

“Where words leave off , music begins.”



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FOR PRIVATE CIRCULATION AMONG THE MEMBERS OF THE CLUB.

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Is it Time to Raise the Flag Yet?

The situation of the club is like a bird in a golden cage. We have funds, we have goals and ideas, but we fall short of members. The club is endeavouring to make both ends meet. But are the efforts plausible?

The club has been having setbacks in the frequency in the meetings for the past few months. Questions are being raised by concerned Bens about the dwindling rates of number of meetings and the downfall of interest towards the club by it's members.

There is also a visible change in the attitude of the members towards the club. There is perpetual decrease in the interest and members. Even though there are many new members and guests, there is a lack of interest in the current members, demotivating any fresh faces.

There is a saying in English " We can get a horse to the lake but we can't make it drink the water". So whatever the interest we are talking about should sprout from within the individual. All these toils won't make any difference without the cooperation from the individual himself.



Since Charter Nite, i.e., April May and June, the club has had only 2 sessions

per month. Will the proposed Membership Drive (details in the next page) proposed help in saving the club? Or will the efforts of revival be in vain?

In all of this, one voice is nowhere to be heard, and that is of the governing board. They were sworn in, with high expectations, but almost nothing has been done in their tenure so far. While there was an initial spark with quality meetings being held regularly, it is slowly dying down. And soon, here will be nowhere to hide.

All Bens are always at the service of the club, when need be. But until the governing board understands the gravity of the situation and seeks help, soon we will all be crying over spilt milk.

Benevolent Bens

Two of our members, Bens Sethuraman and Jayaraman, contribute their bit to the society by doing various social service activities.

In this month, Foundation MVF, of which Ben Sethuraman is a member, gifted binary Hearing Aids to 14 Born Deaf children at Gandhi Hospital with the support of Starkey Foundation.



And Ben Jayaraman, accompanied by his wife, Uma Jaraman donated 1000 notebooks to Sarvodaya School, Gowthamnagar. Overall, he donated 10000 notebooks to various govt. schools, like he does every year. Ben Sethuraman was also present at the Sarvodaya School.



We salute the Benevolence of these Bens!

Pay your dues!

On 8th June, 2019 the governing board met with Ben Sunil to discuss about the long pending financial status of the club, including reports, and subscriptions among others.

Ben Utkarsh and Ben Srujana who serve as the AVP and the Treasurer-cum-Joint Secretary respectively, were explained in detail as to what has to be done with the Club's bank account transactions, the various files began, about the financial reports and the subscrip-

tions of the Bens. In the meeting held on June 9th, it was decided that the subscriptions paid by the senior Bens during the beginning of revival would be considered for the year 2018, and all members will have to pay from January 2019.

For the juniors, due to lack of a proper record, all members who jined before Jan 2019 will have to pay sybscription fees from January 2019, to the current month. All dues have to be cleared by the first Sunday of every month.



A Ray of Hope

In an attempt to improve the strength of regular meetings, the governing board have been pushing for a membership drive in nearby colleges.

This has been on the rounds for almost a month now, but no details had been finalized until late in the last week of June.

The idea is to conduct literary competitions for these colleges, as a beginning to introduce them to the club. The target colleges have been chosen so that there are a considerable number of students from Malkajgiri, to increase the chances of them attending meetings.

The first run, the trial run, for the drive will be conducted in two colleges- Bhavan's Aurobindo Junior College, and St Francis Junior College.

For both the colleges, similar events are being planned, is an Orathon of sorts,

with either a two or three tier competition based on the response from students.

The three tiers in the competition are tentatively Biographer, Pick the Lot/Flip Flop and Debate.

While the talks with the management at St Francis, spearheaded by Ben Sudha, are in the final stage, the Bhavan's agenda, being pushed by Ben Praneeth, looks like it might hit an obstacle.

If all goes according to plan, we hear that the drive will be conducted on July 13, a second Saturday.

The competitions will be held right at their campuses, and the winners will be awarded certificates of merit.

While all of this seems to be a small ray of brightness in the dark clouds looming



over the club's future, we are still far, far away from being ready to organize even such a small event.

The young team, led by Bens Sudha and Praneeth, we hear, are working out logistics to ensure we can conduct a successful event.



Man's Best Friend

Almost everyone in this world is aware of the saying

"A Dog is a man's best friend". I always wondered why it is said so. Why can't a man be a man's best friend? Cause dogs, in fact, all kinds of animals have certain exceptional qualities which have the capacity to overrule those of a man. That's what makes them irresistible to be with. A dog has the ability to show us how worthy we are. Only they can love us more than we love ourselves. Such is their greatness which, is shameful to say, a man is deficient of at times. This month's theme is selected as pets in order to pay a tribute to those wonderful creatures for making this world a better place. God knows what we'd be doing without them. Yes, the contribution of pets towards a greater good might not be in abundance. But a man needs a pet in times of his suffering. The little support that they give, the slight smile that they bring on our faces will suffice to make our day a hundred times better.

Now, I'm sure you're all wondering what I am doing, talking about dogs in an issue that looks musical. Well, here's what I believe:

There's no reason needed, to talk about dogs. You just can, on any given day at any given time! And so I did.

Guest Editorial- Ben Sudha

Coming to the current issue, on the occasion of World Music Day on June 21, it is a tribute to the world of music, and the solace it offers us, the world it takes us to, and the joy it gives us!

Just play that one song on your playlist which is perfect, always, and indulge in a musical journey with us!



Who did it?

The detective was speaking to a doctor in a waiting room when a dismayed man rushed in and screamed, "Someone shot my wife!"

The detective asked the man to tell him everything. The man, Mr. Clark, said that he was at work when his housekeeper called him and said that something terrible had happened to his wife and that she was in the intensive care unit.

He hung up immediately and went to the hospital. When Mr. Clark finished his story, the detective arrested him on an attempted murder charge. Why did he do this?



Answer to last Month's Who Did It:

The seaman, who said he was correcting the flag is the thief. The ship is Japanese, and the Japanese flag is the same even upside down.



Music moves my Life!



Self made, self motivated, self driven... well almost... with loads of support from lots of quarters - family, friends, acquaintances. However, some things that have been eternally part of my journey of life are Bollywood retro music and the powerful lyrics from Hindi films that have been travelling with me all my life. The belief that Life is beautiful and meant to be shared though ups and lows of one another has been my motto and is beautifully captured in one of my all-time favourite Hindi songs:

Kisi ki muskurahaton pe ho nisaar, kisi ka dard mil sake to le udhar, kisi ke vaasthe ho dil me pyaar... Jeena isi ka naam hai... Yes, this is what life is all about. That's how my musically rendered philosophy goes.



Listening to Hindi film music started as early as 1978 when I was just eight, thanks to Vividh Bharati, the constant

companion - through the rugged Murphy Radio that belted out memorable numbers day in and day out. Early in life I got hooked to Kishore Kumar, Mohd. Rafi and Mukesh and spent lot of time writing out favourite lyrics on bits of paper and in old note books. Singing most times and humming at all times. I realized there was this powerful means to motivate oneself or get immersed in solitude with mystical lines coupled with lilting music.



Learning came easy with Hindi and life's learning too - Soon I got another catch line for life:

"Geet gaata hoon mai, gunghunatha hoon mai, maine hasne ka waada kiya tha kabhi is liye ab sada muskuratha hoon mai"

... and thus I sing, I hum, I wear the smile! One song defines my outlook to life is: *"har koi chahtha hai ek muththi aasman.. har koi dhoondtha hai ek muththi aasmar"* the search continues even to this day.

The 1980s has to be the most memorable period of my life, this is when I saw almost all the Hindi films of the 50s, 60s and 70s during my college days. Most times I would be in Zamarrud, Lata, Palace, Royal or Dilshad ~ Hyderabad's classic theatres of yore which screened these movies and provided an opportunity to relive the music, heard on radio, on the big screen. Then there was also the good old Doordarshan which etched the hit melodies of the black and white and the Eastman colour era through Chitrahaar and Rangoli.

Nostalgia is the basis of this piece of writing, what best song to speak of nostalgia than-

"Lehron ki tarah yaadein, dil se takrathi hain... toofan uthathi hair"

which just about sums up the journey of my life.

Musically yours -

"Rimjhim gire saawan, sulag sulag jaaye mann... bheege aaj iss mausam mey lagi kaisi yeh agar"

most people know this as my anthem - also the unchanged caller tune and ringtone on mobile phone for almost two decades now, catch me not humming, for Music moves my life!

-Ben Venkat Parthasarathy



Dis-connections

I come from a family that enjoys music. Classical, non-classical, sometimes even jazz and opera. But I was never as into music as most others, Neither did I listen to songs much, nor did I want to.

If you notice, I said "was" everywhere. So, yes. Something changed. But what?

Well, I was with my friends on a trip to Aurangabad with my friends. And there was this one song that they kept playing over, and over, and over again. So many times, that I decided never to listen to that sound again. And that was that. I had a nice trip, and was home safe and sound.

A few days later, the radio was switched on in our car, and that particular song

comes up. And to my surprise, I was nostalgic. I let the memories of our trip play in my mind to the tunes of the song. And as it got over, I was left with a smile on my face instead of the frown I thought I'd have!

Mysterious, isn't it? How simple things like a song, a picture, or even one sentence someone says can take us back in time to some of our best memories?

Every song I listen to, has a memory associated with it. Maybe I connect with the lyrics, maybe the movie, or maybe someone special introduced me to that song.

As I grew up, I became a little curious. I asked quite a few people, what it is that

made a song their favourite. It was always the same- there was some connection to a past event, or a person.

In such a fast paced world where the world is connected to an extent where it takes seconds to reach almost anyone on the planet, we still look for that one connection in that song, and are stuck in time!

And that, is exactly what music does to me! For those few minutes that one of my favorite songs play, I am lost. Lost in time, lost in a memory. I am connected, yet disconnected. I am dis-connected.



-Ben Krishnaveni



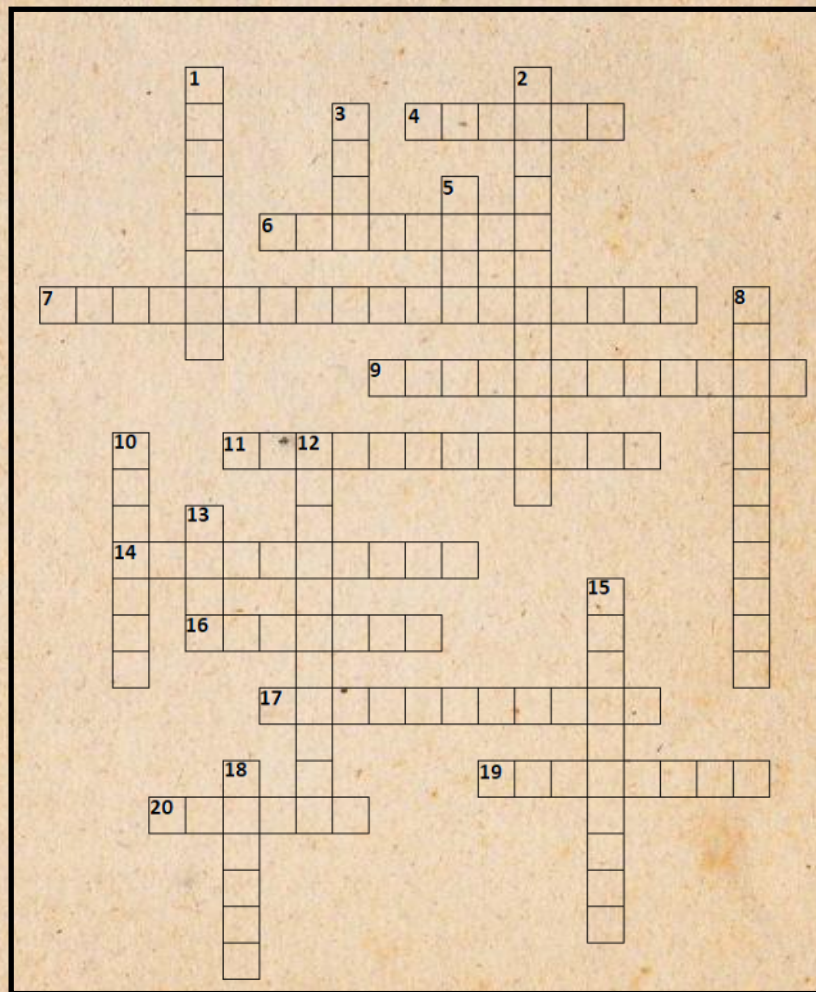
Lyrically Criss-Crossed

Across

4. The brothers united.
6. the femme fatale expat
7. what the people with heart who take the bride want you to be ready with.
9. a popular musical which created accidents rather than memories
11. the high spirits taints reputation
14. slowly slowly the Hyderabad calls you stupid stupid stupid.
16. Panjagutta _____, Jubilee
17. name of a street
19. tops the Spotify last week
20. what do you do to the egg

Down

1. Solid form of the element carbon
2. A moment of living
3. The representation of an area on a paper
5. a Journey
8. 2004 - 2014 for UPA the PM was supreme.
10. from a sequel film with the lead actors having a common surname
12. the Indian sweet that Rashid Khan spins
13. a deprive of feeling
15. nope, you are not a fan of Pepsi but yeah.
18. lower version of a criminal



-Ben Adithi Venkatesh



My Favourite Singers



Edward Christopher Sheeran, MBE is an English singer, songwriter, guitarist, record producer, and actor. He attended the Academy of Contemporary Music in Guildford as an undergraduate from the age of 18 in 2009. In early 2011, Sheeran independently released the extended play, No. 5 Collaborations Project.

Recent hits - this year's love , baby one more time , perfect

Selena Marie Gomez (born July 22, 1992) is an American singer, actress and producer. After appearing on the children's television series *Barney & Friends* as a child, she received wider recognition for her portrayal of Alex Russo on the Disney Channel television series *Wizards of Waverly Place*, which aired for four seasons from 2007 until 2012.



Recent hits - I can't get enough , anxiety , back to you

Peter Gene Hernandez, known professionally as **Bruno Mars**, is an American singer, songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, record producer, and dancer. He is known for his stage performances, retro showmanship and for performing in a wide range of musical styles, including R&B, funk, pop, soul, reggae, hip hop, and rock.



Recent hits - please me , wake up in the sky , that's what I like

Beyoncé Giselle Knowles-Carter is an American singer-songwriter and actress. Born and raised in Houston, Texas, Beyoncé performed in various singing and dancing competitions as a child. She rose to fame in the late 1990s as lead singer of the R&B girl-group *Destiny's Child*.



Recent hits - Recent hits- before I let go , 7/11 , I been on

Ariana Grande-Butera is an American singer, songwriter, and actress. A multi-platinum, Grammy Award-winning recording artist, she is known for her wide vocal range. Born in Boca Raton, Florida, Grande began her career in 2008 in the Broadway musical, *13*.



Recent hits - NASA , bad idea , 7 rings



Neha Kakkar is an Indian singer. She competed on season 2 of the television reality show *Indian Idol* in 2006 and was a judge on the tenth season of the same show i.e. *Indian Idol 10*. She also appeared in *Comedy Circus Ke Taansen* in 2014 on Sony TV.

Recent hits - hauli hauli , the hook up song , dilbar

Armaan Malik is an Indian playback singer and actor. He mainly sings in Hindi and Telugu films, but has also done various Indian languages. A finalist on Zee Tv's *Sa Re Ma Pa L'il Champs*, Armaan advanced to eighth place with public votes.



Recent hits - chale aana , gamyave , Kyun

Shreya Ghoshal is an Indian playback singer. She has received four National Film Awards, seven Filmfare Awards including six for Best Female Playback Singer, nine Filmfare Awards South, four Kerala State Film Awards and two Tamil Nadu State Film Awards.



Recent hits - slow motion , tabaah ho Gaya , ghar more

Muhammad Atif Aslam is a Pakistani playback singer and actor. He has recorded numerous chart-topping songs and is known for his vocal belting technique. He predominantly sings in Urdu and Punjabi, but has also sung in Bengali.



Recent hits - Gulabi aanke , Aas paas , baar-ishen



Arijit Singh is an Indian playback singer, music producer, recordist and music programmer. He sings predominantly in Hindi and Bengali, but has also performed in various other Indian languages. Singh is regarded as one of the most versatile and successful singers in the history of Indian music and Hindi cinema.

Recent hits - first class , tera fitoor , tum hi ho , Sanam re

-Ben Sathwika



JUST B ENT THINGS

MEME OF THE MONTH



BRS as on 23.06.2019

| Rank | Name | Points |
|------|-----------------|--------|
| 1 | Ben Krishnaveni | 15 |
| 2 | Ben Utkarsh | 10 |
| 3 | Ben Raj | 9 |
| 4 | Ben Adithi | 7 |
| 5 | Ben Srikanth | 7 |
| 6 | Ben Praneeth | 5 |
| 7 | Ben Sathwika | 3 |
| 8 | Ben Srujana | 2 |

Ben Krishnaveni on top

At the end of this month's BRS, Ben Krishnaveni is back on top, with a five point lead, owing to a Ben of the Day and being in the top 3 of each session!



Consolidated Meeting Report

Tired of cancelled meetings due to lack of quorum, the members, on 2nd June 2019, decided to have an informal meeting, with the planned literary session. Senior Ben Pavan Pillamarri also paid a visit to the club, and was the evaluator for the day. The invocation was given by Ben Srujana and the noble thought by Ben Raj. The main session was chaired by Ben Sudha which was titled "Spice Up Slogans". The theme for the day was Independence as it coincided with the Telangana Formation Day. This session was something very unique which was also much appreciated by all the members. In the words of the evaluator, it was a session worthy of being a Yuvtal Event. The session was basically an elocution, but with a subtle twist of historical knowledge and language hold. Each member was told to pick up one of the folded papers which consisted revolutionary slogans in different languages from all over the world. Then, the members had a time limit of 10 minutes to take guidance from the internet to gain some knowledge regarding the slogan (if they already didn't know about it). The fundamental idea was to gain more knowledge in the areas of world history and language. It was quite fun to both

chair and participate. In an informal discussion to check on the status of the membership drive and other issues, the President was seen pushing members to get the permissions and other logistics moving as soon as possible. The governing board, keeping their commitment to the National High School authorities to conduct sessions for their students, came up with an agenda for the same. The club had assembled for their second meeting on 9th June, 2019. The invocation was given by Ben Praneeth and noble thought by Ben Siddarth. The session for the day was chaired by Ben Raj which was called "The Devil's Advocate". The theme for the day was Controversy as it went hand in hand with the session. The session captured quite a lot of the attention of the members as there were elements of controversy imbedded in it. The members were asked to pick up folded papers in which were written, universal truths. The point of the session is to bring out fun and the positive side of negativity so as to explain the fact that one must remember to shine even in the darkest of the times. The rule is to start the speech by saying "I couldn't disagree more on..." and continued with

two reasons with examples to support our statement. This was something very complex and required the attention of everyone, which was of course thoroughly enjoyed, as the statements written in the papers were something that one would never disagree more. The Ben of the day was shared between Bens Utkarsh and Krishnaveni. In the General Discussion, first, a resolution was passed to change the bank signatories to the President, and Senior Bens Sunil and MMM. The informal discussions in the previous meeting were all brought up and presented in the meeting again, and a decision was taken regarding the subscriptions. (Details on Page 2) A few more logistics were discussed regarding the membership drive- including the kind of competitions and the members incharge for each college. The vote of thanks was given by Ben Sathwika.

