి సంస్కరణల జాడలేవి ?

న్యాయ దేవత కళ్లు గప్పి ప్రజాస్వామ్యపు ముసుగు మప్పి నేరగాళ్లే నేతలిప్పుడు ఘోర కలికి అంతమెప్పుడు ? - డా. పెద విర్రాజు (P-124)

నాటి చలన చిత్రాలలో నితి పరులే నాయకులు ! నేటి సినిమాలలో నెరగాల్లే హీరోలు !!

నేరాలే ఇతివృత్తంగా టీవిలో ధారా వాహికలు ! సెన్సార్ చెయ్యని వెబ్ సిరీస్ ప్రచార చిత్రాల్లో సాహస కృత్యాలు !!

మద్యం పై ఆదాయం వద్దనుకోని ప్రభుత్వం ! రాజకీయ నాయకుల అండతో దర్ధాగా రేవ్ పార్టీలు !!

తప్పులు చేసే వారే తప్పించుకు తిరుగుతారు ! సాక్షాలు తారుమారు సాక్షులను చంపుతారు !!

ఘారమైన నేరాలకు కారణాలు వెదుకుతా ! నేరస్థుల భరతం పట్టమని భరతమాత నడుగుతా !!

క్రూర హత్యలు, మానభంగాలు చోరీలు, దారి దోపిడీలు అపహరణలు, ఆమ్లం జల్లడం అపఖ్యాతి విశ్వ వ్యాప్తం !

నితులు నేర్పని తాతలు సుద్దులు చెప్పని చదువులు ! తల్లిదండ్రుల, గురువుల గౌరవించని పిల్లలు !!

అవినీతి సొమ్ములో నాయకులు అమ్ముడుపోయే బడుగు ప్రజలు ! కార్యాలయాల్లో కీచకులు దొంగల్ని కాపాడే రక్షక భటులు !!

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Engineering Miracle Euro Tunnel / Calais Tunnel

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This relates to a "Man Made" Engineering Miracle, conceived around 1960s, under Sea-Tunnel connecting south - eastern tip (Dover-Kent) of England with the Western end of France (Calais). That will facilitate safe / fast transportation of cars, other commercial vehicles and trains. It remained unfulfilled for near by a decade for technical reasons. Eventually

though the "radar" (wireless signal) transmission became available and the Engineers / Technocrats of the two countries sat together and drewa sketch / plan that would translate into a real device.

It is, as the same implies a water proof under Sea-Tunnel / passage that allows mechanized transport systems like cars, initial failures were due to the endless inability of technocrats to connect up the ends of the tunnels in the sea. Eventually though using the Miracle Technology of "Ultrasound". Engineers were able to connect up the ends of the tunnels under the sea bed.

It was a fool-proof system comprising a Tar surfaced road adjoining a railway track. Emergency talking devices and flashlight signals enabled this system which worked / working very satisfactorily.

The Tunnel ends in England and France had an established control system for example, Road - Traffic Police and Electrical signal system to guide the Train Drivers.

Friends I was fortunate to witness and travel through the tunnel after buying a two way coach trip from England. My photograph standing at the entrance of the Euro Tunnel is enclosed. I was thrilled to watch it and be there to enjoy this wonder / miracle.

Friendly,

Dr. I. VenkataRao, (V-79).







MEMBER HONOUR



We are thrilled to announce that our esteemed member, Mr Ashish Dhariwal (A272) chapter chairman of JAIN INTERNATIONAL TRADE ORGANISATION VIZAG CHAPTER has been honored with the prestigious SAMEEKSHA best performing chapter non metro for Visakhapatnam chapter award at the national awards event held at Varanasi.

SUNDAY SPECIAL



BUMPER TAMBOLA



CLUB CALENDAR

| 06.09.2024 | Friday | Movie | 7:00 pm |
|------------|----------|------------------------|---------|
| 07.09.2024 | Saturday | VinayakaChavithiPooja | 9:00am |
| 08.09.2024 | Sunday | Sunday Special Tambola | 12 noon |
| 13.09.2024 | Friday | Movie | 7:00 pm |
| 20.09.2024 | Friday | Movie | 7:00 pm |
| 21.09.2024 | Saturday | Bumper Tambola | 7:30pm |
| 27.09.2024 | Friday | Movie | 7:00 pm |

Fraud Awareness

The Twenty Golden Rules that help you from getting scammed

Fraud awareness is the most important topic, as we daily read in papers or see on social media and on TV, day in day out about several frauds and scams.

Frauds have become a global challenge as there exists a fraud everywhere and thus the problem has no geographical boundaries and a continuous risk assessment, internal controls and preventive programmes only can mitigate the threat of frauds and loss of billions of rupees to a large extent. Conducting workshops on fraud awareness is most important to one and all.

- 1. Effective antivirus software with regular updates.
- 2. Regular checking of bank statements for any unauthorized transactions-debit or credits.
- 3. We use in present day extensively Passwords for several purposes-Keep changing at regular interval and save carefully out of reach of anyone-including near and dear!
- 4. Most important do not respond to unsolicited-Phonecalls, SMS,E-Mails with links-do not click the links.
- 5. Do not be scared if someone says they are from -Police, IT department, Government-without satisfactory proof and even that double check with the concerned department.
- 6. Beware of lucrative online offers whether sales or Jobs etc without verification.
- 7. Never ever pay any advance amounts for any monies without satisfying the authenticity.
- 8. Any website never click a link but type the URL and make sure it is secure website.
- 9. Never ever share your CVV or Pin number with anyone.
- 10. Never ever seek help of a stranger's assistance at bank, shop, ATM etc
- 11. Make sure that children do not respond or click and links etc on your mobile phone. Infect unless the child is16 years above do not share your mobile and warn them on the usage of theirs.
- 12 If you are scammed, do not remain silent, but immediately report to cyber crime police.
- 13. Beware of popup when you are browsing as at times they may contain malicious software and wipe out your data on laptop/Mobile.
- 14. Be very careful in choosing passwords and use different pass words for multiple uses-Avoid DOB, Anniversary dates and such personal dates a pass words.
- 15. Never transact financial truncations on public Wi-Fi or public hot spots.
- 16. Always Lock your mobiles and Laptops and most important never leave your laptop window even for a brief period.
- 17. Never get carried away by low price offers especially on unknown websites or advertisements
- 18. Take the help of a known cyber expert in securing your business related systems.
- 19. The Most Important rule is always take backups of your mobile and laptop.
- 20. Never be Greedy or Impulsive when online -No free lunches in this world!

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