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Suitcase Full of Experiences

What an amazing journey it's been while designing the Tangent Times—filled with vibrant travel moments and colourful memories!

Each picture tucked inside this suitcase tells a different story, a unique experience from across the world. From bustling airports to quiet train stations, this suitcase has collected not just stamps and tickets, but laughter, wonder, and countless unforgettable snapshots.

Now, it has arrived here, just for you. Unbox it. Peep in. Discover a world of endless stories waiting to be told.

With love,
Kanika Katariya
Your National Editor

National
editor





Greetings to all our queens from our forum of expression.

At the onset I would like to express my gratitude to our Editor for meticulously bringing out beautiful editions showcasing our country and organization Tangent India.

Beautiful themes of this magazine by our charming Editor Kanika will be giving a complete insight to the different worlds that exist on our planet. More beautiful will be to read the different perspectives. Let's travel and see the world from all different eyes.

Tangent India had 6 queens on wheels and one Midterm Meet at Bangalore giving all opportunity to step out and make new lasting friends.

I want to place on record my heartfelt thanks to The Zonal Officers for meticulously planning the queens on wheels. Shradha & Ritu from the North zone, Malvika from the South Zone, Kinjal and Deeti from West Zone, Samta, Archana and Rachna from East zone.

A new book has been started on Ladies international trips and Dubai Divas was a runaway success ..left the queens asking for more. Big thanks to Convenor Ranjana Singh meticulously planned right from visas to landing back all was coordinated.

The 10th MTM was a landmark one in Bangalore. Convenor Shalini coordinated and executed to perfection with her team of Bangalore. Every club supported the event and participated making it a stupendous success. Big Congratulations team Maharani lstyle and Bangalore.

Our queens enjoy and celebrate life in style. I'm looking forward, excited to read their experience and cherish the second edition of Tangent Times.

Let's enjoy page by page as we keep Celebrating life Queen Size.

Luv always
Smita Chopra
National President 24-25
Tangent India

National President

HELLO JUNE,

MAY WAS A WHIRLWIND OF ACTIVITY, HIGHLIGHTED BY THE VIBRANT TCI AGM IN ICELAND. IT WAS HEARTENING TO SEE TANGENT MEMBERS FROM ACROSS INDIA COME TOGETHER, PROUDLY REPRESENTING OUR TRICOLOUR ON THE GLOBAL STAGE.

I HAD THE HONOUR OF REPRESENTING TANGENT INDIA AT THE COUNCILLORS MEETING AND ALSO EXTENDED WARM GREETINGS ON BEHALF OF OUR NATION AT THE AGM OF TANGENT ROMANIA.

ON JUNE 17TH, ALONGSIDE PRESIDENT SMITA, WE CHARTERED A BRAND-NEW CLUB IN COIMBATORE, WELCOMING SIX ENTHUSIASTIC MEMBERS INTO THE TANGENT FAMILY. A HEARTFELT WELCOME TO EACH OF THEM!

AS WE STEP INTO JULY, I'M EXCITED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF MORE CLUBS JOINING US AND THE UPCOMING AGMS THAT PROMISE FRESH BEGINNINGS. HERE'S TO SMOOTH TRANSITIONS AND JOYFUL CELEBRATIONS AS WE EMBRACE THE CHANGE OF GUARDS.

WISHING YOU A FABULOUS MONTH AHEAD — LIVE IT QUEEN-SIZE AND FILL IT WITH JOY AND LAUGHTER!

WARM REGARDS,
LAKSHMI SIDDHARTHAN
VICE PRESIDENT,
TANGENT INDIA

Vice President



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Queens on Wheels

Queens on wheels, so fierce, so bold,
Their stories shimmer, bright and gold.
In heels they glide, with style and grace,
Owning the street, setting the pace.

Laughter echoes as music plays,
Rolling through life in dazzling ways.
Ready for fun, no time to stall,
They rise together, never fall.

They bond in friendship, strong and true,
A common thread in all they do.
They are the Tangent Queens—divine—
Ruling the world, one joyful line.

Sisters in strength, their spirits free,
They skate through storms and jubilee.
Every spin, a bond grows strong,
In rhythm and heart, they all belong.

Crowns may glitter, heels may shine,
But love and laughter are their sign.
Together they ride, fearless and bright—
Tangent Queens, glowing with light.

This is dedicated to all Queens who have
been on Wheels this year

Archana Bhagat
National Secretary 2024-25

National

TREASURER

Hello Dearies

Had gone for the North Zone Queens on
Wheels organised at Agra, Mathura and
Vrindavan, based on Valentine theme,
12th, 13th, 14th February'25.

In Agra, a visit to Taj Mahal, symbol of
love, on a full Moonlight was
extraordinary experience. Mathura
Vrindavan, destination of soulmates
Radha Krishna, was thoroughly enjoyed.
Had beautiful darshan of Banke Bihari,
live experience of the beautiful Krishna
Radha Floral Holi Leela, the Chunri
Manorath on the Yamuna River, were
truly heart touching.

We had fantastic bonding among Tangent
Members and members from 41ers club
members from across India.

Superbly organised to the T by North zone
fellowship officer Shradha Khandelwal.
Thanks, Tangent India for giving us life
time memories.

A WORLD MEET TO REMEMBER

Dear Tangent family,

My recent trip to Iceland for the Tangent Club World Meet was a truly special experience. It was my very first international event as a member of the Tangent Club, and I felt a huge sense of excitement from the moment we started our journey.

One of the things that made this World Meet stand out was the impressive number of people who came from India. Our group, with around **80 enthusiastic members**, was the biggest from any country to cheer for the incoming International President Dr Sidharthan. This meet made us all feel incredibly proud and connected, creating a strong bond among us. It was also a proud moment to see our own National President Smita Chopra gracefully representing our country at the international forum.

This world meet was a fantastic mix of cultural exchange, making new friends, and just having a lot of fun. We had lively chats with members from all over the world and enjoyed wonderful home parties hosted by the incredibly welcoming 41ers of Iceland. Every part of the event was designed to help us connect with each other.

We got to see the stunning beauty of Iceland through various sightseeing trips. But more than the beautiful sights, it was the real,

personal interactions that truly stuck with me. I was lucky enough to make friends for life, creating connections that go beyond countries. We left with cherished memories and a strong desire to keep these global friendships going.

I thank every member of Tangent India who donated pins for Pinnathon initiative that has been taken up for a cause by the incoming International President Jill Harris. I handed over about 80 pins to her during the World Meet.

Our new International President Jill Harris is up with fresh ideas, and she's already kicking things off with some fun themes for our monthly events. So far, we've had two awesome activities that show how many different interests we have in our club. We started with collecting all sorts of potato recipes from different cuisines followed by an important blood donation drive, which was a fantastic way to help our community.

These are just the beginning, and I really ask all Tangent members to take part in these activities and make them successful. Let's all show President Jill how much we support her and make this a truly memorable year together!

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"To Travel Is To Live"

A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. Take only memories, leave only footprints. The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only a page.

Travelling opens our hearts and minds to the endless knowledge this universe holds. This gives us a chance to explore new cultures, landscapes, perspectives, and ourselves.

Travel takes us out of our comfort zones and inspires us to see, taste and try new things. It constantly challenges us, not only to adapt to and explore new surroundings, but also to engage with different people, to embrace adventures as they come admire the natural wonders, man made excellent creations and to share new and meaningful experiences with friends and loved ones.

Travelling improves your mental health by helping you feel calm. Taking time from work to see new

places releases the stress you've been holding on to, so much so that the feeling can only be described as feeling alive. Studies have shown that we value our experiences more than any material possessions we may own.

To give a platform for all our Tangent members to step out and embrace the world of travelling while making life lasting bonds with members was the main goal of queens on wheels this year. Everyone can't travel far and all may not want to go to the same place. So, 6 queens on wheels were executed zone wise.

Mumbai - Pune, Chalo Ayodhya..

Valentine weekend at Taj and Brindavan, the queen of Hills Conoor, and the east zone Mirik. Each was so brilliantly organized by the Zonal Officers and the teams. Kinjal and Diti at the west, Shradha and Ritu in the North, Samta Archana and Rachna in the East and Malvika in the south. Our mother of all

trips was the international trip Dubai Divas which was experience filled to make one live a dream life for 4 days and reach out to the queen within. Our Convenor Ranjana made sure everything was meticulously executed. The cherry on the cake was incoming President Jill Harris join us. It's a matter of great joy that around 100 queens have taken the step to reach out to the queen within her and experience the trips planned. It is now beautiful memories we cherish so dear.. of seeing each other smile and enjoy the beauties of life together.

Personally, I have travelled to many countries and also attended many events.. each experience is so unique. Each friend like a family so dear. Every country is so different and so much to see and learn.. every travel leaves a touch of beauty in our hearts.. which we carry very fondly. It also shows us the wonders of mother nature and the uniqueness of the people living there.

This year in particular I have had the blessed opportunity to travel length and breadth of the country representing Tangent India as President. Each travel is so unique and I have penned down my

experience in the newsletter. However, the one common thing is the love and smile of all Tangent members. I have shared experiences and energized the clubs at my visits to the best of my ability and I carry a part of them in my life and have left part of me in theirs.

Representing India in Bern - Switzerland and Reykjavik-Iceland was an experience of responsibility and pride. Of course holding the tricolour flag ignites a different passion within of love and respect for the country. Truly thankful to Tangent India to give me the opportunity to proudly represent all of you. The opportunities received to express in forums and meet fellow presidents has today given me a friend and many more in each member country.

We are all truly blessed to be a part of the Round Table Family. The way a fellow Tangent, 41er, Tabler or Circler can show you a city no tourist company or magazine can show you. A special meal, a unique spot for sightseeing, cultural experience, that special thing to shop and carry back are hands on shared, so if you get a chance do attend





the NAGM, MTM and world meets as only the best is lined up to showcase to the country and world.. of course there may be slip ups.. or things you may not like.. but how do you know until you try.. experience and then decide if again or not.. but experience you must and carry only the positives. Life is time bound. Live love laugh, explore see the world you have come into so that when you look back in time you can say.. it was a life well lived.. and yes you will have so many stories to tell.

Count your treasures and age by the friends you have around the world. That's your true riches and earning.

Travel is an experience that begins with a plan followed by experience, each making new

memories and evolving you as a person, meeting new people, sharing yourself with them and bringing back a part of them, carrying with you one more story to tell..do document it if times permits as these moments will make you smile tomorrow! Enjoy life and keep traveling as you Celebrate Life Queen Size always!!

Life is not meant to be lived in one place.

Always say yes to new adventures.

Happy and safe travels!!

Luv forever

Smita Chopra

National President 24-25

Tangent India

Sharing some of my favorite Travel quotes.

"Traveling – it leaves you speechless, then turns you into a storyteller." – Ibn Battuta

"I haven't been everywhere, but it's on my list." – Susan Sontag

"Work, Travel, Save, Repeat." – Unknown

"Remember that happiness is a way of travel – not a destination." – Roy M. Goodman

The most beautiful in the world is, of course, the world itself." – Wallace Stevens

"Jobs fill your pocket, but adventures fill your soul." – Jamie Lyn Beatty

"Take only memories, leave only footprints." – Chief Seattle

"Live your life by a compass not a clock." – Stephen

Covey

"The world is a book and those who do not travel read only one page." – Augustine of Hippo

"Live life with no excuses, travel with no regret." – Oscar Wilde

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." – Mark Twain

"It seems that the more places I see and experience, the bigger I realize the world to be. The more I become aware of, the more I realize how relatively little I know of it, how many places I have still to go, how much more there is to learn." – Anthony Bourdain



Just Another Face In Crowd



Jayashree Chaudhry

It is interesting how fame can transform someone from being just another face to someone people notice. Sometimes it happens overnight and other times it's the result of years of hard work.

Just a question in my mind, before I start writing my story or should I say, reach out my hand for you to hold as I walk you through the journey of J's life!

J's THE LIFE JOURNEY!

Somewhere in the years of growing up, I became J

from Jayashree. I became J when I wondered why in every event and every competition be it on stage or on the field they had teams for boys separate from girls .. I became J when on being introduced as Jayashree, people questioned if I was a South Indian or oh are you a Gujarati ... I became a J when I was told girls don't dress like that, shabby and unkempt! I am J with no gender, no class and belonging to no community!

But this J was still just Another Face in the crowd!

She moved through life unnoticed, blending in, never standing out. In school and College, she played for the State(Maharashtra) Volleyball, Hockey and Athletics and won accolades. She participated in Singing, Debates and Elocution and won there too, but in the crowded city streets filled with people rushing to their destinations, lost in their own worlds, J was still just another face in the crowd.

Every morning, she rode the train, many times hanging out, to her college and then later to her work. She stacked files, recommended proposals for better employee engagement, and spent her breaks reading or writing her dreams in a worn-out notebook. She dreamt of being someone who would one day stand out, but dreams didn't pay the bills.

Then one day as she sat in the modern and brightly lit reception lounge of her company, lost in her thoughts, a stranger leaned over. He extended his hand in friendship and offered to share her dreams. *"Thanks, but it's just something I do for myself," she said.* He insisted and took the saat pheras with her. He took her dreams and gave them wings. He supported her in every step from being a flourishing HR professional to being a caring mother of two. There was a time when they exchanged their two-year old Disha at the airport, there were many mornings when he woke their child, bathed her and dressed her before dropping her to school. All for their dreams which they built together.

She featured in ... India Today Woman October 2007 edition, cover story "Woman: Making a Difference" on Family-Work-Life Balance.

If all work and no play, made Jack a dull boy, our J worked hard and played even harder. In every role, J gave her all, time and effort!

Awarded as the best floor member in her first year of joining Ladies Circle India, J with her active participation and leadership piloted many initiatives in fellowship and community service and worked in vaccination drives, eye and health camps, building of toilet blocks, fighting for violence against women and of course extending memberships! She rose to the ranks of almost being at the helm of LC India, but paused to give her career priority. Back into the foray of continuing bonds of friendship, she recently represented the association as International

President, Tangent Club International. She was the first Indian or should we say Asian to be invited to take on this mantle. Bringing India to the forefront in a largely European dominated association, her theme UNSTOPPABLE urged every woman in India and those around the Globe to push for more and achieve more!

In this unstoppable journey, she traveled across 4 continents, visited 18 countries and added 7 new countries, including 4 in Africa as members! Carrying her message, she travelled around on her own in India, Africa and Europe, meeting members and urging more to join this wonderful association! Her most memorable tour or should I say adventure, was self-driving with another friend through 9 countries, Germany, Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Switzerland in 21 days. They were the #travellingtangents duo.

And last but not the least, the activity which completes her... a school in Dharavi, Gandhi Memorial Education School which she has been supporting for last 18 years. Recognized as Dharavi's best educational institution, the student strength from 400 has today grown to 2800 with 100% results in the SSC Board exams. They built a new schools block, added a science and tech lab to offer education till the 12th Grade. She personally garnered more than 8-9 crores from various donors and visited various BMC offices and High Court to fight for the school's recognition and existence.

Like her theme, she was Unstoppable, running a marathon, which is far more mental than physical. Now, J wasn't just another face in the crowd. Her work resonated with people. Social workers reached out and students and parents connected with her. The same train she rode every day now felt different—people recognized her, whispered her name.

Fame was strange. She had longed for recognition, but now she missed the anonymity. Yet, when a young student approached her and thanked her for changing his life, J knew it was worth it.

She had once been just another face. Now, she was one who people noticed!

When you're confident, you don't care how many times you fail, you're going to succeed!

My First Flight

Penning down my Journey, which was part of "My Bucket List To Experience Solo" My family came to drop me off at Blore Airport to "Take Off on My First Fly Solo."

I entered the airport towards the gate I was very happy to see Queen Smitha welcomed with a pouch and chocolate, & Ranjana Angle a hug & other Tangent friend, met them for the first time and Tangent India Past President Kalpana was very caring. Concerned, She Reminded me of my mother, lovely person.

We were all excited for the QUEEN ON WHEELS TO DUBAI, we did not sleep in-flight Even though we wanted to. We landed at our destination fully charged.

To my surprise, my roomie was "Tangent International Vice President Jill Harris. Wonderful, Inspirational, Clam Nature, Beautiful Soul, Adjustive with a Pretty Smile" loved being with her, awesome experience.

My other bucket list" dream is to go for a Lemazine Drive, wow, I bought a special dress for Lemo, I was in my dreamland omg".

The Tour to "Burj Al Arab was Amazing, the Royal Queen Size Experience with a Touch of Gold Coffees" oooooohhhlllllaaaalllllaaaa With Special Hats and Handbags made for us gifted by Queen Smitha.

The yacht was another hit experience, as were movies, singing, dancing, drinking, and enjoying the company of the tangent queens. The Desert Safari performance was awesome and the camel ride.

Yummy Dinner at Atlantis and The Tour to Futura Museum was amazing to see the flying taxi, space, lab etc.

Good Experience shopping had Grand Finale Dinner at ABhu Dabhi Kunal Kapoor restaurant. Cheery On Top was meeting my younger brother and his wife. Departing with everyone lowered the mood.

Reached back home with unforgettable moments of life. Absolutely Queens on Wheels Live Life Queen Size.

In Friendship

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For Old Times' Sake... Rooting for a trip with your girls

Anjali Chandra

As buddy getaways go, America's most loved cartoonist Charles M. Schulz hit the nail on the head when he said, "In life, it's not where you go — it's who you travel with". And so, a 3-day trip to that most staple of hillside holiday destinations, Nainital & Bhimtal, became a journey of rediscovery when five of us from T-36 — Ambica Gupta, Vasudha Jain, Aparna Narain, Shilpi Bansal and yours truly — decided it was a good place to begin with as girls' trips went.

A frenetic week of planning for hotels, coordinated clothes and where-to-eat-what saw us piling into two cars bright and early on the morning of April 17th, the first stop being Bareilly where Ambica's parents treated us to a sumptuous breakfast and loving advice on itinerary, best routes and speed limits.

Lunch was at an Old favourite B&B inn called Garden Valley in the village of Niglat where we had all lunched almost a decade ago as our way back from in Nainital. To say Seth's food lived expectations understatement, grewled in yummy, garlicky focaccia loaf that bunged into the entered the into the low-room. Soon was groaning crunchy fresh pumpkin soup, that would have Nonna proud. And decided we another morsel, a carrot cake made Proud to say, we the sweet offering!



The elaborate pet followed by a short Kainchi Dham ashram. A mesmerising experience made even more refreshing with only temple bells and occasional announcements gently breaking the devotional silence. And then it was onwards towards our hotel in Bhimtal for a well-earned night of rest and reminiscences.

The best thing about re-visiting family favorites is that you can introduce your friends to happy haunts that constitute childhood memories. The hour-long drive to Nainital the next day was filled with each of us remembering what we loved the best about our very own queen of the hills. Cold Coffee at the Nainital Club won hands down, followed by a fulfilling stroll through the Bhutia Market where we made many a shopkeepers happy as we furiously bargained. Our shopping-laden selves got a well-earned respite at the charming Sakleys, which seemed to have frozen in time together with its taste of awesome Chinese food, the tartly sweet lemon tarts and the gooey eclairs. To top it all off, Tgt Shilpi treated us all to her favourite Bal Mitahi, unarguably the best I have ever had from Nainital.

The Great Walkathon Chronicles

Steps, Stumbles & Screenshots

Picture this: nearly 100 unstoppable women, from the sprightly under-40s to the fabulous over-80s, stepping up—literally!—to take on a 10-day virtual walkathon.

From bustling cities to quiet villages, from India to corners of the world we can't even pronounce properly, these ladies walked, marched, and sometimes even wobbled their way to glory.

ANASA-Level Mission (Without the Astronauts)

Now, organizing this feat was no less than a space mission. Every day, at all odd hours, step counts rolled in—on WhatsApp, Facebook, email, and, I suspect, carrier pigeons too. Some sent crisp numbers, while others—bless them—sent screenshots in languages that looked like ancient hieroglyphics. Steps, kilometers, miles—deciphering these required a PhD in mathematics (which, unfortunately, I don't have).

Then there was Jill Harris, who took the term “commitment” to another level. After a nasty fall, she refused to sit out, walking bravely with a stick for the first few days. If that doesn't deserve a standing ovation, what does? Meanwhile, others were hiking up mountains, some were jet-setting across countries, and many were dancing at weddings, yet they still managed to squeeze in their steps. Multitasking at its finest!

The Step-Counting Superstars!

Some ladies turned their feet into high-performance machines, logging numbers that could make professional athletes jealous.

India's Step Queens

- Vani Singala (Hubli) clocked a jaw-dropping 2,56,778 steps—we suspect she was moonwalking in her sleep!
- Sheetal Nalwad (Bangalore) was right behind with 2,40,385 steps, proving Bengaluru is more than just an IT hub—it's a fitness hub too!
- Jasmeet Kaur (Coimbatore) walked 1,54,368 steps, officially earning the right to an extra dessert.

Ageless Warriors (60+ Years)

- Indra Bhambhani (Delhi, age 81) left us all in awe with 1,69,345 steps—if that's not life goals, what is?
- Sudha Rao (Bangalore, age 70) followed with 1,24,078 steps, proving that wisdom and fitness go hand in hand.

International Champions

- Saara Kiventöyry (Finland) logged an impressive 1,90,711 steps, making it look like she personally walked across Scandinavia!
- Nina Leppäkangas (Finland) and Siv Staaloey (Norway) also dominated the charts, proving that chilly weather is no match for determined women on a mission!

The Great Step Count Debates

Then came the daily step-count dilemmas:

- “I walked 5 km—how many steps is that?”
- “I walked 2 miles, can you convert that?”
- “I climbed 14 floors—do I get extra points?”

By Day 5, I seriously considered sending our collective walking data to NASA, just to see if we had walked to the moon and back!

More Than Just a Walk—A Global Movement

But amidst the madness, math struggles, and missing step counts, what stood out was the spirit of these women. Regardless of their hectic lives, social commitments, or timezone differences, they made time to walk—not just for fitness, but for camaraderie, motivation, and sheer determination.

A Big Shoutout!

This walkathon was more than just steps—it was about breaking boundaries. What started as an India-centric event turned into a global movement, thanks to some incredible women who made it all happen.

Tania—my partner in crime in organizing this chaos with a smile! From coordinating endless step counts to handling my near-existential crisis over mismatched data, she was the rock that kept this event on track.

Jayashree & Clara—Without these two, this walkathon would have remained just an idea on paper. They took it beyond borders, ensuring that women from different countries joined in, making this a truly global celebration of fitness, friendship, and determination. Their support, encouragement, and tireless efforts transformed this event into something much bigger than we had ever imagined.

To all three of you—this couldn't have been done without you!

So here's to every woman who walked, stumbled, climbed, danced, and yes, sent screenshots in exotic languages—you made this walkathon an unforgettable, laugh-out-loud, truly inspiring journey!

Till the next step... or misstep!



Bijal Kalbag
Coordinator, Tangent Walkathon



I had the unique opportunity to travel to Romania this summer as part of the Travelling Tangent Programme through Tangent International. When I reached out to Clara and Dan Dobera from Bucharest, I had no idea I was about to experience the city in the most authentic and heartwarming way possible — through the eyes of locals.

Travel is always enriching, but when guided by someone who calls the city home, it transforms into something unforgettable. My trip to Bucharest wasn't just about ticking off tourist attractions — it was a rich tapestry of stories, flavors, and moments that only a local friend can offer.

As we strolled through the cobbled streets of the Old Town, Clara brought the city alive with tales you won't find in any guidebook. We sipped coffee in lush city parks, explored vibrant local markets, and paused at her favorite church — each place laced with personal memories and local charm. She pointed out quirky architectural details, shared slices of her childhood, and introduced me to delicious Romanian dishes like sarmale, mici, and the most divine papanasi I've ever tasted.

We visited iconic landmarks like the Palace of the Parliament and the "Dimitrie Gusti" Village Museum, but also wandered down artsy side streets and discovered peaceful corners that felt a world away from the typical tourist trail.

One of the highlights? An evening of laughter and relaxation at Therme Bucharest, floating on bubble beds and unwinding in the warm bubble pools — followed by a delightful dinner and drinks with Clara. Truly a night to remember!

This experience deepened my appreciation for Tangent Club and the city of Bucharest. Thanks to Clara and her wonderful husband Dan, for giving us the feel of the city.

I hope this little glimpse into my journey inspires more Tangent members to embrace the Travelling Tangent spirit. There's a whole world waiting — and the best way to see it is through a local's eyes

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Bucharest Unfiltered: My Tangent Adventure As A Travelling Tangent



Brewing friendships of lifetime

The "Queens on Wheels" South Zone expedition to Coonoor began with Prez Smita, Charter President Jogi Mittal, Indu, Mini, Bhavana, and yours truly, ready to conquer the Nilgiris. Our pit stop at Amaravati for breakfast fuelled us for the scenic drive through Bandipur. Then, we drove through Bandipur forest. We spotted a few animals on the way. It was cool! Next, we went through Mudumalai forest. The weather changed a lot as we drove up to Ooty. The road had 36 hairpin turns! This road leading to Ooty was like a rollercoaster ride with pretty views and I suspect some of us were secretly praying for Dramamine.

Ooty welcomed us with open arms (and Tangent Club Coonoor ladies!). Malavika, Puneeta, and Anu were our delightful hosts. Puneeta's photography skills and her numerology predictions were very interesting.

The Ooty Lake boat ride was a cultural experience. We sang Bollywood songs starting with words 'paani', 'mausam' and so on aligning with the mood! It was funny. Listening to our singing skills, the boat guy probably wanted to jump in the water! We also saw a garden with flowers made of thread! This thread-crafted floral garden was stunning, proving that even plants can be stylish. Then we couldn't resist having green tea and samosas at a local shop.

Then came the shopping spree. My quest for a pink dress (the mandatory Tangent attire) led me to a leather shop, where I ended up spending a lot. I went to buy ONE pink top for the meeting, and somehow ended up with a shopping bag full of impulse buys. My wallet wept, but my closet rejoiced.

Coonoor Club was our home base, and the pre-dinner massage gave us the required relaxation after the two hectic days. Dinner at Cherry Berry was a culinary feast. Momos, sushi, kale chat, avocado fritters, pizza, pasta, and biscoff—we ate like we were preparing for a hibernation. Reeba's singing was the highlight of the evening. We left with full tummies and even fuller hearts.

The next day's farm visit was educational, complete with strawberry picking and a crash course in tea manufacturing. Did you know there's white tea? Neither did we, until we bought a kilo. The chocolate factory was a dangerous place for our wallets and waistlines.

The Tangent meeting with Coonoor and Coimbatore clubs was a whirlwind of enthusiasm. Then, the lovely ladies of Coonoor Club took us to a place called Oasis, the highest tea garden of Coonoor where the view was breath taking. More green tea and bajjis? Didn't mind to over eat!

The Wellington Gymkhana Club was a royal treat. The golf course, bison-infested and beautiful, was a golfer's dream. The evening was a masterclass in bonding, with Puneeta revealing her hair secrets, Nayana sharing her travel dreams, and fun chats with Sukanya, Meetu, and Rashmi. Then, Jogi's dramatic trip near the cars sent us to the hospital. Thankfully, all was well.

Malavika's breakfast spread the next morning was a food coma waiting to happen. Her husband, Manoj, deserves a medal for his impeccable serving skills. We're now lobbying for "Husband Training 101."

One more amazing experience- sharing a room with Prez Smita. It was like living with an incredibly organized and calm superhero. She planned everything perfectly, was always on time, and handled problems with impressive composure, even something as small as organizing dinner for drivers when all the restaurants in the town were closed. It felt like she had secret tools to manage time and crises.

Our return journey to Bangalore was filled with laughter and fond memories. This "Queens on Wheels" trip was a perfect blend of pampering and bonding, and of course, a lot of delicious food thanks to the meticulous planning of South Zone coordinator Malavika and the vibrant ladies of Coonoor Club.

Queens on Wheels to Coonoor



Lessons Learned

- Always pack a pink dress.
- Bollywood karaoke is best enjoyed with an open mind (and earplugs).
- Bisons have excellent taste in golf courses.
- Husband training is a must.
- Tangent ladies know how to have a great time!
- Always check the ground when leaving a dinner party.



Nurturing Friendship Beyond Borders..



PP, Jyoti Singh Deo, Tangent 8 - Bhubaneswar

Friendship is one of the greatest bonds anyone can ever wish for. You meet many along the way of life but only some stay with you forever. They are friends who fill our world with beauty and create magical moments in our lives. Tangent offers membership of Tangent International, extending the scope of friendship beyond borders. During our travel to Europe in 2024 we were overwhelmed by the warmth of our overseas 41 hosts. They welcomed us with open arms and we were treated as their family members.

After the 41 International AGM in Marrakech, we were hosted by President Yasser and his charming wife Nawal at their beautiful home. Along with our friends from Israel we visited the home of his parents. The family welcomed us in traditional Moroccan style and there was a lot of singing dancing and merry making. What struck us was the close bonding and togetherness of the family.

We arrived in Brussels where PP 41 International Luc received us at the station and took us to his lovely home where he lived alone. His hospitality was unparalleled. He had specially cooked a delicious meal for us. The next day he took us around for a tour of the city, the seat of European Union.

After a fantastic tour of Brussels and Waterloo we were picked up by 41 International Treasurer Bob Standaert who drove us to Tienen, his home town about 50 kms from Brussels.

Bob took us on a conducted tour of his quaint town where we were joined by his wife Agora President Jill Brees and some close friends for dinner to a swanky restaurant. The next morning, he drove us to Nordwick via Den Hague to attend the national AGM of 41 Club Netherlands.

A special mention and our expression of gratitude to 41er Sieto for organising a day trip for us to Amsterdam along with other 41 Friends.

After the AGM we were taken to Gees in Netherlands by PP 41er Povl from Denmark where our most hospitable hosts Anneke and Sieto were waiting to welcome us to their beautiful farm house where they breed horses and train them for equestrian events. Sieto and Anneke drove us around the country side and to the lesser-known

Stonehenge sight in Gees. After criss-crossing the farms, farmlands, and the windmills in Gees, we went visiting to 41er Johan's home near the German border. A unique sight in the country side were the presence of small rigs on his agricultural land.

After spending a relaxed day sightseeing, chit chatting and sipping wine/ beer the next morning our gracious host in Faaborg, Denmark PP Povl drove us to his town via the famed fairy tale town of Bremen. We stopped to see the statues of the Musicians of Bremen. We drove 800 kms and reached Faaborg in the evening. We were welcomed to the beautiful sea side home of Povl and Tangent Bodil.

A sumptuous dinner was laid out for us. It was such a thoughtful gesture of Tangent Dawn to have driven 100 kms from her home to come and meet us...

True Friendship has no boundaries. We were touched by the love and warmth showered on us.

Past TCI Treasurer Elly took time out from her busy schedule and drove nearly 40 kms to come and meet us at Faaborg the next day.

Our destination was Roskilde in Denmark where TCI Vice President Kirsten and Soren welcomed us to their home. Roskilde boasts of its association with the ancient Vikings. Working in the health care sector, Kirsten had taken leave from her busy schedule to spend time with us and very kindly accompanied us to Copenhagen for sightseeing. She proudly showed us the important land marks of the Danish capital ... Copenhagen including a boat ride to see the Little Mermaid.

After a hectic and enjoyable 50 days of travel we got back home with cherished memories to last a lifetime. The generosity and kindness of our hosts will be etched in our minds forever.

We are blessed for having created this strong bond of Friendship. It is so true that the lamp that we light is fanned by Heaven's above.

We express our heartfelt gratitude to the Almighty for blessings us with this wonderful gift and we owe this Gift of Friendship to Round Table and Ladies Circle.

Friends for Life we remain. God Bless.

A Day of Laughter.... Bonding..... & Scenic Bliss..

Queens on Wheels

The Tangent ladies of T-48 and T-47, along with our esteemed President, Smita Chopra, embarked on an exhilarating day trip to the serene hills of Coonoor. Dressed in vibrant yellow, our 'Queens on Wheels' set off on a journey filled with joy, adventure, and heartfelt camaraderie. From picturesque drives to moments of laughter and deep conversations, the day was nothing short of magical. Each member had a unique and memorable experience, making this fellowship truly special. Here's what we all had to say about our day out in the hills:

1. **Jasmeet Kaur:** "Together, we, the Tangent ladies of T-48 and T-47, along with the President, created lifelong memories, strengthening our bond and friendship in the serene hills of Coonoor!"

2. **Nandhini Premkumar:** "The 'Yellow Charmers' zoomed off to Coonoor for a day of laughter, scenic vibes, and endless fun! Queens on Wheels made us feel like true royalty—gliding through scenic roads, sharing laughter, and celebrating in style!"

3. **Neelam:** "A marvellous event indeed... with the spirit of true friendship through fellowship."

4. **Simmy Baweja:** "Think like a queen. A

queen is not afraid to fail. What a great experience to attend the meeting and fellowship with the queens of the hills."

5. **Kanika Khanna:** "With the lovely people in yellow, I had an awesome time in Coonoor."

6. **Deepa Sivvathana:** "Had a fabulous time with all my Queens, which will be cherished forever."

7. **Madhu Wadhwa:** "The joint fellowship of Tangent queens in the breathtaking Nilgiris was an unforgettable experience! Rekindling old friendships and forging new bonds, the camaraderie was truly special! We all will treasure the memories of this lovely event forever! Our drive back was the most memorable one!"

8. **Kavitha Sancheti:** "Feeling grateful for the opportunity to meet new friends, had some fantastic conversations, and created good memories with queens."

The day was a perfect blend of fun, adventure, and togetherness, proving once again that true friendships flourish through shared experiences. The memories of this beautiful journey will stay with us forever, a reminder of the joy that comes from being part of a sisterhood that uplifts and inspires!



Instant Friendships make Lifetime Bonds!



A relationship with the Round Table forged more than 5 decades ago, has taken us on a fabulous journey through 4 different cities. In our youth, it was enriching experiences in friendship, fellowship and service through RT and Ladies Circle. Transitioning to middle age and beyond, the 41 club and Tangent Club have ensured that the fun never stops. And what a pile of inspiring stories we've collected, right through it all!

My favourite and oft told tale is about our stint with Table 12, Calcutta. The year was 1982, Ashok's transfer took us to a city we were not in the least familiar with. No friends, no relatives! Tucked into our hotel before moving into the apartment being readied for us, I sent my 2 little girls off to school, then sat down for a little introspection about ways to make friends. On an impulse, I rifled through the Round Table India directory, found Round Table 12 listed under Calcutta and randomly picked a name, "Rohit and Chandrika Desai". A quick dial to Chandrika. A cheery voice answered the phone. I introduced myself as freshly arrived Tabler's from Madras and a brief about us and our family. Chandrika's response was instant. "Where are you staying? "I named the hotel. "Why don't you all just come over to our place this evening for dinner? We'd be most happy to help you settle in" Yes....as quick, warm and spontaneous as that!

My protests that we didn't want to impinge on them with such short notice was vehemently waved aside and their address was given. So there we were, Ashok and I and our 2 girls, ringing the doorbell at the Desai apartment.

All the stars were just lined up right for me that day, am sure of that! Before the evening was over and we were done with the delicious Gujarati meal Chandrika served us, other unexpected things had also fallen into place. To begin with, such delightful bonding happened between our 2 little girls and her little daughter. Then, a relative of her own Cook/ Housekeeper/ was quickly signed up to work as a Livein Cook at our new home. And then, the biggest surprise/ blessing of all.... Chandrika even got me a job! Knowing that I too had a postgraduate degree in Home Science just like her (we couldn't get over the coincidence!) she revealed that the college where she taught, was to have a temporary vacancy with a lecturer shortly slated to go on maternity leave. Would I want to take it on temporarily and what's very likely to be made permanent? Of course I would!

Four happy grinning faces drove back to the hotel that night...Ashok had found a good Table buddy who would induct him into the the RT, just as I would be a member of Ladies Circle. The girls found their first new friends they vibed splendidly with. And the most overjoyed of us all...Me! I took back a bounty basket...of a good new friend, a Full-time cook, a job at the University, with promises of lots of help and guidance settling down. All of this...with an enormous dose of friendship and goodwill!

A strong bond cultivated with the Desais over just one random evening more than four decades ago has been sustained and nurtured and remains strong even till today. That's the spirit and magic of Round Table and Ladies Circle, where friends become family and bonds are forever!

Round Table....Ladies Circle....41 Club...Tangent Club Zindabad!

Bhanu Ramaswami T 10 Bangalore

It all began in September 2024 when I was assigned the role of National champion of performing arts arena. President Smita entrusted me with this beautiful responsibility. We were to provide our roadmap to engage Tangents across the country in events connected with performing arts. I was given the month of March. President Smita & I chose to conduct a fun, musical evening where we could provide a platform for singers and actors amongst us. It was a three-pronged objective:

- a) Provide a platform for the talented singers and actors to showcase their talent nationally
- b) Uncover, spot & recognize the reservoir of talent available within us
- c) Create a fun evening where all let their hair loose and enjoy a carefree evening

So... the planning began- well in advance. We shared the communication and asked for the audition videos in December. The event was to be called VOICE OF TANGENT & DRAMA QUEEN.

Our talented members started singing/ acting and sending videos. After preliminary screening, we had the list of finalists for both the categories.

Now, the planning began in full earnest for the mega event to be hosted in the last week of March. Instructions were sent to all finalists to prepare two songs for the grand finale.

Finally, the day dawned, nice and bright. Our team along with the singers joined at sharp 5pm. We conducted a technical check, where we heard the voices and music, checking synchronization and volumes that the singers were to follow. The audience started pouring in at 6 pm. It was a great sight to see audience from all over the Country, looking forward to meeting our talented Tangents.

We began the evening with the rendition of the recently launched Tangent song. The nervous, excited, happy finalists were all set for the big event. The sequence of the singers was in alphabetic order. We began with Bijal Kalbag from Mumbai, who was on a holiday at Canada. Wasn't it fabulous to see the dedication? She sang a beautiful song from Sharmilee (Megha chaaye aadhi raat) and floored the listeners with her superb singing.

Next to entertain was Jasmeet from Coimbatore. She sang the beautiful song – Hai apna dil toh awara, acing the high notes and leaving an impact. Next on this awesome list, was Manjooshree from Salem who truly mesmerized us with Main tenu samjhavaan kee.

The audience was spellbound with the energy, quality and range. This was followed by Priya Khator from Surat who engaged us with Umrao Jaan- (Dil cheez kya hai).

Suja Arun from Coimbatore, an accomplished and polished singer then enthralled us with the semi classical Baiyaan na dharo O Balma. Her classical nuances and voice control, along with the right emotions for the song mesmerized us all.

Last on this list was Vani Singhala from Hubli, who chose to grip our attention with Piya tose naina lage re from the iconic movie- Guide. This was the first round and the audience was keenly listening and marking the singers.

Next on the plate were the vibrant Drama Queens, Jayashree Chaudhry from Mumbai and Jayshree Thapar from Delhi. Their tongue-in-cheek humour and their conviction on the supremacy and assertive role of women, really stormed the evening. Their acts not only made us laugh and giggle, but also cemented the fact that Woman power is not a myth and control eventually lies with the woman.

A second round was held for the singers, where they chose songs of their choice and sang without any accompanying music. The highlight of this round was the clear voice of the singers, their range and control. What took our breaths away was the surprise yoodling by our star Manjooshree.

The audience poll was activated and results were declared immediately. Manjooshree walked away with the title of VOICE OF TANGENT. Runners up were Suja Arun and Bijal. The DRAMA QUEENS were our two J's.

The finale was the open mike session, where we were captivated with the excellent singing by secretary Archana, VP Lakshmi and President Smita.

Certificates and gifts have been sent to the winners and we Congratulate them on their stupendous success. I was not wrong in saying that Talent and Tangent are not just words that sound similar but resonate with the same ethos and are twins in meaning too.

All-in-all a delightful, engrossing evening, full of energy, music, drama, fellowship, love and abundance of talent discovered and acknowledged by Tangent India. We are supremely blessed to have been a part of this lovely evening and are grateful to Tangent for giving us this platform.

VOICE OF TANGENT & DRAMA QUEEN



Bhupinder chawala T3 DELHI

Voice of Tangent 2025

Singers - hurry - send your entries

Record a video stating the following:
"I am - from club - . This is my entry for VOICE OF TANGENT 2025"

This is to be followed by a duet and a solo of any song

Song may be with or without music

Entries to reach me at 9810770202 by 15 Jan 2025

The best entries will perform live on zoom in the first week of Feb 2025

The best singer bags the title of VOICE OF TANGENT.

DRAMA QUEEN

- If You have it in you
- If you can create some drama
- If you can talk to convince
- If you are a queen of histrionics...
- THIS IS THE STAGE FOR YOU

**Power of Friendship
Power of Women**

These are the themes.
*create a two minute talk/ skit/ mono-act on one of these topics
*POST THE VIDEO ON 9810770202 BY 15 JAN 2025
*Best entries get to perform on a zoom platform in Feb 2025

Finalists for Voice of Tangent

Suja Arun	T 48
Manjooshree	T 23
Jasmeet	T 48
Bijal	T 1
Priya Khator	T 32
Vani Singola	T 22

Finalists for Drama Queen

The two J's
Jayashree Chaudhary
Jayshree Thapar

Performing Arts Arena

Invites you to our MEGA EVENT

at 6pm on Wednesday 26TH MARCH 2025

Let's crown the Voice of Tangent - Grand Event

It promises to be a fun-filled evening, entertaining evening. So get into this chance. Be there, at least 5 songs.

The zoom link will be sent to you on 26th morning

Announcing our Voice of Tangent

Winner- Dr. Manjooshree-T23

1st Runner up- Suja Arun -T 48

2nd Runner up- Bijal Kalbag-T1

HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE

Tangent Drama Queens

Jayashree Chaudhry
T 15- Mumbai

Jayshree Thapar
T 3- Delhi

VOICE OF TANGENT & DRAMA QUEEN



A Memorable 50th Birthday in Kashmir

Celebrating my 50th birthday in the heavenly valley of Kashmir was one of the most unforgettable experiences of my life. Surrounded by my family Past President 41 club, Srini, my kids Kausthub and Esha along with two of my closest friends—Tangent Alpa and her family, and Tangent Shanoo with hers—we set out on a journey that was as joyful as it was scenic.

From the moment we arrived, Kashmir welcomed us with its snow-capped peaks, blooming gardens, and the calm, mirror-like surface of Dal Lake. We explored the charming town of Gulmarg, where the kids enjoyed snow play while the adults took in the majestic views from the cable car ride. In Pahalgam, the pine forests and riverside walks gave us a chance to slow down and soak in nature's beauty.

One of the most magical experiences was our shikara ride on Dal Lake in Srinagar. As the boat gently glided through the water, we shared laughter, snacks, and stories. It felt like time stood still. That evening, we celebrated my birthday with a small gathering, surrounded by friends, family, and the peaceful beauty of the valley. The love and warmth in that moment were more special than any gift.

Experience off staying in the most luxurious Khyber hotel in Gulmarg known for its stunning views, top-notch amenities, and all-season experiences, was out of this world and cheery on the cake (literally).

We also indulged in delicious Kashmiri cuisine—rogan josh, kahwa, and local breads were instant favourites. The hospitality of the locals made us feel right at home.

This trip was more than just a vacation—it was a celebration of life, love, and lasting friendships. Turning 50 in such a magical place, with people who matter the most, reminded me how precious shared memories are. Kashmir gave us not only postcard-worthy views but also moments of connection and joy that we will carry in our hearts forever.

Priya Srinivasu ,
Chairperson, Tangent 6,
Mumbai Mavericks ,

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Smita Sharad Shevade
Hubli T22

Bored of eating same baigan ka bharta again n again? Try this village style bharta ,which is spicy,tangy and equally fast, simple recipe.

Baigan Bharta Village Style

Ingredients

- Bharte ka baigan -1 big
- Dry red chillies - 4-5
- Mustard seeds - 1 tsp
- Curry leaves - 2 sprig
- Onion 1 or sambar onions
- Coriander leaves - handful
- Tamarind pulp - as needed
- Jaggery - little
- Oil 2 tbsp
- Salt as required.

Method

- Chop onion roughly, if using sambar onions then dont chop.
- Cut baigan into cubes .
- Heat oil and Fry baigan cubes till done.
- Dry roast red chillies, mustard seeds and curry leaves together. Cool it.
- Make powder of it in a mixie.
- In the same jar , add cooked baigan cubes, chopped onions, coriander leaves , salt. And just pulse it to coarse paste. Add tamarind pulp and jaggery and mix well.
- Add little water if needed. Do not grind it to fine paste.
- You can also roast the baigan by applying oil over the baigan over the gas , remove the burnt skin and mash the cooked baigan instead of cutting it



Crispy potato with Curry Patta

Ingredients

- Potatoes - 2 big
- Oil - 2 + 1 tbsp
- Curry leaves - 1 big bowl
- Garlic- 6-8 cloves
- Red chilli powder - as per taste
- Cumin powder - 1/2 tsp
- Hing - pinch
- Haldi - 1/4 tsp
- Salt- as per taste

Method

- Wash the potatoes and peel off. Cut into equal sized cubes. Keep in cold water for 10- 15. Min and drain the water. Dry them by patting with kitchen napkin.
- Wash curry leaves and dry on kitchen napkin.
- Roast the curry leaves till crisp and keep aside.
- In the same pan heat 1 tbsp of oil, add smashed garlic. Roast on low flame till crispy. Cool it.
- Add 2 tbsp of oil in a pan, add dried potatoes and toss them . Add salt and toss them. Don't cover the pan, cook in slow flame, tossing in between untill brown and crispy.
- Meanwhile in a mixie jar add roasted curry leaves, garlic , little salt. Grind it to coarse mixture..
- Add this to crispy potatoes, add red chilli powder, cumin powder, hing and salt as needed. Toss well to cover potato cubes from all sides. Can squeeze little lemon juice on it.
- Serve hot on a bed of curd rice.
- Can be eaten with roti
- Or can be served as starter by cutting potatoes into wedges instead of cubes.

Enjoy simple yet tasty potatoes with goodness of currypatta !!





Tangent India