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# News Bites

Electronic City's growth accelerates with boosted real-estate demand around the Yellow Line metro and state moves to integrate ELCITA under Greater Bengaluru Authority, enhancing infrastructure and connectivity for residents and professionals.

Hosur Road collapse: A 100 m section of Hosur Road (NH-44) near Chandapura collapsed amid construction, causing massive traffic delays affecting commuters to and from Electronic City

Urgent civic issue on Neo Town Road, Bengaluru! The garbage dump between Prestige Sunrise Park (Norwood & Birchwood) has been piling up for over 7 years despite repeated complaints.

Almost ready! Bengaluru's first double-decker flyover at Silk Board is nearing full operation — expecting Feb-end / March 2026 opening!

#HebbagodiPolice arrest three in connection with the abduction and extortion of a goods vehicle driver in H Hosahalli, Bengaluru. Cash recovered; investigation ongoing.

Bengaluru plans a direct NICE Road → Airport link via the Business Corridor to boost connectivity and cut travel time. Tenders for the 23 km stretch are expected by March 2026.

## Bengaluru South to Witness Major Urban Development Push



Bengaluru South is set for a coordinated infra push with all de-

partments working together — breaking the usual silo approach.

### Key developments

- ☐ Road cutting approvals now mandatory through the MARCS portal
- ☐ Iblur Junction underpass & flyover proposals under review (joint survey due to GAIL's 8-inch gas pipeline)
- ☐ Wipro Junction (Sarjapur Rd) to get a U-turn & relocated bus bay



☐ Kaikondrahalli Junction may see compound wall removal near Elements Apartment + new bus bay

☐ BWSSB asked to speed up pipeline work near Fortis, Bannerghatta Rd & restore roads quickly

☐ Traffic Police propose water-logging fixes near Manipal County, Iblur & Agara Lake, raised medians (Agara-Anepalya) and

better road markings on Kasavanahalli Rd ☐ Immediate desilting at Silk Board, Iblur Manipal Hospital Junction & SWD on Bannerghatta Rd

Authorities have been instructed to treat these projects as top priority, form local task forces, and use WhatsApp groups for faster coordination.



## ELECTRONICS CITY UNDER THE GREATER BENGALURU AUTHORITY (GBA) ??

The Karnataka government is actively exploring a significant governance shift that could redefine urban administration and revenue flows in the Bengaluru metropolitan region. At the center of this strategic initiative is Electronics City, a major technology and industrial hub currently managed by the Electronics City Industrial Township Authority (ELCITA). Established as an autonomous body, ELCITA oversees civic functions—roads, sewerage, streetlights, property tax collection—and remits a portion of revenues to surrounding gram panchayats.

However, the Siddaramaiah-led state administration is now considering transitioning the entire ELCITA area into the jurisdiction of the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), the urban governance structure that replaced the erst while BBMP with five municipal corporations. The principal impetus behind this proposal appears to be revenue optimization: Electronics City houses numerous IT and multinational firms whose property tax base could

substantially bolster civic coffers if fully integrated under GBA management.

State officials, directed by Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, are conducting detailed assessments of property tax collections in the region—an early step toward formal inclusion. Proponents argue that this realignment could streamline urban planning, improve infrastructure delivery, and ensure coordinated development across Bengaluru's broader metropolitan footprint. Critics, including ELCITA representatives, caution against abrupt changes, emphasizing ELCITA's statutory autonomy and current service arrangements.

As Karnataka gears up for municipal elections later this year, the debate over Electronics City's civic future underscores broader tensions in urban governance: balancing fiscal imperatives with local autonomy, all while meeting the demands of rapid metropolitan growth.

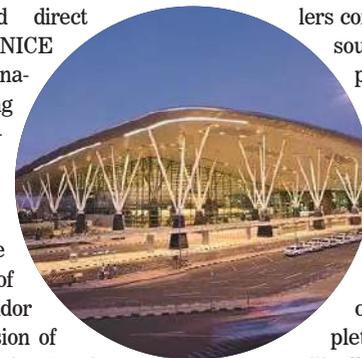
## NICE ROAD TO AIRPORT: BENGALURU'S NEW DIRECT LINK PROMISES FASTER, CONGESTION-FREE TRAVEL



Currently, Bengaluru's main airport access is via NH-44 (Bellary Road), where commuters frequently face heavy congestion and long travel times, often exceeding 60-90 minutes from central and peripheral areas depending on traffic conditions. The NICE Road link aims to bypass much of this city traffic by providing a direct expressway-style corridor that could

reduce the journey significantly for travelers coming from the western and southern parts of the metropolitan region.

Bengaluru's long-awaited direct road connection between NICE Road and Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) is gaining traction, promising to significantly shorten travel time and transform connectivity for millions of air travellers and commuters. Authorities have prioritised a 23-km stretch of the Bengaluru Business Corridor (BBC) — the revamped version of the long-pending Peripheral Ring Road (PRR) — to directly link NICE Road with the airport, with tenders expected by March 2026. This section, earmarked as a priority due to its strategic position and expected traffic volumes, is designed to offer a smoother, less congested alternative to the existing routes through the city.



In parallel, multiple infrastructure projects are underway to improve overall airport access. The Namma Metro Blue Line to the airport is on track for phased completion by late 2026, which will offer a mass transit alternative and potentially ease road congestion. Road bottleneck fixes such as the Sadahalli underpass and suburban rail proposals are also expected to complement these efforts, making airport commutes more predictable and faster for Bengaluru's rapidly growing population.

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**Butterflies taste with their feet.**

This may sound strange to us humans but butterflies do rely on their feet to taste food as they have sensors on their feet which helps them locate food for their caterpillars. So, they stand on a leaf to try the taste.

**RESIDENTS OF PSR KRISH KAMAL REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION**

Residents of PSR Krish Kamal came together to celebrate the 76th Republic Day with great enthusiasm and pride. The national flag was hoisted followed by the singing of the National Anthem, creating a spirit of unity and patriotism.

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# Joy and Patriotism Fill VR Meadows on Republic Day



Residents of VR Meadows, E-City Phase-1 celebrated Republic Day with great enthusiasm and community spirit. The apartment association organized a lively two-day celebration, turning the community into a space filled with energy and unity.

Festivities began earlier with engaging sports and fun activities for all age groups, including skating, carrom, table tennis, lemon-spoon race, and musical chairs. These events saw

enthusiastic participation and created a cheerful excitement for the big day.

On 26th January, residents gathered in large numbers for the main ceremony. The program opened with a welcome speech, followed by flag hoisting by senior citizens. Children brightened the occasion with patriotic songs, speeches, and vibrant dance performances, adding charm to the celebration.

The event beautifully showcased community bonding and patriotism, making it a

memorable occasion for all.

A prize distribution ceremony was held to appreciate the winners of all the competitions.

The biggest attractions of the event were the delicious food stalls and the colourful bouncy castles, which kept the kids entertained throughout.

**Special thanks to the association team and volunteers for their excellent organization and coordination. Overall, it was a wonderful celebration enjoyed by all residents.**



**Author, Content creator & Initiator of Abhuyudhaya Knowledge Hub**

# Balancing Exams and Extracurricular Activities: A Guide for Parents



In today's education system, students are encouraged to perform well in exams while actively participating in extracurricular activities such as sports, arts, and clubs. Both academics and activities beyond the classroom are essential for a child's overall development. While exams build knowledge and discipline, extracurricular activities enhance confidence, teamwork, creativity, and emotional well-being.

Parents play an important role in helping children maintain a healthy balance between the two. One effective way is by creating a realistic daily or weekly schedule that includes study time, activity practice, school hours, and rest. Proper planning helps children manage responsibilities without feeling over-

whelmed.

Encouraging smart study habits is equally important. Instead of long hours of studying, children should focus on short, regular study sessions with frequent revision. This improves understanding and frees time for extracurricular interests. It is also essential to avoid overloading children with too many activities. Parents should guide them in choosing activities they genuinely enjoy and can manage comfortably alongside academics. During exam periods, it may be helpful to temporarily reduce activity commitments.

Open communication allows parents to understand their child's stress levels and challenges. Teaching time management skills such as goal setting and planning tasks helps children become organized and responsible.

**Finally, ensuring adequate sleep, healthy meals, and relaxation time supports both academic performance and personal growth. Balancing exams and extracurricular activities is about creating harmony, not competition. With proper guidance and support from parents, children can achieve academic success while enjoying a well-rounded and healthy development.**



# REPUBLIC DAY: BEYOND THE HOLIDAY



January 26th arrives, and we celebrate another

long weekend—time for Netflix marathons and catching up on sleep. But what if this holiday actually means something more?

Republic Day commemorates 1950, when India's Constitution took effect, officially making us a sovereign republic. It was India's declaration to the world: "We're doing democracy." Not as thrilling as your favorite show, perhaps, but far more significant to your daily freedoms.

The problem? We've mastered enjoying the holiday but forgotten what we're celebrating. Community celebrations aren't just about awkward

morning flag ceremonies—they're about reconnecting as citizens rather than isolated individuals. It's a reminder that we're part of something larger.

Ask children today about Republic Day, and you'll likely hear "holiday" or see blank stares. Our young generation knows trending memes but not how Dr. Ambedkar and the Constituent Assembly meticulously crafted the document guaranteeing their rights. We've failed them.

We treat our Constitution like an unused gym membership—acknowledged but ignored. Community celebrations can change this. When children participate in Republic Day events and learn about the struggles behind their freedoms, abstract concepts become meaningful reality.

Let's discuss civic sense and moral responsibility—democracy's unglamorous superheroes. They make you think twice before littering, motivate you to vote, and inspire you to question

injustice. The Constitution grants rights but also emphasizes duties. You can't separate them.

This Republic Day, enjoy your holiday—but spare a thought for the document enabling your freedom. Attend community celebrations. Share why this day matters with younger generations.

**The best way to honor our republic's founders isn't just taking the day off—it's becoming the citizens they envisioned.**



**- Prasanna Navaratna Software Engineer with a passion for writing**

# TURN YOUR KITCHEN INTO A GREEN SPACE WITH HOMEGROWN GOODNESS



Creating a kitchen garden is one of the easiest and most effective ways to enjoy fresh, healthy vegetables and herbs right at home while connecting with nature. Even a small space such as a balcony, terrace, or backyard can be transformed into a green corner with a few pots, grow bags, or recycled containers. Starting with simple plants like tomatoes, spinach, coriander, mint, chilies, and curry leaves makes the process manageable for beginners. Using good-quality soil mixed with compost helps plants grow strong and healthy, while regular watering — preferably in the morning — keeps them fresh and productive.

Placing the plants where they receive sufficient sunlight is essential, as most vegetables thrive with at least five to six hours of light daily. Natural fertilizers such as kitchen waste compost and homemade organic sprays protect plants from pests without harmful chemicals. With a little daily care, pruning, and timely harvesting, a kitchen garden not only provides nutritious produce but also reduces grocery expenses and brings a sense of satisfaction.

**Over time, this simple habit promotes a healthier lifestyle, environmental awareness, and the joy of growing your own food in an easy and sustainable way.**

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## VALUES AND INSPIRATION: A SHARED JOURNEY OF TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Education is far more than the pursuit of academic excellence; it is the process of shaping character, nurturing values, and inspiring young minds to become responsible individuals. At the heart of this meaningful journey stand teachers and students, united by a shared commitment to learning, growth, and ethical living.

Teachers play a defining role in instilling values that last a lifetime. Through their dedication, discipline, and compassion, they serve as role models who influence students beyond the classroom. Every lesson delivered with sincerity, every correction made with fairness, and every word of encouragement offered with care silently teaches students the importance of honesty, respect, responsibility, and perseverance. These values, though not graded, form the backbone of a student's character.

Students draw inspiration from teachers who believe in their potential and guide them with patience. A motivating teacher can ignite curiosity, build confidence, and inspire students to rise above challenges. When students feel valued and understood, they learn not only to excel academically but also to develop empathy, teamwork, and self-discipline. Such inspiration encourages students to view education as a lifelong journey rather than a race for marks.



As one experienced educator aptly states, "Academic success may open doors, but values determine how far a student will go in life." This reflection highlights the true purpose of education—to balance intellectual growth with moral strength.

The relationship between teachers and students thrives on mutual respect and trust. When teachers lead by example and students respond with sincerity and commitment, schools become centers of inspiration and ethical learning. In today's rapidly changing world, this bond is more important than ever. Ultimately, values and inspiration flourish where teachers guide with wisdom and students learn with purpose. Together, they shape not only successful learners but also compassionate citizens and future leaders who will carry these values forward and inspire society at large.



- Triveni T, Teacher

## English and Early Childhood: When ABCs Meet OMGs

Early childhood is that magical phase of life when children learn faster than Wi-Fi and ask why more times than Google can answer. Introducing English at this stage is a bit like handing a tiny magician a wand—suddenly, sounds turn into words, words into sentences, and sentences into stories that make absolutely no sense... but sound very confident.

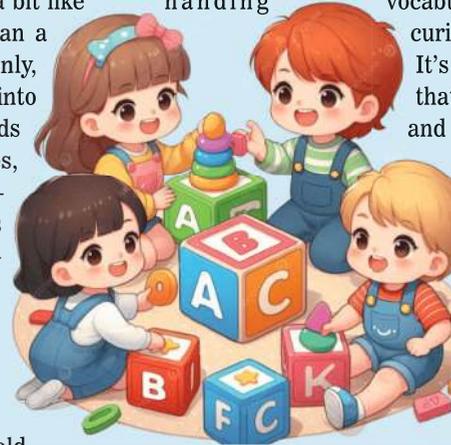
A three-year-old learning English doesn't study the language; they absorb it. One day they're babbling, the next day they're announcing, "I am angry because my banana broke." Grammar? Optional. Expression? World-class.

The beauty of early exposure to English is that children don't fear mistakes. They will happily say, "I goed there yesterday," and move on with life—something adults still struggle with in meetings. Through songs, stories, cartoons, and dramatic role-plays where a teddy bear becomes

a CEO, English quietly becomes part of their thinking.

And let's be honest—early childhood English learning isn't about accents or big vocabulary. It's about confidence, curiosity, and communication. It's about children learning that language is fun, playful, and powerful... and that saying "please" sometimes gets you extra chocolate.

In short, when English enters early childhood the right way, it doesn't feel like learning at all. It feels like play—with a side effect of lifelong communication skills. And that's a pretty smart start for such small humans.



- Alka Thakur

## FINANCIAL LITERACY FOR YOUNG MINDS



"A rupee saved is a rupee earned." This old proverb holds a powerful truth—the money habits you build today can shape your financial future for decades.

Consider the story of two college friends, Ravi and Arun. Ravi tracked his expenses, saved a small portion of his pocket money, and avoided impulsive spending. Arun, on the other hand, spent freely, assuming he would "earn more later." Ten years down the line, Ravi had built savings, started investing, and felt financially confident. Arun struggled with debt and had little financial cushion. The difference wasn't income—it was habits.

### The Power of Budgeting

Budgeting is not about restricting your life; it is about controlling your money instead of

letting money control you. When you track income and expenses, you become aware of where your money goes—food deliveries, subscriptions, shopping or travel. A simple rule many youth should find useful is the 50-30-20 rule:

- 50% for needs
- 30% for wants
- 20% for savings and investments

### Saving: Paying Yourself First

Saving should not be an afterthought. The smartest approach is to save first, spend later. Whether it is ₹500 or ₹5,000 a month, consistent saving builds financial security and prepares you for emergencies. An emergency fund—ideally covering three to six months of expenses can protect you from unexpected medical bills, job loss, or urgent needs.

### Spending Smart: Needs vs Wants

In today's digital age of instant payments and online shopping, it is easy to overspend. Smart spending means learning to differentiate between needs and wants, delaying impulse purchases, and looking for value instead of brand appeal. Before buying, ask yourself: Do I need this, or do I just want it right now?

### Small Habits, Big Impact

You don't need a high salary to build wealth—you need discipline, consistency, and patience. Small habits, like tracking expenses, saving regularly, and spending thoughtfully, compound over time into financial stability & freedom.

As a youth, your greatest advantage is time. Start building smart money habits early, and your future self will thank you—not just with wealth, but with confidence, independence, and peace of mind.



- Rabnawaz B  
Entrepreneur, Trader,  
Investor, Investment Coach.

## IPMAT, JIPMAT, AND CUET-UG: UNDERSTANDING IIM UNDERGRADUATE

### IPMAT 2025 V/S CUET



Parents across Bengaluru, especially in education hubs such as Electronic City, are increasingly exploring undergraduate admission opportunities at the Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs). Until recently, IIM education was commonly associated with postgraduate admission through CAT after graduation. Today, several IIMs admit students directly after Class 12, leading to growing interest—and confusion—around entrance pathways such as IPMAT, JIPMAT, and CUET-UG.

At the undergraduate level, IIMs broadly offer two tracks. The first is the Integrated Programme in Management (IPM), a five-year combined bachelor's and MBA pathway. The second includes

standalone undergraduate programmes (such as BBA or related degrees), where students may choose to pursue an MBA later. The entrance examination depends entirely on the chosen track.

Admission to the IPM programme is primarily through IPMAT. Introduced by IIM Indore in 2011, IPM is designed for students with early interest in management and leadership. The programme builds strong foundations in mathematics, economics, statistics, and humanities in the initial years, before transitioning into core MBA subjects such as marketing, finance, operations, and strategy. Importantly, IPMAT Indore and IPMAT Rohtak are separate examinations with different structures and cut-offs, despite sharing a

similar name.

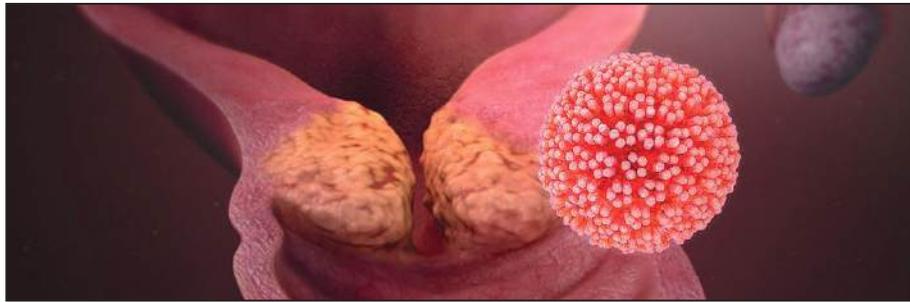
Another key IPM route is JIPMAT, conducted by the National Testing Agency for admission to IIM Jammu and IIM Bodh Gaya. JIPMAT follows a fully multiple-choice format and offers a more balanced mix of quantitative aptitude, verbal ability, reasoning, and data interpretation.

CUET-UG, often misunderstood, is generally not used for IPM admissions. Instead, it is relevant for standalone undergraduate programmes and is valued for the flexibility it offers beyond the IIM ecosystem.

There is no single "best" pathway. When exam choices align with a student's strengths and readiness, preparation becomes focused, confidence improves, and outcomes are more meaningful.

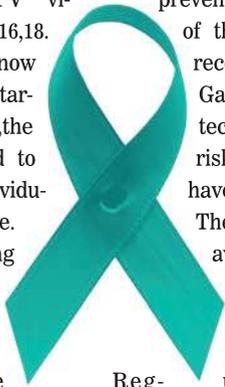
The author is a Bengaluru-based educator and Co-Founder of PrimeEdge Academy, an institute focused on aptitude-based preparation and undergraduate admissions guidance for Class XI-XII students.

## KNOW THE RISKS, CHOOSE PREVENTION



Cervical cancer is caused mainly by HPV virus, 70% by strains 16, 18. HPV vaccine is now widely available to target the virus. Ideally, the vaccine is supposed to be given before individuals are sexually active.

Infact it is being promoted for kids (both boys and girls) between 9-14 yrs (2 doses) Anyone can take it between 15-45yrs of age (3 doses). The thing which is less spoken about is, the same virus can cause oral, penile and anal cancers in men too. If there is a pre existing HPV



infection, the vaccine cannot prevent the progress of the virus. But the recent vaccines like Gardasil 9 can protect from other high risk strains which haven't infected yet. There are HPV tests available to diagnose the presence of HPV virus. Regular Pap smears are a must to catch cervical cancer at the earliest. Ideally every 3 yearly, pap smears are to be done until 65yrs of age. Cervical cancer if caught early can be effectively treated, but diagnosing it is the first step and that's done via pap smears. January marks Cervical Cancer Prevention Month, focusing on awareness and prevention.

**A Simple 2 mins procedure can be life changing, so get your pap smears today**



- Dr. Sabiha Anjum, MBBS, DGO, FRM, (MRCOGUK) Raya Healthcare, E City

## Winter Fertility Soup Recipe (For Him & Her)

Fertility is a shared journey. This winter, nourish both partners with a warming, antioxidant-rich soup designed to support hormonal balance, egg quality, sperm health,

and overall reproductive vitality. Light, comforting, and deeply nourishing, this soup is ideal for couples preparing their bodies naturally for conception.



Serves 1-2 people  
Prep + cook time: 20 minutes

### Ingredients

- Water – 2 cups
- Carrots, beans, spinach – 1/4 cup (finely chopped)
- Pepper powder – 1/4 tsp
- Salt – 1/2 tsp (or to taste)
- Tomato paste – 1/2 cup
- Moringa powder – 1/4 tsp or fresh moringa leaves – 10 leaves

### Instructions

- Bring 2 cups of water to a gentle boil.
- Add carrots, beans, spinach, pepper, and salt. Cook for 5 minutes.
- Stir in tomato paste and simmer on medium heat for 12 minutes.
- Add moringa powder or leaves, bring to a final boil, and switch off heat.
- Serve hot and fresh.

### Fertility Benefits for Women

- Supports ovulation and egg quality with iron, folate, and antioxidants
- Helps balance hormones and reduce inflammation (especially helpful for PCOS)
- Nourishes the uterine lining and improves nutrient absorption
- Gentle on digestion, ideal for winter metabolism

### Fertility Benefits for Men

- ◆ Improves sperm count, motility, and morphology with antioxidants and minerals
- ◆ Moringa supports testosterone balance and semen quality
- ◆ Tomatoes and leafy greens help reduce oxidative stress affecting sperm health
- ◆ Pepper boosts circulation and nutrient uptake



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Share this soup together in the evening, 3-4 times a week, because fertility improves when both bodies are supported, not just one.

## Healing PCOD with Holistic Care: Homoeopathy

Polycystic Ovarian Disease (PCOD) is a growing health concern among women, often linked with stress, hormonal imbalance, and lifestyle changes. Beyond physical symptoms such as irregular cycles and weight fluctuations, PCOD carries emotional challenges that require holistic care.

At Dr. Bodhi's International Online Clinic, we integrate homoeopathy, Bach flower remedies, music therapy, and meditation to support women in managing PCOD. Homoeopathic constitutional medicine treats each patient individually, restoring balance and vitality. Bach flower remedies, such as Rescue Remedy and White Chestnut, help regulate anxiety, intrusive thoughts, and emotional distress.

Music therapy and meditation add another dimension by stimulating neurotransmitters like serotonin, dopamine, and GABA. These natural chemicals reduce stress, improve mood, and regulate hormonal responses. Patients often report better sleep, improved focus, and reduced anxiety when these practices are combined with counselling.

This integrative model empowers women to take charge of their health. By blending emotional release, stress regulation, and individualized medicine, PCOD management becomes more than symptom control—it becomes a journey toward confidence

and resilience.

Polycystic Ovarian Disease (PCOD) has become one of the most common health challenges faced by women today. Beyond its physical symptoms—irregular cycles, weight fluctuations, and hormonal imbalance—PCOD often carries a heavy emotional burden. Stress, anxiety, and lifestyle pressures worsen the condition, making it clear



that treatment must address both mind and body.

At Dr. Bodhi's International Online Clinic, we have seen how an integrative approach combining homoeopathy, Bach flower remedies, music therapy, and meditation can transform patient outcomes.

Homoeopathic constitutional medicine focuses on the individual profile of each patient, not just the disease. Remedies such as Nux vomica or Sepia are prescribed based on emotional and physical patterns, helping regulate cycles and restore vitality. Alongside this, Bach flower remedies provide

gentle emotional support. Essences like Rescue Remedy or White Chestnut calm anxiety, reduce intrusive thoughts, and build resilience.

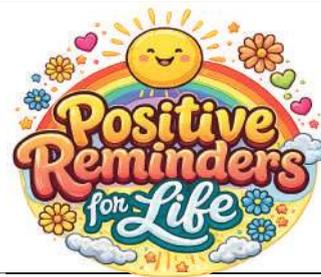
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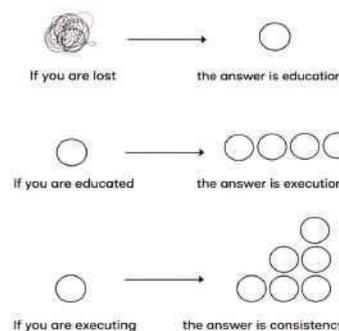
For over two decades, this integrative approach has benefitted countless clients, proving that healing is possible when science, art, and compassion come together.



- Dr. Archana Bodhi, Senior Consultant, Dr. Bodhi's International Online Clinic



**Stuck in confusion? Learn. Educated but paused? Act. Acting already? Stay consistent.**



Feeling lost doesn't mean you're weak - it means you need clarity.

Knowing enough doesn't move life - action does.

And action becomes meaningful only when it stays consistent.

Growth isn't rushed; it's built step by step.



- Sannith Garipally

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## Where Change Really Begins



I recently visited BAL Gokul Shishu Vidyalaya an NGO-run school by SMSC Trust in Electronic City, Bengaluru that supports young children from families

of immigrant labourers and prepares them for admission into government schools. It was a modest space, but one filled with hope.

What stood out most was not just the effort to teach, but the way education here becomes a doorway to empowerment. For many of these children, this classroom represents their first real opportunity, a chance to be seen, to be heard, and to believe that their future can look different from their present.



They have considered possible.

The volunteers here are quietly enabling that shift every day- through patience, consistency, and belief in each child's potential.

At SDNA Global, giving back has long been part of our culture. But beyond organisational involvement, this visit was personally grounding. It reinforced that real change begins when opportunity is made accessible.

Sometimes, empowerment doesn't arrive loudly, it begins in small classrooms, where opportunity finally knocks, and someone opens the door.

- Amrita Tripathi, Partner, SDNA Global

## ECITY TELUGU ASSOCIATION MARKS 10 YEARS WITH TWO-DAY SANKRANTI CELEBRATIONS



The ECity Telugu Association, Bengaluru, celebrated its 10th anniversary with Sankranti festivities

held over two days on January 14 and 15, bringing together residents and families from across the city.

The celebrations were held at the Sri Ashta Lakshmi Temple Grounds, Electronic City Phase-2, and saw active participation from the local community.

### Day 1: Cultural Events and Children's Activities

The first day of the celebrations focused on traditional and community-based activities. The programme began with Bhogi Mantalu, followed by Rangoli competitions and Bhogi Pallu celebrations for children.

In the evening, children presented cultural performances, followed by a DJ night, creating an engaging and festive atmosphere for families. Day 1 was primarily dedicated to community participation and children's cultural involvement.

### Day 2: Cultural Performances and Felicitation Ceremony

The second day marked the main celebrations and drew a large audience. Traditional elements such as bullock cart rides, Gangireddhu Melam, and Utti Kottadam were organised, recreating a village-style Sankranti setting.

The evening programme featured comedy

performances by Chalaki Chanti, Venky Monkey, Naga Teja, and Avatar Chittibabu, followed by musical performances by playback singers Sameera Bharadwaj and Nagarjuna.

Honouring Dignitaries and Achievers As part of the 10-year celebrations, the association felicitated individuals for their contribution to society:

Life Time Achievement Award - 2026 was presented to Sri Radhakrishna Raju Garu, President, Telugu Vignana Samithi, for his service to Telugu language and culture.

Seva Sikhara Puraskaram - 2026 was awarded to Sri B.T. Dayananda Reddy Garu for his contribution towards the education and upliftment of underprivileged students.

Young Entrepreneur Excellence Award - 2026 was presented to Sri Yugandhar Poola Garu for work in the field of entrepreneurship.

### Student Felicitations

The association also felicitated 18 students from Bengaluru for achievements in academics, sports, and cultural activities. The recognitions included students who excelled in board examinations, national-level sports, Olympiads, Bhagavad Gita recitation, and competitive entrance examinations such as IIT, NIT, and medical courses.

### Community Initiative

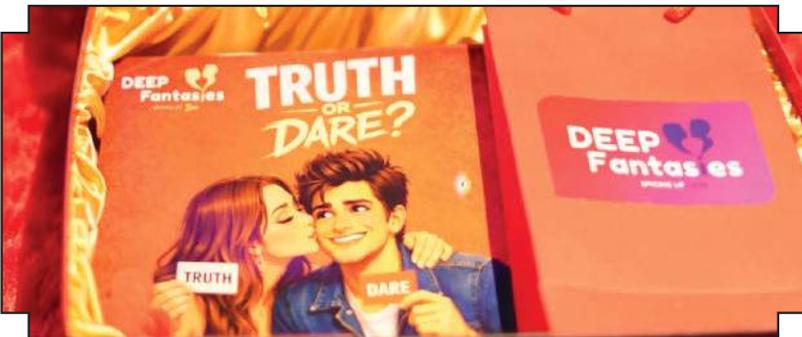
Members of the ECity Telugu Association stated that the event was organised to celebrate culture, recognise talent, and bring the community together. Over the last decade, the association has been actively involved in organising cultural programmes and community activities in the Electronic City region.

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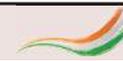
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