

MAGNUM

Ink

A Month of...

Vibrance

Colours And

Blossoming Dreams





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EDITOR'S NOTE

"March arrives in a vibrant splash of colour, joy, and renewed spirit..."

Welcome to the March issue of Magnum Ink Magazine — where celebration, togetherness, and joyful expression come alive through the vibrant festival of Holi. As colours fill the air and laughter echoes through shared moments, this month invites us to embrace happiness, unity, and the beauty of new beginnings.

Whether you are rekindling friendships, creating colourful memories with loved ones, or simply welcoming the brightness of fresh opportunities, this issue walks beside you through the season of celebration and renewal.

In every vibrant hue, every shared smile, every moment of togetherness, and each expression of joy, our lives become richer and more meaningful.

Here's to colours that unite, celebrations that uplift, and the radiant spirit of March — together.

Know Your Member

Namma Chennai

The Textile Man

Family Comes
First



GAURAV JAIN

Namma Chennai – where the weather has only three settings: hot, hotter, hottest... where the sunshine and the sea breeze are perfectly aligned, and where the aroma of freshly brewed filter coffee beautifully syncs with irresistible elle saapadu. There's simply no place I'd rather call home.

Hi, I'm Gaurav Jain – or GJ, as most people fondly call me. My schooling began at Don Bosco School, after which life took me to Manchester to pursue engineering in textile technology at the University of Manchester. By then, my family already had a well-established legacy in fabrics and garments.

I returned to India to learn the manufacturing process of fabrics from the ground up – while also understanding the nitty-gritty of running a business. Around this time, we launched our own men's clothing brand, Special Edition, which was available at multi-brand outlets across India.

Our family was already a trusted name in supplying school uniforms. We then branched out into corporate and industrial uniforms, supplying to industries pan India. Then came the next step in our family's business journey. With my brother joining the business, we partnered with the Kolkata-based ethnic wear brand Manyavar. Our first showroom opened in Anna Nagar in 2010. Today, we operate seven stores across Chennai, with our T. Nagar showroom standing tall as the largest Manyavar store among their 600+ outlets worldwide.

Beyond business, I am an animal lover and try to contribute to this cause whenever I can. There is something deeply moving about these silent, innocent souls. I'm happy to see my daughter, Kashhvi, following in my footsteps – she too has a soft corner for these gentle creatures. Music is my therapy. Sufi is my soul music. And when the mood shifts, you'll find me happily dancing to fast, peppy "Bollywood Only" numbers – because life needs rhythm as much as responsibility.

I love to travel and have a long bucket list of places I want to explore. Every destination teaches me something new – but travelling with my children gives the experience a completely different dimension. Seeing the world through their eyes adds wonder, laughter, and meaning to every journey.

Being part of a joint family and a joint business has been my greatest strength. It has given me the freedom to experience every aspect of life with confidence – working hard, staying grounded, and living life with heart.

At the end of the day, I am a family man. My better half, Risha, and our lovely children, Kashhvi and Pranav, share many common interests with me – travelling, indulging our foodie instincts, and jamming to English and Hindi songs – moments that strengthen our bond and create lifelong .

Know Your Anne

Udaipur Girl

Taxation

Sufi Music



RISHA JAIN

Born in the beautiful city of lakes, Udaipur, I grew up in a very protective environment as a single child living with my bade papa and badi mummy. Having completed my school and undergraduation here, I went on to experience the rhythm of Mumbai, the city that never sleeps. As a CA article at Deloitte, Haskins & Sells, this stint of 3 years shaped me in ways no classroom ever could. My stay in Mumbai made me value what I had instead of looking at the grass as green on the other side.

I got married soon after I qualified my CA exams and relocated to a city with different culture and language. I used the first 18 months after marriage to understand the city, know my new family, learn the language and make new friends. I joined a tax law firm under Advocate K. Vaitheeswaran in 2009 and ever since, spent over 16 years immersed in the intricate world of taxation, learning new laws and unlearning the old ones. We navigate Income Tax, GST and other indirect taxes for major corporates across the country and beyond.

Beyond my commitment to my work, I write – not always for the world, but often for keeping my sanity intact. Through words, I turn the chaos that hits my head into clarity and experiences into lessons.

Music moves me just as deeply – especially the melody and the depth of Sufi. I can sway to Bollywood beats with equal joy, love going for long morning and evening walks, or chase sunsets on long drives interrupted only by chai and conversation. I believe in quality over crowd. A few treasured friends, a cup of chai, conversations without filter and judgement - that is how I like to unwind and that is how I like my evenings to be.

At the center stands my family – my greatest strength and cozy corner. My husband, Gaurav, is my quiet constant, offering encouragement without condition. My children, Kashhvi and Pranav, are my daily dose of willing to live healthy and happy. Living within a joint family has been my greatest blessing that has taught me that love multiplies and responsibilities ease out when shared. The coming decade carries a simple promise to myself : to travel more, live by experiences and health above everything else, because life is a roller coaster, with its ups and downs and I choose to embrace every rise and fall of the ride.

14th February 2026

VALENTINE Fellowship

A Night Full of Love



The Magnum Valentine fellowship was a night to remember! With a live singer setting the mood, everyone dressed in Valentine's colours added to the beautiful vibe. We had a great time dancing, enjoying good food, and celebrating friendship and love. The energy was infectious, and laughter echoed throughout the evening. It was wonderful to connect with friends making new memories and strengthening bonds. The evening was a perfect blend of music, food, and camaraderie, leaving everyone with smiles and warm hearts !!

- Priyanka Doshi



14th February 2026

VALENTINE Fellowship



MAGNUM OPEN PICKLEBALL LEAGUE – SEASON 1

22 FEBRUARY, 2026

SUNDAY

PICKLEBALL



PARTICIPATING TEAMS



RCCP-1



PYA
EVOLVE



ROTARY CHENNAI
CAPITAL



MADRAS
GYM KHANA



COSMOPOLITAN
CLUB



RYA METRO
STAR



AFC
GALAXY



AGRA
TRADE



MAGNANIMOUS
ROTARIANS



RCCP-2

CHAMPIONS 2026

MADRAS
GYM KHANA
CLUB

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TURNING RAIN INTO ROAR



22 FEBRUARY, 2026



SUNDAY

PICKLEBALL

When the rains forced us to postpone the Magnum Open Pickleball League, it would have been easy to just give up! Instead, Magnum did what Magnum does best – we came back stronger, sharper, and more determined. And what unfolded on 22nd February at Ice Water EA was nothing short of spectacular.

As the MC, I had the privilege of witnessing the heartbeat of the tournament from the front lines. From the very first announcement to the final point played, there was an unmistakable energy – courts turning over seamlessly, teams reporting on time, volunteers moving with precision, and an audience that brought unmatched enthusiasm. The discipline, coordination, and spirit on display ensured the entire event ran flawlessly and on schedule.

What made this tournament truly special was the UNSEEN collective effort. From the in-house scoring app and meticulous backend operations, to the overwhelming sponsor support especially the lip smacking food and beautifully curated jerseys and goodie bags – every detail reflected Magnum's signature pursuit of excellence. Our volunteers were extraordinary, working tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure every match, every score, and every transition was executed perfectly. Everyone's effort was special and hence I am not naming everyone but each of us made this day special!

Visits from DG, Incoming DG, Other Rotarians as well as Rotary International President's Representative PDG Rtn. Siti Subeida Mustafa from Malaysia along with her partner Rtn. Kamalarul Mohd Arif made this a grand Rotary event. Seeing ten teams compete fiercely, families cheering passionately, and our very own Magnanimous Rotarians securing third place made the day even more memorable. Theek se khelte aur toh kya pata... but jokes aside seeing them play their hearts out and cheer hard for them was SO SPECIAL!

This was not just a tournament. It was a celebration of resilience, teamwork, and Magnum pride.

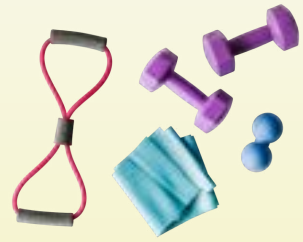
Season 1 set the benchmark. Season 2 now has a legacy to live up to – We have to make it bigger, better and more *MAGNUM* !

– **Swati Patwari**

DR KARTHIK NATARAJAN

Speaker Meet

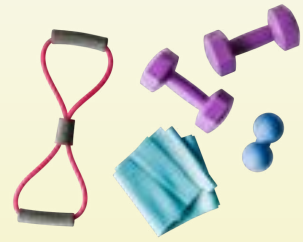
Lifestyle Medicine For Urban Believer



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RETHINKING HEALTH IN A MODERN WORLD

In an enlightening session, Dr. Kartik Natarajan highlighted how urban lifestyles are fueling a rise in diabetes, obesity, and digestive disorders. He emphasized that most modern illnesses are preventable through mindful living. Stress, sedentary routines, processed foods, and poor sleep are silent contributors to chronic disease. Dr. Natarajan advocated a return to balanced nutrition, regular exercise, preventive screenings, and mental well-being practices. "Health is a daily investment," he noted, urging individuals to take responsibility for sustainable habits. The talk served as a powerful reminder that true wealth lies not in convenience, but in conscious, healthy living.



Member's Musing

Musings: Companionship ~ Friendship Edition.

Some companionship is inherited, some promised. Friendships are chosen—again and again, without paperwork, without guarantees.

Friends are the shelter we never asked for, yet always find ourselves seeking it so often. Careers become routine, children find their own doors, responsibilities pile up each day. And then, a friend's call arrives — a stolen drink, a quick cigarette behind an office, a laugh over something ridiculous or that adolescent memory of *masti* together — and you become lighter.

Some asked you the hard question you did not want to hear or answer? Who sat with you through the dumb, small griefs and the big, raw losses? Who laughed for you especially when you had forgotten that you could still laugh?

With age, friendships change shape. We watch friends stumble: marriages fray and mend, parents dim and go, ambitions shrink or shift or just 'accepted'. Friends become witnesses to versions of us that we never imagined. Some walk away — slowly, or with a door slammed — and some arrive late, feel ancient and somehow fit as if they'd always been there. Do friendships deepen with age, or do they simply reveal their true shape? Are the bonds that survive the simplest — a message, a shared silence — stronger than those built on constant *sho-sha*?

Look at your phone. Look at your memory. There are names that warm your space when they simply appear or make you smile when you remember.

Tonight, who will you call — not because you need something, but because being with someone who knows you makes the day softer? Who would you like softly hum "Tum jaise c*** ka sahara hai doston," for ??

~Anonymous Member



Magnum Smiles

Credits: Shweta Bansal



7th February 2026

FEE DONATION

Rotary Club of Madras Magnum sponsored 4th year fees to G.Surendar studying in Kauvery college of Allied health science doing Bsc . Cardiac technology. This is his 4th year and last year fees for his last year internship (Rs. 80,000). His father is a farmer by occupation with a salary of Rs. 15,000 and Mother is a housewife.

7th February 2026

WHEELCHAIR DONATION



Rotary Club of Madras Magnum donated 6 wheel chairs to the needy. Thanks to the generous donations made by Rtn. Shubhi Jain, Rtn Saket Lath, Rtn. Jaya, Ann Mohit Bansal and 2 of his relatives.

Magnum Smiles

Credits: Shweta Bansal

7th February 2026

WHEELCHAIR DONATION



Magnum Smiles

Credits: Shweta Bansal



21st February 2026

EGG DONATION

Rotary Club of Madras Magnum sponsored 150 eggs to Can Kids T Nagar where there are underprivileged children suffering from cancer living while on treatment. Eggs play an important part of their diet during treatment.

Thanks dear Vinita Palsani for your kindness and generosity.

23rd February 2026

WHEELCHAIR DONATION



Rotary Club of Madras Magnum sponsored a wheelchair to Mr. Gopi Jaganathan aged 37 years whose is not able to walk much due to an accident.

Thanks dear donor for your kindness and generosity.

Magnum Smiles

Credits: Shweta Bansal

24th February 2026

RATION DONATION



Rotary Club of Madras Magnum donated ration to PLANT SHELTER HOME.

27th February 2026

WATER HEATER DONATION

Rotary Club of Madras Magnum donated 3 Water Heaters to Residencial School in Yelagiri. Best quality Geysers were installed.

Thank you for the donors.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays



Aashish Kukreja



Tejus Gupta



Pooja Bagri



Sulay Shah



Vaibhav Kamdar



Shivani Bhaiya

Anniversary



Akshay & Asha Seth



Arjun & Pooja Bagri



Bhavesh & Reema Shah

Annette's Birthdays

Dhruv

Arnav Shah

Kridaya Gupta

Pranav Baid

Nanak Mishra

Kavya Jain

Divith Kukreja

UPCOMING



EVENTS



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Fellowship

Sun
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**Toilet Block
Inauguration**

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Club Assembly

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**Toilet Block
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Looking Forward



**“Keep your face
always toward the
sunshine—and
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behind you.”**

– Walt Whitman



Thank you