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# From the President's Desk

Dear Members,

As the gentle Visakhapatnam winter sets in and the club grounds transform with festive lights, I find myself reflecting on the remarkable year we have shared. December at Waltair Club has always been more than just a month of celebrations; it is a testament to our enduring legacy and the bonds of friendship that define us.

This year has been one of significant progress, from infrastructure upgrades to the successful hosting of our signature sporting events. As we approach the Christmas Gala and our grand New Year's Eve celebrations, I want to thank the Managing Committee and our dedicated staff for their tireless efforts. Let us welcome 2026 with the same spirit of unity and tradition that has been our hallmark for over a century.

Wishing you and your families a Merry Christmas and a magnificent New Year!



Warm regards,  
**G.Seshagiri Rao** (S-260)  
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# Vice-President's Message

Greetings to all my fellow members,

December brings a unique energy to our club-a blend of nostalgic tradition and vibrant excitement. It is heartening to see our lawns bustling with families and our sports arenas filled with youthful energy during the winter tournaments.

My focus this month remains on ensuring that our festive events are not only grand but also inclusive and comfortable for all age groups. From the Children's Christmas Party to the Senior Members' Brunch, we have curated a calendar that celebrates every generation of our Waltair Club family. I look forward to meeting many of you at the upcoming club nights.

May the holiday season bring you joy, peace, and plenty of memorable moments at your second home.

Best regards,

**Dr. G.M.B.V.Krishna Reddy (K-077)**  
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## Editors Message

Capturing the Winter Magic

Hello Readers,

The December issue is always my favorite to curate. As the year draws to a close, our magazine serves as a "time capsule" of the memories we've built together. This edition features a special retrospective on our landmark events of 2025, alongside a preview of the spectacular festivities planned for this month.

We have a beautiful photo essay on the "Green Waltair" initiative and a heartfelt column featuring some of our oldest members sharing their favorite club Christmas memories from decades past. I hope these pages provide a warm read as you enjoy the cool December breeze on the club lawns.

If you have captured any special moments at the club this month, do share them with us for our "Year in Review" gallery. Happy reading!

Happy Reading,

**Dr.M.Ramjee** R-267  
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# Hon. Secretary's Message

Dear Members,

The month of December is undoubtedly the busiest time for the Club administration. Our team is working around the clock to ensure that the "Season of Joy" unfolds seamlessly. I am pleased to report that all preparations for the Christmas Eve Dinner and the New Year Ball are in full swing.

I would like to remind members to utilize the pre-booking facilities for events to avoid last-minute rushes. We have also introduced enhanced security and parking measures for the peak festive week to ensure your safety and convenience. I thank you in advance for your cooperation in maintaining the club decorum during these high-traffic events.

Here's to a smooth, safe, and celebratory December!

Warm regards,

**C Balasatish**  
Secretary



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# A Day of Joy and Togetherness

## Waltair Club Picnic - 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025

The Waltair Club picnic held on 7th December 2025 was a delightful blend of fun, friendship, and festive cheer, creating memories that will be cherished by members for a long time to come. Set against a pleasant winter backdrop, the picnic brought together members and their families for a day filled with relaxation, laughter, and camaraderie—true to the spirit of the club.

From the early hours of the morning, excitement was in the air as members gathered, greeting one another with warmth and enthusiasm. The journey itself set the tone for the day, with cheerful conversations, shared stories, and a sense of anticipation that only such collective outings can bring. The choice of venue provided a refreshing escape from routine, offering ample space and a welcoming environment for all age groups.

The picnic program was thoughtfully organized, ensuring there was something for everyone. Children enjoyed a range of games and activities specially arranged to keep them engaged and energetic, while adults participated enthusiastically in group games that rekindled a spirit of friendly competition. Laughter echoed across the grounds as members bonded over these simple yet joyful moments.

One of the highlights of the day was the sumptuous picnic lunch. The spread was both generous and delicious, catering to varied tastes and adding to the festive mood. Sharing a meal together, seated in an informal and relaxed setting, strengthened the sense of togetherness that defines the Waltair Club community.

Music and light entertainment further enlivened the atmosphere, encouraging spontaneous participation and creating moments of shared happiness. Whether it was a casual walk around the venue, animated conversations under shaded areas, or simply enjoying the serene surroundings, members made the most of every moment.

As the day drew to a close, there was a shared feeling of contentment and gratitude. The picnic was not just an outing but a reaffirmation of the strong bonds that unite the Waltair Club family. It provided a welcome pause from daily routines and reminded everyone of the joy found in simple gatherings and meaningful connections.

The success of the Waltair Club Picnic 2025 stands as a testament to the excellent coordination and enthusiastic participation of members. Events like these continue to strengthen the spirit of the club and enrich its vibrant social life. We look forward to many more such memorable occasions in the days ahead.



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# Page Turners Challenge Sparks Young Reading Minds at Waltair Club

The Waltair Club Library came alive with curiosity, concentration, and quiet excitement as the Waltair Club Managing Committee 2025–26 hosted the Page Turners Challenge, a book reading competition designed to nurture a love for reading among young members.

Held on 14 December 2025 at 11:30 am, the event saw enthusiastic participation from 36 children, divided across three age groups: 4–6 years (8 participants), 7–9 years (12 participants), and 10–12 years (16 participants). Open exclusively to members' children, the competition celebrated reading as both a skill and a joy.

Each age group engaged with a carefully chosen book suited to their reading level. The youngest readers (4–6 years) explored Gajapati Kulapati, with a wonderful storytelling session by Mrs. Sandhya Godey, supported by coordinators Mrs. Deepa Kodali, Mrs. Karuna Varada, and Mrs. Anita Nuthakki. Children in the 7–9 years category read The Lion's Feast, followed by a question-based assessment that tested comprehension, vocabulary, meanings, and opposites from the text. This session was conducted by Mrs. Sakshi Morada and Mrs. Sravani Chitturi.

The 10–12 years group read Help, My Aai Wants to Eat Me, focusing on reading up to the fourth chapter and writing a synopsis within a structured time frame conducted by Mrs. Rajini Chitra and Mrs. Vijaya Reddy. Clear instructions ensured a fair and focused environment. Participants were given 15 minutes of reading time, followed by written or oral assessments depending on their age group.

Silence, discipline, and adherence to rules were emphasised, with coordinators available for guidance throughout. The competition was judged by Mrs. Jaya Polisetty, Mr. Shashank Kancharla, and Mrs. Deepti Rathi, whose encouragement and fair assessment added to the children's confidence and enthusiasm.

All participants received participation certificates, and winners were awarded attractive prizes by Club President, Mr. Seshagiri Rao, Library Committee Chair Mr. Dharmendra Varada, Managing Committee members Prashanth Sagi, Dr Suresh, Kiran Pakki, and reinforcing the idea that effort and curiosity matter as much as achievement.

The Page Turners Challenge stood as a gentle reminder that in an age of screens, books still have the power to engage young minds, build imagination, and create moments of quiet magic. The Waltair Club continues to uphold its legacy of fostering learning and culture through such thoughtful initiatives.



# TREMENDOUS 31ST



# NIGHT CELEBRATION



# An Evening of Color, Community, and Cheer

Waltair Club Sunday Bazaar Eve - 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025



The Sunday Bazaar Eve held at Waltair Club on 14th December 2025 was a vibrant and delightful event that brought together members and families for an evening of shopping, socializing, and festive enjoyment. True to its name, the Bazaar Eve transformed the club premises into a lively marketplace, buzzing with energy, creativity, and community spirit.

As members walked in, they were greeted by an array of attractively arranged stalls offering a wide variety of items. From handicrafts and home décor to clothing, accessories, and festive essentials, the bazaar had something to appeal to every age group and taste. The stalls reflected the effort and enthusiasm of the participants, making the evening both engaging and visually appealing.

The event was not just about shopping—it was equally about interaction and togetherness. Members moved from stall to stall, engaging in friendly conversations, appreciating the displays, and enjoying the relaxed, informal atmosphere. Children added to the liveliness with their excitement and curiosity, while adults enjoyed the opportunity to browse at leisure and catch up with friends.

Complementing the shopping experience were food counters that offered a variety of snacks and refreshments. The aroma of delicious treats added to the festive mood and gave members a chance to pause, relax, and enjoy light bites while soaking in the cheerful surroundings.

The timing of the event, close to the festive season, made the Sunday Bazaar Eve especially significant. It served as a perfect prelude to year-end celebrations, spreading joy and anticipation among members. The combination of commerce, culture, and community made the event a refreshing change from routine club activities.

The success of the Waltair Club Sunday Bazaar Eve was a result of thoughtful planning, enthusiastic participation, and the strong support of members. It once again highlighted the club's ability to create inclusive and enjoyable events that strengthen bonds and celebrate shared experiences.

As the evening concluded, members left with happy smiles, delightful purchases, and fond memories—making the Sunday Bazaar Eve 2025 a truly memorable addition to the club's social calendar.





The Sunday Bazaar at Waltair Club which was organised on 14th of December 2025 was a delightful blend of colors, creativity, and community spirit. With vibrant stalls, unique finds, and a lively atmosphere, the event brought together families and friends for a joyful day of shopping, laughter, and connection.

We were honored by the presence of our Chief Guest, Mrs. P. Divya, who graciously inaugurated the event by lighting the ceremonial lamp. Her participation added dignity and warmth to the occasion, marking an auspicious and inspiring beginning to the program.

The event marked a remarkable milestone with a record-breaking participation of 108 stalls. Despite the scale, the entire program was executed with exceptional planning, discipline, and coordination, ensuring smooth operations and a pleasant experience for all without any chaos.

The success of this well-organized event stands as a testament to the hard work, unity, and leadership of the Ladies Committee. Truly commendable efforts!

Positive reviews poured in from every stall owner, applauding the organization, footfall, and smooth functioning of the Sunday Bazaar making it a truly rewarding experience for all.

# A Night of Festive Cheer and Togetherness

## Waltair Club Christmas Eve Celebrations - 23rd December 2025

The Christmas Eve celebration at Waltair Club on 23rd December 2025 was a heartwarming and joyous occasion that captured the true spirit of the festive season. Members and their families gathered in large numbers to celebrate the evening in an atmosphere filled with warmth, goodwill, and cheer, making it a memorable event on the club's social calendar.

The club premises were beautifully decorated with traditional Christmas adornments, creating a magical ambience that reflected the joy and serenity of the season. Soft lighting, festive décor, and cheerful music set the perfect mood, welcoming members as they arrived to share in the celebrations.

The evening featured a delightful mix of entertainment and social interaction. Lively music and light-hearted activities kept the atmosphere vibrant, encouraging members of all ages to participate and enjoy the festive spirit. Children, in particular, added to the charm of the evening with their excitement and enthusiasm, making the celebration truly family-oriented.

An important highlight of the Christmas Eve celebration was the festive spread arranged for members. The thoughtfully curated refreshments and dinner added richness to the evening, allowing members to relax, dine together, and enjoy the pleasures of good food and good company. Conversations flowed easily as members shared laughter, stories, and seasonal greetings.

Beyond the festivities, the celebration embodied the deeper meaning of Christmas-togetherness, kindness, and community. The event provided a wonderful opportunity for members to connect, strengthen friendships, and reflect on the year that was drawing to a close.

The success of the Waltair Club Christmas Eve celebration was made possible through careful planning and enthusiastic participation from members. It once again highlighted the club's role as a space where traditions are cherished and shared moments are celebrated.

As the evening came to an end, members departed with smiles, festive cheer, and fond memories, carrying with them the warmth of the season. The Christmas Eve celebration of 2025 will be remembered as a joyful and meaningful occasion that truly reflected the spirit of Waltair Club.





The **Christmas Eve** program at Waltair Club, held on 23rd December, was a beautifully organized celebration filled with joy, faith, and togetherness. The evening began with an opening prayer by Mrs. Suman Veeravalli, setting a serene and reverent tone for the Program.

The celebration continued with melodious Christmas carols led by Miss Serena, as the children sang beautifully and filled the atmosphere with the true spirit of Christmas. An inspiring and meaningful message on the "True Joy of Christmas" was delivered by Mr. Ashish Pakalapati, leaving a lasting impression on the audience.

A wonderful Nativity skit, performed by the Ladies Committee along with a graceful candle light dance by the beautiful girls thoughtfully directed by Mrs. Shalini Patrudu, brought the Christmas story to life and was greatly appreciated. As the "Silent Night" carol was sung, candles were lit for everyone present, creating a deeply moving and peaceful moment. Miss Serena's solo performance was a beautiful rendition that added grace and emotion to the evening.

Children eagerly awaited the arrival of Santa Claus, and his presence brought delight, excitement, and cheerful smiles all around. The Christmas gifts were distributed by Santa Claus which brought immense joy to all the kids. The program was wonderfully compered by Miss Yogitha, whose smooth and engaging hosting added charm to the celebration. Christmas games brought smiles and laughter as participants enjoyed playing and received gifts with joy.

The joyous evening included cake cutting by the Ladies Committee Chairperson, Mrs. Lalitha, followed by the distribution of return gifts to all the children, who were thrilled and happy. The program concluded with a closing prayer by Mr. Rolland William.

Adding to the festive spirit, the décor was truly an eye feast, and the delicious dinner made the celebration even more memorable. Overall, the Christmas Eve program was a heartwarming and joyous celebration that brought everyone together in the true spirit of Christmas.

**Waltair Club hosted an all India level Bridge tournament** on the 19-21st December at the impressive Cenetary Auditorium, 140 bridge players including international players graced the event .

It was graciously Sponsored by Mr CV Rao of Navayuga Engineering Corporation.

The event was a grand Success because of the full support of Waltair Club executive committee .

Also the Staff of Waltair Club worked efficiently and got us high praise from all Participants.

The feather in the cap was that for the 1st time one of our club pairs (Mr Nori and Mr B Ramakrishna) got into the Gold round of the tournament.

Also our thanks are due to Mr MS Srinivas of Faculty club , Mr Baig of Officers club and Mr Balakrishna of Waltair club for their help in conducting this highly successful event.

We hope to make this an annual event in the Calendar of the Bridge Federation of India



## INAUGURATION OF TENNIS COURT NEW SHED



### Poster & Teaser Launching



## In Loving Memory of Gummadi Veeramohan.

Veeramohan was our beloved tennis captain at the Waltair Club and former District Tennis Secretary of Visakhapatnam. He was also a dedicated Rotarian for over 30 years, past President of the Vizagapatam Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and a deeply engaged community leader—a true Good Samaritan whose kindness and generosity touched countless lives. Following his sudden passing while playing the game he cherished deeply during a trip to the USA, I organized a memorial tennis tournament in his honor, with tremendous support from my fellow tennis friends at the Waltair Club and beyond. We invited players from across Andhra Pradesh and even some from Odisha, competing in four age categories: Men's Doubles, 45+ Doubles, 55+ Doubles, and 65+ Doubles. The event took place over three memorable days, from Christmas on December 25 to 27, attracting 130 enthusiastic participants. It truly became a tennis festival, filled with shared stories, laughter, competitive matches, and communal meals each day—fostering the camaraderie and warmth that Veeramohan embodied. The tournament concluded with a grand evening party on the 27th, attended by over 200 guests who celebrated joyfully, creating lasting memories in his spirit. This was a truly fitting tribute to a remarkable and versatile sportsman. Veeramohan excelled as a national-level ball badminton player and state-level shuttle badminton champion before discovering tennis in his forties. He quickly made an indelible mark in our tennis community—not only with his skillful play but also through his warm, welcoming presence at every gathering he so thoughtfully organized, and his infectious charm that brightened all our outings and parties.

My sincere gratitude to the Waltair Club Managing committee who have wholeheartedly supported this endeavor, many of who were also his good friends, Particularly our Honorary President Mr.Giri, Honorary vice president Dr.Murali Krishna, Honorary Secretary Mr.Balasatish, Committee Members Prashanth & Kiran.

I sincerely thank my dear tennis friends- Dr.Pedaveerraju, Anand Singh, Ramesh kommi, Satish kumar.K, Dr.Lakshman Rao, Dr.Sitaram raju, Dr.Sastry, Myneni Prasad, YS.Ravindranath Reddy, B.Prabhakar rao,O.Lakshman, D.Chakravarthy, Saleem Khan, Ravishankar & Venkat Krishna who have come forward graciously to contribute & conduct this tournament, without whom this tournament would not have been possible.

Veeramohan will forever remain in our hearts as a cherished friend, leader, and a true inspiration. His major contribution to the tennis is his friendly convincing attitude to bring young guys & adult men into the game of tennis, encouraging them to participate in tournaments and made our fraternity grow stronger and it is our duty to continue to do so and on behalf of the tennis fraternity i promise to take it forward with all the members cooperation.

"Tennis doesn't build character, it reveals it"

### Ravikanth Veerapalli

Tennis Captain, Waltair Club.



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## The Legendary Dr. Yellapragada Subba Rao (1895 - 1948)

This article deals with a man, who was a great INVENTOR of Life - saving medical items

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Dr. Y.S. was born in a remote place "Undi Bhimavaram" in west Godavari district, A.P. in the year 1895 January. His family was an average village type at that time.



It all started after the death of his two brothers who suffered from a condition called "sprew".

Later it was found that an important chemical called "Folic Acid;" which is an essential ingredient of all the muscle tissues of the body.

His brother's death as a direct consequence of poverty jolted Dr. Y.S. Then an idea entered his mind that he should find a solution to the disease

After completing Intermediate he travelled to Madras in 1915. He approached the registrar of Madras Medical College with a request for a medical seat. Thus he gained admission a medical student. His friends and well-wishers provided financial support and moral support.

Dr. Y.S. had a negative attitude towards the British who were then ruling the Roost. However he was given a seat for a diploma called L.M. & S. Interestingly a physician from Harvard school of tropical Medicine, who was on a brief visit to India provided Dr. Y.S. some useful information about medical studies in U.S. He secured a seat in a Post graduate diploma course in U.S. His friends and relatives provided him finances for his travel by a ship to Boston in U.S. He pursued his interest in medical research there (Harvard University). Shortage of funds prompted him to undertake part time jobs. His hard work and sincere efforts were observed by the professor (Soren h. Fisc) who worked with Dr. Y.S. Their combined efforts led to an understanding that the human muscle tissue contains an important chemical called "Phospho Creatinine" interestingly this substance was an ingredient of leaf "spinach". This work led him to discover a medicine that is useful in treatment of Blood- Cancer called "Leukemia" and "Filarial leg". Another important observation was that an Anti-biotic "Tetra Cycline" was useful against several diseases like "plague" and other ailments which were refractory to the available medicines ex: "Penicillium" in the year 1947 he was about to establish a Cancer Research Institute in New-Jersey that took away his life as he suffered a cerebral hemorrhage on 9th August 1948.

He was a very kind hearted man and used to say to his colleagues "As I entered this world with nothing, I will exit in a similar fashion". He was married in India but never took his wife to U.S. The result was they remain "Childless". In his honour The government of India released a postal stamp in 1985. It is very hard to imagine if a similar human being will be born on this mother earth. We have to pray and thank for his contribution to humanity which was "Exceptional" at that time.

As a practising ophthalmologist I pray the Almighty with folded hands on all our behalf for his selfless attitude and "monumental" contribution to Human life globally.

Scripted by Dr. I. Venkata Rao M.S. D.O.(London)

### OBITUARY

We regret to announce the sad demise of our members.



MR.V.R.R.M.BABU  
(M.NO.R-099)  
EXPIRED ON 01.12.2025



MR.G.SARPENDRA RAO  
M.NO.S-324 EXPIRED  
ON 14.12.2025

### CLUB CALENDAR

06.01.2026	Tue	Sr. Citizen Meet	06.30 pm
09.01.2026	Fri	Movie	06:30 pm
14.01.2026	Wed	Bhogi Celebrations	06:00 am
23.01.2026	Fri	Movie	06:30 pm
24.01.2026	Sat	Tambola	07:30 pm
26.01.2026	Mon	Republic Day	09:00 am
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