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A Month of...
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Prosperity and
Renewed
Purpose

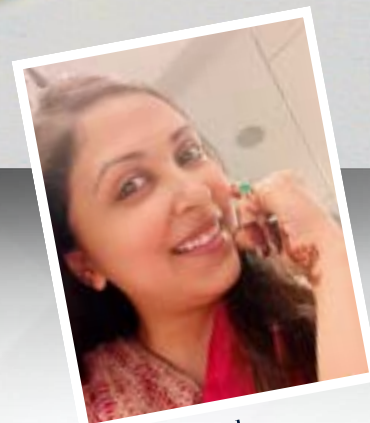




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EDITOR'S NOTE

"October unfolds its palette of elegance..."

Welcome to the October issue of Magnum Ink Magazine—where prosperity, connection, and radiant celebration converge. As Diwali's golden hues deepen and evenings glow longer, this month carries us into moments both introspective and bright.

Amid illuminated celebrations and glowing lamps, may these pages feel like a shared embrace—warm, intentional, and inclusive. Whether you're gathering to light a diya, enjoying a quiet moment by a window, or weaving together your story of abundance, this issue is your companion in the luminous season.

In every shared smile, every gentle flicker, and each soft pause—our connection deepens.

Here's to renewal, celebration, and the radiant elegance of October—together.

Know Your Member

ANKIT NAVLAKHA



The Businessman

The Family Man

The Explorer



I'm a Gemini with three personalities (not two!) The Businessman, The Family Man and The Explorer.

The Businessman

I'm part of a family deeply rooted in the comfort business. Over the years, I've been involved in three connected areas of business : PU foam and mattress distribution, furniture manufacturing and furniture retailing. My passion is building systems driven businesses that run smoothly, create value, and bring comfort not just to customers, but to the people who run them.

The Family Man

I've been married to Twinkle for twenty wonderful years, and together we're blessed with two sons Aarav (12th grade at MCTM) and Armaan (7th grade at Lady Andal). Both boys share a love for mathematics and aspire to be successful businessmen one day. Twinkle is the heart of our home and a fantastic cook. I'm fortunate to enjoy her delicious food every day. These three truly add a *twinkle* to my eyes.

The Explorer

When I am not working or if I am with my family, the explorer side takes over. I enjoy reading self-help books, exploring human behavior and understanding people better. I love to travel and explore new cultures. Music, especially anything upbeat keeps me energized.

I also have a love for coffee and can happily spend long hours in a café with a book or laptop. Fitness is another passion, I enjoy lifting weights.

Travel, books, music, coffee and fitness fuel me up.

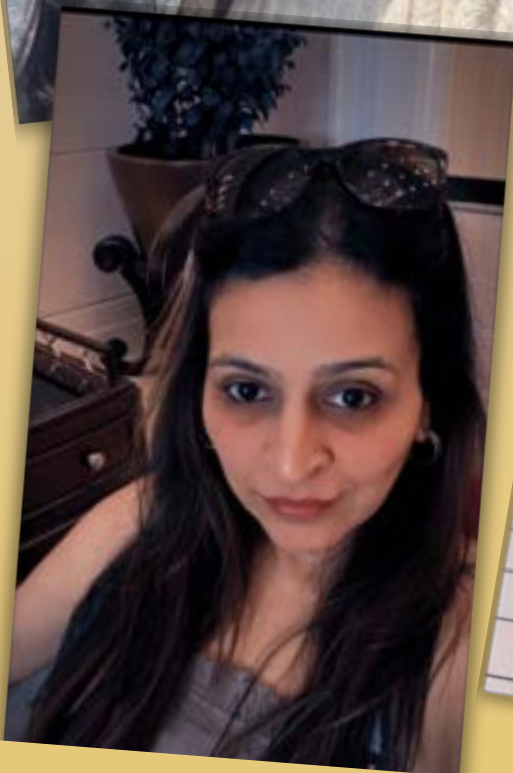
And if you ever ask me about sofas, be prepared... I'll probably make you sit down on one for a long story!

Know Your Anne

Kolkatta
Vibrance

Visual Merchandising
and Design

travel and
getaways



KARISHMA KANKARIA

Born just before Christmas on 23rd December 1980 in the **vibrant city of Kolkata**, I've always seen life as something worth celebrating – with laughter, connection, and a little sparkle. I grew up in the nurturing environment of **Loreto House**, an all-girls convent that shaped my values and discipline.

I went on to study at NIFT, specializing in **Visual Merchandising and Design**, which allowed me to channel my creative energy into something meaningful. My professional journey began with an **internship at Pantaloons**, but soon after, life took a joyful turn with wedding bells ringing too soon.

Over the years, I've built and nurtured a large, vibrant circle of friends who are like my extended family. From schoolmates and college besties to fellow mommies I'm lucky to be surrounded by people who bring so much love, laughter, and grounding to my life. My husband often says I could talk to a wall – and he's not wrong!

When the world paused during COVID-19, I took the opportunity to reinvent myself and certified as an **IB-trained educator**. I went on to teach at Alphabets School and Accord International, where being with children felt like home. As a mom to two energetic girls, managing a classroom full of enthusiastic students felt more like an extension of my daily life than work.

Currently, I'm on a short sabbatical, taking time to reflect and recharge. But my heart remains in the world of children's education, and I look forward to returning soon.

Outside of work and family, my biggest passion is **travel and getaways** with friends and family. It gives me adventure, stories, and amazing memories with my favorite people.

I'm someone who believes in celebrating the little things, showing up for people, and living life with an open heart. My family is my anchor, my friends are my grounding force, and yeah I'm just a call away for my loved ones.

Magnum Accolades

मैग्नम कार्निवल सीजन 7 का आयोजन
750 बच्चों को फिल्म वारिसु दिखाई गई

चेन्नई @ पत्रिका. रोटरी क्लब ऑफ मद्रास मैग्नम, जो रोटरी डिस्ट्रिक्ट 3234 का हिस्सा है, ने हाल में अपने वार्षिक प्रमुख आयोजन मैग्नम कार्निवल का सातवां संस्करण आयोजित किया। इस पहल के अंतर्गत 750 वंचित बच्चों को विभिन्न चाइल्ड केयर होम्स से लाकर शिवशक्ति सिनेमा पाड़ी में फिल्म वारिसु दिखाई गई। क्लब ने इस दिन को खास बनाने के लिए हर पहलु की जिम्मेदारी स्वयं उठाई। निजी बसों से पिक-अप और ड्रॉप, पौष्टिक नाश्ता, स्नेक्स, दोपहर का भोजन, गुडी बैग और लाइव मनोरंजन। बच्चों के चेहरों पर झलकती उत्सुकता, हंसी और खुशी इस कार्यक्रम की सफलता की सच्ची गवाह थी। रोटरी क्लब ऑफ मद्रास मैग्नम के अध्यक्ष मिथार्थ जयराज ने कहा हर साल अगस्त में इस आयोजन के जरिये बच्चों के चेहरे पर मुस्कान देखना हमें बेहद भावनात्मक संतोष देता है। मैग्नम कार्निवल की खासियत यह है कि इसके हर छोटे-बड़े काम फंड जुटाना, योजना बनाना, लॉजिस्टिक्स से लेकर भोजन तक प्यार और समर्पण के साथ करते हैं



मैग्नम कार्निवल सीजन 7 में शामिल बच्चे।

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The Amir Mahal Fellowship of the Rotary Club of Madras Magnum was a truly unforgettable evening. Held at the stunning Amir Mahal, the historic residence of the Nawab of Arcot, the event brought together members, anns and annettes for a night filled with charm and elegance.

One of the evening's highlights was the famous quiz, which was conducted by the Nawab himself. With his warm and engaging presence, he guided participants through a series of tricky questions that kept everyone on their toes. It wasn't just about the quiz; it was about the fun and excitement of competing in such a unique setting.

After the quiz, we all enjoyed a lavish dinner, with a spread that celebrated the region's rich culinary heritage. The atmosphere at Amir Mahal was nothing short of regal, with its grand decor making the evening feel even more special. The Nawab also treated everyone to a performance on the piano, adding a personal touch to the night. To top it off, some amazing singers took the stage, leaving the crowd mesmerized. The Amir Mahal Fellowship was a perfect blend of culture, music, and good company, leaving everyone with lasting memories of a truly special night.

Annette Ananya Daga

Member's Musing

Making Your Forties and Fifties Truly Count

By forty, life often looks different from the bright plans we made at twenty. Some dreams came true; others quietly slipped away. Work became steady but monotonous; family needs multiplied; the body whispered that time is ticking. It's natural to feel a small grief for the life you imagined. But grief need not become a long stay. This season can be the most honest, most powerful one yet.

Start with gentle acceptance. Say, "This is where I am," and "This is who I am," without blaming yourself or others. Acceptance clears the fog so you can see options again. Then take tiny ownership—small, daily choices that add up. Put on your walking shoes five minutes earlier. Read two pages before sleep. Call an old friend and listen. These low-resistance starts build a quiet momentum you'll thank yourself for.

Gratitude shifts the lens. In our homes, we often count what's missing; try tonight to count what remains: a laugh at the breakfast table, a neighbour who helps, a skill you've honed. Gratitude doesn't ignore pain—it shows you the fuel you still have to move forward.

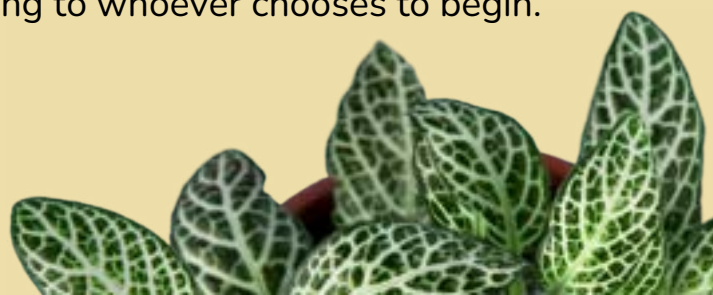
Protect your energy. Learn to say no kindly. Choose relationships that stretch and support you. Sleep, simple food, a little movement—these are not indulgences; they are the infrastructure of a resilient life.

Learn like you're thirty again. A short course, a hobby, mentoring a young colleague—newness stirs confidence and curiosity. Serve in small ways; helping another person often reveals strengths you'd forgotten.

Finally, imagine a clear, warm picture of what you want the next ten years to feel like. Hold that image lightly, and take one step toward it today.

You don't need to catch up with a younger version of yourself. You only need to start from where you are—with courage, tenderness, and steady, small actions. The best chapters are still ahead, and they belong to whoever chooses to begin.

~Anonymous Member



Magnum Smiles

Credits: Shweta Bansal



1st September 2025
FOOD DONATION

Rotary Club of Madras Magnum sponsored lunch to 58 inmates of Shelter Home Nungambakkam.

The home has 50 inmates and 8 staff helpers. They were overwhelmed to receive the same.



4th September 2025
FOOD DONATION



Rotary Club of Madras Magnum sponsored dinner to 250 children and 25 staff of Bal Mandir T Nagar on 4th Sept.

Thank you donor for your kindness.

Magnum Smiles

Credits: Shweta Bansal



13th September 2025
EGG DONATION

Rotary Club of Madras Magnum sponsored 150 eggs to Can Kids T Nagar where there are a total 50 underprivileged children suffering from cancer living. Its their home away from home. Eggs form a vital part of their diet during treatment.

Thanks Rtn. Jaya Sunder Besant for your kind donation 3 months in a row.



15th September 2025
FOOD DONATION



Rotary Club of Madras Magnum donated breakfast and lunch to 58 inmates of Charu Home for the aged T Nagar on the occasion of birthday of a senior member of the family.

Magnum Smiles

Credits: Shweta Bansal

16th September 2025

GOODIE BAGS DONATION



As a small extension of our Magnum Carnival efforts, we distributed the 23 goodie bags that were left with us to a few less privileged children at Chennai Middle School. The children were very happy to receive them, and the gesture was well appreciated by the school.

17th September 2025

FEE DONATION



Rotary Club of Madras Magnum donated fees to an underprivileged girl child named Adhira, aged 10 years of Class 6 studying in P S Matriculation Higher Secondary School Mylapore for Rs. 23600.

The mother is no more and father works as a call driver on call basis. Her grandmother who is in the above picture sells fruits in Poes Garden.

Thank you anonymous donor for your kindness and generosity.



Magnum Smiles

Credits: Shweta Bansal

19th September 2025

WALKING STICKS DONATION



Rotary Club of Madras Magnum will be donating 100 walking sticks to the visually impaired children of Govt. Higher Secondary School for the Visually Impaired Poonamalle. Thank you Rt. Nishi Shah, anonymous donor and Annette SAMAIRA BANSAL for your kind donation.

19th September 2025

FOOD DONATION



Rotary Club of Madras Magnum donated 1kg Idly batter to 390 families in slums of Pudupet and Chidambaram village.

This kind donation was made by all anonymous donors as a part of Food for the needy Initiative.

390kgs idly batter means 390 families eat their stomach full without thinking of cost and saving.



Magnum Smiles

Credits: Shweta Bansal

25th September 2025

FEE DONATION



Rotary Club of Madras Magnum sponsored fees of an underprivileged girl named Malini, aged 19 years whose Mother is a fruit seller in Poes Garden with an income of 10,000/- per month. Father is no more

(Reason for death of father: Jaundice Liver cirrhosis). She is doing her 3rd semester in Dr.MGR college (B Tech)

Thank you anonymous donor for sponsoring fees of Rs. 1,30,000 for 2 semesters.

30th September 2025

WORKSHOPS



Rotary club of Madras Magnum spent quality time at Madras Seva Sadan (Prem Vihar) with 10 children staying back during the quarterly leave. They did diya painting and dandiya with them on Sept 30th. Ann Neethu Baid and Ann Vinita Palsani did art work and learning activities with the children.



PINK AUTO PROJECT



MAGNUM PROJECT



8th & 9th CANCER CAMP



Continued Commitment to Women's
Health: Free Cancer Screening Camp at
GMTTV School, Sowcarpet and
YWCA Rural Development Project,
Mudichur

Following the success of its cancer screening initiatives, the Rotary Club of Madras Magnum in association with Equitas, Sringeri Sharada Equitas Hospital and Raj Charitable Foundation, continue to make an Impact in fight against cancer by ensuring access to free cancer screening initiative in September, organizing more camps leading to early detection of oral, breast, and cervical cancers, especially among women of the underprivileged communities.

The 9 camps conducted so far have benefitted close to 440 beneficiaries with 112 lives impacted in July, 72 in August and p40 beneficiaries in September.

The support includes mammograms, HPV DNA tests, and vital health consultations. The medical team ensured thorough screenings and provided personalized health guidance to participants.

This life-saving outreach was made possible through strong collaborations with our supporters and donors.

With more such camps scheduled for the upcoming months, such projects stand as a beacon for Rotary's commitment to a healthy community where healthcare is not just available but also accessible to all.

Risha Jain



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays



Ketan Chordia



Hardik Sangoi



Srivatsan N



Mohit Bansal



Shruti Kamdar



Praveen Tatia



Abhishek Jain



Smriti Khicha



Teerath Doshi



Saket Lath



Shruti Turakhia



Anchal Lath



Shilpa Gupta

Anniversary



Srikanth Hariharan & Latha

Annette's Birthdays

Vedaa Choradia

Arav Seth

Nairiti Gupta

Rishika Daga

Diya Chordia

Arhaan Khicha

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UPCOMING

EVENTS

Sun

5

Diwali Fellowship

Wed

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Board Meeting

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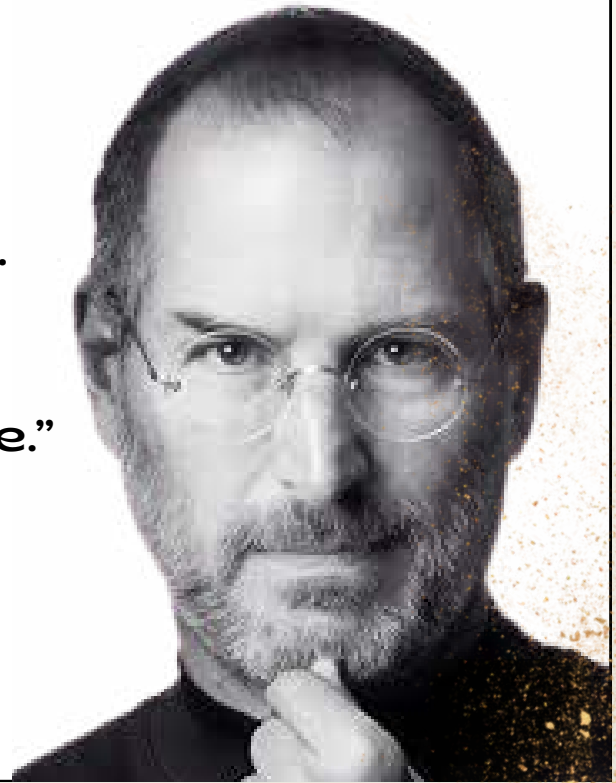
**Movie / Dessert
Fellowship**

Looking Forward



**“Have the courage
to follow your
heart and intuition.
They somehow
know what you
truly want to become.”**

-Steve Jobs



Thank you