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From the President's Desk

Dear Members,

I hope this message finds you in good spirits. I am delighted to inform you of the exciting events held at our Club in January. From the vibrant celebrations of Bhogi to fun-filled activities like Sunday Special Tambola, there was something for everyone to enjoy.

Furthermore, I am pleased to announce that the Managing Committee 23-24 has planned free demo classes for free-style Aerobics and boxing classes for kids. This initiative aims to promote fitness and well-being among our younger members. I encourage all interested parents to enrol their children for these classes at the earliest.

Lastly, don't forget to mark your calendars for the upcoming Waltair Club Annual Sports Festival. Let's kickstart the new year with fitness, enthusiasm and camaraderie.

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Vice-President's Message

Dear Members,

Waltair Club recently hosted an exclusive event in honour of Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar Ji's visit to Vizag in January. The highlight of the event was *The Art of Living* Health & Happiness Workshop, a one-hour session open to individuals aged 18 and above. Led by International Health Coach Ashwin Patel, the workshop offered invaluable insights into various aspects of well-being, including health, emotions management, better sleep, unlocking super-energy hacks, and stress management. Participants found the workshop to be both enjoyable and highly beneficial, gaining practical tools and techniques to enhance their overall happiness and wellness.

I encourage members to submit their contributions to the Waltair Times.

Best regards,

Dr. Murali Krishna Reddy (K-077)
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From the Editor's Desk

Dear Waltair Club Members,

As we embark on a new year filled with exciting possibilities, I am thrilled to present the January issue of our club magazine, packed with insightful articles and stories that reflect the diverse interests and passions of our esteemed members.

In this issue, we delve into the unveiling of India's Budget and its implications for citizens, offering a comprehensive overview of the key points and provisions that will shape our nation's economic landscape in the coming year. Additionally, we have the privilege of hearing from senior member and seasoned CA, Mr. Radhakrishna, who shares his expert insights on the intricacies of the Vote on Account, shedding light on its significance and implications for our financial future.

On a lighter note, we have a fascinating piece by Mr. John Castellás, exploring Waltair's enduring tryst with Cricket. From memorable matches to legendary players, Mr. Castellás takes us on a nostalgic journey through the rich history of our beloved sport within the walls of our club.

Furthermore, in observance of Rare Disease Day, we raise awareness about these often overlooked conditions, highlighting the challenges faced by individuals and families affected by rare diseases. Through education and advocacy, we strive to foster a greater understanding and support system for those in our community who are impacted by these unique medical conditions.

I hope you enjoy reading these articles as much as we enjoyed



bringing them to you. As always, your feedback and contributions are invaluable in shaping the content of our magazine.

- Deepa Raju Kodali (D-098)

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Hon. Secretary's Message

Dear Members,

Greetings! I am delighted to share news of the Senior Citizens Meet and gastronomic delights such as "Biryani Dumaka" with Live Music curated to offer a blend of entertainment and community engagement.

We also screened a number of new movies like Dunki and Salaar.

Warm regards,

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SENIOR CITIZENS MEET

We are pleased to share with you the wonderful highlights of our recent Senior Citizen Meet, held on Sunday, January 21st, 2024, at the Jubilee Deck. It was a delightful evening filled with camaraderie, laughter, and cherished moments, thanks to the collective efforts of our dedicated team and the support of our generous sponsors.

The gathering commenced with a warm welcome from the Chairman of the Senior Citizens Committee, setting the tone for a pleasant evening in a cozy ambience. We had the joy of celebrating the birthdays of our esteemed members, who were honoured with shawls, creating heartwarming memories for the birthday celebrants.

Tambola, the favourite game of all, was conducted in a unique and enjoyable manner, bringing smiles to the faces of everyone present. Live music performances featuring Hindi and Telugu melodies added to the festive atmosphere, with everyone relishing the nostalgic tunes of yesteryears.

Members indulged in tasty snacks and savoured delicious, hot food, enhancing the overall experience of the evening. The addition of a bonfire added to the charm of the event, as members gathered around the flames, sharing stories and laughter.

The presence of the President and several committee members further enriched the gathering, fostering a sense of community and togetherness. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our sponsors and Waltair Club President, Sri K. Vamsi Kishore, Senior Citizens Committee Chairman, Sri R. Jagapathi Raju, Sri Pydah Krishna Prasad. The Senior Citizens Committee would like to thank Sri K. Rambabu, President of The Kanaka Mahalakshmi Co-Operative Bank, whose support made the evening truly memorable.

Special thanks to Mrs. Sunita Mansukhani, Mrs. Kavita Satwani, and Mrs. Valli Ramgopal for their dedicated efforts in organising and conducting the program. To all our senior members who attended and enjoyed the evening, thank you for your presence and participation.

Let us eagerly await the next meet, as we continue to create cherished memories and strengthen the bonds of friendship at Waltair Club.





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Dear Members,

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And also noticed that members are taking outside food and served in the Jubilee Deck/Gym Deck functions without prior intimation. Outside food is not allowed in the club premises, except Auditorium Dining Hall.

Members are requested not to entertain guest related functions in the club premises, if comes under violation of the club rules and regulations, in such cases the Management will take serious action on the member responsible.

Please co-operate with the Management.

BUMPER TAMBOLA**OBITUARY**

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Rare Disease Day in India: Raising Awareness and Advocating for Change



Rare Disease Day is observed worldwide on the last day of February each year to raise awareness about rare diseases and their impact on individuals and families. In India, this day holds particular significance as the country grapples with the challenges of diagnosing, treating, and supporting individuals with rare diseases.

Rare diseases, also known as orphan diseases, affect a small percentage of the population, yet collectively, they impact millions of lives. In India, the prevalence

In India, Rare Disease Day is marked by various events and initiatives organised by patient advocacy groups, healthcare organizations, and government agencies. These activities include awareness campaigns, educational seminars, patient support forums, fundraising drives, and policy advocacy efforts. Through these initiatives, stakeholders aim to foster a better understanding of rare diseases, improve access to diagnosis and treatment, and enhance support services for patients and families across the country.



Key objectives of Rare Disease Day in India

Raising Awareness: Increasing public awareness about rare diseases, their symptoms, and the challenges faced by individuals and families living with these conditions.

Promoting Early Diagnosis: Encouraging healthcare professionals to consider rare diseases in their differential diagnosis and facilitating timely access to genetic testing and specialist care.

Advocating for Policy Change: Lobbying for the development and implementation of national policies and programs to support rare disease patients,

including access to affordable treatments, financial assistance, and social services.

Building a Supportive Community: Providing a platform for rare disease patients, caregivers, and advocates to connect, share experiences, and access resources and support networks.

As India continues to make strides in addressing the challenges of rare diseases, Rare Disease Day serves as a reminder of the importance of collective action and solidarity in supporting those affected by these conditions. By working together, we can raise awareness, drive policy change, and ultimately improve the lives of individuals and families living with rare diseases across the country.

of rare diseases is significant, with estimates suggesting that over 70 million people are affected by one of the 7,000 identified rare diseases. However, due to factors such as limited awareness, diagnostic delays, and lack of access to specialised care, many individuals with rare diseases in India face significant hurdles in receiving timely and appropriate treatment.

Rare Disease Day serves as a platform to amplify the voices of patients, caregivers, healthcare professionals, and advocates, highlighting the challenges they face and advocating for change. It provides an opportunity to raise awareness about specific rare diseases, share stories of resilience and hope, and call for greater support and resources for those affected.

Understanding the Indian Union Budget 2024: What You Need to Know

The Indian Union Budget for 2024 has been unveiled, outlining the government's plans and allocations for the upcoming fiscal year. This budget plays a crucial role in shaping the country's economic trajectory and affects various aspects of citizens' lives. Let's break down the key points and understand what they mean for you.

A 11.1% increase in the capital expenditure outlay for 2024-2025 was announced. The capital expenditure is set at Rs 11,11,111 crore, constituting 3.4% of the GDP.

Economic Priorities:

The budget focuses on key economic priorities such as infrastructure development, healthcare, education, and job creation. The government aims to boost economic growth while ensuring inclusive development across all sectors.

Infrastructure Development:

Significant allocations have been made towards infrastructure development projects, including roads, railways, airports, and digital connectivity. These investments aim to improve transportation networks, enhance connectivity, and stimulate economic activity in both urban and rural areas.

Healthcare:

The healthcare sector receives a significant boost in funding to strengthen the country's healthcare infrastructure, improve access to quality healthcare services, and enhance disease prevention and management programs. This includes investments in hospitals, medical facilities, and the procurement of essential medical supplies and equipment.

Education:

The budget prioritises investments in education to enhance the quality of education, expand access to schooling, and promote skill development initiatives. This includes funding for schools, colleges, vocational training programs, and scholarships to support students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Job Creation:

Efforts are made to stimulate job creation and promote entrepreneurship through various initiatives such as skill development programs, incentives for small and medium enterprises (SMEs), and support for startups. The goal is to empower individuals with the necessary skills and opportunities to participate in India's growing economy.

Taxation:

The budget may introduce changes to the taxation system to promote investment, simplify compliance procedures, and ensure fair taxation practices. This

could include reforms in corporate taxes, personal income taxes, and indirect taxes to create a more conducive environment for businesses and individuals.

Fiscal Management:

The government aims to maintain fiscal discipline while ensuring adequate funding for key priorities. Efforts are made to rationalise expenditure, improve revenue collection mechanisms, and reduce fiscal deficits to sustain long-term economic growth and stability.

The Indian Union Budget for 2024 reflects the government's commitment to driving economic growth, fostering social development, and creating opportunities for all citizens. By focusing on infrastructure development, healthcare, education, job creation, taxation, and fiscal management, the budget aims to lay the foundation for a prosperous and inclusive future for India. It's essential for citizens to understand the key provisions of the budget and actively engage in the nation-building process.

VOTE ON ACCOUNT – BUDGET 2024-25

***By the time this article is published, the budget will have been presented in the parliament by Honourable. Finance Minister, Mrs. Nirmala Sitharaman, but the purpose of this article is to provide insight on what a budget is about.**

Vote on Account

The uniqueness of this year's budget to be presented by the Honourable Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman is that it is a **Vote on Account**. So what does that mean?

Government, towards the end of the fiscal year or the end of their term, always needs some funds to expand in various vital areas, which cannot wait until the formation of the next government is definition of what is **Vote on the account**.

To provide various essential facilities, the government may take a formality type permission from the Lok Sabha to expend the funds from the consolidated funds of India for two months (or in some exceptional cases, it gets to four). The passing of a good bill will take time, so the Vote on account is done through an interim budget to extend that time until the formation of a new government.

Vote on the account is a formality done by the ruling government by taking permission of the Lok Sabha to spend some funds from the consolidated funds to fulfil the essential need of the citizens. It is practiced by the government of India when the ruling



government does not have time to pass a whole budget. Many financial experts state that the meaning of Vote on the account is based on the formality and is important for the smooth working of the schemes and subsidies provided to the citizen while the new government comes and presents its budget.

What is the role of Vote on account in the interim or final budget?

In a year when national elections are happening, the government doesn't present a full budget but releases an interim budget instead. The upcoming budget by Finance Minister, Mrs. Nirmala Sitharaman on February 1, 2024, will be interim, as general elections are expected in March-May 2024. An outgoing government presents an interim budget or requests a vote on account, leaving the full budget for the next government.

A vote on account formality cannot proceed in the Lok Sabha unless the ruling government does not present the whole budget or the interim budget.

According to the Constitution, the government can't withdraw money from the Consolidated Fund of India (CFI) without proper legal approval. An appropriation bill is usually passed during the budget process for this, which might take time. However, the government needs permission to spend money from April 1 when the new financial year begins.

A Vote on Account is the permission sought by the government to withdraw.

The role of Voting on account while presenting the budget is such that if the interim budget for the few months left for the ruling government fails to get approval and government is left with no consolidated funds to spend on the working of the essential items of the nation, then some funds from the CFI will be approved to the ruling government to expand in some of the areas they want. Providing the ruling government with some funds is essential so that the nation's economic growth does not stop.

Last time a Vote on Account was proposed by our Hon. Finance Minister, Mrs. Nirmala Sitharaman on 11th of February, 2019 for the fiscal year 2018-19.

Budget – Definition

A brief introduction of Budget preparation and presentation to the parliament outlined as follows:

The word "budget" comes from the French word "bougette", which means "small leather bag". Over time, "budget" began to refer to a type of folio containing important paperwork. Eventually, the word simply referred to the paperwork within the folio, rather than the folio itself.

According to Article 112 of the Indian Constitution, the Union Budget of a year, also referred to as the annual financial statement, is a statement of the estimated receipts and expenditures of the

government for that particular year. It keeps account of the government finances for the fiscal year from 1st April to 31st March.

A well-constructed budget guides allocating funds to different priorities, such as essential expenses, savings, and discretionary spending. It helps ensure that financial resources are used efficiently and that there's a clear understanding of where the money is coming from and where it's going.

In a professional context, a budget is a strategic tool that aids in decision-making, resource allocation, and financial control. It enables individuals and businesses to set financial goals, monitor progress, and make adjustments as needed to achieve financial stability and meet objectives.

Classification:

An union budget is classified into Revenue Budget and **Capital Budget, Union Budget, Revenue Budget.**

Revenue budget includes the government's revenue receipts and expenditure. There are two kinds of revenue receipts - tax and non-tax revenue. Revenue expenditure is the expenditure incurred on day to day functioning of the government and on various services offered to citizens. If revenue expenditure exceeds revenue receipts, the government incurs a **revenue deficit**.

Capital Budget

Capital Budget includes capital receipts and payments of the government. Loans from public, foreign governments and RBI form a major part of the government's capital receipts. Capital expenditure is the expenditure on development of machinery, equipment, building, health facilities, education etc. **Fiscal deficit** is incurred when the government's total expenditure exceeds its total revenue

The budget is presented in two parts. Part A deals with the General Economic survey of the country while Part B deals with the taxation. However, the budget for the Indian Railways is separately presented in the Parliament.

Steps involved in preparation of the budget

The preparation for the budget begins way back in the month of September, to be presented in February, which needs to be passed in both houses of the Parliament before 1st of April.

The Indian Union Budget is prepared by the Ministry of Finance in consultation with Niti Aayog and other concerned ministries. Also, the Budget division of the department of economic affairs (DEA) in the finance ministry is the nodal body responsible for producing the Budget.

Finally union budget is presented by Finance Minister in Parliament after an approval by the President.

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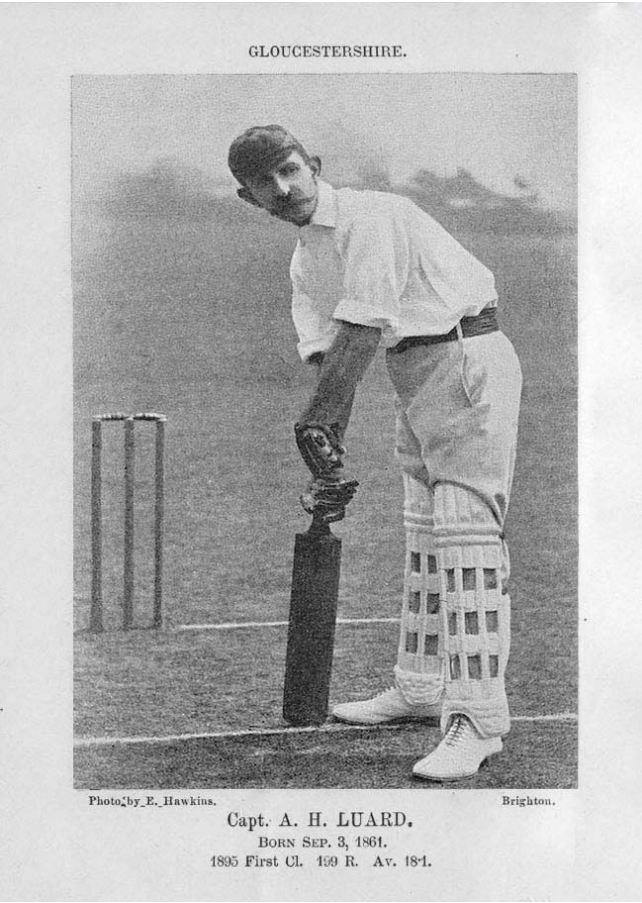


Waltair's tryst with Cricket.

In Feb 2024, the second cricket Test between India and England was played nearby at the Dr YSR ACA VDCA Stadium. It is interesting to note that the Waltair Club members kept the game at the forefront of the Vizag sporting scene in earlier years.

The earliest record of a cricket match in Vizag was in 1874, when the 7th Madras Infantry arrived at their new posting in the Fort and established a rivalry with the existing Godavari Volunteer Rifles (later the Vizagapatam Volunteer Rifles and in 1917 called the East Coast Battalion, the foundation institution of the Waltair Club in 1883). Their parade ground was the maidan opposite St Aloysius School and this was the venue for their favourite pastime - cricket!

In the mid 1800's, cricket was a professional sport only played in England and there were no international tests. Arthur Luard was born at Waltair in 1861, the son of Colonel GF Luard of the East Coast Battalion. Luard played county cricket for Gloucestershire, Kent & Middlesex and for the MCC team from 1893 to 1907 making him the earliest First-Class cricketer from Waltair.



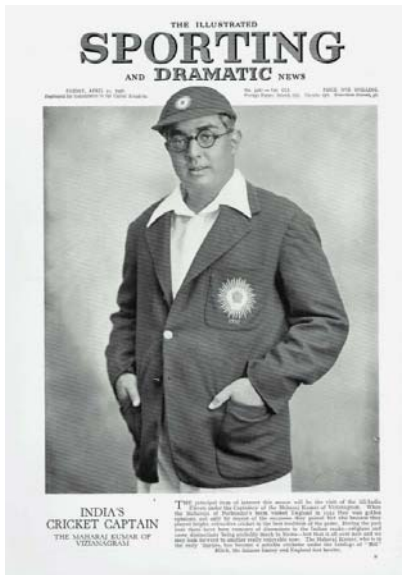
First records of Ladies playing cricket relate to members of the Waltair Club participating in a social cricket match against the men in October 1888. The Madras Mail reported that the men played with the handicap of batting left-handed with broomsticks and also bowled and fielded left-handed. The match was unfinished, but the Ladies were reported to have been favorably placed for a win.

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CRICKET AT WALTAIR.
(From a Correspondent.)

The following is the score of a cricket match, played at Waltair on October 11th, between eight ladies and eight gentlemen, the latter batting left-handed with broom-sticks, and using the left-hand only in fielding and bowling. The match was not finished, but was much in favour of the ladies :—

LADIES.			GENTLEMEN.		
Miss Cameron, b Forbes	... 8	not out ...17	Mr. Kelsall, b Miss Cameron	...	... 2
Miss Kilgour, b Forbes	... 2		" Power, b Miss Stuart	...	... 3
Miss Stuart, b Weir	...14	not out ...23	" Weir, b Miss Cameron	...	... 0
Mrs. Kelsall, b Cameron	... 3		" Forbes, b Miss Stuart	...	... 5
Mrs. Stuart, b Kelsall	... 0		" Cameron, b Miss Cameron	...	... 7
Miss Smith, b Cameron	... 7		" Martin, not out	...	... 4
Miss E. G. Smith, not out	... 0		" Oakes, b Miss Cameron	...	... 0
Miss Merriman, c and b Forbes	...11		" Marshall, b Miss Cameron 6
Extras	... 5	Extras ...21			
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Maharajkumar of Vizianagram or Vizzy, was an Indian cricketer, cricket administrator and politician who organized his own cricket team, the Vizianagram XI, financially sponsored the game and constructed a ground in his Vizianagram palace compound. Annual cricket tournaments between Vizianagram and Waltair Club followed. Vizzy was named the captain of the Indian team that toured England in 1936. Vizzy and was knighted by King Edward VIII in the King's Birthday Honours. He was a member of the Waltair Club, was the President of BCCI from 1954-1957, was awarded the Padma Bhushan, in 1958, and was a member of the Lok Sabha from Visakhapatnam in 1960 and 1962. In the early years, the first Test captains of India were from Andhra - C. K. Nayudu, then Vizzy and after them Ghulatri (Ghulam) Ahmed, the third Andhra and India's tenth captain. Later, Mohammed Azharuddin was to become the fourth captain of India from Andhra.



Fans of Indian cricket, especially those from Waltair were particularly proud to see Vizag host its first Test, India and England, at the new ACA-VDCA Cricket Stadium on 16 November 2016. It was the first day of play when a dubious piece of international cricket history was created. The India team was

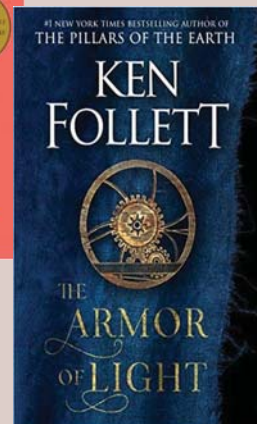
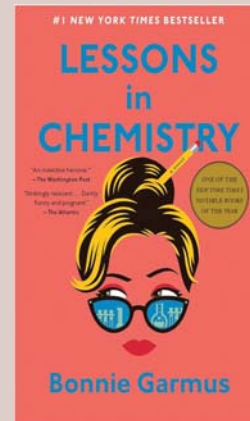
batting, the English bowlers were being punished, Cheteshwar Pujara and skipper Virat Kohli were batting fluently on 97 and 91 respectively, having strung together a solid 188-run unbeaten stand for the third wicket to put the hosts in firm control of the proceedings, before a canine decided to pay the players a little visit at the centre. Play was stopped, groundsmen chased and threw their chappals, and much to the delight of the local fans - the dog continued to run around the field and bring play to a halt. Match officials called for an early tea, and commentators were at a loss for words. Fans from around the world obliged with on-line comments:

'The Dog has been on the field longer than KL Rahul' said one, 'This dog is faster between the wickets than Pujara & Kohli' commented another, and 'Dog outperforms England in superb pre-tea spell' was a suggested by-line. And when the street dogs met that night, the joke could have been... that a dog like them was the only one who could remove Kohli and Pujara from the crease...

Cricket in Waltair has come a long way since those early days, and fans can now be entertained to a full schedule of men and women's cricket, Indian Premier League, Ranji Trophy, One-Day Internationals, International Test series and constant live TV coverage on ultra-high-definition colour screens together with on-line commentary and score updates on flat screen devices. Howzat!

Written by John Castellas whose family belonged to Vizag for 5 generations. Educated at St Aloysius, migrated to Melbourne, Australia in 1966, former General Manager Engineering at Boeing & Qantas Airways, in retirement Lecturers in Aviation Management at Swinburne University, is a Vizag aficionado and contributor to the Waltair Club Coffee Table Book and the Waltair Times.

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