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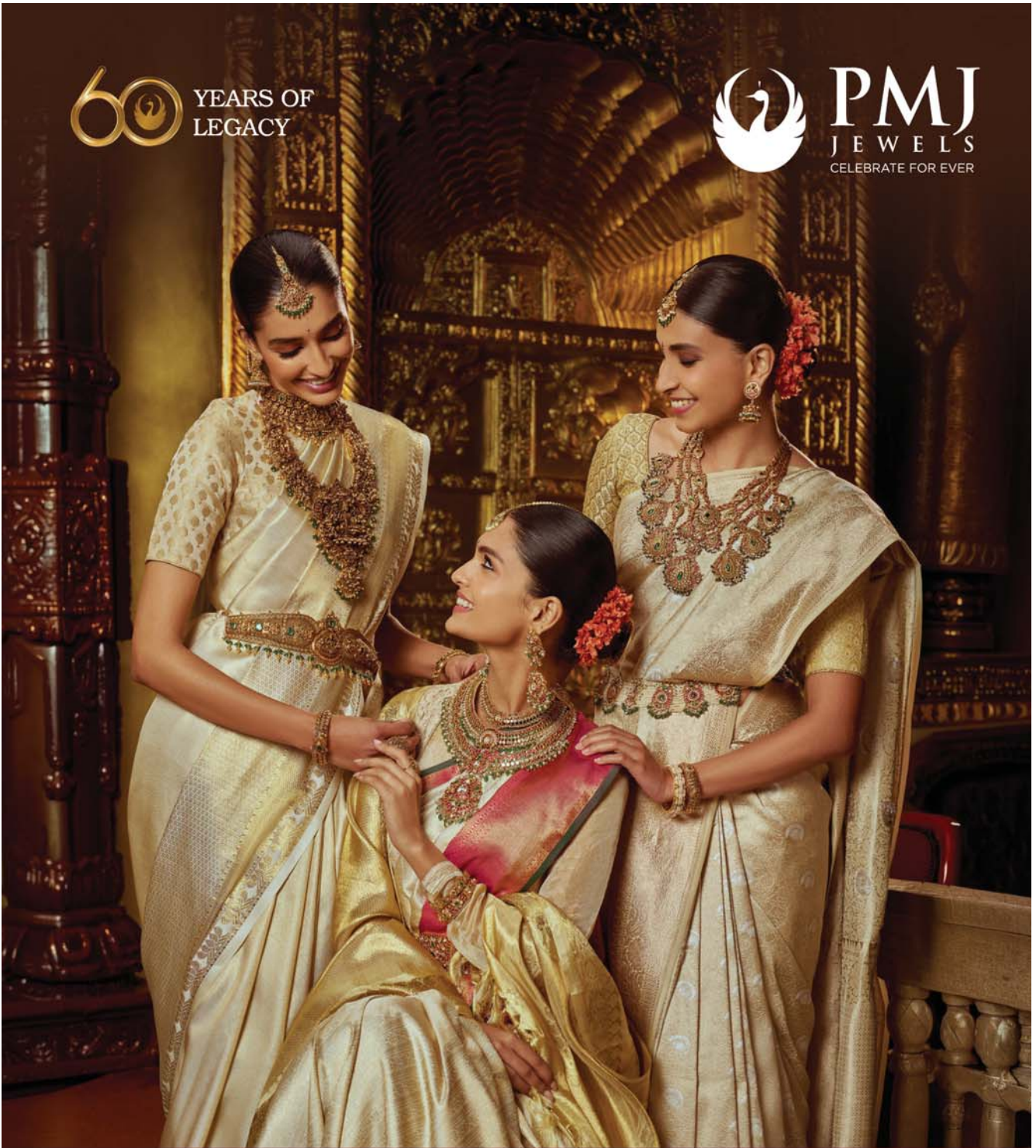


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From the President's Desk

The month of May reminds us of the importance of staying active, healthy, and connected with one another. Waltair Club has always been more than just an organization; it is a family that brings together individuals from diverse backgrounds, united by friendship, fellowship, and mutual respect.

I am delighted to see the enthusiastic participation of members in our recent activities and programs. Such involvement strengthens our club and makes every event memorable. Let us continue to support one another and contribute our ideas and talents for the growth of the club.

As we move forward, let us embrace positivity, maintain good health, and enjoy the spirit of togetherness that defines Waltair Club.

With best wishes to all members and their families.

Warm regards,

G. Seshagiri Rao (S-260)

Hon. President
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Vice-President's Message

Dear Members,

Warm greetings!

Every season brings new opportunities, and May is a wonderful time to reflect on personal growth and community engagement. The strength of any club lies in the active participation of its members. I encourage each member to take part in our meetings, cultural programs, and social initiatives.

Our club continues to be a platform for learning, friendship, and meaningful interaction. Let us make the most of these opportunities by sharing our experiences, supporting new ideas, and fostering a welcoming environment for all.

Together, we can make Waltair Club stronger, more vibrant, and more relevant to future generations.

Wishing you good health, happiness, and success.

Best regards,

Dr. G.M.B.V.Krishna Reddy (K-077)

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Editors Message

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the May 2026 issue of Waltair Times.

A club magazine is more than a collection of articles and photographs; it is a reflection of the thoughts, achievements, and memories of its members. Each issue serves as a record of our collective journey and the vibrant spirit of our club.

I am grateful to all contributors who have shared their articles, reports, photographs, and ideas for this issue. Their participation enriches the quality and diversity of our magazine.

I encourage more members to contribute their experiences, travel notes, inspirational stories, creative writings, and suggestions in future editions. Together, let us make Waltair Times an engaging and valuable publication for all members.

Happy Reading,

Dr.M.Ramjee (R-267)

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Hon. Secretary's Message

"Warm Greetings to all,

Dear Members,

It gives me great pleasure to present another issue of Waltair Times. The activities conducted during the past month reflect the enthusiasm and commitment of our members. Our meetings, guest lectures, and fellowship programs continue to enrich our club life.

I sincerely thank all members, committee members, speakers, and volunteers whose efforts contribute to the smooth conduct of our activities. Their dedication is the driving force behind the success of our club.

I request all members to continue their active participation and share suggestions for improving our programs and services. Together, let us make every club event meaningful and memorable.

Best wishes to all.

With warm regards

C Balasatish (B-94)

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Election Systems in the World:

History, Evolution and Methods of Choosing Leaders

The election of leaders is one of the most important activities in human society. Whether it is a country electing its President or Prime Minister, a professional association electing its office bearers, a cooperative society electing its directors, or a club electing its president, the basic objective remains the same: to choose representatives or leaders in a fair, peaceful, and democratic manner.

The word election is derived from the Latin word *eligere*, meaning "to choose." Elections are considered the foundation of democracy because they provide citizens or members with the opportunity to select their leaders and hold them accountable.

Today, elections are conducted in almost every country and organization in the world. However, the methods used vary considerably depending on historical traditions, political systems, and organizational needs.

Historical Development of Elections

Ancient Greece (Around 500 BCE)

The earliest known democratic election practices originated in the city-state of Athens around 500 BCE.

Citizens participated directly in decision-making and selected officials through voting and sometimes by lottery. However, voting rights were limited to male citizens, excluding women, slaves, and foreigners.

Although not fully democratic by modern standards, Athens laid the foundation for representative

government.

Ancient Rome (500 BCE - 27 BCE)

The Roman Republic introduced a more structured electoral system.

Citizens elected:

- " Consuls
- " Magistrates
- " Senators

The Roman model influenced many later democratic institutions.

Middle Ages

During the Middle Ages, monarchies dominated most parts of the world. Kings, queens, and emperors generally inherited power rather than being elected.

However, elections continued in:

- " Religious institutions
- " Trade guilds

- " Universities
- " Municipal councils

For example, the Pope of the Catholic Church has been elected by cardinals for many centuries.

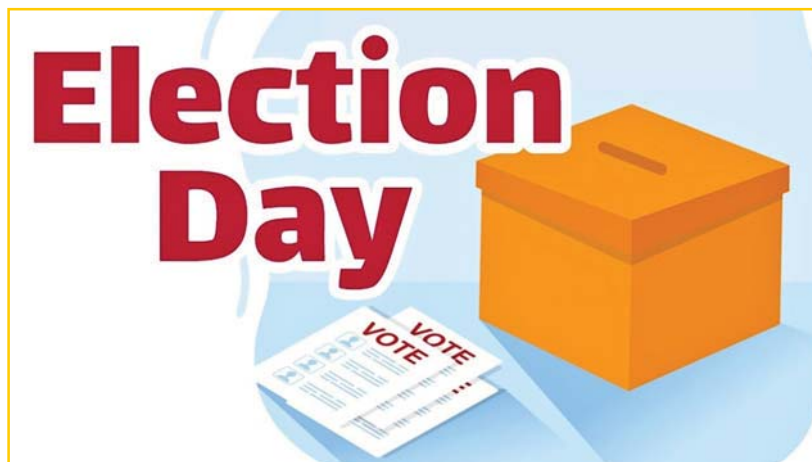
Modern Democratic Elections

The modern concept of democratic elections emerged during:

- " The American Revolution
- " The French Revolution

These movements promoted ideas such as:

- " Popular sovereignty
- " Equality
- " Representation
- " Voting rights



During the 19th and 20th centuries, voting rights gradually expanded to include all adult citizens, including women.

Major Election Systems Used Around the World

1. First-Past-The-Post System (FPTP)

This is one of the simplest and most widely used systems.

Method

The candidate receiving the highest number of votes wins, even if he or she does not obtain an absolute majority.

Example

Candidate	Votes
A	40%
B	35%
C	25%

Candidate A wins.

Countries Using FPTP

" India

" United Kingdom

" Canada

Advantages

" Simple

" Easy to understand

" Quick counting

Disadvantages

" Winner may not receive majority support.

" Smaller parties may be underrepresented.

2. Majority Voting System

In this system, a candidate must obtain more than 50% of votes.

If no candidate gets 50%

A second round (runoff election) is conducted.

Countries Using It

" France

" Many presidential elections worldwide

Advantages

" Ensures majority support.

Disadvantages

" More expensive

" Requires additional voting rounds

3. Proportional Representation (PR)

Under this system, seats are distributed according to the percentage of votes received.

Example

If a party gets:

" 40% votes ? approximately 40% seats

" 30% votes ? approximately 30% seats

Countries Using PR

" Germany

" Netherlands

" Sweden

Advantages

" Fair representation

" Encourages diversity

Disadvantages

" Coalition governments become common.

" Decision-making may become slower.

4. Ranked Choice Voting

Also called Preferential Voting.

Method

Voters rank candidates:

1st choice

2nd choice

3rd choice

If no candidate receives a majority, lower-ranked candidates are eliminated and votes are transferred.

Advantages

" Reduces vote splitting

" Encourages consensus candidates

Countries Using It

" Australia (certain elections)

" Some states and cities in the United States

5. Electoral College System

Used mainly for presidential elections.

Example

In the United States:

Citizens vote for electors.

Electors then elect the President.

Advantages

" Balances interests of different regions.

Disadvantages

" Popular vote winner may not always become President.

Elections in Associations, Clubs, and Societies

Apart from governments, elections are conducted in:

" Professional bodies

" Cooperative societies

" Resident welfare associations

" Rotary Clubs

" Lions Clubs

" Walkers Clubs

" Trade unions

" Educational institutions

Common positions elected include:

- " President
- " Vice President
- " Secretary
- " Treasurer
- " Executive Committee Members

Common Methods Used in Associations

Voice Vote

Members express approval verbally.

Used for routine decisions.

Show of Hands

Members raise hands to vote.

Simple and quick.

Secret Ballot

Members vote confidentially.

Most democratic method.

Used widely in:

- " Associations
- " Cooperatives
- " Political elections

Electronic Voting

Increasingly used in:

- " Professional organizations
- " Universities
- " Corporate bodies

Advantages:

- " Fast counting
- " Reduced errors
- " Lower cost

Elections in India

India conducts the world's largest democratic exercise.

Important Features

- " Universal adult franchise

- " Secret ballot
- " Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs)
- " Independent Election Commission

Every citizen aged 18 years and above can vote.

Major elections include:

- " Lok Sabha
- " State Legislative Assemblies
- " Municipal Corporations
- " Panchayats

Future of Elections

Technology is rapidly transforming elections.

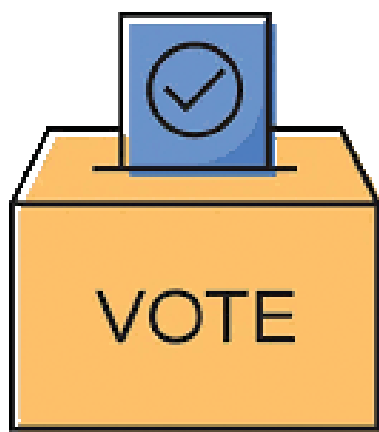
Future possibilities include:

- " Secure online voting
- " Blockchain-based voting
- " Biometric authentication
- " Artificial Intelligence-assisted election management

However, transparency, security, and voter confidence remain critical requirements.

The history of elections reflects humanity's long journey toward representative governance and democratic participation. From the assemblies of ancient Athens to modern electronic voting systems, societies have continuously refined methods for selecting leaders. Today, elections are not limited to governments; they are widely used in associations, clubs, professional bodies, and institutions around the world. Regardless of the system employed, the fundamental purpose of elections remains unchanged—to provide a fair, peaceful, and legitimate method for choosing leaders and representatives.

Interesting Fact: The world's oldest continuously functioning parliament is the Althing, established in 930 CE, and many of its principles influenced modern democratic systems.



MEMBER HONOUR



Mr. M. Hanumantha Rao, (H 42) President of Prema Samajam and a member of several service organizations, has been nominated as a Board Member of the Sri Rama Sahita Satyanarayana Swamy Devasthanam, Visakhapatnam.

The Waltair Times extends its heartfelt congratulations to him on this prestigious appointment and wishes him great success in his new responsibility.

We are delighted to congratulate our esteemed members, Mr. M. V. V. N. Patrudu (V-476) and Mrs. K. Shalini Supriya (V-476), on receiving a prestigious award from Tata AIG General Insurance Company. Their organization, Whiteshield Insurance Brokers, has been recognized for outstanding business excellence and for securing the top position on the Andhra Pradesh leaderboard, emerging as the leading company in the region. This remarkable achievement reflects their dedication, professionalism, and commitment to excellence. We wish them continued success in all their future endeavors.



SUNDAY SPECIAL TAMBOLA



OBITUARY

We regret to announce the sad demise of our members.



Mr. K. Janardhana Reddy
J-49
EXPIRED ON 25-05-2026



Dr. Madhuri Gajapathi Raju
R-10
EXPIRED ON 29-05-2026

Senior Members' Meet - 31st May 2026

The Senior Members' Meet held on Sunday, 31st May 2026, was a vibrant and enjoyable gathering. The highlights included an exciting Tambola session with prizes generously sponsored by our members. A movie-song quiz generated enthusiastic participation and kept everyone engaged.

One of our members delighted the audience with melodious Hindi film songs, adding a special charm to the occasion. A delicious lunch was served, providing an opportunity for members to enjoy good food and pleasant conversation.

Vote of Thanks

We express our heartfelt gratitude to the President, Sri G. Sheshagiri Rao Garu, and the Club Committee Members for their continuous encouragement and support.

Our special thanks are due to all the members of the Senior Citizens Committee for their dedication and cooperation throughout the year.

We also thank all senior members for their enthusiastic participation and presence at every event, which contributed greatly to the success of our programmes.

Finally, we extend our sincere appreciation to all our sponsors for their generous support and contributions.



BEER COMPETITION



CLUB CALENDAR

05.06.2026	Fri	Movie	07:00 pm
07.06.2026	Sun	Mega Tambola	07:00 pm
12.06.2026	Fri	Movie	07:00 pm
19.06.2026	Fri	Movie	07:00 pm
26.06.2026	Fri	Movie	07:00 pm
28.06.2026	Sun	Elections	09:00 am to 01:00pm
29.06.2026	Mon	Elections	08:00 am to 12:00noon
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