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BSNL NEWS

BSNL's 50th Anniversary.

22nd February 2024.

Working Hard for
our Members

Important Message

AGM 2022—2023.

Due to members petition to defer our BSNL Annual General Meeting, we will announce a new suitable date in due course.





In celebration of Makar Sankranti, the Hindu celebration of the end of winter and the new harvest season, YB's will be hosting Kite Making and Flying Days!

On the 13th January everyone will have the opportunity to make and decorate their own kites! This will be held at BSNL hall, with all resources provided and Pizza!!!

On the 14th January, it's kite flying day!! We will all meet at Primrose Hill to fly our new kites (subject to weather conditions).

This is a family event, for children and parents, as well as YBs.

Please contact Simran Vyas or Simran Mehta (numbers available on the poster) for tickets!

**MAKAR
SANKRANTI**
Kite Making & Flying

12-3pm
Kite Decorating- 13th January at BSNL Hall,
128 East Lane HA0 3NL
Pizza, Drinks & Kites Provided

12-3pm
Kite Flying- 14th January at Primrose Hill
(Subject to Weather Conditions)

Tickets:
Members: £5
Non-Members: £8

Contact-
Simran Vyas: 07400 983094
Simran Mehta: 07952976688





BSNL PROUDLY PRESENTS

DESI CONNECT

**A NETWORKING AND SPEED DATING
EVENT**

SUNDAY 17TH MARCH 2024

**TO REGISTER CONTACT SHIVANI ON 07940471419 OR
PARUL ON 07940584321**

VENUE TBC

ELDERS CLUB
FOR MEMBERS OVER THE AGE OF 65



Jai Shri Krishna

The EClub subcommittee wishes you a very happy, healthy and positive New Year.

In December we celebrated Jalaram Jaynti at the EClub with a heart touching bhajan session which was followed by a delicious prasad of khichdi, rotla and more. We also enjoyed a relaxed games session of cards, carom and other board games giving attendees a chance to talk, catch up as well as making new friends.

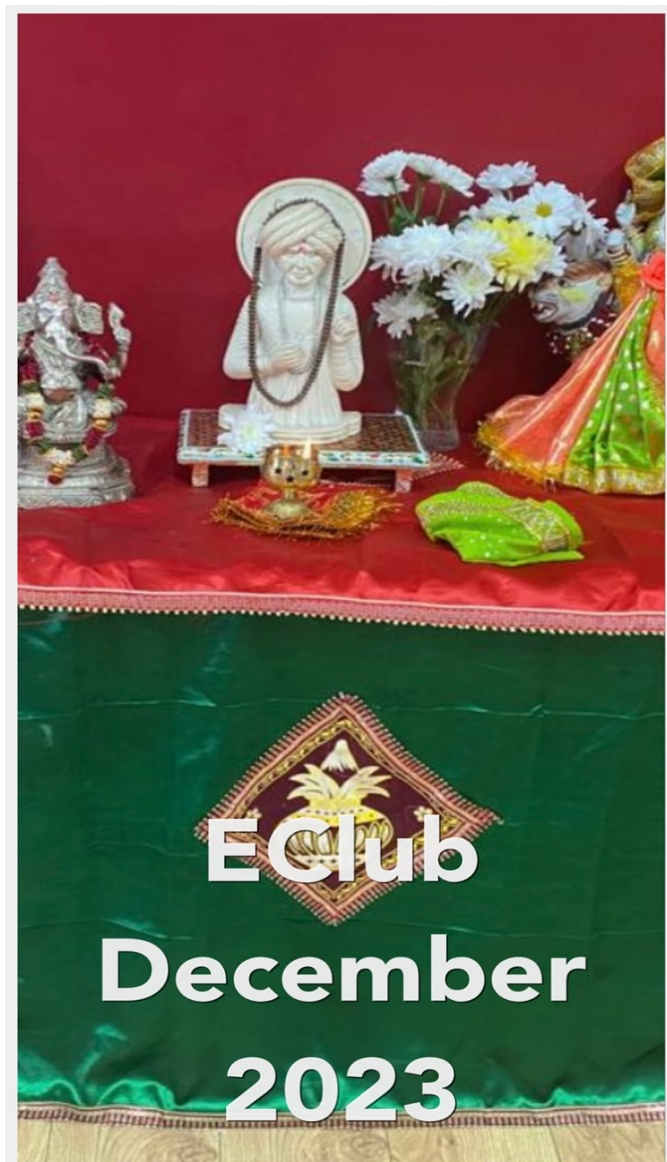
The year ended on a high with great Christmas fun, games, singing and party food. Despite the bad weather we had an excellent turnout which is testament to the

enjoyment our Elders get at the EClub. We have had an amazing year with the club having grown from strength to strength and overwhelming positive feedback from attendees. We are so happy that they have enjoyed our efforts and we look forward to keeping you smiling in the new year!

For enquiries about BSNL EClub please contact:

Shila Vyas 07515819120
Chairperson

Sameet Pandya 07905 025715
Trustee in Charge



Men's Club



Wishing all our members 'A Happy New Year'

The Club opens its doors at 11am on every Wednesday and attendees reluctantly depart around 4pm. During 2023 the average number of members attending was around 25 during Summer and a few less during the colder months. Activities included Carom Boards, Darts, Pools, Table-Tennis and perhaps the most popular is Card Games where there are heated exchanges explaining the finer rules of 'Aathadi'. Members also enjoyed watching World Cup Cricket and other sports on our giant Television screen. Musical 'Oldies' from past era always playing in the background.

There is always 'Masala' Chai served

first thing 'concocted' by Bhupenbhai and plenty of 'Nasta' which includes 'Gathyia', Pastries amongst many other savouries. Before Lunch, there is physical exercises for at least half an hour conducted by Hemrajbhai or Bharatbhai followed by a session of jokes. Lunch is always served warm and most of the times generously donated by the members.

During 2024, the activities may include outings for the day subject to weather permitting. We look forward to the New Year and more members joining our activities. Any member wishing to attend, please make contact with one of our committee members.

COMMITTEE

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Open Mic

We had around 40 formal members post Covid and today we have over 70 in our WhatsApp group which is open to all in BSNL.

Recently we organised a special day time session where we were inundated with support from our elders – this Open Mic event was on Sunday 17th December with 85 attendees with 30 singers. We are now hoping to do a similar one for our younger members, perhaps in cooperation with our newly relaunched Young Brahmins? Open Mic is for anyone in BSNL who

is interested in singing Karaoke, and members of our group are most willing to help newcomers learn. All abilities are welcome!

We meet on the evening of every last Friday of the month. Most evenings we can accommodate around 25 singers with our very entertaining in-house presenter, and time taken out for games and a social meal together which helps build our BSNL family at large. Audiences are welcomed too. Anyone wishing to attend or become part of Open Mic, please contact

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Thursday tClub

Let's Celebrate what made 2023 Memorable.

Wishing All our members 'A Happy New Year'.

Thank you for your incredible support and contributions for the launch of 'tClub'.

Where Tea is served with a smile.

Growing from strength to strength our T-Club is getting popular by the day.

In December, we had an amazing session of Antakshari, celebrated

life of Raj Kapoor on his 99th Birth Anniversary and enjoyed 'tClub' Xmas party with fun and games, Bollywood masala, general quiz and of course lots of party food.

We are now closed for Christmas and New Year break and will re-open fully energised on Thursday 11th January 2024.

We aim to keep you entertained with new surprises in 2024.

Anjana Thaker (Convener).
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(WhatsApp. message preferred).

Vinod Mehta (Trustee in Charge).
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BSNL BUILDING PROJECT

Existing and Future Building Project

Hello Members, as you maybe be aware, BSNL have been trying to get our building project back on track, Over the years there have been several attempts, with various plans, some with architects drawings, but all these have not progressed forward, due to different reasons

We propose a team, using our own Members, who have the required expertise in this type of Building Project, These are the expertise I am looking for.

1. Project Leaders
2. Architects
3. Building Suppliers
4. Persons experts in dealing with Councils, especially in Planning Permits
5. Structural Engineers
6. Financial

Fund Raising through Grants and Crowd funding

We are sure to have all these specialists within our BSNL membership, so lets us all come together and take this very important project forward, with a Project we can be proud of, as well as our Community.

Let us give our Community, what they have been urging us for all these years.

All people interested in being part of this team, Please contact

Pramath Pandya: 07747802141, Or Our Chair Parul Jani: 07940584321

From The Trustees Of BSNL



Sending warm regards and hopes for a wonderful and successful New Year! Our wish for you this New Year is that you make tremendous progress toward your dreams.



“Ram Bhakts” to light a diya in every home, much like the Diwali festivities across the country on **January 22**, when the consecration of Ram Lalla will take place at the newly built Sri Ram Janmabhoomi in Ayodhya.



श्रद्धांजलि Shradhanjali

OBITUARIES

In the sad event when a family loses a loved one, BSNL does provide, with the permission of the family, details of the loss of the loved one and further details of the funeral to all the members of BSNL. We use the digital social media of a Broadcast list on 'WhatsApp' messaging where members have provided BSNL with their mobile numbers and also through email on our database where these details have been provided. Please contact BSNL Chair or The Secretary for this service.

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EDITORIAL

Any news worthy article / Club Information should be passed on to the relevant committee who can discuss and communicate with the Trustee in charge. It is the Trustee in charge who decides the content and meet any deadline set for print. Please note that the newsletter is for information about the activities, events, etc., No politics or any contentious matter will be entertained.

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