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A Month of...

Holidays

Joyous Energy and
Magical Romance

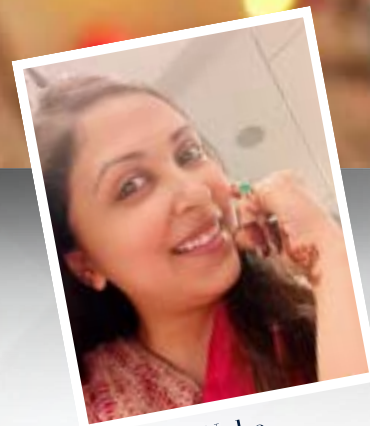




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EDITOR'S NOTE

"December arrives in a whisper of snow-flakes and candle-glow..."

Welcome to the December issue of Magnum Ink Magazine — where reflection, warmth and celebration entwine. As 2025th's final chapter unfolds, we gather in the golden hush of year-end hearths and the crisp breath of winter-evenings.

Amid the twinkle of lights, the sharing of stories and the turning of pages toward what is coming next, may these pages feel like home — inclusive, heartfelt and glowing.

Whether you're pausing by a frosty window, lighting a candle of gratitude, or wrapping up the year's journey with intention — this issue is your companion in the season of closure and fresh beginnings.

In every gentle gesture, every shared smile around the table, every moment of quiet and every sparkle of festivity — our connection deepens.

Here's to warmth, renewal and the luminous elegance of December — together.

Know Your Member

HARSH KANKARIA



The Builder

The Family Man

Spreadsheets
Lover



Hello everyone! I'm Harsh Kankaria, and I'm delighted to share a little bit about my journey.

I grew up amidst the vibrant chaos of Calcutta, where I completed my education before diving straight into the family real estate business. At the slightly adventurous age of 28, I packed my bags and moved to Chennai, ready to sink my teeth into managing a host of residential and commercial projects. That's where I truly found my professional footing.

Our company, the Olympia Group, has made a serious mark here in Chennai's booming real estate scene. We've always believed that building is more than just concrete; it's about building responsibly. We were incredibly proud when our very first project, Olympia Technology Park, was recognized as the "Largest LEED Gold rated Green Building in the World." Yes, we like to go big, and we certainly love a good cause!

Professionally, my philosophy is pretty simple: I prioritise building genuine relationships over chasing a quick buck, every single time. And while I may work in a highly unpredictable industry, I prefer my everyday work life to be streamlined and disciplined. I truly love this business—I think I might be the only person who actually gets excited about looking at spreadsheets.

Life has been equally rewarding. Three years ago, I met my amazing life partner, Khushbu Sanghi, and we tied the knot last year. I've discovered that maintaining discipline and being fit is non-negotiable for me, because how else can I keep up with a socially active life and my constant need to travel? I absolutely love exploring new places, getting lost in their culture, and, most importantly, trying all the amazing food.

If I'm not talking numbers or on a flight, you'll find me just hanging out with family and friends, usually over a good movie or a long dinner. Here's to a life built on strong relationships, constant exploration, and achieving big things.

Know Your Anne

MANSA CHORDIA



Interior
Designer

Quiet Thinker

Creative Dreamer



Hi, I'm Mansa Chordia – an interior designer by profession and a creative soul by passion. I hold a Bachelor of Design from SRM University, and design has always been my favourite way to express myself – where imagination, aesthetics, and purpose come together beautifully.

My journey began with Chiraag Kapoor, where I learned the nuances of design and the magic of transforming spaces. Later, I took the leap into freelancing, which eventually led me to start my own venture – The Art Story. Through it, I curated and created home décor pieces that blended art with emotion. It's currently on a pause, as I'm focusing on a new and equally fulfilling design chapter – my family.

I'm married to Ketan Chordia, and together we're blessed with two wonderful children, Diya and Ayaan, who fill my life with love, laughter, and a splash of everyday inspiration.

I'd call myself a quiet thinker and a creative dreamer – a little introverted, but warm and expressive with those who know me well. I love travelling, exploring new cultures, and finding beauty in small, simple moments.

My life philosophy is simple: Be kind, stay real, and always add a touch of creativity to everything you do.

15th November 2025

RETRO Night



A retro night full of music, memories, and the best company

A retro evening with friends was a special kind of magic. The night came alive with nostalgic music, colorful outfits, and stories that instantly transported us back in time. We danced to old classics, posed for fun photos, and laughed over memories that felt as vivid as ever.



The highlight of the evening was undoubtedly the fun games organized by Nishi and Karishma — they kept everyone on their toes and brought out the most playful side of each of us. With vibrant décor, delicious snacks, and a spirit of togetherness, it truly felt like stepping into the good old days. Surrounded by close friends, cherishing every moment, it became a celebration of friendship, joy, and memories that will stay with us forever.

– Tapasya Goenka



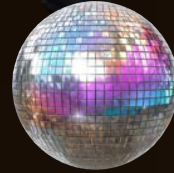
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MYTHS AND REALITIES OF CBI

Raghava Krishnaswami Raghavan



Talk By

Raghava Krishnaswami Raghavan

The session featuring Dr. R. K. Raghavan was an inspiring and intellectually enriching experience for all in attendance. The talk offered deep insights drawn from Dr. Raghavan's vast professional journey and demonstrated how clarity of thought, ethical responsibility, and practical wisdom can effectively address complex real-world challenges.

We extend our sincere appreciation to Rtn. Shrenik Vaid for introducing such a distinguished speaker and for facilitating this meaningful interaction.



Musings: How to Earn the Respect You Want (Part 2)

Continuing from the Part 1...

Once you've built that inner steadiness, the work becomes practical: show the world how to treat you. People don't read minds; they read patterns and/or need clear communications. Here are simple, no-nonsense steps that have worked for me ~ of course after my own learning curve of failures.

1. Say what you mean, mean what you say. Clear communication ends a lot of confusion. If you can't attend a meeting, say so. If you expect timely replies from your team, say that up front. Unspoken rules lead to resentment; spoken rules invite cooperation.
2. Set boundaries kindly. A boundary delivered with respect keeps relationships intact. "I can't take calls after 9 pm—let's plan tomorrow" is both firm and humane. It trains people to respect your time without turning them away.
3. Follow through. Integrity is the short path to trust. When you do what you promise, people feel safe with you. When you don't, they learn not to rely on you. The cumulative effect of small commitments is enormous.
4. Own your mistakes. Admitting error doesn't make you weak; it makes you credible. I've seen managers win more respect by saying, "I was wrong, here's how we'll fix it," than by defending a failing decision.
5. Stay calm under pressure. Emotional control is magnetic. People notice who steadies the room rather than inflames it. Practice breathing, pause before replying and choose words that build rather than burn bridges.
6. Choose respect over approval. Approval is noisy and fleeting; respect is quiet and lasting. Stop reshaping yourself to fit other people's expectations. Live by your values and the right people will match that rhythm.
7. Most important be consistent. Respect compounds. Small, steady acts—keeping time, listening, being punctual—paint a reliable picture of you.

Respect is not a trophy you win overnight. It's a daily deposit you make through honesty, boundaries and integrity. For anyone in their middle years asking, "Can I still change how I'm treated?" the answer is yes. Start where you are, speak with clarity and live in a way that makes others notice — not because you demand it, but because you deserve it.

~Anonymous Member

Magnum Smiles

Credits: Shweta Bansal



4th November 2025

FOOD DONATION



Rotary club of Madras Magnum sponsored lunch to 250 children and 50 staff pf Bal Mandir TNagar on 4th November.

It was for a members mothers birthday. Thank you anonymous donor for your kind donation.

6th November 2025

EGG DONATION



Rotary Club of Madras Magnum donated 150 eggs to Can Kids T Nagar where cancer affected children live. Its their home away from home while they are on treatment. Eggs play an important part in their diets while on treatment.

Thank you dear Vinita Palsani for the same.

Magnum Smiles

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**14th November
2025**

EGG DONATION

Rotary Club of the Madras Magnum will be donating ration to Can Kids T Nagar. Thank you anonymous donor for the same. It was done on 13th November at Can Kids T Nagar for Rs.3000.



20th November 2025

DONATION



Rotary Club of the donated Rs. 20800 to an underprivileged lady and her husband who live in Vysarpadi. They had a loan of the same amount and if they would not have paid it, they would have to vacate their house. Thank you anonymous donor for your help at the time of need.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays



Sujata Kothari



Swati Patwari



Reema Shah



Risha Jain



Neethu Baid



Bhavna Kapur



Karishma Kankaria



Sakshi Kukreja



Ansul Shah



Srikanth Hariharan



Rishi Kapur

Anniversary



Shrenik & Pooja Vaid



Sulay & Nishi Shah



Harsh & Khushbu Kankaria



Amit & Karishma Kankaria



Raveen & Sujatha Kothari



Ansul & Ami Shah



Bhavik & Shruti Turakhia

Annette's Birthdays

Vriti Baid

Triya Sangoi

Arnav Bhaiya

Sanaya Bhatla

Ahaan Shah

Shiv Saraf

Shreya Saraf

Jai Vaid

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UPCOMING

EVENTS

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TO BE
ANNOUNCED
SOON

Fellowship

Looking Forward



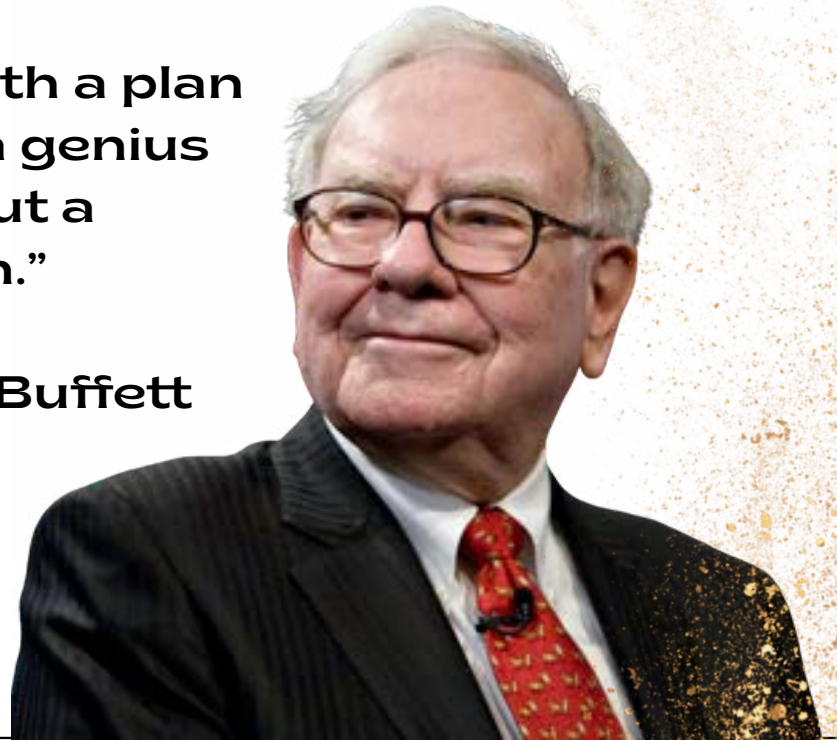


*Merry Christmas
Happy New Year*

**“An idiot with a plan
can beat a genius
without a
plan.”**

-Warren Buffett

2026



Thank you

