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Udaipur City Palace - Photograph by Anand Kilpady

NEW ANNOUNCEMENT

THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT PAID THEIR ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FOR 2024-25 MAY NOTE THAT THEIR MEMBERSHIP STANDS CANCELLED.

MEMBERS WHOSE ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FOR 2025-2026 IS STILL DUE, YOU ARE REQUESTED TO PAY IMMEDIATELY. SUBSCRIPTION FOR 2026-27 MAY BE PAID AT THE EARLIEST.

Annual Membership Subscription Fees

All Members shall pay in advance their Annual Subscription for the period 1st April to 31st March of the financial year. For ease of payment, we have introduced **UPI** and the QR code which is published hereunder.

Annual subscription is as follows. Pay by Cash/Cheque/NEFT/UPI. Contact office 080-23342625 if you need clarification.

60 years & below Rs.300/- + GST 18% Rs.54/- = Rs.354/- per annum

Above 60 years Rs.150/- + GST 18% Rs.27/- = Rs.177/- per annum

Over 80 years: No subscription

For Hard Copy of CUNL (Canara Union Newsletter) please add Rs.150/- per annum (April-March) towards postage/delivery charges. You can add to Annual Membership Subscription.

Pay: "The Canara Union", S/B Acct No.106003130000822,
SVC Co-Operative Bank Ltd., IFSC Code: SVCB0000060.

If paid by NEFT, please email NEFT reference number to canaraunion@gmail.com or Whatsapp to 8310857255 with your name. If paying by UPI, please send screenshot with name and details of payment.



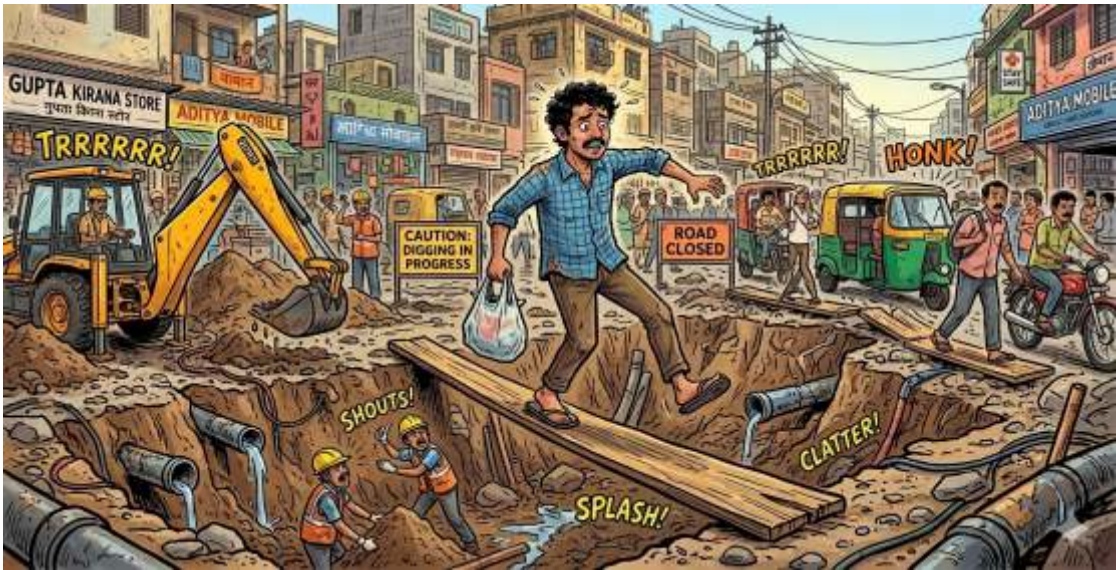
APPEAL

Canara Union appeals to all its Members who are over 80 years to please pay Rs.150/- per annum (April-March) for the Hard Copy of CUNL (Canara Union Newsletter). Method of payment is detailed on Page 2 of the CUNL. Those members who have paid may ignore this message.

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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

For those who are not aware of it, and some who feel critical, the Canara Union has earned barely any revenue, coming mainly from rentals, etc., over the past 12 months. This is almost fully because of the condition of the 8th Main Road and the access roads. Repairs and laying of pipes have been going on. Contractors change and leave the work half-done—and sometimes wrongly done, so that correction takes months. Traffic is disrupted and for shops in the vicinity, it has been a struggle. I digress to express admiration for how they still conduct business.



For us at the Canara Union, access has been blocked for days and weeks on end, and the sports centre, a hub of activity, suffered the most. Our CU meetings were held in people's houses so that planning could proceed. It has been hard to wait helplessly.

We thank you for understanding our situation and for your faith in us. We hope it won't be too long before the roads are set and things come to normal. To be stretched for income for reasons beyond our control is difficult.

Moving on from this doom and gloom!

I have been thinking of how small shops and traders work cooperatively, even those who compete and sell the same goods. In what we call 'Majestic', on Avenue Road, 8th Cross, Bandireddypalya, J.C. Road, for example, and street vendors, there is help. Sometimes, shop-owners and cart-waalas are absent briefly. The person next to her or him takes over, often after the sale, getting change from somewhere. Many sellers who don't have something you need, will run and pick it up from nearby. This joint 'ownership' is so touching.

And so useful as business goes on, and you can usually bring your tomatoes, battery cells and hair-pins home as planned.

All this is in contrast to some of my experiences overseas. I remember going to a large store. In one of the departments, a salesperson at the same counter as another was unwilling to tell me the price of something. She didn't ask the other, she didn't care, and I had to leave without buying what I wanted. And in another store, another country, I asked for something I couldn't see on the shelf. The person shrugged, not even looking up. 'If it's not on the shelf, it's not there,' he said.

I'm sure the situation has changed now for the better. And this is not to compare countries. I suppose there are ill-mannered, unhelpful people everywhere.

I hope it was a good Ugadi for all.

PRAKASH AROOR

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Canara Union is happy to announce their new Website **www.canaraunion.com** which has gone live with immediate effect. We look forward to your thoughts and feedback, if any.

All members are requested to send a hello email to canaraunion@gmail.com giving your latest email ID, phone number and address.

PRINT COPIES and E-ISSUES



We thank those who have written/telephoned to indicate their preference of the CUNL.

Members who haven't contacted us and who prefer e-issues please let us know your preference. And those members who have opted for e-issues but are still getting hard copies of CUNL, please let the office know. Please write to canaraunion@gmail.com with a copy to meeraphilar79@gmail.com or phone the Canara Union at 080 23342625. Thank you.

PS: Members who have not paid Rs.150/- towards postage of the CUNL for the year, are requested to pay - Cash or Cheque favouring "The Canara Union". If transferring by NEFT, please transfer to "The Canara Union" S/B Acct No.10600 31300 00822, SVC Co-operative Bank Ltd., IFSC Code: SVCB0000060. Please send us a copy of NEFT transfer and your name.

You can also pay by UPI. See details on page 2

NOTE: We are updating our Membership List. Request all Members to send us your latest address, phone numbers (Landline and Mobile) and email IDs to canaraunion@gmail.com.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We are deeply grateful to the following for the donations made by them towards:

Canara Union Medical Relief Fund

Smt Usha Suresh Philar
(In memory of husband Suresh Philar) Rs.1,00,000.00

Canara Union Student Scholarship Fund

Shri Nagarmath Durgesh Sunder
(In memory of daughter Swathi Nagarmath) Rs.1,00,000.00

Canara Union Monthly Distress Relief Fund

A Well-Wisher Rs. 12,000.00

PS: We request all donors to provide us with a letter and a copy of PAN Card and Address Proof at the time of donation, which is a requirement by the IT Department.

CANARA UNION CELEBRATES UGADI – 19TH MARCH 2026

Photo credit: **Sri Vinesh Betrabet**

A festival, celebrated for decades at the Canara Union premises, had to be celebrated this year at the Shri Chitrapur Math, owing to the 8th Main Road work that has been going on for the past year. Canara Union this year celebrated Ugadi on 19th March, 2026. The celebrations were co-sponsored by Shri Chitrapur Math and Sursagar. The Shri Chitrapur Math provided us the space and Sursagar sponsored the Hindustani Music concert.



Vedamurthy Sri Baddukuli Radhakrishna Bhat, Vedamurthy Sri Karnad Vijay Bhat and Vedamurthy Sri Manjeshwar Annappa Bhat

The programme began with the Panchang Vaachan by Vedamurthy Sri Karnad Vijay Bhat. He was duly assisted by Vedamurthy Sri Manjeshwar Annappa Bhat and Vedamurthy Sri Baddukuli Radhakrishna Bhat. The Panchang Vaachan was followed by Paanak-panvaar.

The highlight of the evening was the Hindustani Music Programme sponsored by Sursagar with Pandit Nityanand Haldipur on the Bansuri and Pandit Omkar Gulvady on the Tabla who enthralled the audience.



A view of the packed Sri Anandashram Sabha Griha at Shri Chitrapur Math, Bangalore during the Ugadi Panchanga Vachan and Hindustani Music Concert.

Canara Union thanks Shri Chitrapur Math for providing us the space for conducting the Ugadi celebrations.

Announcement

Canara Union is pleased to announce Table Tennis Summer Camp starting 1st April 2026 between 10.30 a.m. and 12 noon. Coached by well-known Coach Mr. M. Sashidharan.

For details contact Mr. Sashidharan - Phone 9844701696/
Canara Union Manager - Phone 080-23342625

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

The medical equipment donated by members to Canara Union are meant to help patients tide over their immediate requirement for a period not exceeding 3 months. If required beyond 3 months, members are requested to make alternative arrangements. (This will help equipment availability to others in need.) All requests need to be made either by email or letters. Henceforth, a nominal refundable deposit will be collected, as follows:

Walking Stick: Rs.100/- Walker: Rs.250/- Wheelchair: Rs.500/- Hospital Bed: Rs.1000/Rs.2000.

RENEWED APPEAL FOR MONTHLY DISTRESS RELIEF ASSISTANCE

Dear Friends, Canara Union continues to assist the badly affected families of Covid-19 every month. Your continued support and help towards this scheme as long as possible would be appreciated. You may make payments either by cheque or bank transfer to the account specified below. For any clarification you may contact or write to us at:

Prakash Aroor, President	Mobile: 9901560602
Meera Philar, Hon. Secretary	Mobile: 9844022713
Harish Sujir, Hon. Treasurer	Mobile: 9845055567
Email: canaraunion@gmail.com	

Payments can be made to THE CANARA UNION WELFARE FUND either by cheque or by Net Banking transfer to the following:

The Canara Union Welfare Fund

Savings Bank A/C No.:10980 31300 05454

SVC Co-Operative Bank Ltd. Vidyamandir Branch, Malleswaram, Bangalore 560 003

IFC Code: SVCB0000098

VERY VERY IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING DONATIONS

All Members/Donors wanting to make donations, please see one full page ANNOUNCEMENT in the CUNL. You may pay either by CHEQUE OR NEFT. Follow it up with a letter or fill details in a copy of the Announcement Sheet along with a copy of your PAN Card and Proof of Address. If sending by NEFT, please send to respective account (Name and No.) of your donation choice as mentioned in the Announcement Sheet. For any clarification, please email canaraunion@gmail.com or WhatsApp or call Meera Philar at 9844022713 or Harish Sujir at 9845055567.

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Name: Sri / Smt. _____
Address:

Date: _____
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To,
The President
The Canara Union(Regd.)
Bangalore-560003

Sir,
Sub: Donation towards Endowment Fund/s

I wish to donate a total sum of Rs. _____ (in words: Rupees _____)
towards The Canara Union Endowment Funds detailed below:

Type of Donation	Amount	Bank Details
Building Fund		The Canara Union, Account No 34050851518 State Bank of India, IFSC SBIN0007080
Distress Relief Fund		The Canara Union(Regd) Distress Relief Fund Account No 10600 31300 18707 SVC Co-operative Bank Ltd., IFSC Code: SVCB0000060
Medical Relief Fund		The Canara Union(Regd) Medical Relief Fund Account No 10600 31300 18706 SVC Co-operative Bank Ltd., IFSC Code: SVCB0000060
Students Scholarship Fund		The Canara Union(Regd) Students Scholarship Fund Account No 10600 31300 18705 SVC Co-operative Bank Ltd., IFSC Code: SVCB0000060
Cultural Endowment Fund		The Canara Union(Regd) Cultural Endowment Fund Account No 10600 31300 18703 SVC Co-operative Bank Ltd., IFSC Code: SVCB0000060
Sports Endowment Fund		The Canara Union(Regd) Sports Endowment Fund Account No 10600 31300 18704 SVC Co-operative Bank Ltd., IFSC Code: SVCB0000060
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Is to be kept as a Corpus Fund and interest earned thereon is to be used for disbursement.

Is to be distributed in the next occasion for disbursement as decided by the Canara Union.

The donation is given in the memory of:

I have attached a copy of my PAN CARD and PROOF OF ADDRESS.

Regards,

Signature
Phone No:

FOOTPRINTS THAT LAST A LIFETIME

PRAKASH JOTHADY



Kids come into our lives without making big promises or speeches. They come with soft cries, eyes that are curious, and feet that barely touch the ground. But after that, everything is different. It feels like time is different. Things that matter to you change, the once fast and loud world slows to match their small steps. The sound of little feet on the floor, brief yet vivid, stays with us forever. The smallest feet, which are weak and unsure at first, leave the biggest marks on our hearts.



Those little feet are always with us. They follow us around the kitchen, run ahead of us in the park, and curl up next to us when it's time to hit the sack. They remember how far they've come with every step they take. They wobble at first, then they walk with confidence, and finally, they walk without looking back for reassurance. There are a lot of little things that happen between those big events that we don't always notice, like rocking at night, giggling in the

morning, muddy footprints on clean floors, and hallways full of toys that feel both chaotic and full of life.

These little feet make a big difference, not just because they're there, but also because of what they mean. They stand for love, faith, and purity that doesn't have any strings attached. When things aren't going well, a child's footsteps teach us to be patient. When we can't sleep, they teach us to be strong. And when we take things for granted, they teach us to be grateful. We learn to be happy about their small victories, like taking the first step, saying a new word, or jumping into our arms without being scared.

As they get older, those feet leave the house more often. We don't have living room floors; we have school hallways. We don't have backyards; we have playgrounds.



Their footprints slowly change from being physical to being emotional. Even though they're not around anymore, their influence is still there in our habits, memories, and the way we see the world.

The house gets quiet one day. The floors stay clean for longer. But the heart is still full. Because their footprints will stay with us long

after those little feet have grown up and left. They remind us of who we were and how they made us different.

In the end, the distance they cover doesn't matter. What really matters is the depth they leave behind. The smallest feet really do leave the biggest footprints in our hearts - footprints made of love, lessons, and memories that will last forever.



A MOTHER'S HEART

PREETA BELLARI



During my travel to Pune last week, I met a woman whose story stayed with me.

At just twenty-two, she became a mother, young, nervous, and full of dreams. Her pregnancy felt like a miracle, a tiny life growing beneath her heart. After ten long hours of labour, she finally held her baby boy through a caesarean section. She still remembers asking the doctor to place him on her chest, his tiny body still warm, still connected to her. In that first skin-to-skin moment, all the pain vanished. "I wasn't just a woman anymore," she said softly. "I became a mother." From that day, her world began and ended with him.

The helpless little baby became a curious boy, and then a strong, kind young man, far too quickly for her heart. Life hadn't always been easy, but it was her son who made her stronger. At just twenty-five, he had carried responsibilities beyond his years, holding his

family together with quiet courage. He had never complained, had never asked for sympathy, and had simply stood by her, steady and loving. He reminded her that she mattered.

He had given her the courage to dream again.

Through him, she had found herself once more.

Today, she calls him her greatest blessing,

A loving son, a devoted brother, a caring husband, a man who balances his world with grace and respect. As she finished, her eyes shone with pride. And I realized, sometimes a mother doesn't raise a son. Sometimes, a son raises his mother too.

[Representative images]



HEAD IN THE CLOUDS: TEEN TIMES AND COLLEGE (PART 2)

VANDANA PANDIT



This is an extract from Vandana Rao Pandit's book Head in the Clouds - My Adventures in the Air Force and Life Beyond. The following is from the ninth chapter of the book. Subsequent chapters will be published in forthcoming issues of CUNL.

Every year, we had an 'Ethnic Day' programme. We dressed up in Indian wear like saris, long skirts and salwar-kameez and had a lot of fun. On one such Ethnic Day, we decided to treat ourselves to lunch at a nearby eatery. A friend with short hair had decided to add a long plait of false hair to her curls. After lunch, we were

about to leave when a waiter came up to us sheepishly brandishing a long plait of hair and saying, "Excuse me, madam, but you dropped your hair." We dissolved into raucous laughter. My friend did not find it particularly funny and was quite miffed with him and us.

We had great lecturers and a very cool Principal, Sister Genevieve. Sr G as we called her and still do, was a lot of fun. After my convent school where the nuns were strict and not very approachable, she was a breath of fresh air. She danced with us during concerts and college festivals, was very approachable



Ethnic Day

and likeable and still is. At the time of writing this, she is recovering from a Covid infection, and we hope she will be healthy for many years to come.

We had two male lecturers who taught us Business Law and Accounting. They were young and as expected, subject to a lot of speculation by us. This included ragging me with one of them because I liked Business Law and was good at it. Mediocre screenplays were imagined about the two of us as a couple. The poor man had no idea, thankfully, as it would have been terribly embarrassing and awkward, more for him than me as I was by now used to my wicked friends. After we left college, we heard that the other young male lecturer married a junior of ours from college. So obviously, some screenplays do work out.

We were the notorious back benchers and lived

up to our reputation, which included giggling and whispering, but not much more. I had sobered down considerably and kept myself scrupulously out of trouble. Our lecturers were friendly and treated us like adults. One of them, Ms Josephine or 'Jo,' who taught us Auditing, was a big favourite and had us in splits in her classes. She would arrive with a pack of Cadbury's eclairs which she would aim and chuck at anyone who gave the right answer. We behaved like animals at the zoo waiting to be fed. Chocolates are always welcome at any age and we were no exception.

We had a student nun in our class – Sr S., who sat in the front row. We never figured out why she did so because she was the most mischievous of us all and was constantly getting into trouble with the lecturers. She played pranks and was cheeky and incorrigible. The lecturers were at their wits'

end on how to deal with her. The Habit she wore only made her more endearing to us. She had a great sense of humour and wore a perpetual grin. I hear she is now at a convent in Mangalore.



Meeting Sister Genevieve (aka "Sr G") at a 2017 College Reunion

The big question of what to wear for college the next day stressed me the most in my early college days. Our college abounded with the most beautiful girls who wore the latest styles, and I was clueless. I wore only jeans, shirts, shorts and the occasional skirt.

There was no dress code. We could wear shorts, jeans - the tighter the better, miniskirts, anything. Women do dress for other women and that's a fact. Nowadays, colleges are far stricter and insist on girls being covered from top to toe so that they don't 'tempt' boys on campus. It's the age-old tired misogynistic adage of 'wearing revealing clothes is what gets women into trouble.' Will we never learn?

As time went on, I realised my allowance did not allow me to splurge on clothing, so I improvised.

Long skirts were hitched up and belted at the waist to shorten them, and a long shirt was worn over to hide the bulge. Small shopping outlets on Brigade Road and Commercial Street were raided and anything that was on sale was bought. My aunts Nirmala in England

and Susan in the US both indulged us and would bring us outfits on their visits which I stretched out over the college years and later too. Jeans were rolled up over and over until they became 'jean-shorts.' I regularly raided my dad's closet and stole a few shirts, which I wore tied up at the midriff. Luckily for me, he was terribly absent-minded and never noticed. My mother was too busy with work to notice either. She was now working for a well-known garment export company. No one could accuse me of not being criminally creative. I had some hand-me-downs from some older cousins too, which I wore until they tore.

There were a few rich girls who came in their own cars. One girl in our class was the most glamorous girl I had ever met in my life. We were overawed and dumbstruck and could barely speak to her. She was very pretty, always beautifully dressed – perfumed and manicured – and came to college in a different car every other day, or so it seemed. We were convinced that she matched her outfits to her cars or the other way around.

The next thing to do was to get myself some transportation and cars were not an option. I would take a bus to college, but at some point, that route was diverted as there was a railway bridge coming up near the college. Taking an autorickshaw was not an option except in emergencies. It cost me Rs 4/- then, went to Rs 6/- and was not affordable as a daily expense.

We had an old moped – a blue Luna which my dad had bought a hundred years back. It was a one-seater and older than my great-grandmother but carried me from one place to another satisfactorily. After years of begging, pleading and threats (a stark reminder of my days of beggary regarding my cycle) I was finally allowed to ride it to college.

Many of my friends used the fashionable 'TVS-50,' but that was too much to hope for. A few

years later, I was presented with a shiny red TVS-50, which I loved and used until after I got married.

Meanwhile, I was puttering along perched high on my Luna, feeling like the queen of the world. It did not bother me in the least that elderly people with walkers were moving faster than me – I had wheels!



VIBRANT UGADI: NEW YEAR, NEW ADVENTURES

HRISHIKESH KALYANPUR



Ugadi marks the commencement of the new Hindu lunar year and is celebrated primarily in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and Karnataka. It falls on the first day of the month of Chaitra. Beyond just a date on a calendar, Ugadi represents the revitalization of nature. As the harsh winter fades, the earth adorns itself in vibrant green, jasmine flowers bloom, and the mango trees begin to bear young fruit. It is a festival of hope, signifying that no matter how difficult the previous year was, a fresh start is always possible.

Rituals of Purification and Welcoming

The day begins long before the sun rises. Families engage in an elaborate ritual of cleaning their homes, symbolizing the removal of past stagnancy. The entrance of the house becomes a canvas for Rangoli or Muggulu—intricate geometric patterns drawn with rice flour to welcome prosperity. A defining visual of Ugadi is the Thorana, a string of fresh

mango leaves and neem flowers tied above doorways. These leaves symbolize a good yield and general well-being. After a traditional oil bath (Abhyanga Snana), devotees don new clothes, signifying a renewed sense of self and purpose.

The Philosophy of the Ugadi Pachadi

At the heart of the celebration lies a unique culinary preparation known as Ugadi Pachadi (or Bevu-Bella in Karnataka). This dish is not just a snack; it is a profound philosophical lesson served in a bowl. It combines six distinct tastes, each representing a specific human emotion:

- **Neem Buds (Bitter):** The sadness and difficulties of life
- **Jaggery (Sweet):** Happiness and joy
- **Green Chilli (Spicy):** Anger or moments of temper

- **Salt (Salty):** The interest or savoriness in life
- **Tamarind (Sour):** Challenges that require patience
- **Raw Mango (Tangy):** The element of surprise and novelty

By consuming this mixture, one symbolically accepts that the coming year will be a blend of all these experiences, and one must face them all with equanimity.



Panchanga Sravanam: Looking into the Future

In the evening, communities gather for Panchanga Sravanam, the ritualistic reading of the new almanac. A priest or a learned elder predicts the year's fortunes based on the lunar signs. This includes forecasts for the weather, agriculture, and general social trends. While it serves a religious purpose, it is also a vital social event. It's a time when the village or neighborhood comes together to reflect on collective goals, listen to literary recitations (Kavi Sammelanam), and strengthen the bonds of the community through shared stories and heritage.

A Legacy of Joy and Togetherness

Ugadi is more than just a religious observation; it is a cultural anchor that connects generations. From the preparation of traditional delicacies like Puran Poli (Obbattu) to the simple act of visiting elders for their blessings, the festival emphasizes gratitude. It teaches us to synchronize our lives with the rhythms of nature. As the day concludes, the atmosphere is filled with the scent of incense and the sound of laughter, leaving everyone with a sense of peace and a readiness to embrace the unknown journey of the year ahead.



GUESS WHO?

The correct answer is Nagarkar Shivmam

Correct answers were given by:

- Sachit Kulkarni
- Gurudutt Nagarkar
- Anand Nagarkar

KIDS CORNER



Lila Aseem Mudbidri (8 years)



Dhruv Talgeri (10 years)

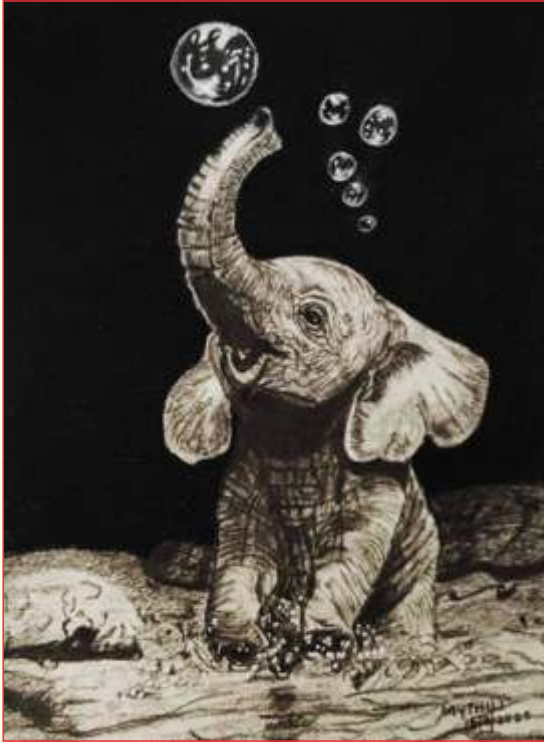


Pranika Hattikudur (10 years)



Ashlesha Moodbidri (13 years)

TALENT CORNER



Charcoal and Graphite Pencil Artwork
by Mythili Kumble



Colour Pencil Artwork by Ujwal Moodbidri



Artwork by Sharmila Rao



Water Colours Artwork by Ananya Trasi

LISTINGS

Product	Contact	Mobile No.
Home Made Condiments Aamti Pitti, Kholombo pitti, Madras sambar powder, Rasam powder, Idli Sambar powder (no adding cooked tuvar dal), Chow chow masala powder (with tamarind), Methkut, Garlic chutney, Fried gram chutney powder, Molagapodi (for idli and dosa), Groundnut chutney powder.	Vidya & Santosh Irde	+91 9341183420 +91 9379897639
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Aakar Creations and Aakar Art Classes For gifting ideas of hand painted products and learning different kinds of art for children and adults.	Monisha Kallianpur	919902057999
Advaya Dishwashing Liquid Soap Home-made soap with minimum chemicals and can be used for cleaning utensils by hand (Not for machines) and ceramic tiles too. Quality comparable to other popular brands and reasonably priced. Available in ½ ltr and 1 ltr cans. Fresh stock available.	Anjali Karkal	919869107108

PERSONALIA

Dear Members of the Canara Union,

The Canara Union frequently gets enquiries about personal announcements. These are personal in nature, usually small, and are generally about the following:

- births, weddings, engagements, thread ceremonies
- items for sale
- services available (catering, paying guest accommodation etc)
- student performance
- success at work, awards, personalia information etc
- change of address, relocation
- seeking information about services available

'THE INDEPENDENT PAGE', for small-format, half- and full-page announcements will be published at a nominal rate. The tariff will be as follows + GST of 18%:

Upto 50 words	-	Rs 100.00 without photo
51 to 150 words	-	Rs 150.00 with photo if any
151 to 250 words	-	Rs 250.00 with photo if any

Also:

Full-page feature/ad of A4 size	-	Rs 700/- per page
Half-page	-	Rs 300/- per half-page

Please send all announcements to the Canara Union by the 16th of the month.

Report on the Activities of Bangalore Local Sabha for the Months of January – March 2026

Report by Saikrupa Nalkur

- **On 21st January**, Samaradhana of HH Shrimat Shankarashram Swamiji II was observed with Shri Chitrapur Guruparampara Charitra Pathana, Bhashya Pathana and Ashtavadhana Seva.
- **On 6th February**, 29th Pattabhisheka Vardhanti of our revered H.H. Shrimat Sadyojat Shankarashram Swamiji was observed with Devi Pujana, Durganamaskar, Deepanamaskar, Bhashya Pathan, and Ashtavadhana Seva. Samoohika Devi Anushthana was also performed on this occasion.
- **On 15th February**, on the occasion of Shri Mahashivaratri, Chara Yaama Shiva Pujana was performed by gruhastha-s with Stotra Pathan. The Stotra Pathana for the first Yaama Pujan was recited by Shri Aditya Gokarn mam, Shri Keshav Sorab mam and Smt Meera Balsaver pachi. The laity enthusiastically participated in the announcements which were made in Sanskrit and in bhajans. The first Yaama Pujan was performed by Chi Omkar Shiroor and the subsequent Yaamas were performed by gruhastha-s.

- **On March 1st**, Shishyaswikara Divas of HH Shrimat Parijnanashram Swamiji III was observed with Bhashya Pathana and Ashtavadhana.
- **19th March:** Yugadi Parabhava Nama Samvatsara Prarambha: Yugadi celebrations were held at Shri Chitrapur Math, Bengaluru, with panchanga vachana and panak panwara. Guru Pujana was also performed on this occasion. Flute Recital by Pt Nityanand Haldipur with tabla rendition by Pt Omkar Gulvady was also organised on this occasion.

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