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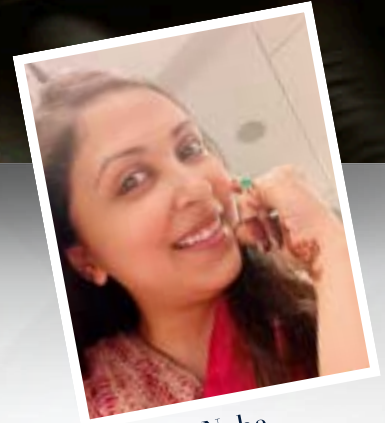




Shilpa



Akshay



Neha

EDITOR'S NOTE

"May unfolds its promise of growth and quiet brilliance..."

Welcome to the May issue of Magnum Ink Magazine—where renewal, intention, and vibrant possibility come together. As summer stretches into longer days and golden light lingers a little more, this month invites us to embrace both momentum and mindful pause.

Amid blooming landscapes and sunlit mornings, may these pages feel like a gentle companion—fresh, uplifting, and full of purpose. Whether you're chasing new goals, savoring stillness, or crafting your own story of progress, this issue walks alongside you through the season of becoming.

In every small win, every shared laugh, and each moment of clarity—our connection grows stronger.

Here's to growth, purpose, and the effortless radiance of May—together.

Know Your Member

SIDDARTH KHICHA



The Businessman

The Family Man

The Explorer



Chaos, Sports, and a Life Well Played

I'm Siddarth – businessman, reluctant expert in leather processing chemicals, accidental tech entrepreneur, and most importantly, a man who has learned to find peace in absolute, unrelenting chaos.

My journey began in the familiar lanes of Chennai – schooling at Don Bosco Egmore, followed by an undergraduate degree at Loyola College. Convinced that the world needed more of my opinions on money and governance, I pursued an MBA at UTS Sydney with a double major in Finance and Corporate Governance. Armed with a degree and considerably more confidence than was warranted, I returned home to join the family business – distribution of leather processing chemicals for BASF. What followed was a gradual, deeply enjoyable slide into entrepreneurship. Today, I find myself helming a diverse portfolio of ventures including DigiTingo, a full-service digital marketing agency, and LED, a kids' gaming arcade concept that is rapidly expanding across India. Diversification, it turns out, is just a fancy word for never being bored.

Growing up, sport was my language. I competed across disciplines and was fortunate enough to represent Tamil Nadu at the national baseball tournament – yes, baseball, yes in India, yes it's a real thing. The disbelief on people's faces when I mention it remains one of my favourite party tricks. These days, my arena of choice is the pickleball court, where I compete in local and national tournaments with an enthusiasm that my knees occasionally disagree with.

I have been lucky enough to find Smriti – my partner in this wonderfully unpredictable journey called life. Together we have two incredible children, Manvi (13) and Arhaan (7), whose smallest achievements genuinely make my day. Our home, shared with my brother's family, is best described as a madhouse of four kids – three boys and a girl – where the concept of silence is entirely non-existent. And honestly? That's exactly what makes coming home exciting every single day.

As for Rotary – I joined in the club's very first year, completely clueless about what I had signed up for. Years later, I count myself among the luckiest. Not just for being part of an organisation that does genuinely meaningful work, but for stumbling into one of the most lively, warm, and wonderful groups of people I have ever had the privilege of calling my own.

Siddarth Khicha

Know Your Anne

KHUSHBOO BHATLA



Sketching &
Badminton

Travel

Family first



Hello magnum family!

I'm Khushboo Bhatla,

Born in Agra, the beautiful city of Taj, I did my schooling in St. Anthonys Jr. College and my graduation from Dayal bagh University and also pursued my diploma in Fashion designing. Growing up, I enjoyed sketching and playing badminton. I loved riding bicycle too.

My parents will always be my role model. They have taught me the real lessons of life. I have an elder sister & a younger brother, with whom I share a strong bond.

Soon after finishing my fashion designing course, I got married to Gaurav Bhatla, who has the most patience and always supports me in every step I take in my life. I am a home maker blessed with 2 daughters Anaisha & Sanaya studying in Sishya school currently in 10th & 8th grade.

I love traveling and spending time with family & friends. I am grateful for every moment of my life. The ups have taught me to be grateful & humble and appreciate everything. The lows have taught me that nothing is permanent, and have taught me to have faith & be grounded always..

Every day comes with something new to learn.

In the last I would like to quote "life is like riding a bicycle, to keep your balance, you must keep moving".

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Rotary Club of Madras Magnum & Rotary Club of Chennai ECR proudly handed over 3 Advanced Anesthesia Workstations to the Institute of Child Health & Hospital for Children, Egmore, Chennai under a Rotary Global Grant.

With over 5,000 pediatric surgeries conducted here every year, administering anesthesia to infants and young children demands the highest level of accuracy and care. These state-of-the-art machines will enable safer, smoother, and painless procedures—impacting and saving thousands of young lives annually.

A meaningful step towards strengthening public healthcare and giving every child a better chance at recovery.

Grateful to our donors, partners, and everyone who made this possible.



9th April 2026

MAGNUM TALKS

NAVIGATING THE NOISE IN EQUITY CAPITAL MARKETS

BY: MADHAV PVR



The event brought together Magnum members seeking clarity in today's dynamic markets.

Led by Madhav PVR, the session highlighted the importance of discipline, long-term thinking, and a structured investment approach. His practical insights on cutting through market noise and focusing on quality investments resonated strongly with the audience.

The evening concluded with engaging discussions, leaving attendees better equipped to navigate the markets with confidence and purpose.



24th April 2026

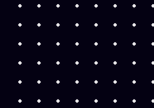
Cocktails & Conversations

Evening with Cocktails, Friends and
Conversations!



A perfect evening isn't about grand plans—it's about the little moments that turn into lasting memories. Last night was just that. Great food that satisfied every craving, drinks that kept the conversations flowing, and above all, the kind of company that makes time fly without you even noticing. Laughter echoed, stories were shared, and for a few hours, nothing else mattered. Simple, warm, and truly unforgettable—that's what a fun evening looks like.

- Siddharth Bhaiya



Member's Musing

Musings: The Last Companion!

I don't know what God is. I was never sure. I was taught rituals before I was taught reasons. I 'performed' faith before I understood it. And somewhere in my thirties, I stopped performing — and the question became real.

To me, God is not a man on a throne keeping score. God is not the one I bargain with before a big meeting or an exam result. I have done that — we all have — and it always felt slightly embarrassing in hindsight. Like calling someone only when you need a favour.

What I have come to believe — and I hold this loosely — is that God is the thing that stays when everything else strips away. Call it conscience, call it the universe, call it energy. I call it God because I have no better word for it.

My grandfather hardly ever went to a temple. He read extensively and went on long walks every morning without fail. I think that was his prayer. My grandmother lit a lamp and sat quietly for 60+ minutes before the house woke up and kept reading her sundarkand path everyday. I think that was hers. Same God. Different language.

What troubles me is how little we question our own version and how we spend our entire life trying to find that answer. We inherit God like we inherit property — without asking whether it fits us, whether it is truly ours. Some carry a God of fear. Some carry a God of transaction. Some stopped believing and carry the weight of that absence too. All of it is honest - None needs defending.

The marriage companion knows your storms. The friend companion knows your history. The self companion knows your silence. But the God companion — if you allow it — knows what you hide from all three. The one who does not need you to be fine.

Do you even know who that is for you?

~Anonymous Member



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays



Rohit Jain



Shrenik Vaid



Asha Seth



Priti Sarawgi



Khushbu



Latha



Priyanks Doshi



Vinita Palsani

Anniversary



Hardik & Hetal Sangoi



Vaibhav & Shruti Kamdar

Annette's Birthdays

Tanya Kukreja

Anayaa Seth

Viara Shah

Aarav Navlakha

Viraj Bagri

Yuvika Kankaria

UPCOMING

EVENTS



Sun
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**Club Assembly -
Governor's Visit**

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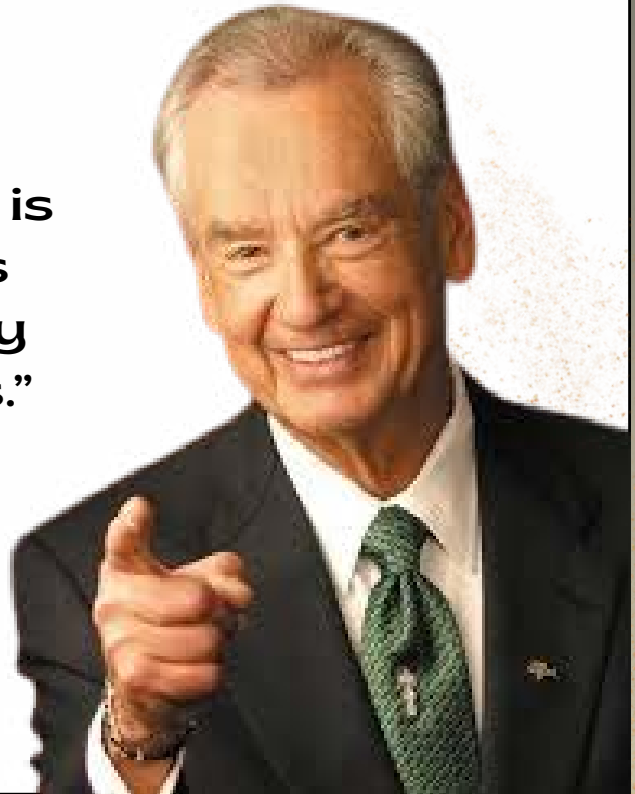
**Members'
Fellowship**

Looking Forward



**“What you get by
achieving your goals is
not as important as
what you become by
achieving your goals.”**

– Zig Ziglar



Thank you