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From the President's Desk



Dear Members,

As we step into February, the club grounds are in full bloom, reflecting the vibrant spirit of our community. This month, our focus remains on maintaining the infrastructure of our beloved Waltair Club while preserving the heritage that makes us unique. I am heartened to see the active participation of our younger generation in club traditions.

Leadership is not just about maintaining the present, but about securing the future. We are currently reviewing our long-term sustainability goals to ensure that the Waltair Club remains the premier destination for excellence and camaraderie in the city. I look forward to seeing you all on the lawns as we enjoy the pleasant February evenings together."

Warm regards,

G.Seshagiri Rao (S-260)

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Vice-President's Message

Dear Fellow Members,

While the President and Secretary focus on the 'how' of our club, my focus remains on the 'who.' February is a month of connection. Whether it is a quiet game of bridge, a spirited tennis match, or a family dinner, the strength of Waltair Club lies in the quality of our relationships.

I have been working closely with our sub-committees to introduce more diverse interest groups, from book clubs to photography walks. Our goal is to ensure every member, from our toddlers to our veterans, feels a sense of belonging here. Let us use this month to reach out to a new member and make them feel at home in our grand institution.

Best regards,

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

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Editors Message

"Friends and Readers,

This edition of Waltair Times is a celebration of the diverse talents within our club. We have moved beyond simple event reporting to feature insightful articles on travel, wellness, and the rich history of Visakhapatnam.

We also feature a special section on 'Digital Etiquette in the Modern Club' to help us navigate our social spaces with grace. A magazine is only as good as the voices within it-I thank everyone who contributed photographs and letters this month. Keep them coming!"

Happy Reading,

Dr.M.Ramjee (R-267)

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Hon. Secretary's Message

"Warm Greetings to all,

January was a month of high activity, and February shows slowing down. Administratively, we are streamlining our digital booking systems to provide a more seamless experience for our members.

I am particularly excited about our upcoming inter-club sports tournaments scheduled for the third week of the month. Our catering team has also curated a special seasonal menu featuring fresh, local produce that I encourage you all to try at the dining hall. Please take note of the updated club timings for the upcoming public holidays. Your comfort is our priority, and my office remains open to your valuable suggestions."

With warm regards

C Balasatish (B-94)

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The Invisible Tie: Navigating Digital Etiquette in the Modern Club

The Waltair Club has always been more than just a physical space; it is a sanctuary of tradition, a bastion of decorum, and a home for the refined social graces of Visakhapatnam. For over a century, our "unwritten rules"-the way we dress for dinner, the quiet respect in the library, the sportsmanship on the courts-have defined us.

However, we now live in an era where our social lives are increasingly "online." As the glow of smartphone screens replaces the soft hum of conversation, a new question arises: How do we maintain our club's legacy of elegance in a digital world?

1. The Sanctuary of the Table

In the grand dining halls of the Waltair Club, the focus has always been on the "Art of Conversation." There is a distinct charm in a shared meal where the only sounds are the clink of silverware and the warmth of laughter.

The Digital Grace: When seated for a meal, the smartphone should ideally remain out of sight. A phone placed on the table, even face down, signals to your companions that something "out there" might be more important than the person "right here." If an urgent call is expected, a brief word of explanation to your guests before stepping away to the lobby is the hallmark of a considerate member.

2. Capturing the Moment vs. Living It

We all love to document our wonderful evenings on the club lawns. A sunset over the trees or a family celebration is certainly "Instagram-worthy." However, digital etiquette reminds us to be mindful of the "Background."

The Digital Grace: While capturing your own memories, ensure that other members enjoying their private time are not inadvertently included in your frame or live-stream. Privacy is one of the greatest luxuries we offer at Waltair Club; let us be the guardians of each other's peace.

3. The "Silent" Library and Reading Rooms

Our library is a treasure trove of silence. In the past, the

only disruption was the turning of a page. Today, it is the "ping" of a notification or the vibration of a phone on a wooden table.

The Digital Grace: Upon entering the library or the cards room, the "Silent" mode should be our default setting. If we must listen to an audio clip or a voice note, the use of discreet earphones is not just a choice-it is a courtesy.

4. The Digital "Front Porch": WhatsApp Groups

Our club's community groups are wonderful tools for information. They help us coordinate tennis matches, bridge games, and dinner meets. But like a physical front porch, what we say there reflects on our character.

The Digital Grace: * **The Hour Matters:** Avoid posting non-urgent messages late at night or very early in the morning.

- **The Tone Matters:** Digital text lacks the nuance of a smile or a handshake. When in doubt, keep it formal, brief, and kind.
- **Verify Before Sharing:** In an age of misinformation, a Waltair Club member's word should be their bond. Ensure "Forwarded" messages are factually correct before hitting send.

5. The "Gentle" Disconnect

Perhaps the most sophisticated digital skill is knowing when to turn it off. The greatest gift our club offers is the opportunity to "unplug"-to watch the sea breeze ruffle the palms without the need to check an email.

The Closing Thought:

Etiquette is not about being rigid; it is about making those around us feel comfortable. By practicing "Digital Grace," we ensure that the Waltair Club remains what it has always been: a place where technology serves us, but human connection defines us.

Next time you are on the lawns, try leaving the phone in the pocket. You might find that the resolution of a Visakhapatnam sunset is much better in person than on any screen.

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The Ghost in the Machine: The Day the Internet Almost Broke

In the quiet, leafy suburbs of modern Germany lives a man named Andres Freund. He is not a celebrity, nor does he run a tech giant. He is a "software engineer," and in March 2024, he accidentally discovered that the entire world was standing on a trapdoor that was about to open.

1. The Invisible Infrastructure

To understand this story, one must realize that the digital world—our banking, our power grids, and our smartphones—is built like a giant Jenga tower. At the very bottom of this tower are "Open Source" tools. These are pieces of software written by volunteers, free for anyone to use.

One such tool is called XZ Utils. It is a tiny, boring piece of code used to compress data. It is hidden inside almost every Linux computer system in the world—including the servers that run the Waltair Club's digital records and the satellites orbiting above Visakhapatnam.

2. The Long Con

For over two years, a mysterious figure using the name "Jia Tan" had been a "helpful volunteer" for this software. Jia Tan was polite, efficient, and worked for free. He slowly gained the trust of the original creator (who was overwhelmed and tired). Eventually, Jia Tan was given the "keys to the kingdom"—the authority to update the code.

But Jia Tan was not a person; most experts believe "he" was a highly sophisticated state-sponsored intelligence unit.

3. The "Backdoor"

In early 2024, Jia Tan "updated" the code. Hidden deep within thousands of lines of instructions was a Backdoor. It was designed so that if you sent a specific, secret digital "handshake" to any computer running this code, you would gain total control of that machine.

It was the ultimate skeleton key. Had it gone live, a foreign power could have theoretically shut down global shipping, accessed private bank accounts, or silenced

communication networks with a single keystroke.

4. The 500-Millisecond Mistake

The plan was perfect, except for one thing: Andres Freund's curiosity.

Andres was testing some unrelated software when he noticed a tiny discrepancy. His computer was taking 500 milliseconds (half a second) longer than usual to log in. To most of us, half a second is nothing. To a software engineer with a "Waltair-club-level" eye for detail, it was a "hiccup" that shouldn't exist.

He didn't ignore it. He started digging. He spent weeks "peeling the onion," going deeper into layers of code that no one had looked at in years. Finally, he found it: the malicious code hidden by Jia Tan.

5. The Aftermath

When Andres published his findings, the tech world went into a "Code Red." Within hours, the world's biggest companies (Google, Microsoft, Amazon) were scrambling to strip the infected code out of their systems.

Andres Freund had saved the world's digital infrastructure by following a half-second delay.

Why does this matter to us at the Club?

We often think of "Software" as something sturdy and manufactured, like a car or a building. But this story reminds us that the digital world is a Human Ecosystem. It is built on Trust.

The greatest threat wasn't a "virus" that broke in; it was a "friend" who was invited in and given the keys. But the greatest defence wasn't a multi-billion dollar security system—it was one man's Clarity of Thought and his refusal to accept a "half-second" error as "good enough."

As we sip our coffee on the Club lawns, checking our messages, it is worth remembering that our digital peace of mind often rests on the shoulders of invisible sentinels like Andres, who ensure that the "Ghost in the Machine" stays at bay.





Oath

A Vizag Chartered Accountant becomes President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India: CA Prasanna Kumar D

From a Small Village to the Summit of ICAI — The Inspiring Journey of CA Prasanna Kumar D

Born on 22 July 1960 in Nedambaram, a small village in Tiruvallur

district of Tamil Nadu, CA Prasanna Kumar D grew up in a humble household. His father, Dondeti Mohana Rangaiah, was a Telugu Pandit in a government school, and his mother, Kuttamma, managed the family's agricultural work. The quiet village surroundings shaped his early years — but his dreams were always larger.

Academic Excellence from the Start

He studied in a Telugu medium government school up to Class 5.

From Class 9 onward, he became a student leader, securing first rank in Class 11, topping at the district level, and winning multiple elocution competitions.

He later shifted to English medium, completed his PUC at Vivekananda College, and earned a B.Sc in Zoology from Loyola College, Chennai.

He joined ICAI Chennai and qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1984.

Professional Journey in Visakhapatnam:



In 1985, he moved to Visakhapatnam and began practice as a partner at Sriramamurthy & Co.

But his true passion lay in serving the profession, and for nearly four decades, he has been deeply involved in ICAI's institutional development.

His leadership qualities were evident even as a student.

- 1982–83: Served as Secretary and Vice Chairman of SICASA (Southern India CA Students Association).

- 2001–02: As Chairman of ICAI Visakhapatnam Branch, the branch won Best Branch in South India and an All India Excellent Performance Certificate — both for the first time.

- 2013–14: Became the only person from Visakhapatnam to serve as Chairman of SIRC (Southern India Regional Council).

Rise to the Top of ICAI:

He was elected three consecutive times to the ICAI Central Council:

2019–22, 2022–25, and 2025–29.

He served as Vice President of ICAI for 2025–26 before assuming the highest office.

He led several key committees at all India level in ICAI, including:



- UDIN implementation
- ICAI ERP system development
- Peer Review Board
- Professional Development Committee

He also served as Chairman of the Board of Discipline for three years.



India's Voice on Global Platforms

He has represented ICAI internationally as:

- Technical Advisor to the International Federation of Accountants Committee (IFAC) Board

- Chairman of important committees in SAFA

He has delivered lectures at hundreds of ICAI seminars on corporate laws, bank audits, and professional standards.

He presented papers at the World Congress of Accountants (2022) and spoke at IFAC meetings in Mexico City (AI) and Jakarta (Digital Transformation) in 2025.

On 12 February 2026, he assumed office as the President of ICAI, the world's largest accounting body —

becoming the first person from Andhra Pradesh to reach this position.

Leadership outside the Profession:

In school, he actively participated in volleyball, cricket, cycling, and swimming.

He later served as Chief Coordinator for:

- 2003 Asian Youth Volleyball Championship

- 2005 World Under 19 Volleyball Championship

He currently holds key positions:

- Treasurer & Vice President, Roller Skating Federation of India

- General Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Triathlon Association

- President, Visakhapatnam Olympic Association

A Family that Inspires

- Wife D. Nava Bharathi runs a small scale industry.

- Daughter D. Lakshmi Sindhu, MS from New York University, is a Senior Design Engineer at AMD Hyderabad.

- Son D. Teja Sagar is a Chartered Accountant and is Daughter in law D. Sujatha is also a Chartered Accountant, both are in professional practice.

A Message to Every Young Aspirant

His journey — from a small village, through hard work and academic excellence, to serving the profession and representing India globally — stands as a beacon for the youth of Andhra Pradesh and South India.

No matter how simple your beginnings, your goals can be as high as you dream.

With hard work, integrity, and a spirit of service, even the highest peaks become yours.



International tennis player
Mr. Saketh Myneni has been appointed as **Deputy Collector in NTR Krishna District.**



Mr. K. Satish Kumar has been elected as the **Vice President of All India Senior Tennis Association (AISTA)**



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17.03.2026	Tue	Sports Awards Nite	06:00 pm
18.03.2026	Wed	Ugadi Celebrations	06:00 pm
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