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From the President's Desk

It is an absolute pleasure to address the members of our prestigious Waltair Club from the office of the President. Firstly, my sincere gratitude to all the members for the confidence reposed in me and I promise to uphold the same to the best of my abilities.

I express my thanks and support to my entire team. Dr. Murali Krishna Reddy and Mr. Lakshman Patro for being with me through all the important decisions that we will make, and Mr. Murali Krishna for holding the

coffers securely. I thank all the committee members and their sub-committees for shouldering the responsibility and am sure that each committee will do their best.

Along with my team, this year, I will do the very best in the interest of the Waltair Club, the members, the

facilities, and the events. We are sure that this year will be a memorable time and experience for us to ensure the very best in our efforts. We will continue to maintain and develop the services that the members enjoy and make every event a successful one. Request all members to utilize the facilities, our Club offers and attend all the events which will be specially curated for each festival or celebration.

Once again, many thanks to all the members and best wishes to the team for a wonderful term ahead!!

K. Vamsi Kishore (V-168)
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Vice-President's Message

Dear Members,

From the bottom of my heart, I express my gratitude to each one of you for trusting me and electing me unanimously as the Vice-president of our prestigious club. I'm honoured to be the Chairman of the Editorial Board for the Waltair Times. My special thanks to Mrs. Deepa Raju Kodali and her team for coming forward to contribute their valuable services to the in-house magazine this year.

Looking forward for all your suggestions and support throughout the year to make the content of Waltair Times more informative and interesting.

Warm Regards,

Dr. Murali Krishna Reddy (K-077)
92466 23943

From the Editor's Desk

Dear Members and Children,

I thank the Vice-President, Dr. Murali Krishna Reddy and the Managing Committee for entrusting me with the privilege of serving as editor of the Waltair Times.

I am eager to celebrate and build on the legacies of past editors, by highlighting the extraordinary members, events, and memories of the Club.

On the cover are our newly elected, executive committee-who look forward to doing much good work for the club in the coming year.

In an exclusive feature, we capture the essence of actor Vamsi Krishna and his new series, "Sweet Kaaram Coffee" now streaming on Amazon Prime.

From majestic mountains to a vibrant cultural heritage, join avid photographer and travel enthusiast Deepak Bikkina as he takes us along on a virtual journey to Nepal. The young superstars of this issue are the very talented junior basketball players of Waltair Club. We cover their achievements, camaraderie, and sportsmanship in an in-depth feature in the Sports Section.

The following pages are jam-packed with member features, achievements, contributions and club events. We hope you enjoy reading this issue as much as we enjoyed bringing it to you. The goal for the Waltair Times is to increase our interaction with you, our dear readers! Please email your contributions, suggestions, and feedback to times@waltairclub.com.



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Hon. Secretary's Message

Dear Club Members,

I am humbled and honoured to have been elected as the Hon. Secretary of our esteemed club. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for your trust, support, and confidence in me. As a member of the Executive Committee, I am excited about this opportunity to serve alongside other dedicated Committee Members who share a similar passion to serve you all.

I understand that serving as Secretary comes with great responsibility; it is my commitment to work diligently towards fulfilling these responsibilities with utmost dedication & integrity. I pledge to keep you informed about all important updates and happenings within the club through regular communication channels so that members can stay connected and up-to-date on all upcoming events or initiatives being planned.

Once again, thank you so much for electing me as your Hon. Secretary! Your support means everything to me! Together we will make our club even more vibrant & engaging!

Sincerely,

B. Lakshman Patro (L-025)
98664 46747

Hon. Treasurer's Message

Dear Esteemed members,

Greetings!

I am privileged to pen this message as TREASURER of our prestigious WALT AIR CLUB and thank you all for electing me unanimously. I assure you that I will espouse the decorum and dignity of this coveted position and strive to keep our club financially healthy during my tenure.

With the support of the Managing Committee, I will systematize the club funds and financials by giving paramount priority to the statutory compliances and tax saving measures under GST / Income Tax periodically. Since our Club Accounting software/ ERP is in the initial years of implementation, there is a need for improvement in this area and I will strive for transparency and accuracy. I always welcome and request members for their valuable and positive suggestions in this regard for further improvement in financial management of the club. I strongly believe that the world we live-in can be made a beautiful and comfortable place if people learn to love and respect each other. The strength of a society lies in the unity of its people.

Wishing a happy and wonderful fellowship this year to all our club members.



Best Regards,
CA. Murali Krishna. S (M-194)
98483 23888

Sports Chairman's Message



Dear Club Members,

I am happy to have been elected as the Sports Chairman for our club and would like to thank you for the trust and confidence in me. I am excited and looking forward to a wonderful, learning experience as I carry out my duties this year.

Sports is close to my heart, and I commit to organize sports events to the best of my abilities and make them memorable to the members. I request your presence and support throughout the term and together we can make every event lively and successful!

Sincerely,

Subbarao Eranki (Subbu) (S-938)

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General Services Committee Chairman's Message

Hello Everyone!

I thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to serve the club as a Committee Member in the 'General Services' area. Along with my team, I will strive to work with the club members and the management committee to continue to make the club 'A home, away from home !'

Please feel free to reach out to me in case of any suggestions.

Warm Regards,

V. Kiran Kumar (K-79)

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Chairman

Mr. V. Kiran Kumar

Sub-Committee:

Mr. Sagar Varanasi V - 187
Mr. YVV Viswanath V - 234

Bar Committee Chairman's Message



Dear Members,

I want to express my sincere gratitude for unanimously electing me as a Committee Member of our club. I am honoured and humbled by your trust in me and I promise to serve the club to the best of my ability.

I have been allocated the post of Bar Committee Chairman for the year 2023-24. In addition to the existing activities, I will endeavour to do my best to bring in more excitement to our beloved members with monthly and weekly activities. I look forward to your full participation and support.

Liquor is currently served at the 1883 Bar and Restaurant, Club Lawns, Party Halls, Wills Pub and various lounges. Services will also be extended to the Sports Bar, which will be opened soon.

Improving and maintaining hygiene in all the areas will be of central importance.

New bar stools will be introduced in applicable areas and bar etiquette classes will continue to be imparted to our bar staff.

As the Bar Committee Chairman for 2023-24, with the responsibilities bestowed on me, I am confident that I can rise to the challenge and make everyone's experience a delightful one. I am committed to ensuring that our club has the best possible wines, beers, and spirits, and make sure our bar is always well-stocked.

Thank you again for your trust and support. I look forward for your patronage in making our club the best it can be.

Sincerely,

Kumar Pathi (K-113)

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Chairman:

Mr. Kumar Pathi K-113

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Chambers, Library and The Banquet Halls Chairman's Message

Being appointed as The Chairman of The Chambers, Library and The Banquet Halls for this year, my prime objective would be to maintain all the above at a standard matching the name of our Club.

On observation and inspection of the facilities, I find that a lot of work must be done, basically in upgrading the rooms, washrooms, reception area, replacement of linen etc. in the Chambers. Similarly, some areas of the Banquet Halls need upgradation.

And as far as the Library goes, I would like to introduce software, wherein our members could access any book across the globe.

Best Regards,

D.V. Krishnam Raju (K-263)

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Chairman:

Mr. D. V. Krishnam Raju K-263

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Mr. P. Srinivasa Rao S-1200

Mr. Abhishek Koneru A-355

Mr. Vikranth Hanumantu V-266

Mrs. Sheila Jackson S-679



Entertainment Committee Chairman's Message



Dear Esteemed Members,

It is an overwhelming moment for me to have this opportunity of being unanimously chosen for the committee of our club for the year 2023-24, and I thank each one of you heartfully for the imposed confidence on me.

Endorsed with the role as Entertainment Committee Chairman for this year, it can never be an exaggeration to say that, without your support, patronization, and encouragement in my endeavour to bring out a plethora of activities and entertainment, my ardent flame to serve our club and meeting our members expectations would never be possible.

Hence, all your positive vibes alone can only make the big difference and enrich me to create an aura, that can fill the hearts of all the members and children of our club.

My request to our members, is to reach me out to share any new ideas that are filled with innovation and excitement, in giving our club an astonishing experience on every event that follows....leaving an everlasting wish to say "Ye dil mange more".!!

Best Regards,
Dr. Sridhar Garuda (S-492)
98491 23400

Chairman:

Dr. Sridhar Garuda S-492

Sub-Committee:

Mr. S. Satish	S-1359
Mr. Bimal Kumar	B-187
Mr. Karan Kumar	L-84
Dr. Srikrishna	K-135
Mrs. Kranti Sree	P-294
Mrs. Srujana Penmetsa	V-191
Mrs. Mona Villuri	J-111
Mrs. Swetha Joshi	S-1251
Mrs. Sakshi Anmol	S-514

Catering Committee Chairman's Message



Dear Esteemed Members,

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to each one of you for granting me the opportunity to serve our club as a committee member in the "Catering Service" area. This domain requires individuals to work tirelessly from 5:30 in the morning until 11:30 at night, enduring temperatures of 40-45 degrees Celsius, to provide service to our members across 9-10 locations within the club.

My team and I are dedicated to serving delicious and nutritious food without the use of preservatives or tasting salts. In collaboration with our ladies committee, we are excited to introduce new food items incorporating millets and herbal products soon. Our goal is to transform our club into a "Home away from Home," and I am committed to working diligently alongside our members and managing committee to achieve this.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with your valuable suggestions as we strive to enhance our services further.

Vishnuvardhan Rao Jasti (V-311)
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Chairman:

Mr. Vishnuvardhan Rao Jasti

Sub-Committee

Mr. K. S. Phaneendra	S- 1346
Mr. K. Satish Kumar	S-1354

Ladies Committee Chairperson's Message



Greetings and Good Wishes to all the members of Waltair Club. I feel happy and proud to serve as the Ladies Committee Chairperson for the year 2023-24. I would like to thank the managing committee for believing in me and giving me this prestigious opportunity. Waltair Club has played a major role in our lives while growing up and is truly a trusted and comforting space for all of us. It is an honour to give back to the club, what the club has given to me.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the incredible members of the ladies committee whose dedication, passion and everlasting support will undoubtedly ensure the success of all the events for this year. In the coming months, we have an exciting line-up of events and activities planned. We will also be hosting inspiring guest speakers, organizing skill-building workshops while entertaining our dear members, their families, and the children of Waltair Club.

My team and I promise that We are here for you, and we are committed to keep you all entertained and engaged for this year.

With Warmest Regards,
Mrs. Deepika Das (I-026)
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Chairperson:

Mrs. Deepika Das I-026

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 Mrs. Haneesha M S-1027

Senior Citizen's Committee Chairman's Message

Dear Members,

I sincerely thank the managing committee for the confidence and trust they have placed in me by selecting me as the chairman for the senior citizens committee. I assure to serve up to your expectations and request the co-operation and support of all members.

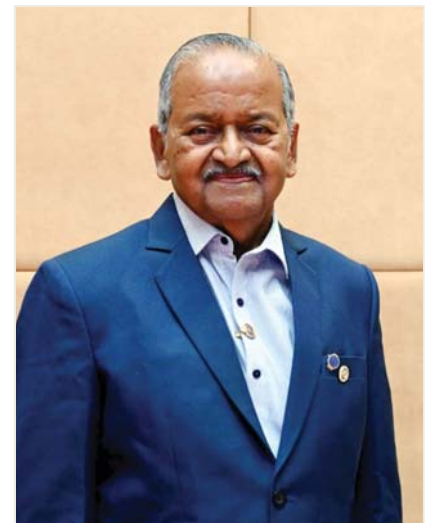
Best Regards,
R. Jagapathi Raju (J-032)
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Chairman:

Mr. R. Jagapathi Raju J-032

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119TH ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING



Sreshtha Kondragunta



Jairam Kondragunta

Our Waltair Club Children, Vanshika Sarda (N-266), Amritha Raju (R-485), Sreshta Kondragunta (A-216) & Jairam Kondragunta (A-216) were selected to represent Visakhapatnam district in the 8th Sub-Junior's Inter-District Championship organised by Andhra Pradesh Basketball Association in Ramachandrapuram from 21/07/2023 to 23/07/2023. The Girls team secured silver medal in the championship.

The club is proud of their achievement and wishes the children good luck in the future. Turn to Page 14 to read more about our club's junior basketball players.



Vanshika Sarda

Amritha Raju

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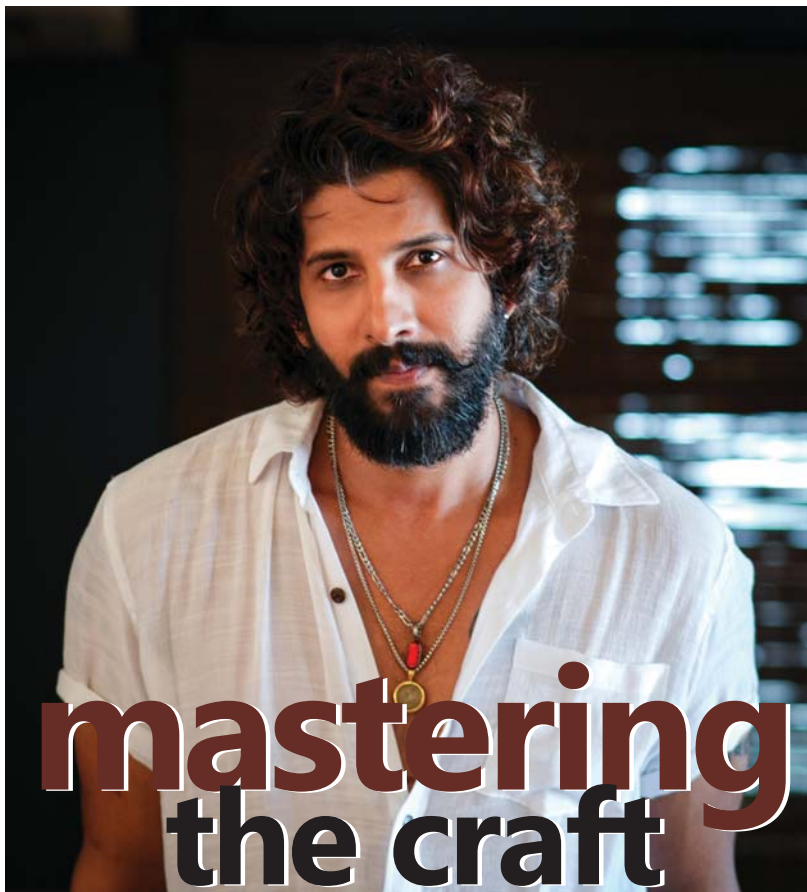
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Hello Vamsi! *It's a pleasure to have you here. Your journey as an actor is truly fascinating, just like your new series, "Sweet Kaaram Coffee." Can you share some highlights and twists from your career, from pursuing an MBA to managing a betting store in London? Please tell us more!*

The Early Days

Well, early on, I was in a strict school environment, and academics weren't exactly my forte. But then I pursued my graduation at GITAM and made some cherished friends during my college years in Vizag. However, the real turning point came when I decided to go for an MBA in London. That's when I discovered my passion for creativity and agency. I could finally explore subjects and projects that truly ignited my fire, like working at Yorkshire TV and running a betting store in Edgware Road.

Serendipity

It was back in 2003 when I got a call from Yorkshire TV offering me a full-time role while I was in India. But here's the interesting part – the flight I was on got diverted due to a cyclone, and during my unplanned stay at the airport, I struck up a conversation with a man named Gautham. Turns out, he was Director Gautham Menon, and that chance encounter led to him casting me in my first film, "Gharshana." Talk about serendipity, right?

Support

It was challenging for my parents initially to accept my career choice, given their background as well-established doctors. They had this belief in the conventional path of education leading to a secure and successful career, you know, the usual doctor, engineer, or corporate job. So, my decision to pursue acting deviated quite a bit from their expectations. Regardless, I received financial support and encouragement from my parents. They gave me just enough money to meet my basic needs.

They did this to avoid complacency and that pushed me to work hard.

My wife, Paro, is a teacher who works in Hyderabad. She was there by me during my poorest times! Like literally 50 rupees in the house and four days to go till the next penny comes in. We used to laugh our way through it. I now shuttle between Hyderabad and Chennai - wherever my work takes me.

Honing the Skills

Training has been a crucial part of my journey. I had the opportunity to work with veteran Indian acting coach, Satyanand, which encouraged me to shed inhibitions and explore my abilities. Later, I attended an acting course at the Stella Adler Academy of Acting in LA, where I learned a more subtle and natural approach to acting, focusing on delivering lines without overtly "acting." Both experiences have shaped my perspective and understanding of acting techniques.

Tollywood vs Kollywood – The Difference

Oh, they're quite distinct in their creative approaches. The Telugu industry tends to be more star-driven, while the Tamil industry is more story-driven. Working in both has given me exposure to different creative environments and demands. I've had the chance to work with directors with varying styles, some more prescriptive, and others giving creative freedom, which has been a well-rounded experience for me.



The Journey

It's not always smooth sailing in the film industry. One of my films, "Oka Vichitram," didn't perform well at the box office, but I didn't let that discourage me. I embraced diverse roles in Telugu films, positive, negative, and small ones, which showcased

About Sweet Karam Coffee (SKC)

"Sweet Kaaram Coffee" is very character-driven, and that's what sets it apart. The way the characters evolve and transform throughout the series is fascinating. The plot revolves around a grandmother, mother, and granddaughter going on a road trip, and it's a labor of love for the entire team. It addresses relatable challenges faced by women in their lives, and I believe viewers will find it engaging and heartwarming.

Response & Upcoming Projects : The response, especially from women, has been overwhelming! We're already working on getting the budget approved for Season 2. Fingers crossed!



my versatility. My motivation came from within-I was determined to make it in this industry. I trusted my abilities and kept moving forward with a positive outlook. The joy of the process, not just the result, kept me fulfilled as an actor.

Wisdom

My advice would be to embrace your passion wholeheartedly. Don't let self-doubt hold you back. Showcase your talent on various platforms like social media, YouTube, short films, or theater. Be unconventional and seek out opportunities to improve your craft through auditions, workshops, and acting classes. Surround yourself with a supportive network of friends, family, or mentors who believe in your talent. Most importantly, stay resilient and keep pushing forward despite setbacks and rejections. Success in this industry

takes time, but with dedication and perseverance, you can make your mark.

Club Nostalgia

What is your first memory of/in Waltair Club as a child?

Visiting the club as a guest when I was a kid. An uncle invited us for dinner in the lawns and I thought "What a nice place, must be for very rich people! 😊"

What's your favourite event organized by Waltair Club?

Annual Tennis tournament

Your favourite Hangout Spot?

Tennis courts and the Gym

Do you get to visit the club now after you have become an actor?

Yes, of course! When I'm in Vizag, I hang out at the club regularly. I have a tight knit, tennis friends' group whose company I enjoy greatly.

Vamsi Krishna has acted in over a hundred films in Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, and Hindi cinema. Some of his well-known films and television series include Gharshana, Desamuduru, Darling, Thadaiyara Thakka, Julai, Attarintiki Daredi, Ivan Veramathiri, S/o Satyamurthy, Vakeel Saab, Dharavi Bank and most recently Sweet Kaaram Coffee which is now streaming on Amazon Prime.



THE LIL' CHAMPS OF WALTAIR CLUB BASKETBALL

(Tete-a-tete with the Diana Taurasis', Michael Jordans' & Kobe Bryants' of Waltair Club)

**'basket' 'shoot' 'pass' 'dribble'
'attack' 'defend' -**

Ever heard these words in the club if you walk between 5:30-6:30PM? I'm sure many of us have! These are our little and some not-so-little basketball champs who train at the basketball ground every evening.

Basketball, as we all know, is a team sport in which two teams compete with the primary objective of shooting a basketball through the opponent's hoop while preventing the opponent team from shooting a goal through their hoop. Training sessions led by Coach Ram and his team focus on developing these skills and fostering teamwork among our young basketball players, helping them grow into competent and successful athletes in the sport.

Quotes from the Young Athletes

Vanshika Sarda loves playing the matches organized by the Coaches. She believes basketball helps her grow taller and improves her speed. It also helped her learn how to work in a team."

"The coaches have been very supportive and encouraged us a lot. I developed interest in basketball when I saw people playing in the club's basketball court" says Amritha Raju.

Arjun Kodali, Grade IV has been playing basketball for the past three years at the club. Matches are his favorite part of the session. He loves the thrill of running

down the court to shoot a basket and defending the opponent from making a basket.

Naren J, Grade IV, says that playing basketball is his favorite part of the day. He plays basketball for almost one and a half hours every day and reaches the court way before class starts as he loves to practice. Being proficient in dribbling allows players to maintain control of the ball while moving on the court, reducing



**'basket'
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the chances of committing a violation like a double dribble or carrying the ball. Naren respects and values his coaches as they invest a great deal of time and effort to train the players.

Vinay Reddy, Grade VIII, has been playing the sport since the past one and a half years and will be representing his school in the ICSE state basketball tournament this year. Jaivanth Karthikeya and Siddharth are diehard fans of the American basketball player Kobe Bryant and take inspiration from him. Deep Sukeerth and Niles Killa get

a high from winning the game. They adore their coaches and Lebron James. Ainesh likes the game because it is great exercise, and he gets to play with his friends every day.

Lavina's mother Purvi Gupta says basketball improves her daughter's concentration and she looks forward to the sessions. Lemuel Ranjit finds basketball a lot of fun and aims to become an NBA player for the Golden State Warriors.

Being part of Waltair Club's basketball team provides access to a structured training program, regular practice sessions, and the opportunity to participate in tournaments. We are elated to announce that Waltair Club players, Amritha Raju (R-485) and Vanshika Sarda (N-266) Sreshta and Jairam Kondragunta (A-216) were selected to play for Visakhapatnam District in the VIII'th Sub-Juniors Inter-District Championship (U-13) organized by Andhra Pradesh Basketball Association held in Ramachandrapuram, East Godavari Dist. The Girls Team finished as Runners-Up in the tournament. The Club is proud of their achievement and wishes them more accolades in the future.

The past and present sports committee and coaches play a vital role in shaping the young athletes' experiences, and it's clear that they are doing an excellent job in creating an environment that promotes both enjoyment and development in basketball.

Waltair Club Junior Basketball Team



Amritha



Timothy



Siddarth



Ruthvik



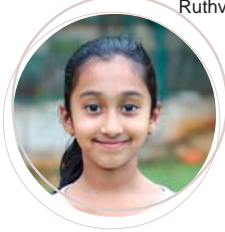
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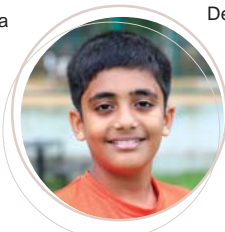
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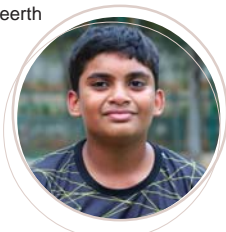
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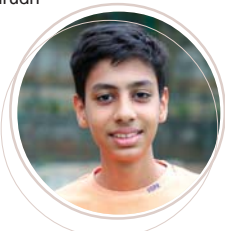
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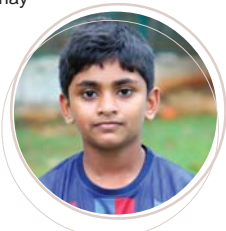
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Nepal, a small yet mesmerizing country nestled in the heart of the Himalayas, has long captivated the imagination of adventurers and culture enthusiasts from around the world. From its majestic mountains to its vibrant cultural heritage, Nepal offers a myriad of experiences that leave a lasting impression on every traveller fortunate enough to visit.

Join me on a virtual journey as we explore the art and architecture, street food, and culture of this enchanting nation.

In the heart of Kathmandu's vibrant Thamel neighbourhood, I found my home away from home at Flock Hostel- an oasis of warmth, camaraderie, and vibrant energy. From the moment I stepped through its doors, I was greeted by a kaleidoscope of colours, lively

music, and the infectious laughter of fellow travellers. My stay here not only provided a comfortable base for exploring Nepal but also opened the doors to unforgettable interactions and cultural exchanges.

During my stay at Flock hostel in Kathmandu, I had the incredible fortune of crossing paths with an adventurous soul who was embarking on a remarkable journey of a lifetime. Little did I know that a chance encounter with a motorcycle rider would leave an indelible mark on my own perception of travel and adventure. We struck up a conversation in the common area, exchanging stories and sharing our travel experiences. It was then that he revealed that he is halfway to his destination - Europe. He rode his motorcycle all the way from Brisbane, Australia covering Indonesia, Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand & Nepal. I was thrilled to hear his dream of exploring the world on two wheels.

One of the highlights of my trip was the opportunity to explore the art and architecture of Nepal, which is steeped in a rich history that dates back centuries. Durbar Square, a UNESCO World Heritage site, was an architectural marvel that left me awestruck. The intricately carved wooden temples, pagodas, and palaces showcased the exquisite craftsmanship of the Newar artisans. The fusion of Hindu and Buddhist elements in these structures was a testament to the harmonious coexistence of different religions in Nepal.

For those seeking a spiritual experience, Chandragiri Hills is home to the sacred Bhaleshwor Mahadev Temple. Dedicated to Lord Shiva, the temple attracts devotees and pilgrims from near and far. The serene ambiance and the melodious chants of prayers create an atmosphere of reverence and serenity.

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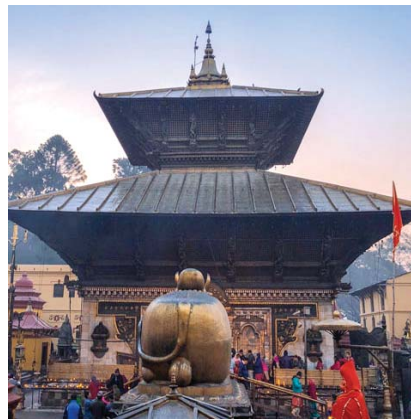
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Nestled in the heart of Kathmandu, the capital city of Nepal, lies a majestic and revered monument known as the Buddha Stupa. Also referred to as Boudhanath Stupa, it is one of the largest and most significant Buddhist stupas in the world.



The Buddha Stupa is an ancient masterpiece of architecture and devotion, standing tall at a height of 36 meters (118 feet). Its colossal white dome is adorned with vibrant prayer

flags fluttering in the breeze, creating a mesmerizing sight against the backdrop of the Kathmandu skyline. The stupa is crowned with a gilded spire, or harmika, which is adorned with the watchful eyes of Lord Buddha, symbolizing his all-seeing wisdom. Devout Buddhists, monks, and visitors from all walks of life gather here to circumambulate the stupa in a clockwise direction, spinning prayer wheels as they pass. This practice, known as kora, is a symbolic representation of the Buddhist path and a way to accumulate merit. In 2015, a devastating earthquake shook Nepal, causing widespread destruction. The Buddha Stupa, though damaged, remained standing tall, serving as a symbol of strength and resilience for the nation.



My next stop is a 15-minute drive from the stupa, Pasupatinath Temple situated on the banks of the sacred Bagmati River in the capital city of Kathmandu, this temple holds immense religious and cultural significance for Hindus around the world. This holy Hindu temple is dedicated to Lord Shiva, the destroyer and transformer within the Hindu pantheon. According to Hindu mythology, the temple is believed to be one of the 52 Shakti Peeths, where body parts of the goddess Sati fell when Lord Shiva carried her charred remains after her self-immolation.

No exploration of Nepal would be complete without indulging in its delectable street food. The bustling streets of Kathmandu were a treasure trove of culinary delights. From momos (dumplings) to sel roti (a sweet rice bread), each bite offered a burst of flavours that tantalized my taste buds. I couldn't resist trying samosas, lentil soup (dal bhat), and the famous Newari dish

called "chatahari," a rice pancake topped with savoury or sweet toppings. The vibrant street food culture mirrored the vibrant spirit of the Nepalese people.

Amidst the bustling streets of Kathmandu, the Museum of Nepali Art stands as a sanctuary for art enthusiasts, showcasing a diverse range of traditional and contemporary works. As I ventured into this artistic haven, I was transported into a world where history, creativity, and imagination converged to create a captivating experience.

It was during my visit to the Museum of Nepali Art that I had the pleasure of engaging in a conversation with Manish Dhoju, a talented artist known for his expertise in realism. Dhoju's artwork, on display at the museum, was a testament to his mastery of capturing life-like representations of his subjects. We delved into a discussion about the art of realism, its challenges, and its ability to evoke emotional responses from viewers.

Kathmandu's nightlife is not just confined to bars and clubs; it also thrives in its vibrant street markets and night bazaars. As I wandered through the bustling lanes of Asan Bazaar in Kathmandu, I was captivated by the colourful displays of handicrafts, clothing, and local delicacies. The energetic atmosphere, accompanied by the aroma of street food wafting through the air, created a sensory delight. Exploring the night markets is a unique way to experience the local culture, indulge in street food delights, and shop for unique souvenirs.

As my journey in Nepal drew to a close, I reflected upon the incredible experiences I had gained. The country's art and architecture had transported me to another time, while the street food had delighted my senses. But it was the people and their rich culture that had truly touched my heart. Nepal had opened its doors and welcomed me with open arms, leaving an indelible mark on my soul.

If you ever have the chance to embark on a trip to Nepal, I urge you to seize the opportunity. Immerse yourself in the vibrant culture, savour the mouth-watering street food, and explore the artistic wonders that this country has to offer. Whether you choose to stay in a cosy hostel or venture into the mountains, Nepal promises an adventure that will stay with you long after you return home.

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Programmes for August, 2023

04.08.2023	Friday	Movie	7:00 PM
11.08.2023	Friday	Movie	7:00 PM
14.08.2023	Monday	Independence Day Ball	7:30 PM
15.08.2023	Tuesday	Flag Hoisting	9:00 AM
18.08.2023	Friday	Movie	7:00 PM
25.08.2023	Friday	Movie	7:00 PM
26.08.2023	Saturday	Tambola	7:00 PM

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THE PLACE:

At an elevation of about 5500 feet, Coonoor is a hill station in Tamil Nadu. It's known for its tea estates in the surrounding Nilgiri hills. The annual fruit show held in May each year is a major draw for tourists. A botanical garden with over 1000 species of plants, vantage points, waterfalls and a historical fort are some places to visit. However, Coonoor is a place to slow time down and to nestle in the lap of nature over a cup of Nilgiris Tea, with hikes, trails and a few short trips to Ooty, Kotagiri and Mettupalayam.

THE CLUB:

Spread across 5 acres, Coonoor Club is a land-mark club in the Nilgiris. With the motto, "There are no strangers. Just friends you have not met", the club opens its gates with a lush green welcome. The chambers are well appointed with 2 standard rooms, 3 deluxe rooms, 2 suites and a stand-alone 2 bedroom cottage, with the tariff ranging from Rs. 2500 to Rs. 3500 per room.

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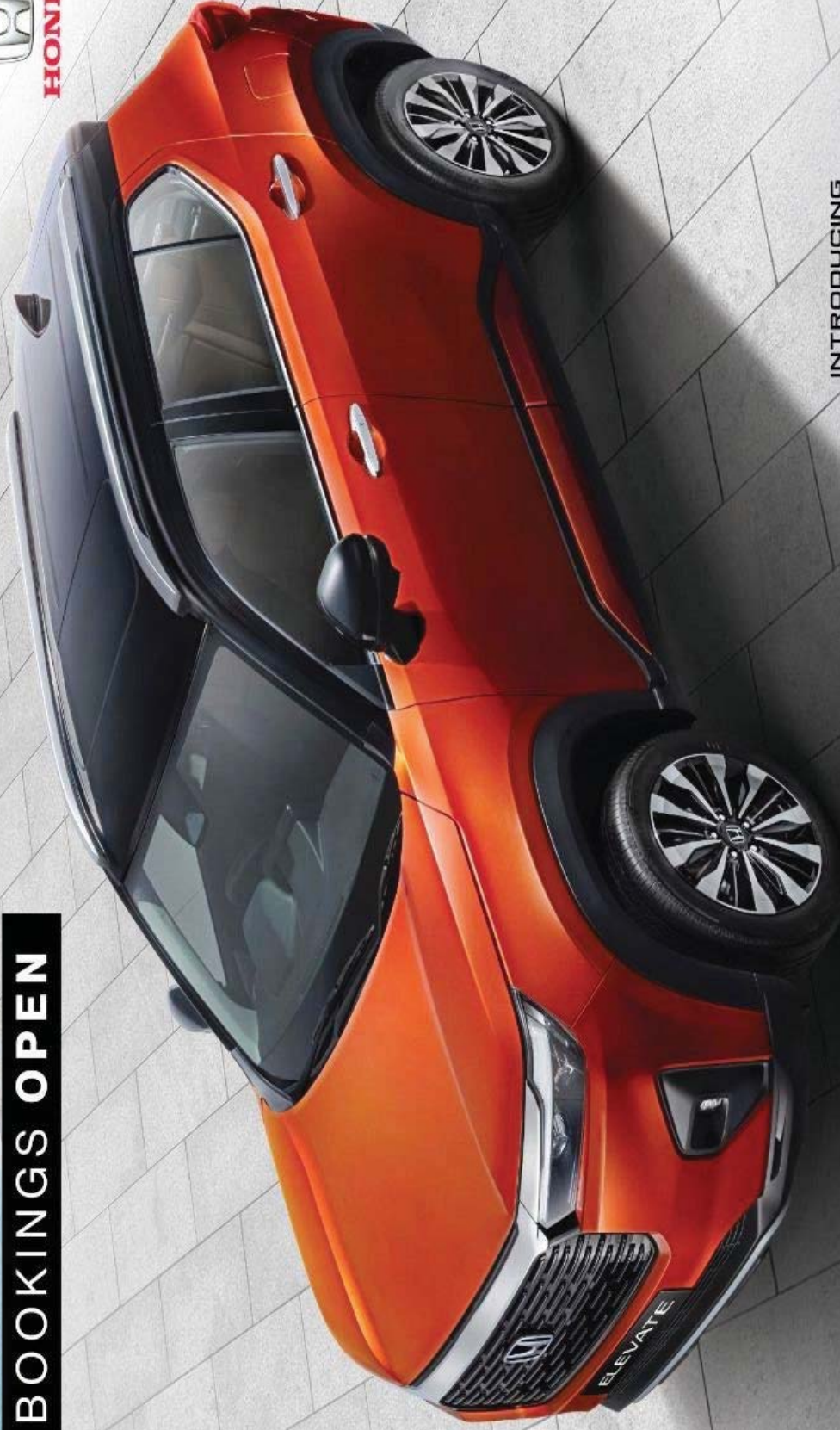
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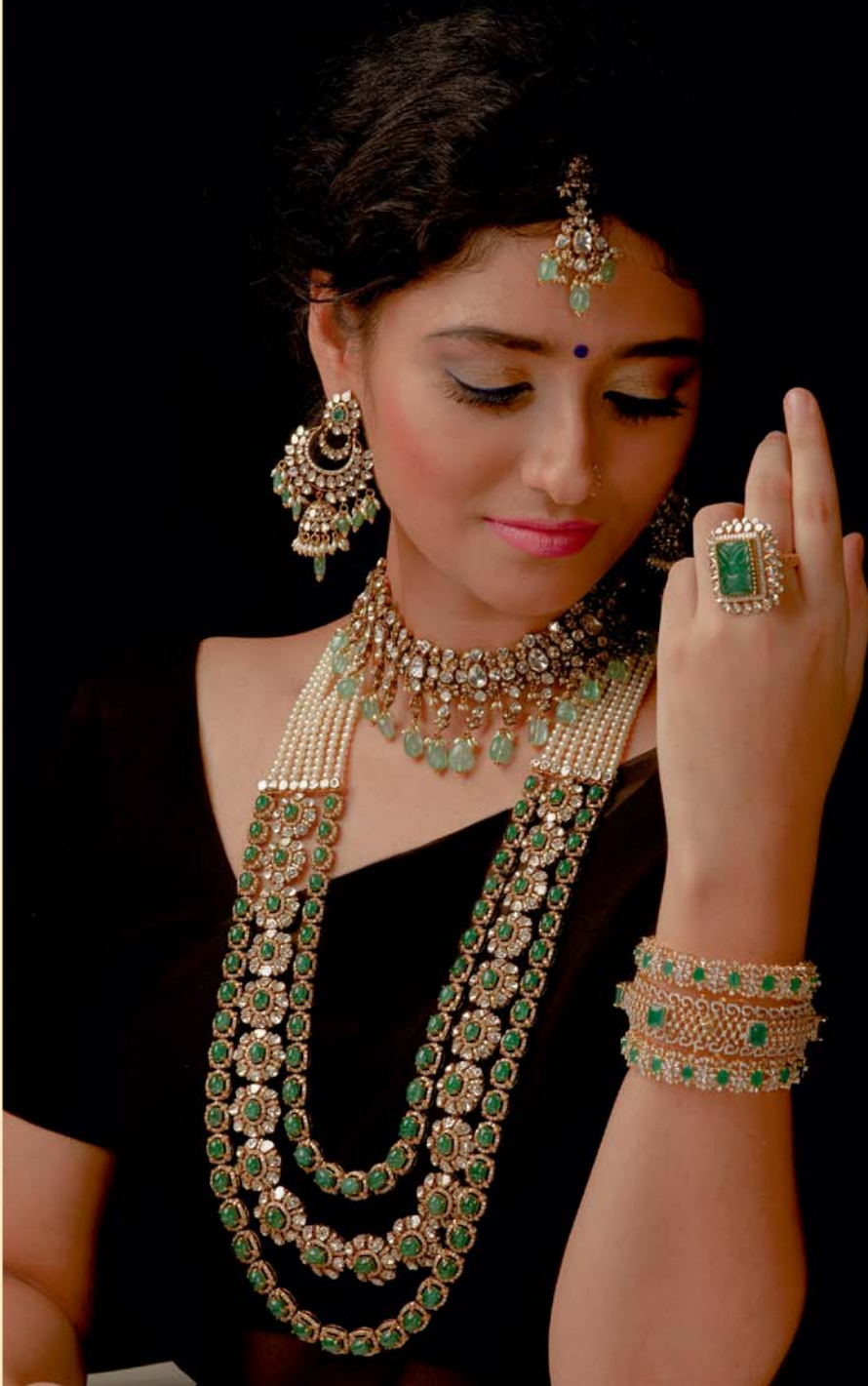
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