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EDITOR'S NOTE

Greetings, fellow Rotaractors!

As autumn leaves gave way to winter frost, our club's dedication to service has flourished like never before. This quarter has been extraordinary, marked by a series of standalone events that, like the eternal flame of ancient temples, have illuminated lives across Yelahanka.

The overwhelming success of our initiatives proves that when we come together with purpose, our impact multiplies. From our dedicated directors to our newest members, everyone has played a crucial role in achieving these remarkable outcomes.

In these pages, you'll find stories of our successful ventures, the faces behind these achievements, and our ambitious plans ahead. The exceptional results we've achieved this quarter set a new benchmark for our future endeavors.

May we continue to rise, serve, and inspire.

In service and fellowship,
Rtr. Shivani Anand & Rtr. Anne Thyagaraj
Editorial Directors
Team Eleos
Rotaract Club of BMS Yelankha



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Word from Mr. President

Rtr. Gaganjith R



Dear Rotaractors,

As we wrap up the second quarter of the year, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the incredible efforts of Team Eleos. The past few months have been filled with impactful initiatives that embody our mission of service and growth.

This quarter, we made a meaningful difference through projects like Prabodhan, where we provided soft skills training to orphans, empowering them with tools for a brighter future. Food for Thought, our food kit donation drive, helped address hunger and brought smiles to many families.



We celebrated the joy of togetherness with Rang De Diwali, a vibrant celebration of Diwali at Chikkanahosahalli village, adopted by our club. Through Pragnya, our school refurbishment project, we ensured a better learning environment for young students.

Adding an element of excitement, Raffle brought our members closer with fun and engaging activities. Ending the year on a festive note, Snowlit, our Christmas party, brought warmth, joy, and unity to our members and beneficiaries.

Each project was a testament to our commitment to creating lasting impact and meaningful memories. As we step into the next quarter, let's continue to lead with compassion, work with enthusiasm, and serve with purpose. Together, we can achieve even greater milestones and inspire change.

Thank you for being the heart and soul of the Rotaract Club of BMS Yelahanka. Let's keep the spirit of Team Eleos alive as we move forward.

Yours in service,
Gaganjith R
President
Rotaract Club of BMS Yelahanka

CLUB MILESTONES



Our club proudly received the prestigious **DRR's Recognition for the Club Website**, showcasing our commitment to innovation and effective communication. Adding to this honor, we were also awarded the **Transformational Club Award** by the district, highlighting our dedication to growth, impact, and excellence in service during the first quarter. These accolades inspire us to aim higher and continue making a difference!





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OCTOBER



SWACHTHA HI SEVA

In collaboration with BBMP, Rotary Bangalore Oasis, and the Rotaract Clubs of SVIT and Yelahanka, a cleaning drive was organized on Gandhi Jayanti to promote cleanliness and environmental awareness. Over 130 volunteers from our club joined the initiative, starting at 6:30 AM on Sandeep Unnikrishnan Road and cleaning towards Dairy Cross.

Equipped with cleaning essentials and supported by BBMP workers, the volunteers worked diligently, with some receiving branded T-shirts and caps to add to the event's spirit. MLA Mr. Vishwanath graced the occasion, motivating participants. The drive concluded with a well-earned breakfast at Dairy Cross, leaving the road significantly cleaner and showcasing the impact of teamwork.



JAMMING SESSION



The Rotaract Club of BMS Yelahanka hosted a vibrant Jamming Session at Kuteera, designed to welcome first-year students and introduce them to the club's activities. The event featured live performances by the club's talented musicians, creating a lively atmosphere that drew in students from across the campus. An open mic segment gave participants a chance to showcase their singing talents, adding a personal and interactive touch to the session. Alongside the music, a fun arm-wrestling competition drew cheers and laughter. The session also served as a platform to share details of upcoming events like Dandiya Night and a Trek, encouraging registrations and sparking interest in the new commers to join the club.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT - PHASE 7

FUNDRAISER DAY 1-3



From 7th to 9th October 2024, the Bike Parking Intersection at BMS Institute of Technology and Management came alive as the Rotaract Club of BMS Yelahanka hosted Phase 1 of their "Food for Thought" project. This three-day fundraising event, initially planned for four days, raised an impressive ₹46,796 to support underprivileged communities. With vibrant food and game stalls, a poster booth, and an engaging e-sports setup, the event showcased the energy and dedication of the volunteers, who also earned 10 AICTE points for their contributions. The funds will be used to purchase essential groceries for those in need, marking a proud moment of teamwork and impact as the project advances to its next phase.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT - PHASE 8

DISTRIBUTION DAY



On 30th October 2024, Phase 2 of the Food for Thought project turned compassion into action as the Rotaract Club of BMS Yelahanka, supported by the Rotary Club of Yelahanka, distributed essential food kits to 100 families across two locations: a slum near BMSIT and Rachenahalli Slum. Funded by ₹46,796 raised in Phase 1 and additional contributions of ₹12,000 from the Rotary Club and ₹2,000 from the Rotaract Club of Yelahanka, the initiative provided kits containing 5 kg of wheat flour, 1 kg of dal, and 1 liter of cooking oil to those in urgent need.

Over 30 volunteers ensured smooth distribution, with the first location graced by the presence of the college principal, adding a personal touch to the effort. This phase successfully addressed immediate food shortages, leaving a profound impact on the community and a sense of accomplishment among all involved.

BOD OUTING

BOD OUTING – BOWLING AND BONDING



The Board of Directors of the Rotaract Club of BMS Yelahanka recently enjoyed a fun-filled outing on October 17th, 2024, organized by our club service avenue, to build bonds and have a fun day out. The day began with an energetic bowling session at *The Grid* on Bel Road, where the BODs showcased their skills amidst laughter and friendly competition. This was followed by a delightful lunch at *Pizza Brewhouse*, where conversations and stories flowed freely. The outing ended on a sweet note at *Milano Ice Cream*, creating cherished memories and deepening connections. It was a day of joy, relaxation, and team spirit for the BODs!



DISHA ORIENTATION



The Rotaract Club of BMS Yelahanka, in collaboration with Insight for Innovation NGO and TATA ELXSI, hosted the orientation for Project Disha, a social internship initiative where college students teach foundational Mathematics and English to government school students [classes 6-9].

Led by Miss Fathima, the session emphasized the need to bridge educational gaps in underprivileged communities. She inspired the 101 participants with real-life stories and shared practical tips on effective teaching techniques, clear communication, and creating a positive learning environment. Volunteers left motivated and prepared to make a meaningful impact.





ELYSIUM – ORIENTATION

ELYSIUM – IGNITING YOUNG MINDS



The Rotaract Club of BMS Yelahanka hosted Elysium, an orientation session, on 22nd October 2024 at Seminar Hall 2. The event welcomed new members with insights from PP Rtr. Sharath [ZRR] and IPP Rtr. Diya Fathima [ZRS], who shared the club's vision and emphasized the importance of community service and professional development.

The program commenced with a welcome address by the President, followed by a comprehensive presentation showcasing the club's activities and achievements. The engaging presentations by both speakers inspired members to make the most of their Rotaract journey. A productive Q&A session allowed attendees to interact with club officials and clarify their roles in ongoing projects. The event concluded with refreshments, providing an opportunity for members to network in a relaxed setting. Elysium successfully ignited enthusiasm among members and reinforced the club's commitment to community impact, setting a promising direction for the year ahead.

Q1 GENERAL BODY MEET

The General Body Meeting, held at 3:45 PM and emceed by Rtr. Prarthana, covered key updates and plans for the club. Highlights included the Quarter 1 Report, upcoming project presentations by respective avenue directors, a treasury report, and an open house for member feedback. The session concluded with a vote of thanks to all contributors.



PROJECT RANG DE DIWALI

RANG DE DIWALI – SPREADING JOY AND LIGHT

On 27th October 2024, the Rotaract Club of BMS Yelahanka brought Diwali cheer to Chikkana Hosahalli. The village temple grounds transformed into a hub of joy with activities like Lagori, diya painting, and a rangoli competition for the village women. Club members in ethnic attire mingled with the community, creating a festive atmosphere that resonated with laughter and warmth.



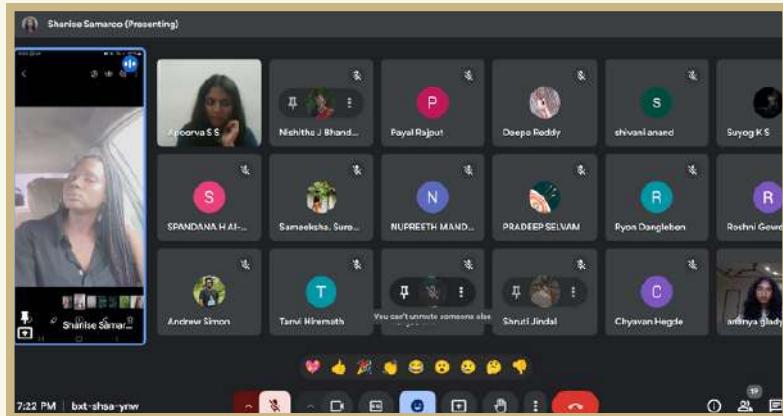
The event featured a vibrant rangoli competition among village women, followed by a lighthearted lantern ceremony. It concluded with the distribution of sweets and prizes. While the lanterns may not have taken flight, the spirit of togetherness soared, embodying the essence of "Service Above Self" through shared moments of happiness and connection.



PROJECT ROSHNI

PROJECT ROSHNI – HONORING THOSE WHO ILLUMINATE OUR PATHS

On 29th October 2024, as part of our Deepavali celebrations, the Rotaract Club of BMS Yelahanka hosted Project Roshni, a virtual event honoring the guiding lights in our lives. Rotaract Clubs from across the district and beyond came together to share touching stories of individuals who have inspired and supported them. Each participating club paid tribute to two remarkable individuals in their life, sharing heartfelt anecdotes and life lessons. The event strengthened bonds across clubs and left participants reflecting on the special people in their lives.



Special thanks to the Rotaract Club of Piarco, Rotaract Club of Bangalore, Rotaract Club of Bengaluru Nagasandra, and Rotaract Club of Bangalore Golden Rock for joining this beautiful celebration. Certificates of participation were awarded, and selected stories were featured on our social media, spreading the warmth of Project Roshni even further.

It was an evening of love, light, and unity, perfectly capturing the essence of Deepavali.



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VEERANGANA PHASE-2

VEERANGANA – PHASE 2 : EMPOWERING YOUNG WOMEN

In November 2024, Project Veerangana: Phase 2 brought together over 300 girl students from Cambridge School [Yelahanka New Town], Cambridge High School [Yelahanka], and Widia Poornaprajna School [Nagasandra] for self-defence training. Led by Sridhara R Sensei—a 3rd DAN Black Belt and founder of the Traditional Karate Federation of India—the sessions focused on equipping students with practical self-defence skills and personal safety strategies.



This initiative, powered by the Rotaract Clubs of BMS Yelahanka, Bengaluru Nagasandra, Bangalore Northwest, and MES College, aimed to foster resilience, confidence, and independence among participants. More than just a training program, Project Veerangana symbolizes a movement toward empowering young women to face challenges fearlessly. Through hands-on practice, motivational guidance, and collaborative effort, the project highlighted the power of unity in creating meaningful community impact.



PRABHODAN 3.0 PHASE-1

BUILDING FUTURES: PRABHODAN – PHASE 1

In November 2024, the Rotaract Club of BMS Yelahanka conducted Prabhodan – Phase 1, a 15 AICTE point initiative at Need Base India Rainbow Home, Jalahalli Village. Over three sessions, 18 volunteers engaged children from 4th to 8th grade in creative activities like mandala art and origami, academic support with math worksheets and puzzles, and personal development through public speaking and music jamming sessions. The initiative fostered creativity, confidence, and analytical thinking, making a meaningful impact on the children and setting a strong foundation for future efforts. The enthusiastic response from the children and the dedication of the volunteers ensured the sessions were both engaging and rewarding. Prabhodan – Phase 1 highlights the power of education and creativity in shaping young minds.



TREK TO EDUCATE 2.0

TREK TO EDUCATE 2.0: ADVENTURE WITH A PURPOSE



On 10th November 2024, the Rotaract Club of BMS Yelahanka joined hands with the Rotaract Club of Bangalore Golden Rock and other partner clubs for Trek to Educate 2.0, a large-scale trekking event supporting education for underprivileged children. With 212 participants and funds amounting to ₹2,34,466, the club contributed significantly to this noble cause. The funds were used to donate 175 school bags to government school students in Mulbagilu, enhancing their educational journey. The trek offered an adventurous experience, fostering teamwork, camaraderie, and the Rotaract spirit of service. This impactful initiative combined the thrill of exploration with a meaningful contribution, leaving a lasting impression on participants and beneficiaries alike.

SMILES IN BLOOM

SPREADING JOY: SMILES IN BLOOM – CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION

On 18th November 2024, the Rotaract Club of BMS Yelahanka celebrated Smiles in Bloom at GLPS Harohalli School, creating a day of joy and connection for the children. The event, attended by 15 volunteers, featured the distribution of educational kits containing notebooks, pencils, crayons, and sweets, bringing smiles to the faces of the young participants. The gesture, made with a modest expenditure of ₹3007, reflected the club's commitment to supporting education and spreading kindness.

The celebration was filled with fun games, a lively dance session, and heartfelt interactions between the volunteers and children. Stories, encouragement, and shared laughter created a strong sense of community, leaving a lasting impact on everyone involved. Smiles in Bloom not only brightened the day for the children but also reinforced the club's dedication to making a positive difference, inspiring future initiatives to spread joy and empower young minds.



PROJECT PRAGNYA

TRANSFORMING LEARNING SPACES: PROJECT PRAGNYA – SCHOOL REFURBISHMENT

From 22nd to 25th November 2024, the Rotaract Club of BMS Yelahanka successfully completed the first phase of Project Pragnya at S. Ramakrishna Memorial School, Yelahanka. With a budget of ₹15,000, the club refurbished a classroom severely damaged by water, transforming it into a bright, safe, and welcoming space for learning. This effort reflects the club's commitment to improving educational infrastructure and creating a positive learning environment. The successful completion of this phase sets the stage for further refurbishments, ensuring a lasting impact on the school community.



PAYANA – RIDE

CULTURAL EXCHANGE AT PAYANA – INTER-DISTRICT YOUTH EXCHANGE (RIDE)



On Day 2, the visitors joined in celebrating Kannada Rajyotsava at Karunaada Utsava, an event by Rotaract District 3192 and the Rotaract Club of Bengaluru Nagasandra, offering a deeper connection to Karnataka's heritage. The event, with an expenditure of ₹10,000, was a memorable experience of bonding, laughter, and cultural exchange, leaving lasting memories and fostering unity among Rotaractors from different districts.

On 16th and 17th November 2024, the Rotaract Club of BMS Yelahanka hosted the Payana – Inter-District Youth Exchange [RYDE], welcoming Rotaractors from Mumbai and Chennai for an enriching cultural experience in Bengaluru. The two-day event featured a mix of sightseeing, cultural immersion, and local experiences. Day 1 included visits to iconic spots like Orion Mall, Malleshwaram flower market, and Commercial Street, alongside authentic Bengaluru dining experiences and a BMTC bus ride. The day ended with vibrant nightlife at Church Street.





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CLUEMINATI

CLUEMINATI: A THRILLING TREASURE HUNT AT BMSIT&M



On 3rd December 2024, the Rotaract Club of BMS Yelahanka hosted Clueminiati, an exhilarating treasure hunt that brought together 50 participants in teams of five for a spirited challenge of wits and teamwork. The event featured engaging clues and tasks that tested analytical skills and collaboration, creating an atmosphere of excitement across campus. With ₹5000 in prizes awarded to the top three teams, the well-organized activity was both competitive and fun. Praised for its flawless execution and enthusiastic participation, Clueminiati left a lasting impression, showcasing the club's commitment to fostering teamwork and problem-solving in an enjoyable way.

LAYERS OF LOVE

LAYERS OF LOVE: SPREADING WARMTH AND KINDNESS



Phase 2 encouraged individual acts of kindness, where 140 participants personally donated essentials to those in need, fostering empathy and responsibility. This impactful initiative combined collective action with personal contributions, leaving a lasting mark on both the participants and the beneficiaries.

From 5th to 13th December 2024, the Rotaract Club of BMS Yelahanka organized Layers of Love, a donation drive aimed at providing clothing and warmth to underprivileged communities. In Phase 1, students donated wearable clothing and warm items, which were handed over to the Goonj Foundation for distribution. The drive saw overwhelming participation, with volunteers ensuring the quality of donations to make a meaningful impact.





VEERANGANA PHASE-3

EMPOWERING ROTARACTORS WITH SELF-DEFENSE SKILLS

On 14th December 2024, the Rotaract Clubs of BMS Yelahanka, Bengaluru Northwest, MES, and Nagasandra came together at MES College, Malleshwaram, for Veerangana Phase-3, a collaborative self-defense training event. Led by Mr. Pradyumna, an international-level champion with seven years of training experience, the session emphasized the importance of self-protection through practical, real-life techniques. Participants actively engaged in hands-on practice and an interactive segment addressing personal safety concerns. This impactful initiative not only equipped attendees with valuable skills but also fostered fellowship and unity, leaving everyone more confident and motivated to prioritize safety.



RAFFLE

ROTARACT CHRISTMAS RAFFLE 2024: FESTIVE FUN AND EXCITEMENT



The Rotaract Club of BMS Yelahanka spread holiday cheer with the Rotaract Christmas Raffle 2024, an exclusive event for club members held on 19th and 20th December, with prize distribution during the DOV event on 24th December. Featuring 15 exciting prizes worth ₹10,400, including a 4K drone, Boat speakers, and more, the raffle saw enthusiastic participation, with tickets priced at just ₹10. Winners received their prizes from esteemed guests, including the DRR, DRS, ZRR, and ZRS, adding to the festive spirit. The event was a resounding success, fostering engagement, camaraderie, and holiday joy among members.

HANDS OF HOPE

EMPOWERING UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN WITH EDUCATION AND RECREATION

On 16th and 17th December 2024, the Rotaract Club of BMS Yelahanka organized Hands of Hope – Phase 1, a donation drive aimed at supporting underprivileged children with school supplies, books, and sports equipment. The drive saw 339 participants contribute a total of 891 books, 37 school bags, and various sports items. The event was smoothly executed, with minimal expenditure for transporting the donations to the beneficiary schools.



The overwhelming participation showcased the community's generosity, making a meaningful impact on the education and recreational needs of children. Phase 2, scheduled for 30th and 31st December, will focus on collecting handmade greeting cards, keychains, and badges, adding a personal touch to the donations and continuing the spirit of giving.





DOV

STRENGTHENING RELATIONSHIPS AND CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS

On 24th December 2024, the Rotaract Club of BMS Yelahanka hosted the District Rotaract Representative [DRR], PHF Rtr. Rtn. Surya Kiran K, and District Rotaract Secretary [DRS], Rtr. Rtn. Nidhisha K, for the DRR's Official Visit [DOV] at BMSIT. The day began with a closed-door meeting, where the club's leadership discussed ongoing projects, future plans, and expressed satisfaction with the district's support. This was followed by a board meeting, where the club shared its goals for the 2024-25 term, submitted project reports, and provided a financial overview.



The General Assembly included presentations on the club's key projects, the distribution of raffle prizes to 15 winners, and motivational addresses from the district leaders. The DRR praised the club's work, recognizing it as one of the best in the district and expressing confidence in its future success. The visit concluded with a vote of thanks, strengthening the relationship between the club and the district and leaving everyone inspired for future endeavors.

SECRET SANTA

SPREADING HOLIDAY CHEER AND STRENGTHENING BONDS



On 24th December 2024, the Rotaract Club of BMS Yelahanka hosted a heartwarming Secret Santa gift exchange to spread festive cheer and strengthen club bonds. Members participated by creating wishlists on the Drawnames website, where they anonymously drew names and selected gifts within a ₹500 budget. The gifts were wrapped in newspaper with handwritten messages, adding a personal touch. During the DOV event, members joyfully picked and unwrapped their gifts, trying to guess their Secret Santa, creating lighthearted moments and fostering a sense of togetherness. This simple yet thoughtful gesture made the holiday season even more memorable for everyone involved.



SNOWLIT

SNOWLIT 2024: A NIGHT OF FUN, DANCE, AND BONDING

On 28th December 2024, the Rotaract Club of BMS Yelahanka hosted SNOWLIT, the annual winter party at Nysa Sky Bar, bringing together club members for an evening filled with energy, fun, and camaraderie. The event featured the exciting Ice Strut – Ramp Walk, where participants competed for the title of Sleekest Duo, judged by Rithika from the BMSIT Fashion Team. DJ Delieef and DJ Kickthirty kept the party going with electrifying tracks, keeping the dance floor packed until the end. While the turnout was smaller than expected, the vibrant energy of over 100 attendees made the evening unforgettable, with tons of photos capturing the joy and spirit of the celebration.



Despite a smaller turnout, SNOWLIT 2024 succeeded in fostering member engagement and bonding, with attendees thoroughly enjoying the vibrant celebrations and energetic activities.

PRABHODAN 3.0 [PHASE-2]

PRABODHAN 3.0: NURTURING CREATIVITY AND TEAM SPIRIT

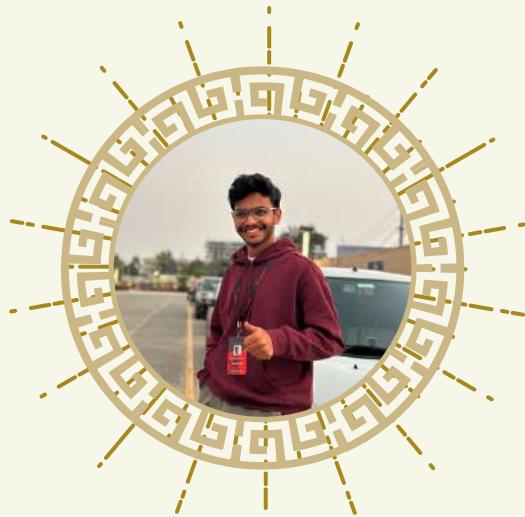
Held from November 8th to December 28th, 2024, Prabodhan 3.0, organized by the Rotaract Club of BMS Yelahanka in partnership with the Upchild Foundation, engaged 46 students from Grades 4 to 8 at NeedBase Rainbow Home, Jalahalli Village. Weekly sessions focused on soft skills, creative thinking, and teamwork, featuring activities like art, math puzzles, story-writing, and team-building games. The program concluded with a festive Christmas celebration, spreading joy and inspiration.



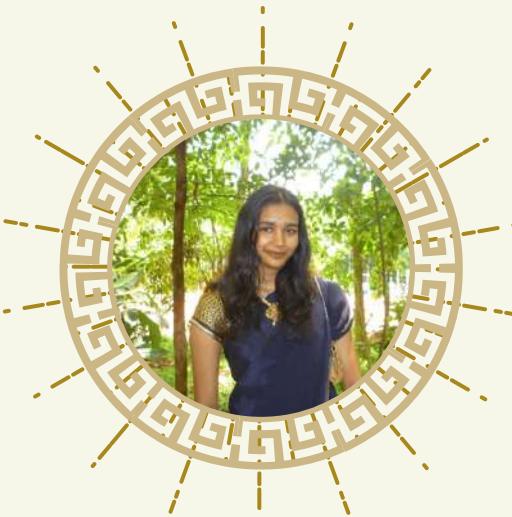
With contributions from 30 volunteers, the initiative successfully fostered confidence, collaboration, and curiosity among the students. Despite challenges like fluctuating volunteer numbers, the program made a lasting impact on the participants and reinforced the club's commitment to service.



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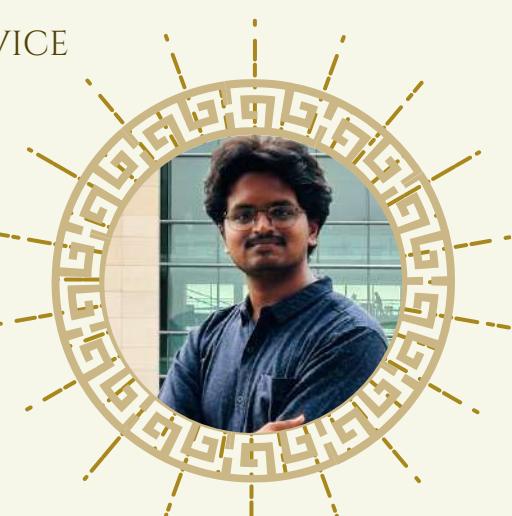
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