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President's Message

It is with great humility and gratitude that I take on the responsibility of serving as the President of the East Cultural Association. I thank God Almighty for His blessings, guidance and grace, and I sincerely thank every member of ECA for the trust and confidence placed in me.

ECA has been a very special part of my life. Having been associated with the Association since childhood, I have grown up witnessing its traditions, celebrations and, most importantly, the wonderful friendships and bonds of fellowship that make ECA truly an extended family.

It is a moment of great pride and emotion to be the first son of a Past President to be elected President of the East Cultural Association. I feel blessed to carry

forward the legacy of my father, whose dedication and love for ECA continue to inspire me. I hope to uphold the values he cherished and serve the Association with the same sincerity and commitment.

As we begin this new chapter, I believe that the strength of ECA lies in its people and, above all, in our togetherness and teamwork. Along with my Executive Committee, I look forward to working with every member to make ECA more vibrant, inclusive and engaging.

We will strive to preserve and celebrate our rich cultural heritage, encourage greater participation from our youth, strengthen family involvement, and continue meaningful social and charitable initiatives for the benefit of our community.

I invite every member to be a part of this journey. Your ideas, participation, encouragement and support will be invaluable as we work together towards the continued growth and success of ECA.

With God's blessings and the continued support of the ECA family, I am confident that together we can take the East Cultural Association to even greater heights.

It is an honour to serve ECA, and I assure you that I will carry this responsibility with sincerity, transparency, dedication and commitment, always keeping the spirit and values of ECA close to my heart. Thank you for the trust you have placed in me.

Sony Kurian
President





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Installation Ceremony

The Installation Ceremony of the Office Bearers and Executive Committee Members for 2026–2027 was held on July 10, 2026, at the ECA Auditorium. The ceremony was graced by Chief Guest Shri P. C. Mohan, Hon’ble Member of Parliament, marked the beginning of a new term. The evening concluded with a live musical performance by Sreerag Bharathan and the Gandharvas, followed by dinner.



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Beverages

A High-Note Start to the Year at ECA

We kicked things off with a fantastic **Karaoke Night**, where members and their guests took centre stage and sang their hearts out. From old favourites to popular hits, the evening was filled with music, laughter, great energy and, of course, plenty of cheering from the audience.

The momentum continued, with an exciting and high energy **DJ Night**, with everyone taking to the dance floor!! It was an evening of great music, good vibes, with members and their guests simply letting their hair down.

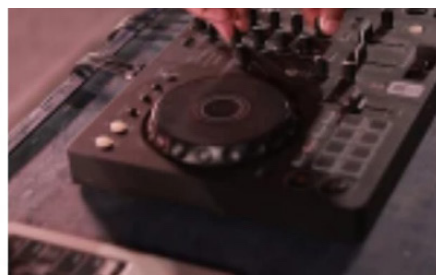
This was followed by the much-awaited **Band Night**

with **Tumble Weed**, which was a super hit!! The live music had everyone singing along, dancing and enjoying every beat. The atmosphere was electric, with the dance floor buzzing and the audience joining in to make it a truly memorable evening.

Three nights, three differ-

ent musical experiences and one common thread - great entertainment, great beverages and even better company!

It has certainly been a lively start to the year at ECA, setting the tone for many more evenings of music, celebration and togetherness.



Cards

ECA Onam Cards Tournament

As part of the ECA Onam celebrations 2026, the East Cultural Association organised special Onam Rummy Tournaments for Men and Women along with 28 & 56 Cards games and bringing together members in a spirit of fun, friendship and festive camaraderie.

The tournaments witnessed enthusiastic participation and an enjoyable atmosphere, with members competing with great excitement and sporting spirit. The events concluded with the presentation of prizes to the deserving winners, making it a memorable part

of the Onam celebrations. A heartfelt congratulations to all the winners and participants, and sincere

thanks to everyone who contributed to the successful conduct of the tournaments.



Onam Cards Tournament – Winners

ECA ONAM Jackpot - MEN

- 1) Joy T. Thomas
- **Winner**
- 2) Mrs. Jeeth Singh
- **1st Runner Up**
- 3) Navin Soumya
- **2nd Runner Up**

ECA ONAM Jackpot - WOMEN

1. Madhuri Thyag
- **Winner**
2. Chandish Ballal
- **1st Runner Up**
3. Soumya Navin
- **2nd Runner Up.**

ECA ONAM 2026 Cards 56 Tournament Winners

Joseline James
Abey Mathew
Lancelot AK
Runners Up
Sudhy Varghese
Devasia Kurian
Johney John

ECA Onam 2026 28 Cards Tournament Winners

Jacob Varghese
Anil Skariah
Runners Up
Sony Kurian
Rajan Mathew

ECA MONTHLY RUMMY TOURNAMENT - AUGUST 2026

The ECA Monthly Members Rummy Tournament held on 1st August 2026 was a grand success!

It was an amazing experience, especially for our new members who joined earlier this year. We had an excellent turnout of almost 40 participants, making it one of the most enthusiastic and competitive tournaments in recent times.

The evening was made even more special with wonderful cocktails and a delicious dinner for all participants, graciously hosted by our Cards Chairperson - Padma Kumar.

Heartfelt congratulations to all our winners. Thank you to all members who participated and made this event memorable. Let's keep the spirit of the game alive!



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Catering Committee & Thiruvonam Sadya

Building a Better Dining Experience

The ECA Catering Committee continues to elevate the club's dining experience by delivering high-quality, diverse, and attentive service across all occasions. Designed to complement everything from family celebrations and corporate events to festive gatherings and casual get-togethers, ECA's catering offers customized menus tailored to every event. Members can enjoy a wide variety of cuisines, including authentic Kerala cuisine, Indian favorites, Chinese delicacies, and delicious bar snacks, all served with a strong focus on presentation and quality.

A prime example of this dedication to tradition and quality was this year's Thiruvonam Sadya at ECA. Celebrating the true spirit of Onam, the committee brought members and families together with a traditional grand feast. An elaborate spread of authentic Kerala delicacies was served traditionally on banana leaves, creating a warm, festive, and memorable dining experience.

The event was a massive success and received an overwhelming response from the community, with around 630 Sadyas served. Filled with the flavors of tradition, togetherness,



and celebration, the Thiruvonam Sadya stood out as a memorable highlight of ECA's Onam festivities, showcasing the Catering Committee's ongoing com-

mitment to creating exceptional experiences for members and guests alike.



Club Programme

Independence Day Celebration – 15th August 2026

The first ECA Club Programme for 2026–27 was successfully conducted on 15th August 2026 as part of the Independence Day celebration at ECA.

The programme began

with a rendition of Vande Matharam full song and flag hoisting by the ECA President, Mr Sony Kurian and all members singing the National Anthem. This was followed by a special performance by our 16

choir members along with live keyboard accompaniment. Three patriotic songs were presented in Kannada, Malayalam and Hindi, highlighting the spirit of unity in diversity. The programme concluded with a

grand breakfast hosted by ECA.

The programme was well received and marked a successful beginning to the ECA Club Programme activities for 2026–27.



Community Service

Making 100 Ft Road Safer for Our Community

This year, the Community Services Committee began with a simple objective - to contribute to society through small but meaningful initiatives that benefit our neighbourhood.

Our first project is to make the footpath on 100 Ft Road safer and more accessible for pedestrians. Guided by Arun Pai (@arunpai.theblwalksguy), members of the subcommittee conducted a recce and identified areas requiring attention - from clearing debris and cleaning tree bases to repairing broken slabs and coordinating with BSNL to remove defunct junction boxes.

We are also encouraging shop owners to care for the footpaths outside their establishments. US Polo has already stepped forward, laying and committing to maintain a grass carpet.



After Onotsavam, we plan a larger activity involving members and families. We hope this initiative will encourage youngsters to take ownership of their city and understand that keeping our neighbourhood clean and safe is a shared responsibility, and more importantly, show Indiranagar that ECA cares for the community it has been a part of for decades.



Cue Sports

A Season of Skill, Spirit & Competition

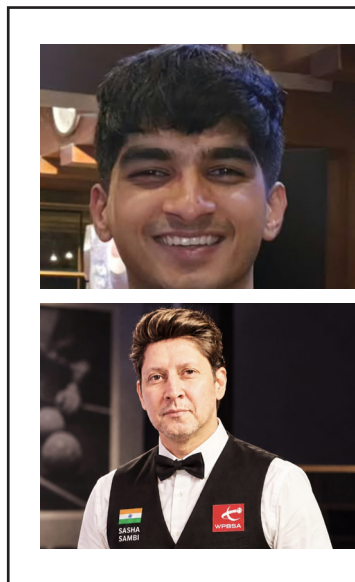


The ECA Cue Sports section has begun the 2026–2027 season on an exciting note, with a series of tournaments bringing together players, enthusiasts, and members in the true spirit of sporting camaraderie.

The July Black Ball Tournament saw Thomas Kunath emerge as the winner, while Rishi Cherur finished as the runner-up. In the July Monthly Snooker Handicap Tournament,

Sudheer emerged as the winner, with P.T. Thomas securing the runner-up position. Their names have been proudly displayed on the monthly winners' board.

The Cue Sports section is also planning a coaching camp for all members, their spouses, and children, which will commence shortly. Interested members can register their names with the marker.



ECA Shines at State Level

ECA proudly celebrates the outstanding achievements of its cue sports players. Amal Razack has secured a place in the Top 4 of the Karnataka State Snooker Championship, showcasing exceptional skill and determination. Adding to the glory, Sasha Sambi has secured a Top 5 position in State Billiards, making ECA proud. Sasha was number 4 last year.

The recent remarkable performances of ECA Teams at Inter-club tournaments has in fact led to many players taking membership at ECA to play along with these champions.

The competitive action continues with the ongoing Snooker and Billiards Ranking and Handicap Tournaments, providing players with opportunities to showcase their skills and compete at different levels.

With enthusiastic participation and an ever-growing competitive spirit, the ECA Cue Sports section looks forward to an exciting and action-packed season ahead.

EAST CULTURAL ASSOCIATION
ECA ANNUAL RANKING 2026
- BILLIARDS -
FINAL STANDINGS

1 ST		Sasha Sambi
2 ND		Amal Razak
3 RD		Francis Joe
4 TH		Thomas Jacob

Congratulations!

Amal Razack President, Tony Argenteo General Secretary, Manoj Subramanian Vice President - Chairman OCC, Rishang N. J. Joint Secretary & Co-Chairman OCC, Thomas Kunath Chairman - Cue Sports

EAST CULTURAL ASSOCIATION
ECA ANNUAL RANKING 2026
SNOOKER
FINAL STANDINGS

1 ST		Amal Razak
2 ND		Vatsalya Agarwal
3 RD		Francis Joe
4 TH		Sasha Sambi

Congratulations!

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ECA ANNUAL HANDICAP BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT 2026

CHAMPION SASHA SAMBI

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Onam on the Green Baize: A Month of Cue Sports at ECA

The spirit of Onam took a competitive turn this year at the East Cultural Association, as the ECA Annual Onam Snooker and Billiards Tournaments brought members together for a month of cue sports, competition and camaraderie. Beginning on 4th August, the tournament saw more than 30 participants compete across four knockout formats.

The Annual Snooker Ranking Series produced some closely contested encounters, with Amal Razak eventually claiming the championship. Vatsalya Agarwal finished runner-up, followed by Francis Joe and Sasha Sambi. In the Billiards Ranking Series, Sasha Sambi continued his strong showing by taking the title, with Amal Razak, Francis Joe and Thomas Jacob completing the top four. Finally we concluded the Snooker Handicap Tournament with the elusive Vikas Nagraj securing the champions spot.

The Billiards Handicap Tournament provided another opportunity for players to test themselves in a format designed to level the playing field. Sasha Sambi emerged as the winner, adding another title to his successful tournament campaign.

As a new initiative, The first Onam Bumper Black Ball saw major success in bringing players to the ta-



ble. Players who picked up the cue for the first time in a while as compared to seasoned players, all were playing on a level playing field. The Onam Bumper Black Ball saw a total cash pool collection of Rs10000 with more than 24 players participating.

However, as with every good tournament, the results were accompanied by their fair share of surprises. Ronson produced one of the tournament's notable upsets by defeating Amal Razak in the Billiards

Handicap event. Another memorable encounter saw Suresh Babu secure an emphatic victory over Rishi Cherur, reminding everyone that experience at the table can never be underestimated. The result was a fitting example of the timeless saying: old is still gold.

Organised as part of the OCC events under the oversight of the ECA Cue Sports Committee, the tournament was about more than trophies and rankings. It brought together players of different ages, as shown

by increased participation from the younger crowd, bringing new faces to the table and allowing everyone to compete, improve, and enjoy the game.

As the tournament heads towards its conclusion, the sound of cues striking balls continues to echo through the ECA tables, adding another memorable chapter to the club's Onam celebrations and its long-standing cue sports tradition.

Health Club

A New Chapter in Fitness & Wellness: ECA Health Club

Our club proudly marked the inauguration of its brand-new, state-of-the-art gym, ushering in an exciting new chapter in fitness, wellness, and community living.

The prestigious inauguration was graced by Mr. Ashish Ballal, former Indian field hockey goalkeeper and distinguished recipient of the Arjuna Award, whose illustrious sporting career and commitment to fitness continue to inspire generations. He was joined by Mr. Santhosh Kumar, Founder of Figurine Fitness, a re-

nowned Dance and Fitness Studio, adding further significance and energy to the occasion.

The newly unveiled gym has been thoughtfully designed to offer members a contemporary and motivating fitness experience. Equipped with state-of-the-art fitness equipment, modern workout facilities, and dedicated spaces for varied training needs, the facility brings together functionality, comfort, and excellence under one roof.

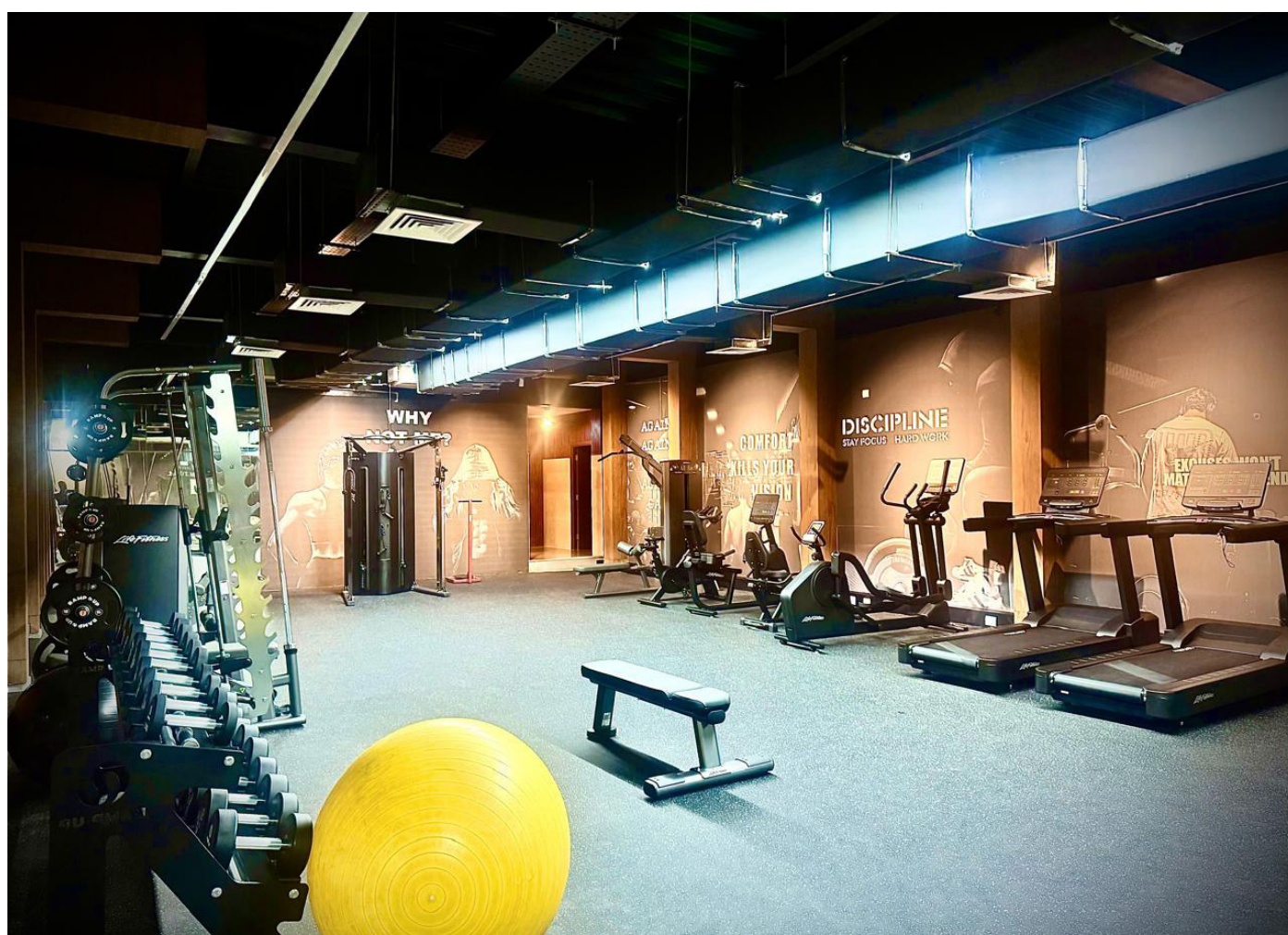
The inauguration also

showcased the vision behind creating a more holistic fitness environment within the club—one that encourages members of all ages and fitness levels to embrace an active and healthier lifestyle. With expert guidance, quality equipment, and an inspiring atmosphere, the new gym is set to become a vibrant hub for fitness enthusiasts and the wider club community.

Our professional trainer provides personalised attention to every member, understanding individual

fitness goals and needs. With expert guidance, proper technique, and continuous motivation, every workout at ECA Gym is designed to be safe, effective and rewarding.

The inauguration was not merely the opening of a new facility, but the beginning of a shared journey towards better health, greater vitality, and a stronger community—reinforcing the club's commitment to enriching the lifestyle and well-being of its members.



ECA Guest Rooms

Comfort, Convenience & Club Hospitality

Located at Indiranagar 100 Feet Road, a prime location, ECA Guest Room offers members and their guests a comfortable, convenient and value-for-money stay in Bengaluru. With easy access to shopping,

dining, entertainment and key city locations, it is ideal for short visits and extended stays. Enjoy well-appointed rooms, a peaceful club environment and complimentary breakfast for two.



ECA Guest Room Tariffs:

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Rates include complimentary breakfast for 2 persons.

For booking: bookings@ecabangalore.com

ECA Club Affiliations

Expanding Our Connections

ECA proudly offers member access to 100+ club affiliations across India and abroad, extending the ECA experience beyond Bengaluru. These affiliations pro-

vide opportunities to enjoy the hospitality, facilities and social experiences of partner clubs while traveling.

We also invite members to help expand this network. If you visit a club and have a positive experience, share your recommendation with

ECA. Your suggestions can help us explore new affiliations and bring greater value to our members.

To recommend a club, write to: manager@ecabangalore.com

Housie at ECA

Housie is one of the popular regular activities at ECA, bringing together both our members and participants from the wider community. The lively sessions are filled with excitement as players eagerly await their numbers and cheer for their wins. With enthusiastic participation, friendly

competition and plenty of laughter, Housie provides a wonderful opportunity for people to meet, socialise and unwind. The growing participation from both members and outsiders reflects its popularity and makes every Housie session an enjoyable community gathering at ECA.





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Celebrating Diversity

A Grand Celebration of Culture, Tradition and Togetherness.

As Chairman of the Onam Celebration Committee (OCC), I am delighted to share a reflection on the recently concluded Onam Celebrations at East Cultural Association (ECA)—a vibrant celebration of Kerala's rich cultural heritage, community spirit and togetherness.

We were honoured to have the consent of Shri D. K. Shivakumar, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka, to grace the celebration as Chief Guest. Though he was unable to attend due to pressing commitments, his support and emphasis on cultural harmony, unity and inclusiveness were deeply appreciated.

The celebrations were further enriched by our Guests of Honour, Shri Asif Ali, Actor & Film Producer, and Shri Subhash Chandran, renowned Malayalam novelist, short story writer and journalist, whose presence and interaction added great warmth to the occasion.

The festivities featured a vibrant array of cultural programmes, traditional performances, music, competitions and family activities. The Pookalam Competition, supported by our Patron Dr. C. G. Krishnadas Nair, beautifully reflected the spirit of unity,



From left to right: Manoj Subramanian – Chairperson, OCC, Sindhu Manoj, Member in Charge and N J Baburaj – Convenor, OCC

creativity and collective participation. The traditional Onam Sadya brought members and families together, celebrating Kerala's culinary heritage and the joy of fellowship.

The celebrations reached a spectacular finale with Rimi Tomy and Team's Live Music Show, which had the audience singing, dancing and celebrating together.

The success of the celebra-

tions was made possible by the enthusiastic participation of our members and families, OCC team, coordinators, volunteers, performers, sponsors, staff and vendors. My sincere appreciation and gratitude to everyone whose dedication and teamwork made the celebrations truly memorable.

The Onam celebrations were more than an event—they were a celebration of our shared heritage, friend-

ships, values and community spirit.

Wishing all ECA members and their families a Happy, Healthy, Peaceful and Prosperous year ahead. May we continue to celebrate our diversity and make ECA an even more vibrant and inclusive community.

Manoj Subramanian
Chairman, Onam Celebration Committee (OCC)

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ECA President's Excellence Award

Academic Excellence 2026

The East Cultural Association (ECA) proudly recognised its young achievers through the President's Excellence Award, celebrating students who successfully complet-

ed their 10th and 12th examinations in 2026. The award acknowledged their academic excellence, dedication and hard work across different educational boards.



Anagha Hariharan — ICSE — 10th



Johanna Mammen — CBSE — 10th



Janki Lakshmy Renjith — IGCSE — 10th



Dheekshitha Donygrek — PUC — 12th



Akkansh Menon — CBSE — 12th



Rachel Vinod — ISC — 12th



Sports

ECA Sports Committee

The Sports Committee has had an energetic start since its installation, keeping ECA's sports fraternity active through July and August 2026. Football fever opened the season, with the Sports Committee screening the semi-finals at Nirvana – Paul John Lounge and the finals at J. Alexander Hall, attended by over 150 members and guests. The momentum continued with the Monthly Badminton Tournament, drawing more than 70 participants and strong support from spectators. Table Tennis activities also began for

both children and adults, with plans underway to launch an ECA Table Tennis League.

In August, the Committee revived the Beer, Biryani and Cricket event and hosted Independence Day car park cricket, which saw enthusiastic participation, spirited play and a lively community atmosphere. The month also featured Onotsavam sports activities. The Committee looks forward to continued participation and support for all the upcoming events.



Onotsavam 2026 - Sports Committee Events

August was non-stop action for the Sports Committee, keeping members engaged with events every single weekend!

We kicked off Onotsavam sports on August 2nd with 'Onam Mamangam', bringing together over 80 members for a high-energy outdoor sports day. It featured a fun blend of athletic and skill-based events, ranging from chocolate picking and fastest fetch for children to sack races, walking races, shot put, and tug-of-war for youth and adults.

The momentum carried through the rest of the month with indoor tournaments in Carrom, Chess, Table Tennis, Badminton, and a major highlight: the inaugural Pickleball tournament, introduced to the ECA sports calendar for the first time.

Strong participation from members and children across all events has inspired the Committee to plan more activities in the coming months. A big thank you to everyone for your passionate presence and support!



Sangeetham

Our first ECA SANGEETHAM programme was successfully held on 26th July 2026 at 5:30 PM at Dr. Alexander Hall.

ECA Sangeetham is planned as a monthly programme of ECA, with the aim of providing a platform for our members to showcase their hidden talents in music, singing, composition, orchestration, and other areas of music.

The July programme had the participation of 28 ECA members, and we presented

songs in different languages, making the programme vibrant and diverse. One of the special highlights of the programme was the group song performance, presented by two groups.

The enthusiasm and active participation of all the members made the programme a great success. It was wonderful to see the excitement and interest among our members in continuing the ECA Sangeetham gatherings. The ECA Sangeetham team is guided by Adviser Mr. O.



Viswanathan, Convener Mr. Balaji, along with 12 committee members, who are working together to

make each monthly programme meaningful and enjoyable.

Onam Members Ganamela 2026

The Onam Members Ganamela 2026, organised as part of the second-day Onam celebrations of the East Cultural Association (ECA), was held on 6th September 2026 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

The musical programme featured 29 ECA members,

who presented a wonderful selection of songs celebrating Onam, Kerala's rich cultural heritage, nature and traditional themes. The performances received an enthusiastic response from the audience.

A major highlight of the programme was the live

orchestral accompaniment by the BAC Tarangam Orchestra team, which provided excellent musical support and enhanced the overall quality of the performances.

The programme attracted a large and enthusiastic audience, with many members

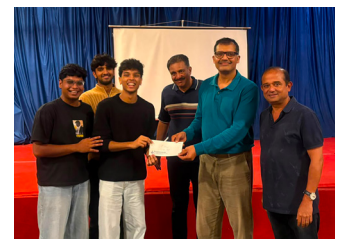
staying until the end. The event was also captured through photographs, including a memorable group photograph of the participants and organisers.

The Ganamela added great musical spirit and festive joy to the ECA Onam celebrations.



Youth

A Spectacular Start: ECA Youth Committee Hosts Trivia Night and Dumb Charades



The ECA Youth Committee kicked off its year with two highly successful events, bringing members together for competition, creativity, and camaraderie.

The excitement began on 7th August, 2026, with the subcommittee's inaugural Trivia Night. Expertly conducted by Quiz Master Rajat V Hariprakash, eight enthusiastic teams faced off in a fast-paced battle of knowledge. The evening was filled with laughter and energy, made even more competitive thanks to General Secretary Tony Augustine, who generously sponsored the prizes.

Keeping the momentum alive, the committee followed up with a fun-filled evening of Dumb Charades, hosted by Rajat and Krithi. Once again, eight teams competed through

thrilling rounds of acting and quick thinking. Relying entirely on creative gestures, participants delivered hilarious performances and unexpected guesses. Both events beautifully fostered teamwork and created wonderful memories, setting a vibrant tone for the year ahead.

TRIVIA WINNERS

1st - Ann Kurian & Team

2nd - Sanjana Thankachy & Team

3rd - Siddharth Bhat & Team

DUMB CHARADES WINNERS

1st - Meghna Thomas & Team

2nd - Ronel Thomas & Team

3rd - Kamya Lincon & Team



Library Committee

The Library Committee's first book session of the year featured the captivating *The Lion Women of Tehran*, moderated by our member, Vatsala Warriar. She brought rich historical and political context to the discussion, opening up a thoughtful conversation around privilege, social dynamics, friendship, and the choices that shape our lives.



It was an engaging and thought-provoking evening, filled with meaningful perspectives and literary exchange.

We look forward to seeing you all at the next session!



ACHIEVEMENTS

Dancing beyond borders

Devki Lakshmy Renjith • Representing the UAE



At just 12 years of age, Devki Lakshmy Renjith, daughter of Lakshmy Renjith, has already stepped onto an international dance platform, representing the United Arab Emirates at the prestigious Dance

World Cup.

Following the UAE Qualifier 2026, Devki had the opportunity to compete at the Dance World Cup in Dublin, Ireland. The competition brings together tal-

ented young dancers from across the world, creating a truly international platform where performers are challenged to showcase their creativity, technique and dedication.

For Devki, this journey represents much more than a competition. It is a reflection of her passion for dance, the discipline behind her training and the confidence to perform on a global stage. Competing alongside dancers from different countries also provides an invaluable opportunity to learn, grow and continually raise the standard of performance.

Her journey from the UAE qualifier to the world stage in Dublin is a proud milestone in her young dancing career. With her dedication and love for dance, Devki continues to demonstrate how talent, perseverance and passion can take a young artist beyond borders.

One Onam. Two Generations.

An intergenerational conversation on memory, tradition, and how the festival continues to evolve



Onam has a way of returning to us through familiar sights, sounds, and memories. The flowers arranged carefully in a pookkalam. The excitement of choosing what to wear. The aroma of a festive sadya. The laughter of cousins, grandparents, friends, and neighbours gathering under one roof. For many of us, these moments are woven into our earliest memories of the festival. Yet every generation experiences Onam a little differently, carrying forward some traditions, reshaping others, and creating new memories along the way.

Inspired by that spirit, ECA Mirror brought together two members of the ECA community from different generations. **Aditi Vijay**, a young lawyer who grew up in Bengaluru, sat down

with **Mrs. Vatsala Warri-er**, whose association with ECA spans nearly five decades, for a conversation about the Onams they remember, the traditions they cherish, and the ways in which the festival continues to evolve.

What followed was a warm exchange filled with stories of family, pookkalams, payasams, photographs, and the simple joys that seem to survive every change.

The Onam We Remember

For Mrs. Vatsala, childhood Onams were rooted in anticipation. “We would usually get new clothes for birthday and for Onam. Those were the two occasions in the year when we got new clothes. So that was a very exciting part.”

But what she remembers most vividly is the gathering of family. “When I was very young, Onam was a very intimate affair. It was not like today, where it has become almost a social occasion for everybody. It was purely a family affair. Relatives would come home, or we would go and visit them, and that was very special.”

Aditi found herself nodding along. “The one thing I look forward to every year is rummaging through my mother’s wardrobe to find the saree I’m going to wear. And it is also the one time of the year when everyone in the family makes sure they are free. Otherwise, everyone is busy. Onam gives us a reason to come together.”

Though separated by generations, both discovered how familiar their experi-

ences felt. The clothes may have changed, and schedules may be busier, but the excitement of gathering remains much the same.

Flowers, Memories and a Little Perfection

When the conversation turned to pookkalams, the contrast between generations became more visible. Mrs. Vatsala remembers pookkalams that were simple, modest, and created mostly by children with guidance from elders. “It was not elaborate at all. We would put in some flowers, have the pookkalam, maybe light a lamp. That simplicity was, in its own way, very beautiful.” She also spoke about something many families no longer include today: small clay figures known as Onathappan. “They were very important in the olden days. You couldn’t simply buy them. You had to make them yourself for Onam.”

For Aditi, however, creating the pookkalam has always involved a little more debate. “It was always my mother and me trying to figure out the pattern. She would say, ‘No, we need to do this,’ and I would say, ‘No, this needs to be perfect!’” The exchange prompted laughter from both generations and highlighted how traditions adapt without losing their meaning. Whether carefully crafted for aesthetics



or simply assembled with love, the pookkalam continues to mark the arrival of Onam.

The Sadya: More Than a Meal

No Onam conversation can escape the subject of food. Growing up, Mrs. Vatsala's family prepared the entire sadya at home. "There was no question of buying dishes from outside. Everybody had a role to play." And while payasam was always eagerly awaited, her favourite dish may come as a surprise. "The one I particularly liked was Avial. It was my mother's favourite too. It had so many colours, vegetables and coconut. For me, Avial symbolized Onam even more than the payasam."

Aditi's favourites are a little different. "For me, it was always Olan. And, of course, Ada Pradhaman. It was the best way to finish the meal. And after that, there was the nap that is

customary in all my Onam celebrations!"

What emerged from this part of the conversation was a reminder that the sadya is never just about the food. Whether prepared at home or enjoyed together at ECA, it represents something larger: the joy of cooking, sharing, and gathering around a common table.

From Photo Albums to Social Media

The conversation also explored how technology has changed the way people experience and remember festivals.

Mrs. Vatsala recalled a time when photographs themselves were precious. "We did not even have colour photography. We had black-and-white photographs. Then we had cameras with film rolls, and you had to wait until the whole roll was used before you could get it developed." Those photographs found their way into family

albums that were revisited year after year.

Today, celebrations often unfold through social media. Yet Aditi sees value in that evolution too. "It has helped people who are not Malayalees understand our culture and what Onam means. It introduces them to the festival in ways that weren't possible before."

As Mrs. Vatsala observed simply:

"Everything has its pluses and minuses."

What Remains Unchanged

When asked what makes the ideal Onam celebration, both generations arrived at a remarkably similar answer.

Not the clothes. Not the decorations. Not even the food.

The people. Family. Friends. Conversations. Shared memories.

For Mrs. Vatsala, that spirit is reflected in the way ECA celebrates Onam today, bringing together not

only Malayalees but also the wider community and introducing younger generations to traditions that might otherwise be lost.

One Onam. Two generations. A multitude of memories in between.

Their conversation reminds us that traditions stay alive not because they remain unchanged, but because each generation finds new ways to make them their own.

The pookkalam may look different. The photographs may move from albums to Instagram. The guest list may grow. Yet the heart of the celebration remains wonderfully familiar. And perhaps that is the true story of Onam: every year Mahabali returns, but the people welcoming him are never quite the same. Generations change. The memories remain.

Scan the QR code to watch the full interview, for more stories, memories, and reflections from Ms. Aditi Vijay and Mrs. Vatsala Warriar's delightful conversation across generations.

PS: The views and opinions expressed in this interview are solely those of the participants.



The Beach

I was walking on the beach, the
sea in reach, the sand, the gold-
en sand shines under the sun.

I wonder,
when I grow up,
will it still be this grand?

The palm trees sway as the sun
rises, and it is beautiful before
my eyes.

I take a book and open my eyes
and take a look.

The beauty of the beach out-
shines the book,
and again I tend to take a look
at the beach.

No book can outshine this
beach.
I would fly the seas
to take a glimpse of this beach!

Dhvani Kiran, Age 10

When I Returned

I went back
to the house I had left
with a small suitcase,
a restless heart,
and a thousand promises
to become someone new.

The gate was still blue.
The old bell
still trembled in the wind.
The mango tree
still held its branches
towards the afternoon sky.
Nothing had changed.

And yet—
everything had.

The room that once
seemed enormous
could barely contain
the woman I had become.

The window was the same,
but I looked through it
differently.

The garden was the
same,
but I had learned
how many seasons
a heart could survive.

I found my childhood
in a dusty corner—

a forgotten
photograph,
a dream written

I did not laugh at the
girl
who had written it.

I did not tell her
how much she still had
to learn.

I simply whispered,

You did well.

The house had waited.

Not for me to return
as the girl who left—

but as the woman
who had finally
understood
what leaving meant.

I thought growing
meant
letting go of
everything.

Now I know—
we carry what matters.

The smell of jasmine.
A childhood song.

The courage
of someone we once
were.

Sarita Wariyer

A child's voice

— Jemma Rose, Age 11 —

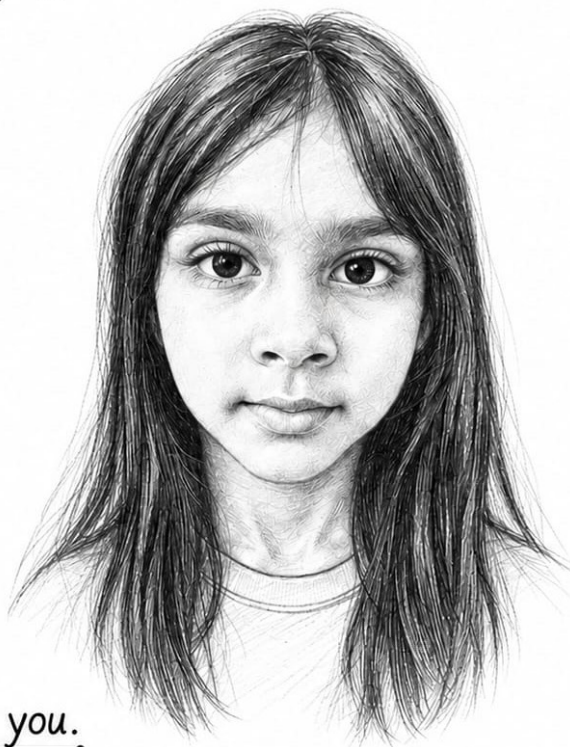
We all are children, we all have rights,
we all are equal, there's no need to fight.
we all need to learn, open your eyes and you'll see,
we are allowed to choose who we want to be.

We have our own choices, we have our own needs,
if life were a bracelet we'd choose our own beads.
We've been pushed down, but we will take a stand,
don't judge us yet, mistakes are never planned.

This is our life, you can trust our word,
for our voices also deserve to be heard,
we may worry now, but there is a better tomorrow,
so let's not waste time with sadness and sorrow.

We may be young, but we are brave, we've been
ignored up till this day, we deserve respect, and
that's for sure, though it only counts if your respect
is pure.

Thank you.



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മനസ്സൊരു മരുഭൂമിയായി മാറിയിരിക്കുന്നു. ചിന്തകൾക്കും ഭാവനകൾക്കും ആശയങ്ങൾക്കും മൊട്ടിടാനോ തളിക്കാനോ പൂക്കാനോ വേണ്ട ഈർപ്പം ഇല്ലാത്ത മരുഭൂമി. ഒരു സൃഷ്ടിയും നടത്താൻ പറ്റാത്ത തരിശുഭൂമി. ചിന്തകൾക്ക് വികസിക്കാൻ കഴിയാത്ത ഊഷര ഭൂമിയായി എന്റെ മനസ്സ് മാറിപ്പോയിരിക്കുന്നു. ചുറ്റും നോക്കുമ്പോൾ ആകർഷിക്കപ്പെടാൻ തക്കവണ്ണം കൗതുകമുണർത്തുന്നതോ മാടി വിളിക്കുന്നതോ ആയ ഒരു മാസ്മരിക ശക്തിയും ഞാൻ കാണുന്നില്ല. യൗവനത്തിലും മദ്ധ്യവയസ്സിലും കവിതകളും ചെറുകഥകളുമെല്ലാം എന്റെ മനസ്സിലും വിരൽത്തുമ്പിലും ഒഴുകിയെത്തുമായിരുന്നു. എന്നാൽ ഈയിടെയായി എത്രതന്നെ ശ്രമിച്ചിട്ടും എഴുതി തുടങ്ങാൻ എനിക്ക് കഴിയുന്നില്ല. എന്തായിരിക്കും അതിനു കാരണം?

ഒരുപക്ഷേ... വളളവനാടിന്റെ വളക്കൂറുള്ള മണ്ണിൽ സൂര്യപ്രകാശത്തെയും മഞ്ഞിനെയും മഴയെയും ഒരുപോലെ തഴുകി വളർന്ന ഒരു പുച്ചടിയെ വേരോടെ പിഴുത്തെടുത്ത് നഗരത്തിലെ ഒരു ഫ്ലാറ്റിന്റെ ബാൽക്കണിയിലെ കൃത്രിമ വളം നിറച്ച പുച്ചട്ടിയിൽ വളരേണ്ടി വരുമ്പോഴുള്ള അവസ്ഥ തന്നെ ആയിരിക്കാം എന്റെ മനസ്സിന്റെ മുരടിപ്പിനുള്ള കാരണവും. എങ്കിലും വാർദ്ധക്യത്തിന്റെ വരാന്തയിൽ വിശ്രമിക്കുമ്പോൾ ഓർമ്മകൾ വിരസതയുടെ കയർ പൊട്ടിച്ച് ബാല്യത്തിന്റെ മുറത്തേക്ക് ഓടുന്നു. എന്റെ ബാല്യവും കൗമാരവും യൗവനത്തിന്റെ തുടക്കവുമെല്ലാം എനിക്കേറെ പ്രിയപ്പെട്ട ഊനാട്ടിലായിരുന്നുവല്ലോ... ഓർമ്മകൾക്ക് ഓടിക്കളിക്കാനും ഓമനിക്കാനുമായി ഒത്തിരിയൊത്തിരി ആളുകളും, അനുഭവങ്ങളും, അമ്പലങ്ങളും, ആൽത്തറയും എല്ലാം ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നത് അവിടെയല്ലേ...

കുട്ടുകുടുംബ വ്യവസ്ഥിതിയിൽ കഴിഞ്ഞുപോന്ന ഒരു തറവാട്ടിൽ ജനിച്ച എന്റെ ഓർമ്മയിൽ ആദ്യം തെളിഞ്ഞു വരുന്നത് എന്റെ അമ്മയുടെ അമ്മയെ (മുത്തശ്ശിയെ) തറവാട്ടുവളപ്പിൽ ഒരുക്കിയ ചിതയിൽ ദഹിപ്പിക്കുന്ന ചിത്രമാണ്. അന്ന് നാലു വയസ്സുള്ള എനിക്ക് എന്റെ മുത്തശ്ശിയെ ചിതയിലേക്ക് കൊണ്ടുപോയി വെച്ച് കത്തിച്ചവരോടെല്ലാം കുറേക്കാലം ദേഷ്യമായിരുന്നു. വീട്ടുപറമ്പിന്റെ വേലി കെട്ടാൻ വരുമ്പോൾ ഞങ്ങൾ കുട്ടികൾക്ക് ഓലപ്പന്തും, മുളത്തോക്കും ഉണ്ടാക്കി തന്നിരുന്ന അയ്യപ്പനെ എനിക്കേറെ ഇഷ്ടമായിരുന്നു. ഓർക്കാൻ എത്രയോ കഥാപാത്രങ്ങൾ. പ്രായാധിക്യത്തിന്റെ ഓർമ്മക്കുറവിലും ബാല്യകാലം ഇപ്പോഴും മനസ്സിൽ നിറംമങ്ങാതെ തെളിഞ്ഞു നിൽക്കുന്നു...

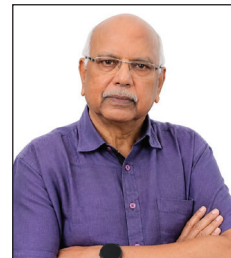
കൗമാരപ്രായത്തിൽ വീട്ടിൽ അറിയാതെ ദുരെയുള്ള അമ്പലത്തിലെ വേല കാണാൻ പോയി, ഉത്സവപ്പറമ്പിൽ ആനയിടഞ്ഞ തിരക്കിൽപ്പെട്ട എന്നെ ഭാഗ്യത്തിന് അച്ഛൻ കണ്ട് ഓടിവന്ന് രക്ഷപ്പെടുത്തി. വീട്ടിലെത്തിയപ്പോൾ പാവം അമ്മ നേരം ഇരുട്ടിയിട്ടും എന്നെ കാണാൻ കരയുകയായിരുന്നു. മറ്റൊരു കുസൃതി, ആനകളും ഒട്ടകങ്ങളും കുതിരകളും കുട്ടിലിട്ട സിംഹങ്ങളും കടുവകളുമായി വേറൊരു പട്ടണത്തിൽ തമ്പടിക്കാൻ റോഡ് വഴി പോകുന്ന സർക്കസ് കൂടാരത്തിന്റെ പിറകെ ഞാനും രണ്ടു കുട്ടുകാരും സർവ്വവും മറന്ന് കിലോമീറ്ററുകൾ നടന്നു. സൂര്യൻ അസ്തമിക്കാറായപ്പോഴാണ് ദുരമെത്ര പിന്നിട്ടു എന്ന് അറിയുന്നത്. പരിഭ്രമിച്ച് രാത്രിയാകുന്നതിനു മുൻപ് വീട്ടിലെത്താൻ ഞങ്ങൾ തിരിച്ചോടി.

ഒരു സ്ഥിരം ജ്യോത്സ്യനെ കൊണ്ടാണ് ഞങ്ങളുടെ വീട്ടിലെ എല്ലാവരുടെയും ജാതകങ്ങൾ എഴുതിക്കാനുള്ളതും ശുഭകാര്യങ്ങൾക്കുള്ള മുഹൂർത്തങ്ങൾ കുറിക്കുന്നതുമെല്ലാം. ഞാൻ എട്ടാം ക്ലാസിൽ പഠിക്കുമ്പോഴോ മറ്റോ ആയിരിക്കണം എന്റെ ചേച്ചിയുടെയും, ജേഷ്ഠന്റെയും, എന്റെയും, അനുജന്റെയും

ജാതകങ്ങൾ എഴുതി ഒരുമിച്ചു വായിച്ചു കേൾപ്പിക്കാൻ യോഗ്യനായ കുടുംബ ജ്യോത്സ്യൻ വീട്ടിൽ വന്നത്. വീടിന്റെ അധികം ദുരെയല്ലാതെ താമസിക്കുന്ന അദ്ദേഹത്തിന് ഞങ്ങളുടെ കുടുംബത്തെ അടുത്തറിയാവുന്നതു പോലെ എന്റെ വികൃതിത്തരങ്ങളെ പറ്റിയും അത്യാവശ്യം അറിയാം. കൊണ്ടുവന്നതിൽ ഏറ്റവും മോശം ജാതകം എന്റെ ആയിരിക്കുമെന്ന് ഊഹിച്ചെടുക്കാൻ എനിക്ക് ജ്യോത്സ്യന്റെ ആവശ്യമില്ലാതിരുന്നതുകൊണ്ട് ഞാൻ കുറച്ചു മാറിനിന്നു. അച്ഛനും അമ്മയും ജ്യേഷ്ഠന്മാരും ചേർത്തിയമ്മമാരും ചേച്ചിയും എല്ലാം വായന കേൾക്കാൻ റെഡിയായി. ജ്യോത്സ്യൻ അല്പം കൗശലപ്രശ്നത്തിന് ശേഷം, ദേഹശുദ്ധി വരുത്തി കവിടികൾ നിരത്തി ജപിച്ചതിനുശേഷം ജാതകങ്ങൾ വായിച്ചു തുടങ്ങി. എന്റെ ഊഴം വന്നപ്പോൾ ഞാൻ ഒന്നുകൂടി പിന്നിലേക്ക് വലിഞ്ഞു. എന്തായാലും എന്റെ സമയം മോശമായതുകൊണ്ട് പറയാനുള്ളതും മോശമായിരിക്കും. അതിന് കാരണം ഉണ്ട്... രണ്ടുദിവസം മുൻപ് ഞങ്ങൾ കുട്ടികൾ പൈസ പങ്കിട്ടു വാങ്ങിയ ഒരു തുന്നിക്കെട്ടിയ പൂട്ട്ബോൾ കൊണ്ട് വീട്ടുമുറ്റത്ത് കളിക്കുമ്പോൾ അത് മുറ്റത്തിന് അടുത്തുള്ള കിണറ്റിൽ വീണു. അത്യാവശ്യം ആഴമുള്ള കിണറാണ്. ഞാൻ ഇടംവലം നോക്കാതെ പന്തിന്റെ പിറകെ കിണറ്റിലേക്ക് ചാടി. പിന്നെയാണ് ആലോചിക്കുന്നത് എങ്ങിനെ മുകളിലേക്ക് കയറുമെന്ന്. ആരൊക്കെയോ ചേർന്ന് അടുത്ത വീട്ടിൽ നിന്നും മുളകൊണ്ടുള്ള ഒരു ഏണി കൊണ്ടുവന്ന് കിണറ്റിൽ നിന്നും എന്നെ മുകളിലെത്തിച്ചു. ഞൊടിയിടയിൽ ഈ വാർത്ത ചുറ്റും പരന്നു. അമ്മയുടെ മുഖത്ത് ദേഷ്യവും സങ്കടവും ഒക്കെയുണ്ട്. വീട്ടിലില്ലായിരുന്ന അച്ഛൻ പുറത്തു നിന്നു തന്നെ വിവരമറിഞ്ഞാണ് എത്തിയത്. അച്ഛനെ സമാധാനിപ്പിക്കാൻ അമ്മ പറഞ്ഞു “അവന് ജാതകവശാൽ ഇപ്പോൾ വളരെ മോശം സമയമാണ്.”

ജ്യോത്സ്യൻ എന്റെ ജാതകം കയ്യിലെടുത്ത് ചുറ്റും കണ്ണോടിച്ച് ചോദിച്ചു “എവിടെ ഈ വിദ്വാൻ?” കോടതി മുറിയിൽ ജഡ്ജി വിധി പ്രസ്താവിക്കുമ്പോൾ പ്രതിയെ പ്രതിക്കൂട്ടിൽ കയറ്റി നിർത്തുന്നതുപോലെ എന്റെ നേരെ മേലുള്ള ജ്യേഷ്ഠൻ എന്നെ രണ്ടടി മുന്നിലേക്ക് നിർത്തി. ഞാൻ ഉറപ്പിച്ചു എന്റെ കാര്യം പോക്ക് തന്നെ. എന്നെ നോക്കി അദ്ദേഹം ഒരു പുഞ്ചിരിയോടെ തുടർന്നു. “ഇയാൾ നിങ്ങൾ ഇപ്പോൾ കാണുന്ന ആളൊന്നുമല്ല, ജാതകം മഹാകേമം... ഗംഭീരമായിട്ടുള്ള യോഗങ്ങൾ ഒക്കെ കാണുന്നുണ്ട്. ഹാവാ... ഞാൻ എല്ലാവരും കാണാനായി കുറച്ചുകൂടി മുന്നോട്ടു വന്നു നിന്നു. പ്രത്യേകിച്ചും എന്റെ നേരെ മേലെയുള്ള ജ്യേഷ്ഠൻ കാണാൻ. കാരണം പുളളിയാണ് ആണയിട്ട് പറഞ്ഞുകൊണ്ടിരുന്നത് ഞാൻ നന്നാവില്ലെന്ന്. ജ്യോത്സ്യൻ എന്റെ ജാതകത്തിലെ എട്ടോളം ശ്രേഷ്ഠമായ യോഗങ്ങൾ - രാജയോഗം, ചക്രവർത്തി യോഗം, മാളവ്യയോഗം, വേസി യോഗം, ധൂര്യധൂരായോഗം തുടങ്ങി വിശദമായി വിവരിച്ചു. അതോടെ മറ്റു സഹോദരങ്ങളുടെ മുൻപിൽ പിടിച്ചുനിൽക്കാനുള്ള ഒരു ആത്മവിശ്വാസവും അഭിമാനവും എന്നിൽ വർദ്ധിച്ചു. അമ്മയുടെ മുഖത്തെ ആശ്വാസം ഞാൻ കണ്ടു. ഞാൻ പിന്നീട് ഗൾഫിൽ പോയി ലീവിൽ വന്നപ്പോൾ എന്റെ പ്രിയപ്പെട്ട ജ്യോത്സ്യന് നല്ലൊരു വാച്ച് സമ്മാനിച്ചു...

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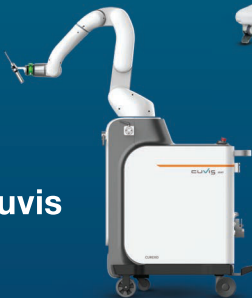
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