

CLUB VARTA

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear Members,
Namaskar.

It is with great pleasure that I bring to you this new edition of Club Vaarta – a vibrant showcase of the events and celebrations that have filled our Club with energy and enthusiasm over the past quarter. This magazine continues to serve as a living record of our collective experiences – capturing moments that remind us of the spirit, culture, and camaraderie that define Hindusthan Club. Through its pages, you'll find visual snapshots of the diverse and dynamic activities that brought our community together – be it festive occasions, sporting events, social evenings, or special celebrations.

Each photograph and each event featured here reflects the joy of being part of something larger than ourselves – a space where tradition meets modernity, and where members across generations come together in shared celebration.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Committee and all those who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make every event memorable – and to ensure that Club Vaarta continues to chronicle the story of our Club, one quarter at a time.

Wishing you all an engaging read and many more moments worth capturing in the months to come.

Warm regards,
Swati Bihani
Editor



HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dear Members,
Greetings from the Secretary's Desk.

It is with great pleasure that I present a snapshot of the quarter gone by – a period marked by vibrant activity, steady growth, and continued efforts to enhance the member experience at Hindusthan Club.

We've had a packed calendar of events, including sports tournaments, cultural celebrations, and social gatherings, each of which added its own colour and charm to the life of our Club.

A key focus this quarter has been infrastructure development, and I am delighted to share some major updates like Smash – the new Badminton Court, Pickle Zone – the new Pickleball Court, A new Poker Room, as well as the new Indoor Sports Arena.

These additions and upgrades reflect our ongoing commitment to providing top-class facilities and fostering a holistic environment where every member finds a space to connect, compete, and unwind.

On the administrative front, we continue to focus on streamlining operations, ensuring compliance, and upholding transparency in every sphere of Club management. Member feedback remains a cornerstone of our improvement strategy, and we remain grateful for your insights and support.

As always, the credit for the Club's progress goes to the combined efforts of our Committee, staff, and most importantly – you, our valued members.

With warm regards,

Chandra Sekhar Sarda
Hon. Secretary





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Respected Elders & Dear Friends,

My pranams to each one of you.

As we turn the pages of yet another edition of Club Vaarta, I find myself reflecting on the many vibrant moments that continue to shape the journey of Hindusthan Club. Each quarter brings with it fresh energy, new initiatives, and the joy of togetherness that defines our legacy.

This past quarter has been a period of dynamic activity and quiet transformation. From spirited sporting tournaments to soulful musical events, from insightful speaker sessions to our ever-popular festive celebrations, the Club has truly been buzzing with life. It is immensely gratifying to witness the growing engagement of members across generations, reinforcing the values of community, culture, and care that are at the very heart of Hindusthan Club.

As we navigate a rapidly changing world, our endeavor has been to stay rooted in our rich traditions while embracing the aspirations of a modern, progressive society. Whether it is improving our infrastructure, introducing digital innovations, or enhancing member services, we are committed to making your Club experience more enriching and seamless.

One of the most significant milestones we observed recently was the 80th Anniversary of our beloved Hindusthan Club. Celebrating this momentous occasion with our esteemed members, families, and special guests was both humbling and inspiring. It reminded us of the enduring spirit with which this institution was founded in 1946 – a spirit that continues to thrive in every corner of our Club.

I would like to express my deep gratitude to the entire Committee and our dedicated staff, whose tireless efforts ensure the smooth functioning of the Club and the success of each event. Most of all, I thank you, our members, for your faith, your participation, and your continued affection towards Hindusthan Club.

As we look ahead, there is much to be excited about – from sporting leagues to cultural evenings, learning sessions to new culinary experiences. I invite each of you to be a part of this evolving journey, to contribute your ideas, your time, and your presence. Together, we can continue building a Club that is not just a place, but a feeling – of warmth, of pride, and of belonging.

With warm regards and best wishes for your health and happiness,

With heartfelt wishes,

Rishabh C. Kothari
President

TAMBOLA

The weekly Sunday Tambola at the Hindusthan Club has become a much-loved tradition, bringing members together for an evening of fun, laughter, and friendly competition. With exciting prizes and a lively atmosphere, the event fosters a strong sense of community and togetherness among members. It's the perfect way to wrap up the week on a cheerful note!





COMMITTEE BREAKFAST

The Hindusthan Club hosted its Annual Committee Breakfast of the year on 5th January 2025, bringing together committee members for a warm and engaging morning. Held in the Club Lawns, the gathering provided a wonderful opportunity to reflect on past achievements and discuss the vision for the year ahead. With lively conversations, shared ideas, and a hearty breakfast spread, the event set a positive tone for 2025.



MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO MD. RAFI

A musical evening dedicated to the legendary Mohammed Rafi was held on 11th January 2025, celebrating his iconic solos and duets. The event featured heartfelt performances that paid tribute to his timeless contribution to Indian music. Attendees were treated to an evening of nostalgia and melody, honoring the enduring legacy of one of India's greatest voices.



FUN STREET

Fun Street lit up Hindusthan Club on 12th January 2025 with a lively mix of games, music, food, and entertainment for all ages. From kids' activities and teen zones to cultural performances and food stalls, there was something for everyone. The event brought the community together for a joyful day filled with laughter, fun, and unforgettable memories.



LADIES WING

The Hindusthan Club Ladies Wing has had a vibrant start to 2025 with a series of engaging and memorable events. From the joyful Barge Party on 15th January with nearly 200 members enjoying music and merriment on the water, to the heartwarming Valentine's Special celebrating love and family bonds through games and performances, each event was a beautiful celebration of togetherness. The colourful "Satrangi Holi" with Rangeeli Fouz added to the festive cheer with dance, music, and traditional delights. These gatherings truly reflected the spirit of connection, fun, and celebration that the Ladies Wing is known for.

Barge Party



Valentines Special



Satrangi Holi



HEALTH AWARENESS SESSION

The Hindusthan Club hosted a Health Awareness Session on 16th January 2025, featuring Dr. Pooja Mehta and Dr. Aditya Tiwari. The speakers addressed key topics like busting common dental myths and providing age-wise guidance for dental care. The session was informative and well-received by members.



HEARTFULNESS MEDITATION

We are delighted to share that weekly Heartfulness Meditation sessions have commenced at the Hindusthan Club, starting from Sunday, 23rd March. Held every Sunday morning in the Multipurpose Studio, these sessions have been warmly received by members and are seeing enthusiastic participation.



HUNT ON THE WHEELS

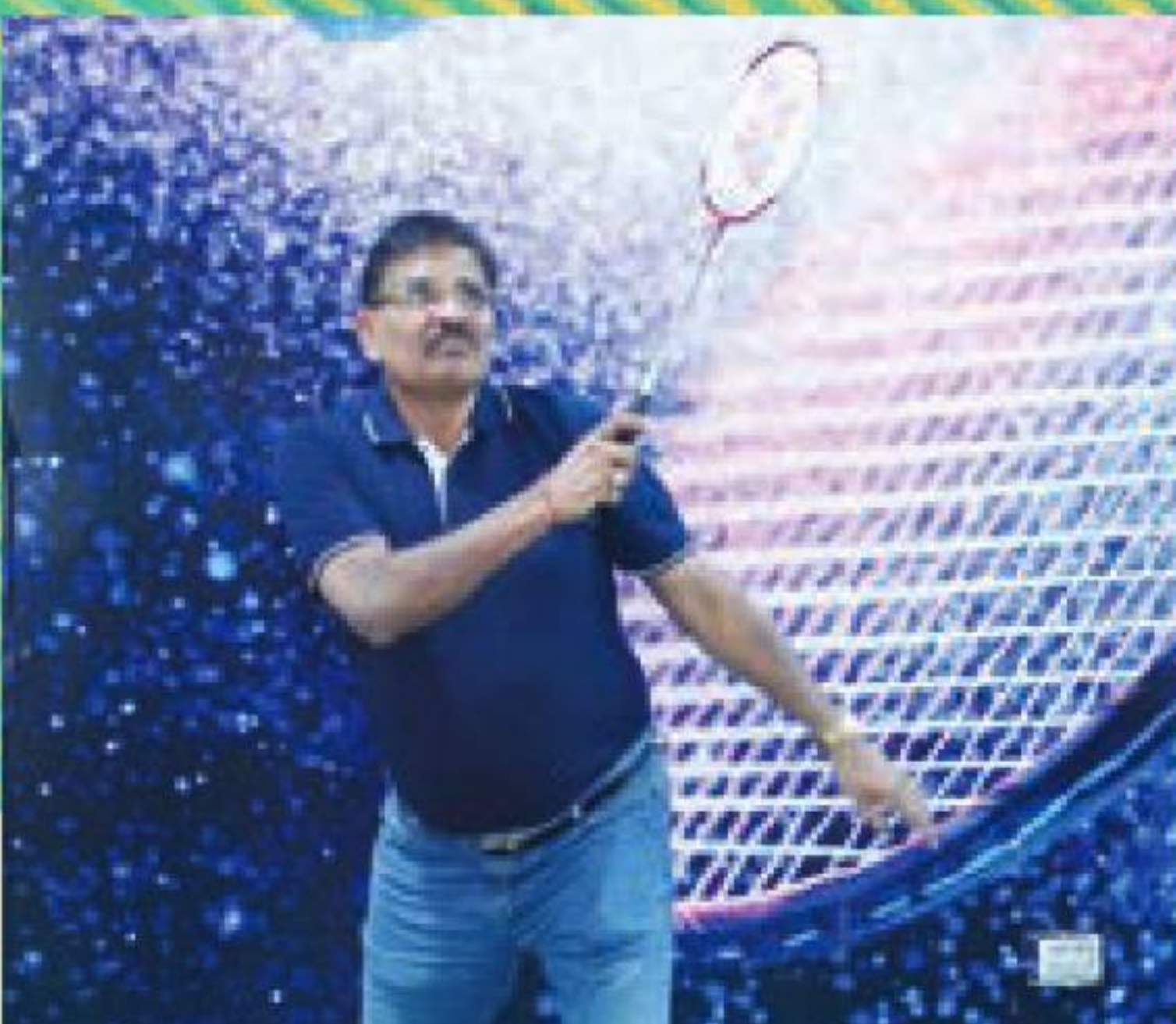
On 19th January 2025, Hindusthan Club came alive with excitement and high-octane fun as members gathered for "Hunt on the Wheels", a thrilling car treasure hunt like no other. With engines revving and clues in hand, participants set off on a cleverly crafted trail across the city, testing their wit, teamwork, and navigation skills. The event brought together families, friends, and adrenaline junkies in a unique blend of adventure and camaraderie. From cryptic riddles to surprise pit-stops, every turn brought a new challenge—and a whole lot of laughter. The day concluded with a lively award ceremony and refreshments at the club, leaving everyone with unforgettable memories and a thirst for the next big hunt!



BADMINTON ARENA SMASH

Hindusthan Club marked an exciting new chapter in its sporting journey with the grand opening of two premier facilities – the badminton court “Smash” and the cricket arena “Strokes” – on 19th January 2025. The event was a resounding success, drawing an enthusiastic crowd of members, families, and sports lovers, all gathered to witness the unveiling of these long-awaited additions.

The day concluded with light refreshments and a sense of shared excitement as members explored the new spaces. The overwhelming turnout and positive response reaffirm the Club’s dedication to enhancing member experience and fostering a vibrant, health-conscious community.



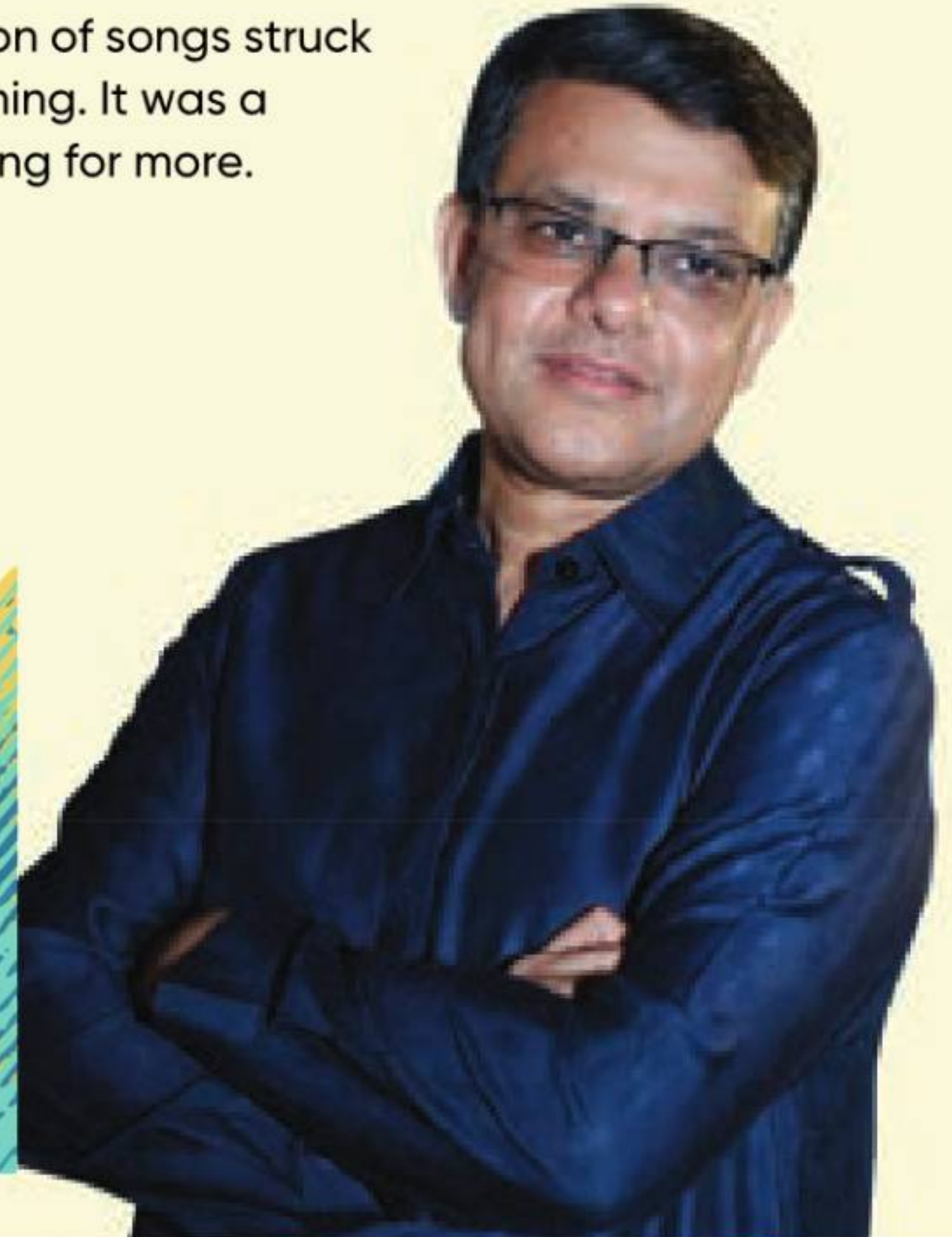


OPENING OF STROKES



SUFI NIGHT BY WAGAH ROAD

On 26th January 2025, the Hindusthan Club resonated with music and energy as the popular band Wagah Road delivered a captivating Sufi Musical performance. Blending powerful vocals with soulful instrumentation, the band kept the audience engaged. Their stirring rendition of songs struck a chord with the crowd, adding a special touch to the evening. It was a memorable night of music and unity, leaving everyone asking for more.



76TH REPUBLIC DAY

Hindusthan Club proudly celebrated the 76th Republic Day with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervor. The event began with the hoisting of the national flag, followed by the singing of the national anthem, filling the atmosphere with a sense of pride and unity. Members gathered to commemorate the day, participating in various cultural performances and patriotic songs that paid tribute to the nation's rich heritage. It was a heartwarming celebration that brought the community together in the spirit of patriotism and joy.



RAHE NA RAHE HUM – A TRIBUTE TO LATA MANGESHKAR

On 2nd February 2025, the Hindusthan Club resonated with timeless melodies as it hosted "Rahe Na Rahe Hum", a soulful musical evening dedicated to the legendary Lata Mangeshkar. The event paid tribute to the unparalleled legacy of the Nightingale of India, whose voice continues to touch hearts across generations.

The evening was not only a celebration of music but also a heartfelt homage to a voice that defined an era and continues to inspire. "Rahe Na Rahe Hum" truly reflected the immortal spirit of Lata Ji – gone from our midst, yet eternally present through her songs.



INTRA CLUB CHESS TOURNAMENT

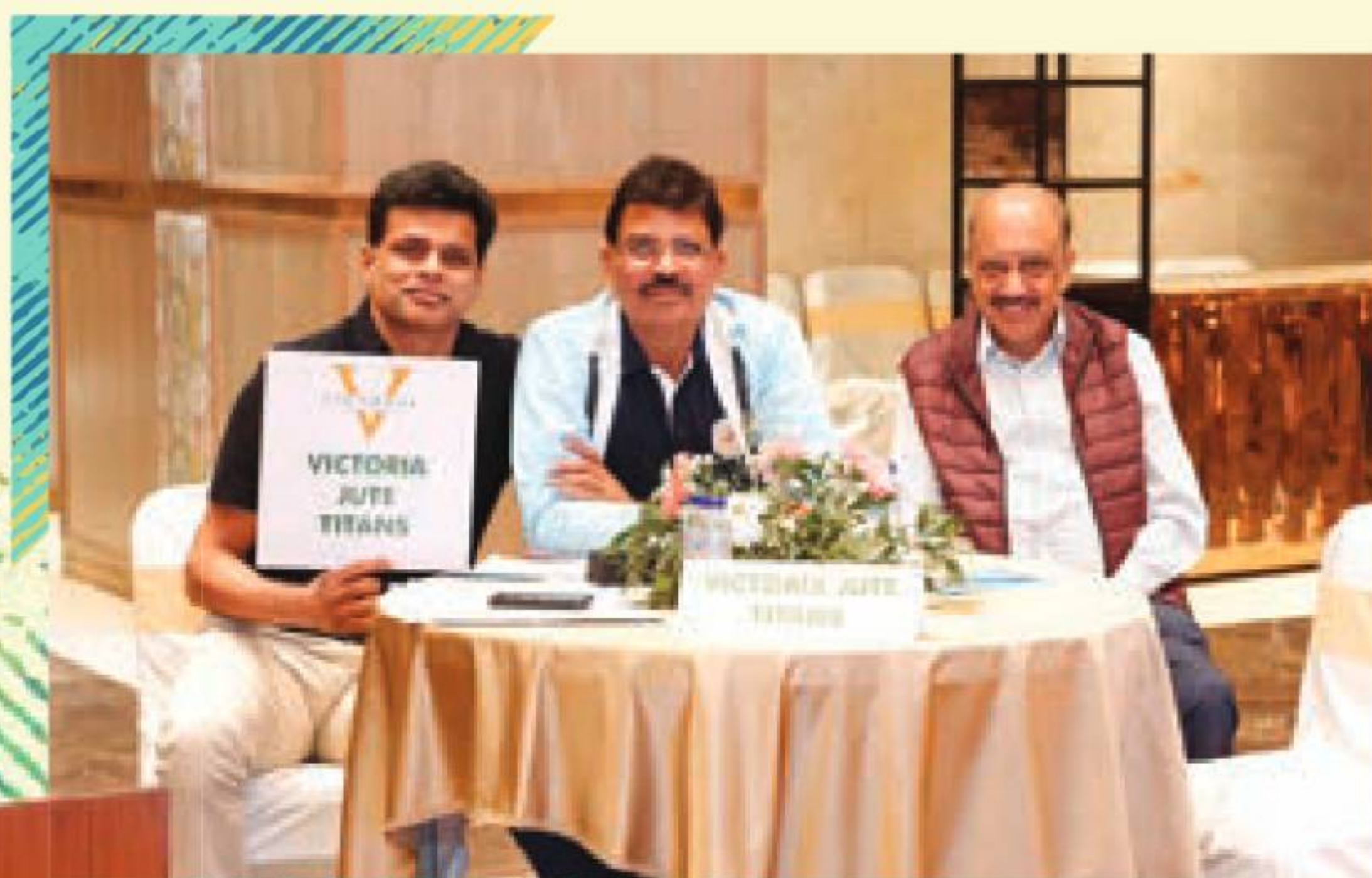
The Intra-Club Chess Tournament held in February 2025 was a resounding success, bringing together chess enthusiasts from various age groups in a spirited display of strategy and sportsmanship. The event saw an enthusiastic turnout, with participants ranging from young beginners to seasoned players, all competing under one roof in a friendly yet competitive environment.





CRICKET AUCTION & PREMIERE LEAGUE

The 2nd Edition of the Hindusthan Club Cricket Premier League was held at Skyturf on 22nd and 23rd February 2025. Player auctions were held on the 9th February 2025. Just like the Player auctions, the games of Cricket were highly competitive and played with utmost sportsmanship. There were a total of 5 teams and most of the matches were fiercely contested.





HINDUSTHAN CLUB CELEBRATES FOUNDATION DAY 2025 WITH GRANDEUR AND GRATITUDE

Kolkata, 18th February 2025 – The prestigious Hindusthan Club marked a significant milestone this year by celebrating its Foundation Day 2025 and launching its 80th year celebrations with great enthusiasm and pride. The event, hosted on the scenic club lawns, brought together distinguished members and guests for an evening of honor, recognition, and festivity.

The celebration was graced by the presence of Shri Firhad Hakim, Hon'ble Mayor of Kolkata, who attended as the chief guest. His presence added prestige to an already memorable evening.

In a heartfelt moment of recognition, the Club conferred the Hindusthan Club Sammaan to four eminent personalities for their remarkable contributions and for making the Club proud. The recipients of this esteemed honor were:

- Shri Prahlad Rai Agarwal
- Shri Sajjan Bhajanka
- Shri Vivek Gupta
- Shri Miraj Shah

The evening concluded with a celebratory dinner, where members and their spouses enjoyed a warm and festive gathering, echoing the spirit of camaraderie and legacy that the Club stands for.

As Hindusthan Club embarks on its 80th year, this celebration served as a fitting tribute to its rich history and promising future.





VINTAGE & CLASSIC CAR & BIKE SHOW

The charm of a bygone era came alive on 23rd February 2025 at our much-anticipated Vintage & Classic Car Show. Held under clear skies and surrounded by enthusiasts of all ages, the event showcased a stunning lineup of beautifully restored vehicles—from timeless classics to rare vintage gems.

From the 1935 Austin 7 Ruby and 1937 Rolls-Royce 25/30 to the 1958 VW Beetle and 1994 HM Contessa, the lineup featured some of the finest automobiles from different eras. The motorcycle segment was equally mesmerizing, showcasing rare gems like the 1937 Ariel Red Hunter and the 1948 BSA Bantam D1.

In collaboration with the Classic Drivers Club, the show also featured a Rolls-Royce once used by Dr. Rajendra Prasad and a Triumph Spitfire owned by Bollywood icon Jackie Shroff—both adding a historic touch to the event.

Members and guests enjoyed a nostalgic journey through automotive history, with each car telling its own unique story. The show was not just a feast for the eyes but also a celebration of craftsmanship, passion, and community spirit.



PICKLEBALL COURT OPENING

We're thrilled to announce the official opening of our brand-new Pickleball Court, Pickle Zone, on 3rd March 2025! This exciting addition to our club's infrastructure marks a significant step forward in expanding recreational options for our members. Designed for both casual play and competitive action, the Pickle Zone offers a vibrant space for all skill levels to enjoy the fast-growing sport of pickleball.



GEETMALA

On the evening of 8th March, Hindusthan Club came alive with nostalgia and melody as music lovers gathered for a soul-stirring event titled "Geetmala Ki Yaad Mein", presented by the talented Rajesh Sadani. The musical evening was a tribute to the golden era of Hindi film music, evoking cherished memories of the timeless melodies.



OPENING OF INDOOR SPORTS ARENA

We're thrilled to announce the grand opening of our brand-new Indoor Sports Arena on the 3rd floor, which took place on 9th March 2025. The event was well attended by enthusiastic members, who celebrated the occasion with an energetic and fun-filled Zumba session!

The arena boasts a multi-purpose studio, a dedicated space for chess, carrom, and table tennis, and we're especially proud to be the first club to introduce a dedicated darts room—a unique addition that's already proving popular.

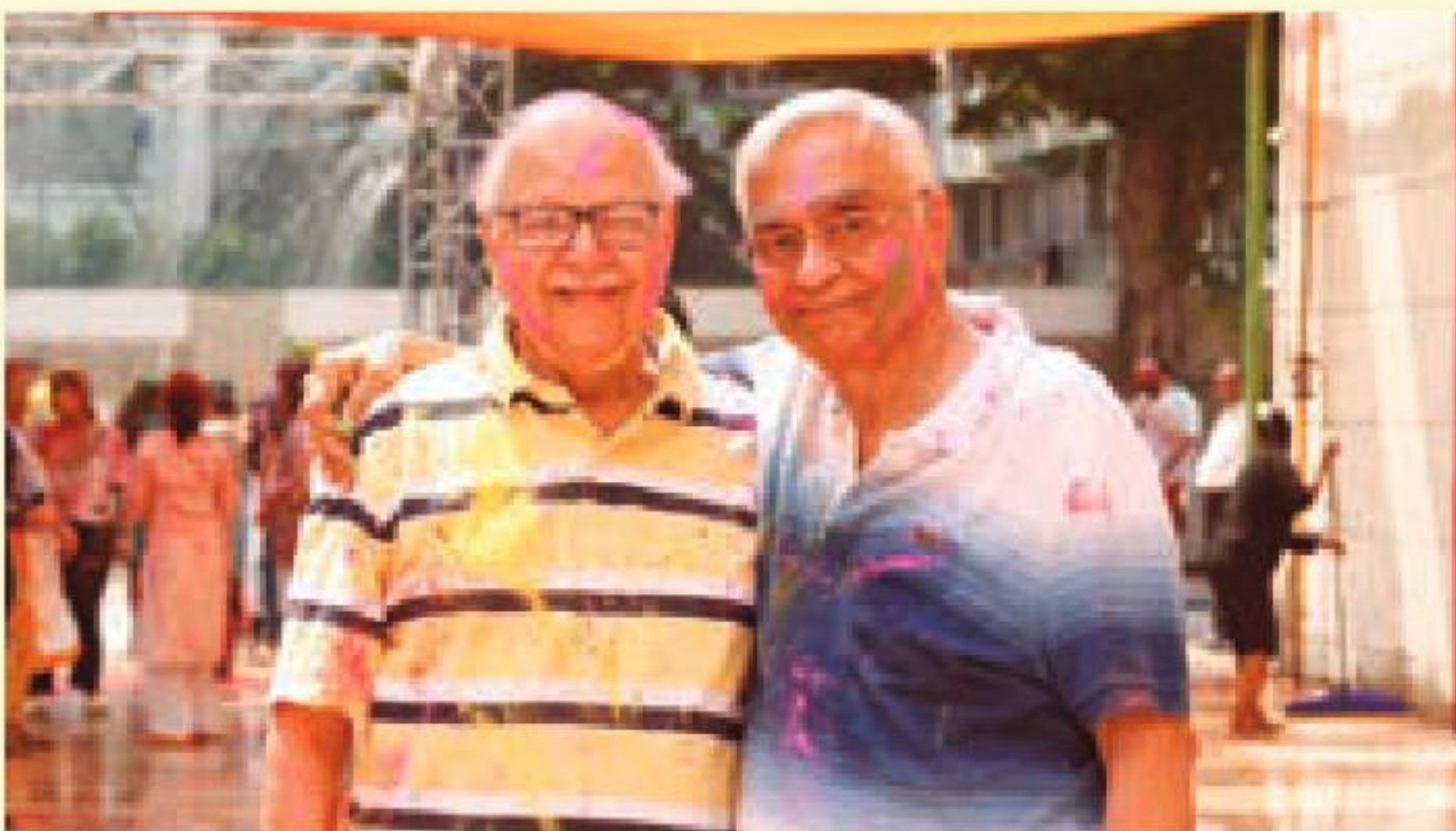


HOLI

The vibrant festival of Holi was celebrated with great enthusiasm at the Hindusthan Club lawns on 14th March 2025. The event witnessed an incredible turnout, with over 400 people coming together to revel in the colors of joy and togetherness.

One of the highlights of the celebration was the electrifying rain dance that kept the energy soaring throughout the day. Guests danced their hearts out to foot-tapping beats under refreshing showers, truly embodying the spirit of Holi.

Adding to the festive cheer was a spread of lip-smacking food that delighted every palate. From traditional Holi favorites to mouth-watering snacks, the culinary offerings were a hit among attendees of all ages.



HASYA KAVI SAMMELAN

Hindusthan Club hosted a delightful Hasya Kavi Sammelan on 14th March at Kala Mandir, bringing an evening full of laughter, satire, and poetic brilliance. The event featured five celebrated poets—Dinesh Bavra, Sunder Kataria, Sudeep Bhola, Khushboo Sharma and Pratap Fozdar—each captivating the audience with their wit, humor, and unique style.

The auditorium echoed with laughter as over 800 attendees enjoyed a memorable evening celebrating the richness of Hindi poetry and humor. The event was a grand success and a testament to the club's continued efforts in promoting cultural and literary events.





FUN BOARD GAMES

On 28th March, Hindusthan Club came alive with laughter, strategy, and friendly competition as it hosted an exciting Boardgame Event in association with Gamerheads. The event brought together board game enthusiasts of all ages for an engaging evening filled with classic favorites and modern hits. From intense rounds of Codenames and Catan to quick, fun games like UNO and Dobble, there was something for everyone.



THE POKER ZONE

The Hindusthan Club marked an exciting new chapter with the inauguration of The Poker Zone on Sunday, 23rd March. Held on the 7th floor, the event welcomed card enthusiasts to a dedicated space for skill and strategy. The launch saw enthusiastic participation and added a fresh spark to the club's recreational offerings.



MEDIA COVERAGE

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Kolkata Mayor Faruk Hakeem along with top industrialists and other dignitaries at a programme of Worldathon Club in Kolkata.



Hindustan Club Commemorates 80th Foundation Day

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