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The inspiring story of
Justin Vijay Jesudas

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Editors Note



Mansa- Hey karishma, can you believe it's September? I feel like this year is flying by, and we've covered so much ground. There's always something refreshing about September, a mix of new beginnings with a hint of nostalgia for summer.

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◆ **Karishma** - Hey Mansa!! It's been quite a month of spiritual being. Paryushan and Ganpati have kept our religious sides well in place.

Mansa - Onam too!!

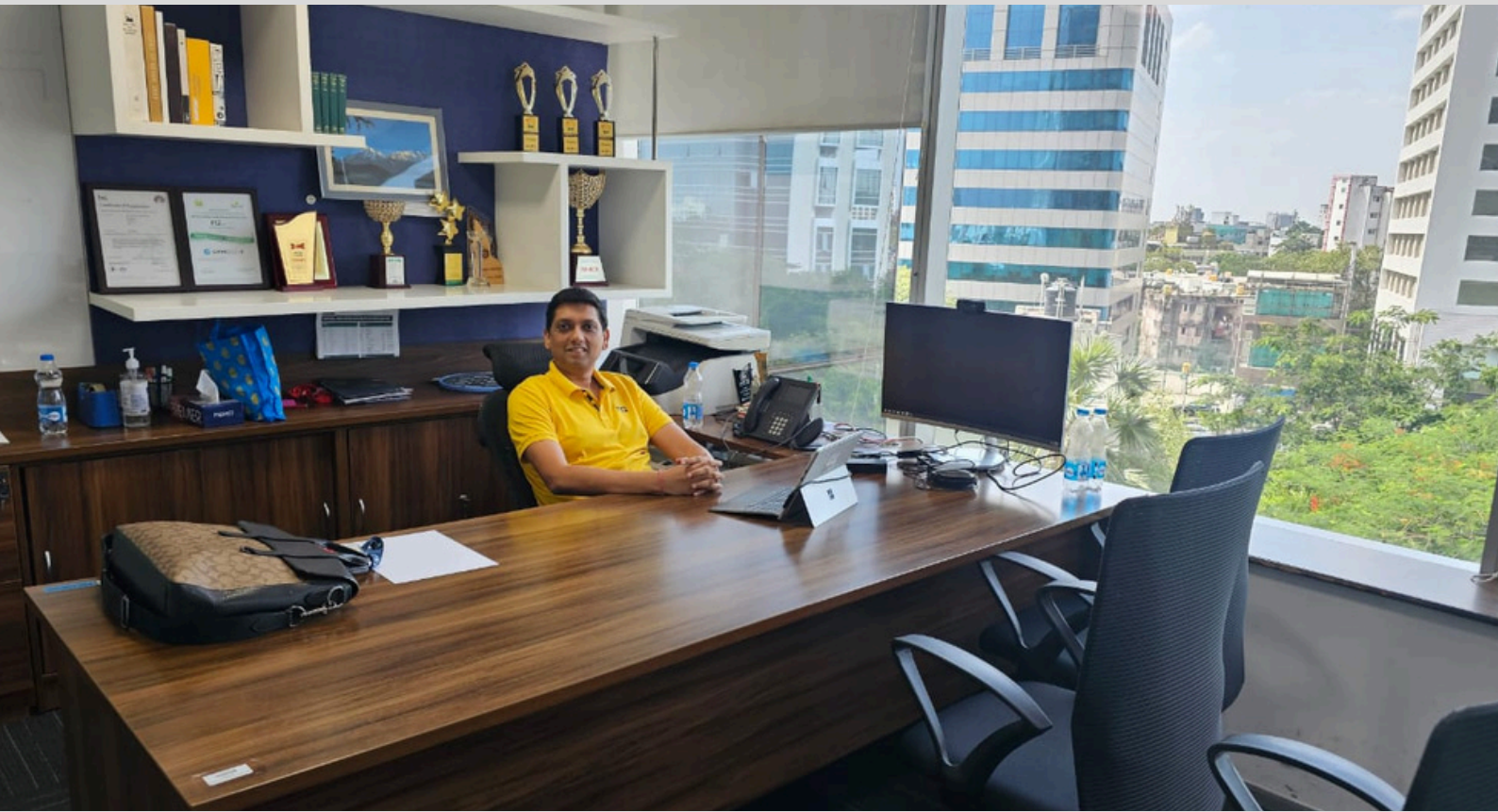
Karishma - it's that time of the year where you begin to feel the essence of festivals lined up for the following months to come. Something vibrant and festive is in the air.

Mansa - Magnum has been a part of this vibrancy too.. the breakfast fellowship, our smile projects , annettes meet and the pickle ball tournament... quite a busy month

Karishma- yep

Let's wrap the month that was MAGNUM STYLE

Know your Member



THE SUCCESS STORY OF

Rtn.

**Kaushik
Sarawgi**



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Hello, Rotary Family!

I'm Kaushik Sarawgi, and this year marks my 17th anniversary with RRD, where I currently serve as the Managing Director for APAC and EMEA. My journey with large MNCs spans 23 years, kicking off with a fulfilling stint at GE Money in Chennai, right after my passion for crunching numbers and strategic thinking led me to become a chartered accountant.

At work, I'm often seen as a tech-savvy leader, relentlessly pushing the envelope on how new technology can redefine business operations. **Currently, I'm engrossed in developing an AI tool aimed at automating PowerPoint presentations—a real game changer! Serving 90% of the Fortune 500 companies keeps us on our toes, and most of my days are packed with operational reviews, strategizing over dashboards, and yes, a significant amount of time listening to what our 9000 employees spread across various sites have to say, with Chennai being our largest.**

What excites me most? It's the never-ending cycle of learning—be it automation, visualization, machine learning, blockchain, or AI. There's always something new on the horizon, and that's what keeps my gears grinding. Fun fact: I once sported a French beard to look the part of the youngest VP in the history of RRD. Apparently, age must come with a beard!

Outside the whirlwind of corporate life, I cherish investing in equity, mentoring startups, and yes, taking time to just laze around, because why not? After all, life isn't all about dashboards and data!

On the personal front, many of you know I'm blessed to be married to Priti, my pillar of strength. Together, we have two wonderful daughters, Vania and Aastha, and of course, the first lady of my life, my mom. Living with these four incredible women means I've become an expert shopper—both window and actual shopping! When I'm not navigating the aisles of a store, I love watching movies, chilling at home, and breaking out the board games. It's a full house with non-stop action and loads of love.

Looking forward to many more moments of innovation, investment, and maybe, just a bit more lazing around with all of you here in the Rotary Club! Here's to making more magic happen, both in and out of the boardroom!

Yours Truly

Rtn. Kaushik Sarawgi

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Gaurav Jain



We are proud to be preferred vendors of leading corporates across India like TVS group, PepsiCo India, Malabar Gold, L&T, India Cements, Tata Electronics, etc.

I took my first step at the age of 22 into my Family's commercial interests and started my journey under my father's guidance with a textile mill and our own brand of Men's Formal Shirts and formal suiting fabrics called SPECIAL EDITIONS, Which was available at retail stores across India. We then progressed to Dressing corporates & Industries to perfection through creating our own brand of Uniforms called RICHWORTH. **We manufacture uniforms for all sectors including manufacturing, retail, hospitality, services etc. We are proud to be preferred vendors of leading corporates across India like TVS group, PepsiCo India, Malabar Gold, L&T, India Cements, Tata Electronics, etc.**

We then diversified into the retail business by taking franchisees of a Kolkata based leading celebration wear brand called Manyavar and opened our first store back in 2010. We have 7 stores in Chennai and our T.Nagar store is India's largest store of Manyavar. Other stores are located at Anna Nagar, Phoenix Marketcity, 100 ft road Velachery, VR Mall, Express Avenue and Marina Mall.

My brother and I work together and dad always guides us with his experience and knowledge.

My education as a graduate in textile technology from the University of Manchester supported my pursuit of textile business and gave me the right insight into the technicalities of fabrics.

Perseverance and integrity were the values imbibed in me by my father and these virtues have given us an edge over our competitors.

In my business journey I have learnt that our employees are our biggest strength and treating them as family has created a strong bond between us. I believe this bond will go a long way in strengthening the foundation of our business and help in the long run in many aspects.



FUNDAY



Sunday

Brekkie

ENTRANCE CAFE



Breakfast Fellowship

"Sunday " brunch at Entrance cafe with Rotary Magnum family was nothing short of delightful! We all gathered over an incredible spread, conversations, and celebrated with a special cake-cutting moment by Tapasya.

As always, the singing session brought out the best in everyone, creating beautiful memories that were perfectly captured in pictures and a fun boomerang. A day well spent with wonderful people!"

The camaraderie we shared made the day unforgettable—filled with laughter, good vibes, and lasting memories. Here's to many more moments of fun and friendship!

Ann. Twinkle Navlakha



INSPIRING



Speaker

Meet

GLOW CAFE



Speaker Meet



Justin Vijay Jesudas

We had a speaker meet at Glow cafe with a very inspiring Indian disability sport leader “ Justin Vijay Jesudas” He has overcome incredible challenges to become a successful sport achiever . His life took a turn when he faced an accident which led him paralysed neck down . But he decided not to be dependent on anyone and shifted his focus from his disabilities to his abilities .

He gives such a wonderful lesson to all of us that never loose confidence in yourself . He started with basketball and found his passion in swimming . He emphasizes on the power of sports for disabled people . To everyone’s surprise It was a full house for this meet . The members and the kids had a great inspiring session . The best he said was “ Never be afraid of falling down , instead Rise and shine “

Ann. Nishi Shah

Club Assembly



The 1st Club Assembly



Magnum' 1st Club Assembly for the year 2024-25, held at Presidency Club, was a resounding success. The assembly inducted two new members, Saket Lath and Harsh Kankaria, with much enthusiasm. Key highlights included financial remote updates from Sid B, Mukesh & Kaushik, membership insights from Rishi, and project initiatives. Rishi, Shrenik, Bhavesh, Shweta, Mukesh's efforts on their respective area's were highly praised, and their dedication was extolled by all attendees. The assembly also saw approvals for key initiatives, including the Global Grant contribution and the Magnum Box Cricket League. With discussions on future projects and a focus on growth, the year promises to be impactful.

Rtn. Akshay Patwari

Magnum Milestones

Global Grant Approval

The Rotary Club of Madras Magnum (RCMM) is proud to announce the approval of Global Grant GG2463905 from the Rotary Foundation, totaling USD 69,677, with RCMM contributing USD 19,125. This grant will enable the construction of four toilets across three schools, significantly improving sanitation for students. Gaurav Bhatla's relentless efforts, including numerous exchanges by Akshay with Rotary's grant officers, were key to securing approval during RY 2023-25. We will soon be making our share of the contribution and moving the project forward. This achievement underscores RCMM's commitment to expanding grant opportunities and multiplying funds for impactful community service projects.

CSR Grant

The Rotary Club of Madras Magnum (RCMM) has secured its second consecutive CSR grant from Aventus Capital Private Limited, receiving INR 11 lakh for building a girls' toilet in Medavakkam, where we had previously constructed a boys' facility. This achievement is a testament to RCMM's professional approach and impactful work. Mukesh Saraf, who spearheaded this project since March 2024, played a pivotal role in securing the funds in August 2024. This accomplishment highlights RCMM's growing strength in corporate fundraising and reinforces the club's commitment to driving meaningful change through CSR initiatives. Execution of the project will commence soon.

Rtn. Akshay Patwari

Magnum Smiles

DINNER DONATION

We donated wholesome dinner at Bal Mandir Kamaraj Trust T nagar wherein 250 underprivileged children and 50 helpers reside. This has been generously sponsored by Ann. Mohit Bansal for an occasion very close to his heart.



EGGS FOR CANCER PATIENTS

Can Kids T Nagar where there are a total of 55 underprivileged children residing for their cancer treatment need eggs as a nutritional supplement during their course of treatment.

Rtn Tapasya Goenka has generously sponsored 150 eggs for the month of August and also for September for Rs 2100.



GIRL CHILD EDUCATION

Rotary Club of Madras Magnum sponsored fees for an underprivileged child Lakshana Prabhu studying in Class 12 at Chaitanya Techno School. She is also preparing for her Neet exam in school. Her mother is a severe arthritis patient and father lost his job during covid. The house runs on her grandfathers pension. Thanks to the anonymous donor from the Magnum family (Rs. 1,11,500) for sponsoring the major chunk. The rest has been taken care of by people outside Magnum (Rs. 38,500)



Vocational Services



Cartwheel Donation

As part of our Vocational Services project, our club donated a cart wheel to Mrs. Divya. As previously informed, the cost of the cart is approximately Rs 14,500, which has been generously covered by an anonymous donor.

Rtn. Bhavesh Shah

Magnum Sports



Our Rotary Magnum team had an incredible time bonding both on and off court, during all our practice sessions and the Pickleball Tournament.

While we may not have hit our peak performance, the fun, laughter, and camaraderie we shared are what truly matters.

We're coming back stronger next year with our eyes on the trophy. Huge thanks to RCC Platinum for their fantastic hospitality and a memorable event.

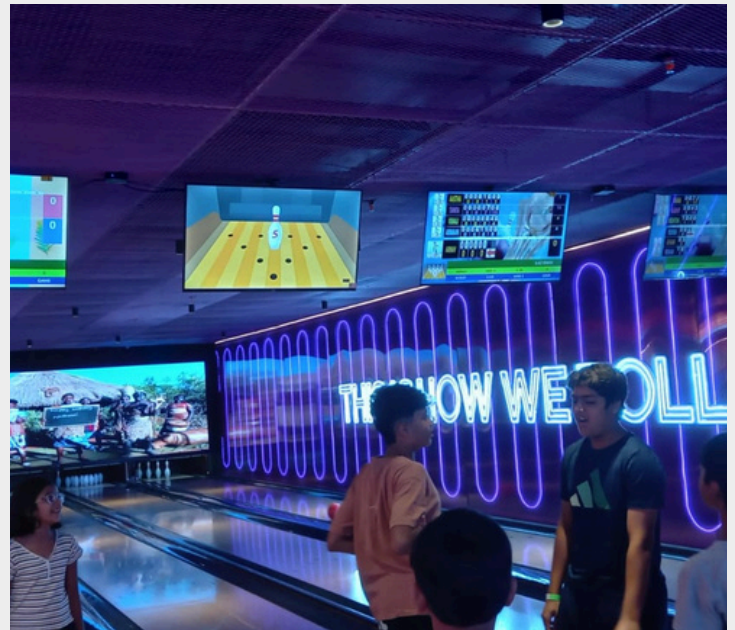
Rtn. Shrenik Vaid

Coffee Evenings



A cozy potluck hosted by Ann. Shivangi Daga that brought together all the ladies for an afternoon of laughter, delicious bites, and, of course, some gossip. Each guest contributed a dish, making it a true collaborative feast of flavors and fun. This potluck party wasn't just about the food or the tea—it was about celebrating friendship, creating new memories, and simply enjoying the company of some of the most amazing women.

Annettes Fellowship



A day of fun & friendships !

On the 21st of Sept, 18 kids gathered for an evening filled with laughter, camaraderie, and friendly competition at the VGP Cyber Kingdom. The atmosphere buzzed with excitement as they formed teams, cheering each other on while trying to knock down those pesky pins.

After finishing bowling, the group took a break to refuel. Chicago-style pizza, loaded with cheese and toppings, alongside heaping plates of pasta and crispy fries, made for a delicious feast. The kids shared stories and jokes, strengthening their bonds over tasty food. Kids got into a friendly arm-wrestling competition sparking even more laughter and excitement. Kids cheered for their friends.

This day wasn't just about bowling; it was about creating memories and deepening friendships. The combination of competition, food, and fun made it an unforgettable experience for Annettes involved.

Ann. Swati Patwari

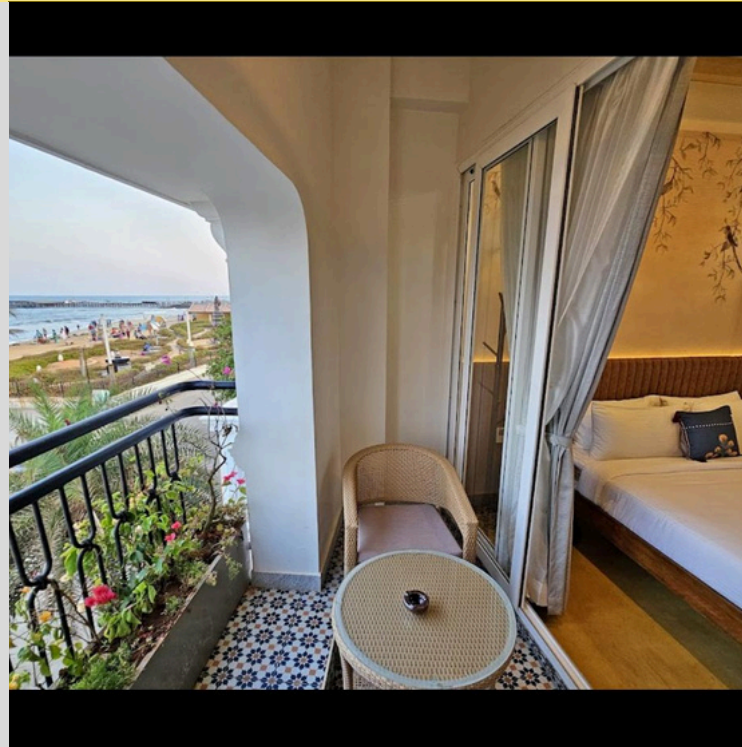
Weekend Getaways

BEACH VIEW HOTELS IN PONDICHERRY Seagadabout

Location is EXCELLENT, service is EXCELLENT. Food at @sicilyscafe was EXCELLENT. Best part? The beach is right beside you.

If that's the reason for you to visit Pondicherry, you cannot look at other options. You cannot. We loved the view from the balcony. It is absolutely unparalleled. And the jacuzzi. Oh my god. It's the ultimate form of relaxation.

Location :
@seagadabout seaside stays,
No 56 Beach Road, Pondicherry 605001
Price: Rooms average at INR 4500-6000



Pondy Yacht Club

Sailing in Pondicherry with [pondyyachtclub](#)

Per person cost: Approx. INR 1500 for 1 hour (varies depending on the distance and duration of the activity).

DM at [pondyyachtclub](#) for more details
Pondicherry Sailing Association

Weekend Getaways

Sree Andhra Tiffins

This is THE OG PLACE OF ALL PLACES. Period. The banana leaves are HUGE. Period. The staff speak Hindi too. Period. You can buy their garlic dal podi and take it home. Period. The amount of love for this place is insane.

Every single dish is made with a lot of love with that spicy Andhra chilli kick.

Things to order:

Their different varieties of dosa, their Kara dosa and garlic ghee dosa are my absolute favourites, as are the paniyarams which are available only in the evenings.

Go to this place not for the fancy fine dining, but a touch of home cooked goodness.

Sree Andhra Tiffins

**192 Ambalathdayar Madam St,
Heritage Town, Pondicherry**



Coromandel Cafe

Coromandel Café in Pondicherry is a charming spot known for its inviting ambiance and eclectic menu. Situated in the heart of the French Quarter, the café combines a laid-back vibe with a touch of colonial elegance.

The décor features a blend of rustic and contemporary elements, with cozy seating and vibrant artwork that reflect the local culture. The outdoor seating area is particularly popular, providing a pleasant setting for both locals and tourists.

The café is renowned for its curated menu that offers a mix of global flavors, from Mediterranean to Asian influences, alongside fresh, locally sourced ingredients. Dishes such as wood-fired pizzas, homemade pasta, and artisanal desserts are popular, and they also serve a variety of organic and specialty beverages.

Coromandel Café has become a favorite spot for both tourists and locals seeking an atmospheric dining experience in the heart of Pondicherry.

Birthdays & **Anniversaries**



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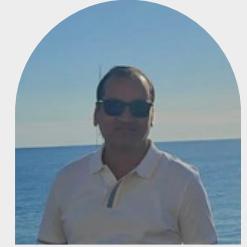
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Industrial Visit

TBA

Borewell inauguration

TBA

2 Toilet inaugurations



Thank **You!**
See you next month

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