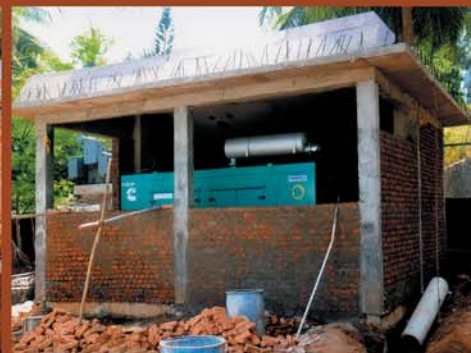




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*w.e.f. 1.12.2010

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From the President



Dear Members,

Time has come to bid adieu to you from the Managing Committee of the year 2010-2011.

It did take tremendous efforts to complete all the Projects that this Committee attempted to execute, but at the end of the day, it gives us great satisfaction to say – WE DID IT !!!

The **roads** are swanking new.

Jogging Track with fencing, greenery and lighting should be a pleasure to use. In addition to this the open drain along the Western wall will be covered which will put an end to the smells and mosquitoes breeding in the drain.

2010 – the **Lawn Bar and restaurant**, is very popular. It's a place for fine dining.

It is satisfying to see the **Aerobic Studio** and **Indoor Games** Room being put to good use.

Swimmers will enjoy the **renovated changing rooms** and the fresh water. The entire **swimming** area has been given a facelift.

Senior citizens and members who are physically challenged will be thankful for the **lift** in the main building to enjoy the facilities in the upper level. A new ramp for wheel chair access to the Lawns will serve a similar purpose.

Children can now play safely in the Tot Lot which is freshly painted and sand overturned. The fencing height is increased to keep away the dogs.

All A.C's in Main building have been repaired/ replaced.

The clubs electrical infrastructure has been severely overloaded. Additional load sanction has been obtained and a new substation with Automatic Generator has been installed.

25 Rooms, Dining and Kitchen have been added to the existing Chambers. The rooms are fitted with Split A.C.s, 32" Inch LCD TVs, 8" pocketed spring mattresses and 400 thread count linen. With these rooms an additional revenue of over Rs.One Crore is expected.

"Pavilion" – a new Banquet Hall facility has been built. Spacious bathrooms, Monospace Elevator, an open terrace for parties with Lift and staircase access are a part of this facility.

Every major event has been celebrated including Independence and Republic Day with entertainment in the evening followed by Flag hoisting and Breakfast the next day. Dussera, Ugadi, Diwali, and other functions like Club picnic were done on a grand scale. The ladies Committee was active and gave the club fun events like Ladies nite and Husband's Night to name just a few. World Heart Day and Medical Checkup camps have been very useful to members. Movies and Tambolas were enjoyed by many. All issues of Waltair times went every month to the members.

The Clubs revenue has gone up by Rs.Forty Lakhs this year. If not for a huge ESI payment that came up this year the Deficit was just Rs.Twenty Lakhs. Post June 2010, Catering has made a marginal profit.

One of the best things to happen this year was the removal of Proxy voting in AGMs and EGMs.

Everything that was achieved was possible due to the encouragement given by the Members as demonstrated in the two EGMs this year. The confidence reposed in us has made us feel that much more responsible..

I would like to thank every member for giving me the opportunity to serve as a President this year and extending your cooperation for all the achievements this year. My special thanks to my predecessor Mr.P.V.Subba Rao who made it possible for me to enjoy the privilege and dignity of an unanimous election.

I love this Club of Ours.

Anand Dutt
President 2010 -2011.

From the Editor



"I am a member of the club who has been residing in Chicago for a long time. I enjoy browsing through each issue of news letter which connects me to the activities of the club. Please accept my congratulations on a such a wonderful job you are doing." -- Mr. S. Guruprasad, Chicago (USA). This is just one the many encomiums received for our Waltair Times. It is almost a year since I was given charge of the bulletin... my second stint as Editor. At the beginning I set for myself some goals. Let me briefly review what could be achieved.

As regards **Happenings** in members' families we published information on Honours and Achievements. In the **Home** section We published articles and literary contributions from ladies and children. **Health, Yoga and medical awareness** featuring the latest developments was another field where our members and others made regular and significant contributions. **Kids Page** with games, puzzles and quizzes for the young generation was carried regularly with suitable prizes to the winners. The response to this feature has also been good. **Profiles** of two of our senior members appeared in the bulletin. Information on our **Affiliated clubs** was given in all the issues, covering 10 clubs, for the benefit of the members on the move. The Humour column appeared regularly, thanks to our member Mr. M. Ramgopal.

One welcome surprise was contributions in Telugu by our member Mr. D. Dakshina Murthy who wants to spread love for our mother tongue especially among the younger generations through simple but effective stories, poems and Sanskrit verses. I fully support his mission and his contributions have been very valuable and well received.

Perhaps we could not fulfil all of our initial agenda. If all the features are to appear, three things would have to happen: the size should be bigger. More advertisements would be preferred for self funding. Thirdly the level of enthusiasm of members should rise substantially. These will hopefully happen in the future and I hope future editors will take Waltair Times to a higher level.

Since this is the penultimate issue of Waltair Times in this volume, and the tenure of present managing Committee is drawing to a close, I thank the President Mr. Anand Dutt and his Committee members for the opportunity given to me to revisit Waltair Times which I was privileged to launch twelve years ago. I also thank my colleagues on the Editorial Board for their support and suggestions. I thank the Club Office for standing by my side for almost one year, extending me every help and cooperation. I also thank the many contributors and well-wishers who sustained my enthusiasm with their support.

T.V.S. RAO

Kind Attention All Members

You will find a detachable Data Sheet in this issue of Waltair Times. You are requested to fill the form and submit in the Office as soon as possible. Latest you should hand over the form when you come for casting your ballot in the ensuing Club elections.

PROGRAMME FOR JUNE, 2011

03.06.2011	Friday	Movie	07.00 PM
10.06.2011	Friday	Movie	07.00 PM
17.06.2011	Friday	Inauguration of New Projects	05.00 PM
19.06.2011	Sunday	Tambola	07.30 PM
28.06.2011	Tuesday	Elections	9.00 AM - 1.00 PM 4.00 PM - 8.00 PM
29.06.2011	Wednesday	Elections	9.00 AM - 12.00 Noon
29.06.2011	Wednesday	Annual General Meeting	07.00 PM

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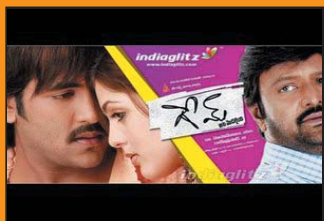
...boutique banquet facility @ the club
AND OTHER PROJECTS
on friday 17th june 2011. 5pm onwards



PROGRAMME

- 5:00 PM - INAUGURATION OF "LIFT IN MAIN BUILDING" BY
PAST PRESIDENT K.VIJAYA KUMAR, MEMBER, MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE
- 5:30 PM - INAUGURATION OF "EASTERN JOGGING TRACK" BY
PAST PRESIDENT PYDAH KRISHNA PRASAD, MEMBER, MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE
- 5:45 PM - INAUGURATION OF "RENOVATED SWIMMING POOL CHANGING ROOMS" BY
HONY.SECRETARY MUPPIDI V.S.N. KUMAR, 2009-2011
- 6:00 PM - INAUGURATION OF "CHAMBERS EXPANSION" BY
PAST PRESIDENT A.V.ADEEP BHANOJI ROW, MEMBER, MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE
- 6:15 PM - INAUGURATION OF "ELECTRICAL MASTER PLAN PROJECT" BY
PAST PRESIDENT N.VIJAY KUMAR, MEMBER, MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE
- 6:30 PM - INAUGURATION OF "THE PAVILION" (BANQUET HALLS) BY
HONY.PRESIDENT ANAND DUTT KANCHARLA, 2010-2011
PAST PRESIDENT P.V.SUBBA RAO, MEMBER, MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE
- 7:30 PM - LASER SHOW & FELICITATION TO PAST PRESIDENTS
- 8:30 PM - ENTERTAINMENT & COCKTAILS
- 9:30 PM ONWARDS - DINNER
- 10:30 PM - DJ MUSIC

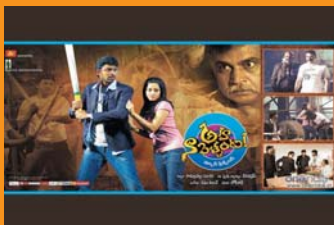
Movies Screened in May, 2011



06.05.2011



13.5.2011



20.05.2011



27-5-2011

SNOOKERS AT UKKU CLUB



Visakhapatnam Steel Plant's UKKU CLUB has organized a friendly snooker tournament on 17-4-2011 between themselves and Waltair Club. 15 members from Waltair Club including or Secretary Mr. MVSN Kumar, and 20 from Ukku Club participated. Our senior player Mr. Sanjeev Dhawan was the winner and also the highest break winner and other players reached semifinals, while Sharad Pathak (UKKU) was runner-up. Cash prizes and T-shirts with snooker logo were distributed to all participants.

Library- Donated Books

Mr.P.S.Prasad	P-15	2 books
Capt.S.V.S.Reddy	S-397	6 books
Mr.G.Krishna Murthy	K-121	2 books
Mr.P.M.Subramanyam	S-139	7 books
Mr.T.Mahidhar Choudary	M-124	30 books

ACHIEVERS OF THE CLUB



Master Anirudh Ravi, studying in 8th standard in Chinmaya International Residential School in Coimbatore was one of the 20 students selected by Rotary International to attend NASA Space Camp at Huntsville, Alabama, USA from 15th to 21st May 2011. There were 46 participants in the camp, the rest from the USA. In the camp the students were given intense training in space exploration, aerospace technology, leadership and team building skills, etc. Master Anirudh was awarded the highest Space Camp Award of OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL with a medal and certificate.

Master Anirudh is son of our member D. Sunita (S-348) and grandson of our senior member Mr. D.V. Raju (R-162). Well done, Master Anirudh. You made our club proud.

MAY 2011 Quiz Answers

1. UZBEKISTAN
2. TUNISIA
3. TURKEY
4. TURKMENISTAN
5. PAKISTAN
6. MALAYSIA
7. ALGERIA
8. MAURITANIA
9. SINGAPORE
10. AZARBAIJAN
11. COMOROS
12. MALDIVES

Seven entries were received in the Club office. All of them were correct. However, being the first to submit the answers, **Mr. Rahul Gupta, U-21** becomes the winner of May 2011 Quiz. Congratulations!

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

We express our heartfelt condolence on the sad demise of our Regular Member Sri. A.S. Ranganathan (M.No.R-127) on 15.05.2011. May his soul rest in peace.



Tambola on 21-5-2011

1st Prize



Miss.A.Shruti (S-703)

2nd Prize



Capt.G.M.Peter (P-009)



Sharmila

Please Note

Club Elections for 2011-12

On 28th & 29th June, 2011

All Members intending to vote should exercise their franchise directly in the Club only and no postal ballots will be issued to Members of any classification. Ballot papers will be issued to members only on production of Club smart card and submission of data sheets on the election day.

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2010-11 In Retrospect

A hectic year has come to a close ... almost. Let us look back and review the accomplishments of the outgoing Committee

PROJECTS

Projects approved in the AGM of June, 2010 and EGM of October, 2010 and scheduled for completion in June 2011

- Interiors for Banquet Halls & Chambers Expansion - 25 Rooms, Kitchen, Dining and Back office (Details available on last page)
- Implementation of Electrical Master Plan.
- Eastern Wall Protection & Jogging Track.
- Black Topping & Repairs to roads.
- Renovation of Swimming-pool Changing Rooms.
- Main Building Lift.
- Glass back for Squash Court.
- Air-conditioning repairs / replacement in Main Building
- Miscellaneous Works carried out within approved budgets:
 - 1) Ramp in Lawns to facilitate wheel chair movement
 - 2) Covering of 120 Meters of open drain along eastern compound wall
 - 3) Raising of fence for totlot and fencing to prevent entry of dogs
 - 4) Land scaping at various places.

Projects approved in previous AGMs / EGMs completed this term.

- i) 2010-Lawn Bar & Restaurant
- j) Aerobics Studio, Yoga & TT Room at Gym 1st Floor
- k) Compound wall Fencing
- l) Civil Structure of Banquet Halls & Rooms



ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE (DR. CH. RAGHUNANDAN)

1. 'Svatantraya' : the Waltair Club Independence Eve on the 14th August, 2011 was an extraordinary affair of spectacular performances ignited by M.C.'s ZAID & DILRUBA. The stage was on fire with the performance of 'PRINCE DANCE TROOP' & 'THE HARD ROCK CAF... BAND'. Members, Members guest & their families enjoyed the evening on good spirits and a sumptuous dinner.

2. Independence Day Celebration started with the flag hoisting by our President at 9 AM more than 400 members graced the occasion. This was followed by a sumptuous breakfast for all present.

3. Retro Night 05.09.2011 was a cozy gathering on the jubilee deck where Dilruba rendered some soul stirring old English hit songs and Sekhar rendered old Hindi melodies.

4. Ganesh Puja was performed by the President and his family attended by many members and staff.

5. Dussherra was a exciting scintillating affair with never seen performances handled by M.C.Madhavi, a natural talented M.C. of Maa T.V. Fame including a 'DANDIYA PERFORMANCE' of our own members children and the Ladies Committee, Classical Dance of 'SHIVANAND & TROUPE', Ring dance by 'AMBIKA' and a 'QUICK CHANGE ACT'. FILM FARE AWARD WINNER & CINE PLAY BACK SINGER 'ANUJ GURWARA' performed on and off stage for the members.

6. Diwali-eve celebrations in our club, organized on the 4th November, were attended by close to 1700 members & guests. Free toy rides and entertainment for kids like Merry go Round, traditional stuff like Mehendi, Chilaka Josyam, etc. organized by the Committee, which were on the house, were enjoyed by all. Loads of games & food stalls were arranged for children. Free Crackers, Chocolates & gifts were distributed to children. Live music by Babu & Orchestra kept every one enthralled. Bacardi Cocktail Counters were organized. Scintillating & lively fire work show with Mayasabha Rockets, 500 shots, Mallepandiri etc. was, of course, the highlight of the fun filled & a lovely evening, which was capped by sumptuous dinner spread by Waltair Club & Chrome.

7. A memorable Family Picnic was organized at 'SUNRAY VILLAGE', Savaravalli on 19th Dec.2010 Mega Tambola, Games for children, Live band were organized with fabulous prizes and finger licking food.

8. ARABIAN NIGHTS- NEW YEAR EVE 2011 was opened by Miss India Finalist 'M.C.SHONA' & welcome dance was thematic and performed by 'CHALLENGERS'. 'VOICE OF ANDHRA' Cine playback singer 'MALATHI' rendered both old & new telugu hits. The mind blowing acrobatic show by 'SAFARI LATS' who were flown in from TANZANIA & KENYA was truly amazing. Star singer from Bollywood Angela Almeida brought all the dancers onto the floor belting out all the 'Hollywood & Bollywood' Hits. The zero hour saw a glitter of fireworks with the entire Managing Committee on stage illuminating the sky with 'SKY LANTERNS' flown in from Bangkok.

9. On the Republic Day Eve the Entertainment Committee presented The Naval Band who rendered presented a number of melodies that inspired and pleased the audiences. Famous singer 'DILRUBA PANDEY' rendered favourite songs.



10. Valentines Day: Love was indeed in the air on Sunday the 13th Feb when many valentines turned up in Red in the Centenary Auditorium of our Club. The evening was soft and melodious affair with Live Band, Karaoke Singer Dilruba & DJ.Bobsy belting out all the best.

11. Ugadi Celebrations: This year Sri Khara was ushered in as Pandit Sharma announced the forecast and Panchaangam to all. The adrenaline pumped up with the gala entry of Cine Playback Singers Sravana Bhargavi & Sandeep Batchu followed by an amazing digital music show by world famous D.T.S.Anand. The glamour & glitz was unleashed by the sizzling dancers from Dhee show led by popular actress Archana (Veda) whose gyration on eKilimjarof brought loud applause & appreciation.

The Managing Committee took the privilege of honouring one of our senior members Prof. K. Rama Krishna Rao" who was conferred with "Padmasri". The Managing Committee also congratulated & honoured the young talents of our very own club who have achieved honourís in their respective fields.

Latest blockbusterís in English, Telugu & Hindi were screened on every Friday.

Overview of Movies screened (1st July 2010 to 27th May, 2011)

Total No. of Fridays	:	48
Movies Screened	:	42
Cancelled/not screened	:	06
Special screening	:	01

Categorization by language

Telugu	:	30
Hindi	:	8
English	:	5

Tambolas: The Super Bumper Tambolas held very month drew large number of crowds. The Prize money were kept really in good terms in cash and king. People enjoyed playing games in a variety of ways.



**SPORTS COMMITTEE
(Mr. D. KRISHNA PRASAD)**

- ◆ Completion of construction of Gym 1st Floor.
- ◆ Aerobics studio opened for members with regular Aerobics classes in the morning sessions.
- ◆ Conducting ZUMBA classes on regular basis at Aerobics Studio.
- ◆ Inauguration of Air conditioned Table Tennis at Gym 1st Floor.
- ◆ Childrenís Play area †painting work done & safety precautions taken to prevent dogs inside. More lighting also provided.
- ◆ Shuttle court floor maintenance work was done.
- ◆ With support of Thyrocare Labs medical camp is conducted in the month of September.
- ◆ Renovation of changing rooms at the Swimming Pool by providing lockers, massage room & steam bath facilities.
- ◆ Changing of Swimming Pool water with corporation water.

- ◆ Organizing & Club participation of sports events in Tennis Billiards, Snookers, Bridge, etc.
- ◆ Summer coaching camp for Children in Track & Field events.
- ◆ Second medical camp organized with association of Vijaya Medical centre in the month of June11.
- ◆ Walking & Jogging track constructed, Fencing, Lighting and Landscaping in progress.
- ◆ Installation of Glass back in Squash court.



**LIBRARY & CHAMBERS COMMITTEE
(Mr. G.S. RAJU)**

Chambers:

1. 24 New Rooms with modern facilities are near completion and will be ready for occupation by 5th June, 2011.
2. Gross revenue increased by 15%
3. Occupancy rate improved to around 85%
4. Regular Buffet Breakfast launched for Chambers guests and members.
5. Daily Lunch (Thali) introduced
6. Linen replaced
7. Repair works were undertaken in needy areas.
8. Seepage in the rooms were controlled by completely digging out existing sunken flooring and applying water proofing membrane and fixing new tiles in Toilets.

Library:

1. 179 New Books were added upto 30th April
2. Existing CPUís were replaced.



**CATERING COMMITTEE
(Mr. D. SRINIVAS)**

1. Many new varieties of dishes were introduced and well received.
2. Number of Banquets for kitty parties, wedding parties, birthday parties and Club events were taken up.
3. Picnic lunch at Sunray Village was a grand success with 600 people for lunch and tea/snacks.
4. The Ugadi, Independence, Dusserah functions were catered by the Club.
5. Executive Lunch is a continuing successfully with an average of 60 pax per day.
6. Additional dishes were introduced in the Sunday Buffet lunch which again is a grand success.
7. Introduced lavish Breakfast at Chambers at reasonable price daily and Thali Lunch provided at Chambers.
8. Introduced evening Buffet Tiffins at Lawns on Saturdays
9. Introduced Buffet Dinner Veg & Non Veg in Dining Hall on every Wednesday & Thursdays.
10. Due to effective control of pilferage and wastage and proper inventory control a normal profit was obtained on food sales since July 2010. However a nominal increase on some food items has also contributed towards the profit.



BAR COMMITTEE
(Mr. NIRMAL KUMAR HIRAWAT)

The following were introduced during the year.

1. Every Saturday & Sunday 2+1 offer at Pub
2. Buffet Dinner Rs.99/- with music in the Pub on Wednesdays
3. Beer Competition held on 4th July 2010 at Pub.
4. Draught Beer 2+1 offers in 1883 were given for 2 months
5. Special Offer 1+1 given on the occasion of World Club Cricket Matches Semifinals & Finals at Auditorium.
6. 2+1 Offer given on Valentines Day Function
7. Beer & Biryani Beer was sponsored by KF Beer
8. Offers given at Picnic at Sunray Village
9. New Bar Stools were provided at 1883 & Pub.
10. Bar Counter at Pub renovated and new chiller provided



GENERAL SERVICE COMMITTEE
(Mr. P. VENKATESWARA RAO)

The General Services Committee undertook the following works in the year 2010-2011:

1. Barbed wire fencing on the entire boundary wall was completed.
2. Black Topping of all the Roads in the Club with compacted semi dense bituminous concrete by hotmix process in progress. Scheduled to be completed by 15th June 2011.
3. Installation of Hydraulic Lift in Main Building commenced. Scheduled to be completed by 15th June 2011. Automatic Rescue Device installed for exit during power failure.
4. All Air-conditioning units in Main Building either replaced or repaired.
5. Roofing in kitchen pathway area replaced.
6. Seepages in many areas and Toilets arrested.
7. Extra Fans and Dust bins provided in Food Court and Other areas.
8. Extra Chairs and Lights in Ladies Card Room. Seepages in toilets arrested.
9. Medical Checkup camp organized all Employees. Screening conducted by Dr.Y.Jawahar and Dr.Kodanda Ramaiah.
10. New uniforms & shoes given to Office staff as well as all Employees including special outfits for cooking staff.
11. Face lift given to Bar Counter area in "The Pub". Bottle Chiller & Bar stools provided.
12. Taps and sanitary were replaced in Main Building and other toilets.
13. Pedestal fans provided in kitchen area.

14. Elaborate drainage arrangements made in front of Centenary Dining Hall area due to severe water logging.
15. A Ramp created at entrance to Lawns to facilitate wheel chair access to Lawns.
16. The open drainage of 120 mtrs along western wall within Club compound will be covered with precast concrete slabs to prevent foul smells and mosquito breeding, especially for the relief of walkers. Scheduled to be completed by 25th June 2011.
17. Landscaping around "The Pavilion " in progress. Scheduled to be completed by 17th July 2011.
18. False Ceiling in Centenary Hall stage area completely replaced. Damaged ceiling in Dining area also replaced.
19. Car parking area near Centenary Hall completely made boulder and debris free.

LADIES COMMITTEE
(Mrs. RAJINI CHITRA)

1. **Mehendi Night:** The ambience colourful sarees, artistic designs of mehendi and VLCC sponsored gifts made this event truly a festival to remember.
2. **Green Miles** was a car rally that was truly environmental friendly.
3. **Dasara vacations-Kids:** Dasara vacations for the kids was very productive by two workshops conducted by them.
Calligraphy: the beautiful depiction of script which holds a readers attention is the art of handwriting.
Dandia workshop: Indian colorful dance with sticks was taught to the kids of age group 6-14 years
4. **Dasara vacations-Ladies:** Dr.Pallavi from Indus Hospital has given us the valuable information on Cervical Cancer.
5. **Cooking Classes:** Preparation of delicious dishes was demonstrated by Chef Virender Sharma, ITC Grand Bay
6. **Dasara Dance performance:** Three dances presented on the Dasara eve which turned out to be truly a spectacular enthralling performances.
7. **Kids Tambola:** Nov14 Children Day was celebrated by Waltair Club Ladies and kids by having an exclusive tambola for kids.
8. **Winter Fest:** Christmas eve celebrations named Winter Fest was filled with carnival atmosphere of tattoos, games, camel rides it was a complete family event.
9. **Tea on the Deck:** A true English tea party for the Waltair Ladies
10. **Husbandís Nite:** It was the last event of the Waltair Club ladies committee 2011 where we invited members and their spouses to prepare themselves for spoofs highlighting the recent scams.



Ram's Column



INDIA REVISITED

Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru take permission from the Maker and visit India. They are invisible but can go anywhere and see every thing.

MG : I am so over joyed. Let us visit the Parliament. After all, we are a great democracy.

JN : (Very sophisticated. Adjusts his kurta, sees the rose is properly set) Let us enter.

MG : What is going on? Panditji, stop them. They are throwing papers and tearing the Constitution.

JN : No use. They can't hear us

MG : The speaker is surrounded. I hope she won't be harmed

JN : In my time members spoke from their chairs. Now they are taking chairs to the speaker.

MG : Ram ... Ram! Let us go out quickly (Some members are shouting e'wikiLeaks, wikiLeaks)

JN : Oh! My God! Is it Bhakra-Nangal dam leaking?

MG : No. It is something else. Who is that person sitting almost invisible and silent?

JN : He is the Prime Minister. Poor guy seems to be tormented.

MG : Let us move. ... I feel like fasting for a month.

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JN : Look at that fellow in the tent surrounded by some hefty fellows.

MG : See the banner. It says he is fasting. A lady is holding a bottle of juice next to him.

JN : It is branded lime juice NIMBEE.

MG : Oh! Even simple lime juice is not spared? Is there shortage of water?

JN : Bapuji, did you notice the tent is air-conditioned?

MG : This is the way they fast now. Any way, what is he fasting for?

JN : They are raising slogans scam.

MG : I never hear the word e'Scam' in my time.

JN : They are talking of thousands of crores.

MG : Hey Ram, Hey Ram! Let us go somewhere else.

JN : We will go to Hyderabad. Nizam was my friend.

MG : Did we not met him in heaven? But let us go to the city.

They reach Hyderabad. The city is in a mess. They decide to sit at the tank bund.

MG : All the statues are broken and disfigured. Most of them were known to me. They were great people. What is happening?

JN : People want another State.

MG : What violence! Can't they do it peacefully? Is the Nizam fighting again? I thought India is one

JN : Bapuji, That was years ago. There is no Nizam now.

MG : Take me some where else.

They reach Mumbai.

JN : Lot of noise from the stadium

MG : I find people are celebrating and joyful. Why are those dressed in blue running around?

JN : They are doing a victory lap. Bapuji, did you notice the Indian flag they are carrying proudly?

MG : Why is it so?

JN : They have won the World Cup in cricket.

MG : It's great. To see them united. I can feel the Indian spirit I dreamt of. I would like to stay here only.

JN : You can't. The match is over. The stadium will be empty soon.

MG : Just like my Indian dream. At least let me hug each of these blue dressed players.

(Bapuji starts with a short guy. Invisible, but Bapuji has sent a thrilling shiver in each layer. As the players leave, Bapuji is in tears)

I now have some hope in my India.

Bapuji sits on the pitch in the stadium. God in the form of a little girl waving Indian flag walks to him and says, iCome both of you, Let's go home!

ముత్యాల సరాలు - 7

స్నేహబలం



హిరణ్యకుడు అనే ఎలుక, చిత్రాంగుడు అనే జింక, మంధరుడు అనే తాబేలు, లఘువతనం అనే కాకి - వీళ్ల నలుగురూ మంచి మిత్రులు.

కర్పూరగౌరవం అనే చెరువులో ఒక తాబేలు ఉ

ండేది. ఆ చెరువు ఒడ్డున ఉన్న చెట్టు తొర్రలో ఎలుక, ఆ చెట్టుమీద కాకి ఉండేవి. ఆ ప్రక్కనే ఉన్న పొదలో జింక ఉండేది.

సాయంత్రం పూట ఈ నలుగురు మిత్రులూ ఒకేచోట చేరి సరదగా కబుర్లు చెప్పుకుంటూ ఆనందంగా జీవిస్తూ ఉండేవారు.

ఒకరోజు మధ్యాహ్నమనగా ఆహారం కోసం వెళ్లిన జింక సాయంత్రం అవుతున్నా తిరిగి రాకపోవటంతో తాబేలు, ఎలుక, కాకి కంగారుపడ్డాయి.

చాలాసేపు ఎదురుచూసినా జింక వస్తున్న జాడ కనిపించలేదు.

“స్నేహితులారా..! చిత్రాంగుడు ఇంతసేవయినా ఇంటికి తిరిగి రాలేదంటే ఏదో ప్రమాదంలో చిక్కుకుని ఉంటాడు” అంది తాబేలు కంగారుగా.

“అవును నిజమే..!” అన్నాయి ఎలుక, కాకి.

“ ఇప్పుడు ఏం చేద్దాం...!” అనుకున్నాయి ఆ మూడు.

“స్నేహితులారా! నేను ఎగిరివెళ్లి అడవంతా చూసివస్తాను...” అంటూ కాకి రిప్పుమంటూ ఆకాశంలోకి ఎగిరింది.

తాబేలు, ఎలుక చిత్రాంగుడు వస్తాడేమోనని నాలుగు దిక్కులూ చూస్తూ నిల్చున్నాయి.

ఆకాశంలో ఎగురుతున్న కాకికి ఒకచోట జింక కనిపించింది. కానీ అది వేటగాడు సన్నివ వలలో చిక్కుకుపోయి బాధతో గింజుకుంటోంది.

కాకి జింక ముందు వాలింది.

కాకిని చూసి జింక ఆనందంతో “వచ్చావా! మిత్రమా! ఆహారం కోసం వచ్చి చూసుకోకుండా వేటగాడు పన్నిన వలలో చిక్కుకుపోయాను. నన్ను రక్షించు” అంది.

భయపడకు చిత్రాంగా..! నేను మన ఎలుక మిత్రుడు హిరణ్యకుడిని తీసుకు వస్తాను. అతడు ఈ వలను కొరికి నిన్ను రక్షిస్తాడు...!” అని కాకి

జింకకు ధైర్యం చెప్పి మళ్లీ ఆకాశంలోని వేగంగా ఎగిరి వెళ్లి కొద్దసేపట్లోనే ఎలుకను తన వీపుమీద ఎక్కించుకుని వచ్చి జింక దగ్గర వాలింది.

ఎలుక తన పదునైన పళ్లతో వల కొరికి జింకను విడిపించింది. ఆ ముగ్గురూ ఆనందంగా కబుర్లు చెప్పుకుంటూ తమ ఇళ్లవైపు నడిచారు. దారిలో వాళ్లకి తాబేలు ఎదురుపడింది. “అయ్యో! మంధరా నువ్వెందుకొచ్చావు” అనడిగాడు హిరణ్యకుడు. చిత్రాంగుడు ఆపదలో ఉన్నాడని తెలిసి ప్రశాంతంగా కూర్చోలేక పోయాను. మీరిద్దరూ చిత్రాంగుడిని రక్షిస్తారని నాకు తెలుసు. అయినా మనసు ఊరుకోలేదు. అందుకే వచ్చాను.” అంటూ సమాధాన మిచ్చాడు మంధరుడు.

“నువ్వు నిజమైన స్నేహితుడివి” అంటూ చిత్రాంగుడు ఆనందంగా మంధరుడిని ముద్దు పెట్టుకున్నాడు. ఆ నలుగురూ ఆనందంగా కబుర్లు చెప్పుకుంటూ ఇంటి దారి పట్టారు.

కొంతదూరం ఆ నలుగురూ నడిచేసరికి వేటగాడు ఎదురుపడ్డాడు. వాడిని చూస్తూనే జింక పొదలోకి దూరిపోయింది. కాకి పక్కనే ఉన్న కలగులోకి దూరిపోయింది తాబేలు మాత్రం ఎటూ పారిపోలేక వేటగాడి చేతికి దొరికిపోయింది.

జింక తప్పించుకున్నా తాబేలు దొరికిందని ఆనందపడ్డ వేటగాడు తాబేలును బాణం కొనకి తాడుతో కట్టి భుజంమీద వేసుకుని ఇంటి దారి పట్టాడు.

వేటగాడు కొంతదూరం వెళ్లగానే జింక, ఎలుక, కాకి ఒక్కచోట చేరి “అయ్యో! చిత్రాంగుడు వేటగాడి బారి నుంచి తప్పించుకున్నాడంటే మళ్లీ మంధరుడు వీడి చేతికి దొరికాడే” అనుకుని బాధపడ్డాయి.

అప్పుడు హిరణ్యకుడు స్నేహితులారా! మన మంధరుడిని రక్షించు కుంటానికి నాకు ఒక మంచి ఉపాయం తట్టింది” అంది.”

“హిరణ్యకా! తొందరగా ఉపాయం చెప్పు” అంది కాకి.

“వేటగాడు నడిచే దారిలో చిత్రాంగుడు చచ్చినట్లు పడి ఉంటాడు. అప్పుడు వేటగాడు చిత్రాంగుడిని పట్టుకుంటానికి మంధరుడిని కట్టిన బాణం క్రింద పెట్టి వెడతాడు. అప్పుడు ఆ తాడును నేను కొరికి మంధరుడిని తప్పిస్తాను” అని చెప్పింది.

ఆ ఉపాయం ఎలుకకీ, కాకికీ నచ్చింది.

ఆ మూడు అడ్డదారిలో వేటగాడి కంటే ముందుకి పోయి ఒకచోట జింక దారికి అడ్డంగా పడుకుంది. కాకి దానిమీద వాలి ముక్కుతో పొడుస్తున్నట్లు నటించసాగింది. ఆ దారిలో నెమ్మదిగా వస్తున్న వేటగాడు జింకను చూశాడు. దానిమీద కాకి వాలి ముక్కుతో పొడవటం వల్ల అది చచ్చిపోయిందనుకుని



“అహా ఏమి నా భాగ్యం. ఈ రోజు అదృష్టం నా పక్షాన ఉంది. అందుకే వలలో జింక తిప్పించుకున్నా... ఇక్కడ మరొక జింక దొరికింది” అని ఆనందపడుతూ భుజం మీద బరువుగా ఉన్న తాబేలును నేలమీద పెట్టి జింక దగ్గరకు నడిచాడు. వెంటనే ఎలుక వచ్చి తాబేలుకి కట్టిన తాడును కొరికేసింది. కాకి “కావ్... కావ్” మని అరుస్తూ ఆకాశంలోకి ఎగిరిపోయింది. జింక పారిపోయింది.

వేటగాడు కొయ్యబారిపోయి అంతలోనే తేరుకుని తాబేలు కోసం చూశాడు. అప్పటికే తాబేలు ప్రక్కనే ఉన్న చెరువులోకి పారిపోయింది. ఆహా ఏమి నా దురదృష్టం... చేతిలో వున్న దానిని వదులుకున్నాను” అనుకుంటూ ఆ వేటగాడు ఇంటికి వెళ్లిపోయాడు.

ఎలుక, జింక, తాబేలు, కాకి ఆనందంగా తమ ఇంటికెళ్లిపోయాయి చూశారా! స్నేహం అంటే ఈ నాలుగు ఉన్నట్లు ఉండాలి. ఆపదలో ఉన్న స్నేహితుడిని ఆదుకుంటానికి అవసరమైతే ప్రాణాలను కూడా ఘణంగా పెట్టగలగాలి. పనికి రాని స్నేహితులు పదిమంది ఉండే కంటే అవసరంలో ఆదుకునే స్నేహితుడు ఒక్కడంటే చాలు.

సంస్కృత శ్లోకం

సర్వకాల, సర్వావస్థలలో అంటే యుగాలు మారినా, పరిస్థితులు మారినా, మన చుట్టూ వున్న ప్రపంచం ఎంతగానో మారినా, విజ్ఞానం ఎంతో అభివృద్ధి సాధించి, మనం కలలో కూడా ఊహించని సంఘటనలు ఎన్నో మన కళ్ల ఎదుట జరుగుతున్నా, కొన్ని నిజాలు మారలేదు. మీకు ఎప్పుడు ఏ సందేహం వచ్చినా, ఏదైనా ఒక ఘటన జరిగిందా, జరగలేదా అని అనుకున్నా మనకి తక్షణం సమాధానం దొరకుతుంది భగవద్గీతలోని కర్మయోగంలో సర్వలోక రక్షకుడైన శ్రీ కృష్ణుని నోట ఎన్నో లక్షల సంవత్సరాల క్రితం వెలువడిన భగవద్గీతలోని కర్మయోగంలో చెప్పబడని సత్యం లేదు. మనం చేసే పనులలో, ప్రతి క్షణం మనకు అన్వయింపబడే (which is applicable to us) ఒక శ్లోకం మీ కందిస్తున్నాను. దయచేసి పూర్తిగా చదివి ఎవరి మట్టుకు వారు, వారి జీవితాలలో దీనిని ఎంతదాకా అన్వయించుకోవచ్చునని ఆలోచిస్తే, సూటికి నూరుపాళ్లు జాతి, మత, కుల, ప్రాంతీయ భేదాలు లేకుండా ప్రపంచంలో ప్రతి ఒక్కరికీ, వారి వారి జీవితాలలో ఇది వర్తిస్తుందని చెప్పక తప్పదు.

కర్మణ్యైవాధికారస్తే మాఫలేషు కదాచన!

మా కర్మఫలహేతైర్భు:మాతే సంగోస్త్య కర్మణీ!!

గీతాచార్యుడు ఎంత గొప్పగా చెప్పాడో చూడండి. మంచైనా, చెడైనా ఏదైనా ఒక పనితలపెడతాం. ఐతే పనిచేసేదాకా మీ ఇష్టం. ఆ పని చేసిన తరువాత వచ్చే ఫలితం మీ చేతుల్లో లేదు. అలాగని, నీవు చేసిన పని తాలూకు ఫలితానికి నీవు కారణం కారాదు. అలాగే చెడు పనులు చేయడానికి కారణం కూడా కాకు. అంటే చెడు పనులు చేయవద్దు.

దీనిని నిజజీవితంలో పొల్చిచూసుకోండి. ఒక వ్యక్తి పరీక్షకి వెళ్లి, చాలా బాగా రాశానని అనుకొని వస్తాడు. అలాగే ఇంకొక వ్యక్తి ఒక INTERVIEW కి వెళ్లి అందరిలోకి బాగా చేసానని అనుకోవచ్చు. అన్నిటికన్నా చాలా లాభదాయకం (PROFITABLE) గా ఉంటుందని మరొకరు కొత్తగా వ్యాపారం పెట్టవచ్చు. మీరు ఒక్కసారి ఆలోచించి చూడండి. ఆ పనిచేసే అధికారం మాత్రమే మీకున్నది. ఫలితం పరమాత్మదే. అందుకే ఏరైన మంచి జరిగితే వెంటనే వారి అదృష్టమంటారు. అదే చెడు జరిగితే మరుక్షణం అందరూ చెప్పేది ఒకటే, అది వారి కర్మ అని. అదే కర్మ సిద్ధాంతం. భగవద్గీతలోని కర్మయోగం అంతా ఈ ఒక్క శ్లోకంలో కనిసిస్తుంది.

తెలుగు పద్యం

తెలుగు వచ్చిన ప్రతి వ్యక్తికీ వేమన చిరపరచితుడు. నిత్యస్మరణీయుడు. వేమన ప్రజాకవి. కవిత్యమంటే చాలా కష్టమైన పదజాలంతో, సమాన భూయిష్టంగా కాక, తేట తెలుగులో ఎదుటివారికి ఆహ్లాదంగా, ఆనందంగా మనసకి సూటిగా మాత్తుకునేలా వారి పద్యాలలో వ్యంగ్యాన్ని, హాస్యాన్ని కరకు నిజాన్ని సమ్మిళితం చేసి వ్రాసారు. అందుకే అవి పండిత, పామరులకు ఒకేలా భాషించాయి. ఈ నాటికి వేమన పద్యాలు ఆశువుగా, సందర్భానుసారంగా చ్చైకానేవారు ఎంతో మంది మనం ఈ నెల కర్మయోగంతో మొదలుపెట్టాం. అందుకని కర్మసిద్ధాంతం గురించి వేమన అభిప్రాయాలు తెలుసుకొనే ప్రయత్నం చేద్దామా!

హేమ నగము చేత నెప్పుడు కలవాడు

వెండికొండపైని వెలయువాడు

ఎత్తవలసి బిచ్చ మేమన వచ్చు

విశ్వదాభిరామ విసురవేమ!

ఏ కాలంలోనైనా బంగారం, వెండి చాలా విలువైనవే. నాటికి, నేటికి ధరలో మార్పుండవచ్చు గానీ, విలువలో లేదు. పరమేశ్వరుడు ఐశ్వర్యప్రదాత. విభూతి ఐశ్వర్యాన్ని ప్రతీక. ఐశ్వర్య కారకం. ప్రపంచంలో అందరికీ ఐశ్వర్యాన్ని ప్రసాదించి. వెండి కొండపై కాపురముంటూ, బంగారు కొండను చేత ధరించిన పరమేశ్వరునికి బిచ్చమొత్తవలసి వచ్చిన పరిస్థితి నిజం. అదే వేమన గొప్పదనం.

గమనిక :

ఎప్పుడో దాదాపుగా 50 సం.ల క్రిందట చదువుకున్న సంస్కృత శ్లోకాలు, తెలుగు పద్యాలు అందరికీ అందించాలనే సరదా. మరొక్కమాట, జన్మభూమిని, తల్లిని మాతృభాషను నిర్లక్ష్యం చేయకండి. మరవకండి, పిల్లలందరికీ శతక సాహిత్యం నేర్పండి. దేశాభిమానులుగా, భాషాభిమానులుగా తీర్చి దిద్దండి. తెలుగు భాషని బతికించండి. మనందరం తెలుగువారం. తెలుగే మాట్లాడుదాం. దయచేసి దీనిని ఒక ఉద్యమంగా తీసుకోండి.

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దూర్వాసుల దక్షిణామూర్తి

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9. The Coonoor Club, Coonoor



CONTACT

The Coonoor Club

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Location:

2 Km from Coonoor railway station
Tel: 0423-2231714, 231717

ROOM TARIFF

Standard Double Room	:	Rs.1500/-
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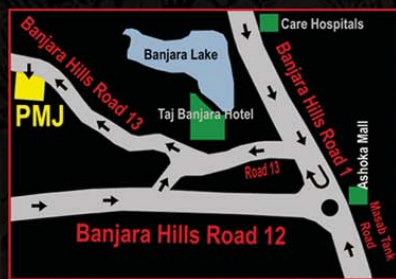
It started with just two tennis courts in 1885. A tennis club was established in 1894 with just a small room. It moved into the original portion of the present club house in 1897. By 1996 it acquired the Chambers, squash court, billiards room and skating rink. The club became very popular in a very short time and by 1898 it had 107 permanent and 128 temporary members/ Membership was strictly non-Indian even in 1925. The first Indian committee member took office in 1931.

Presently the Club has six chambers, a multi cuisine restaurant and bar, billiards and snooker, lawn tennis, table tennis, and badminton, besides a library, cards room, auditorium and lawns.

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