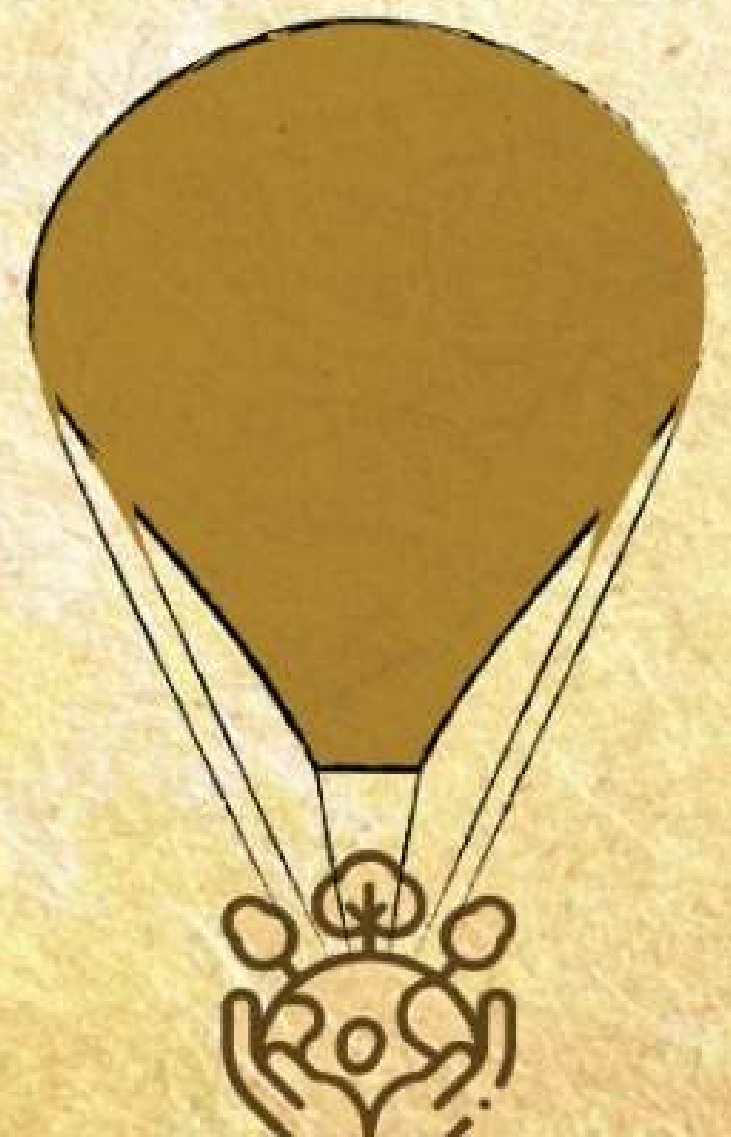
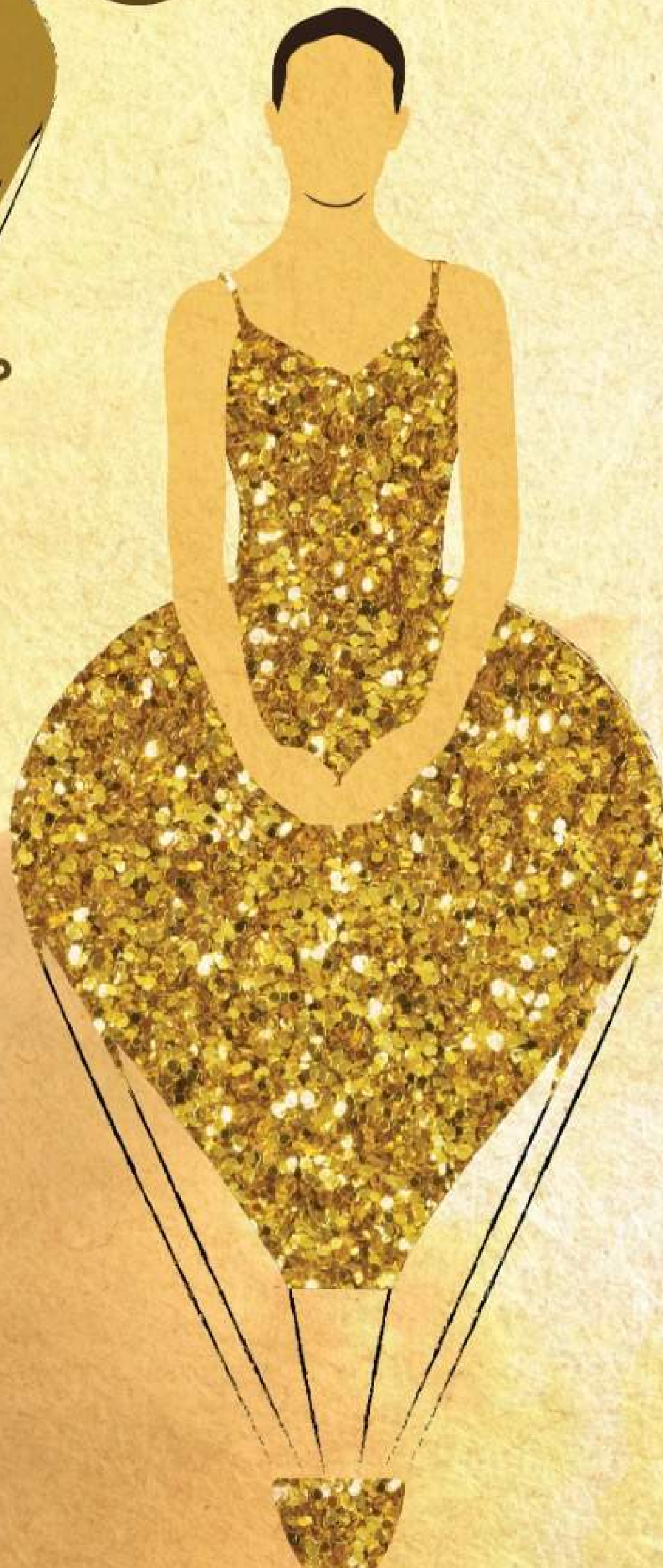
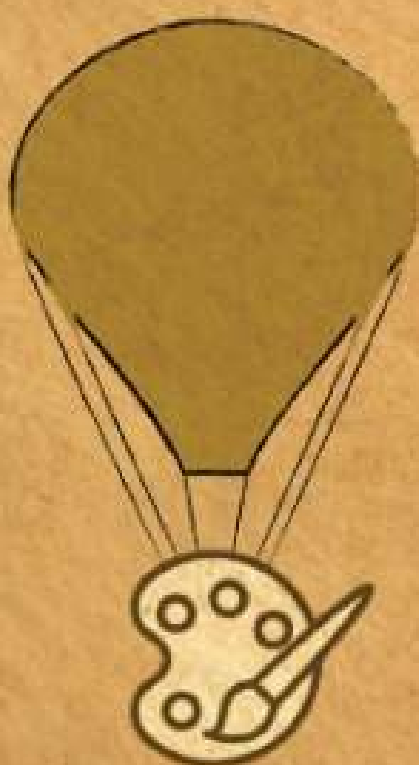
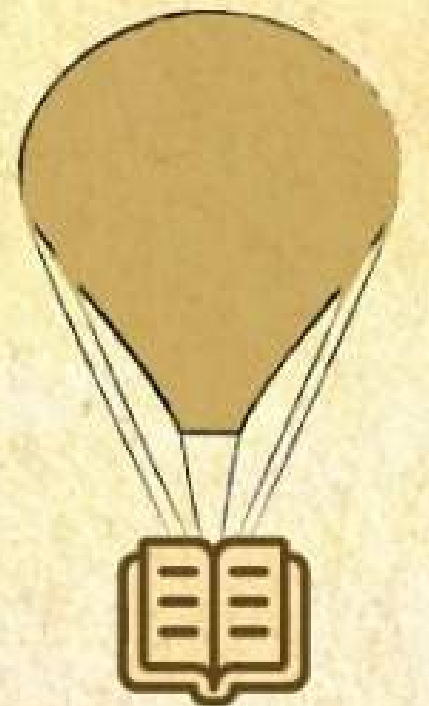
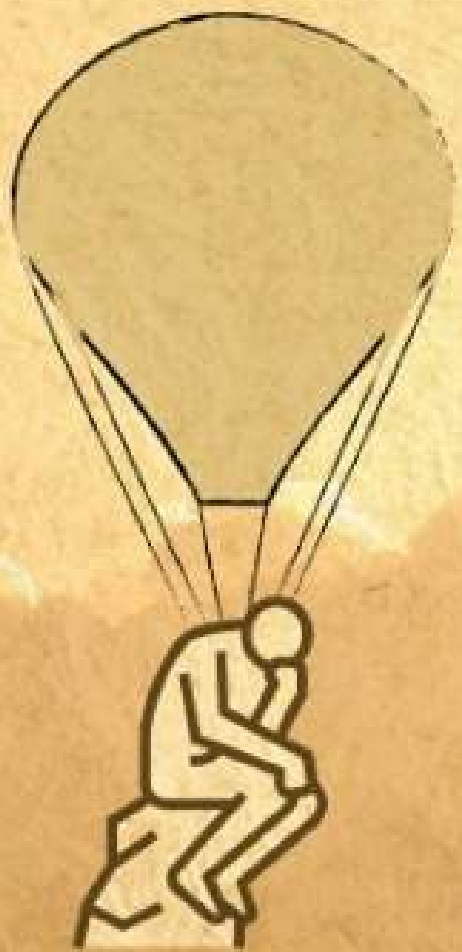
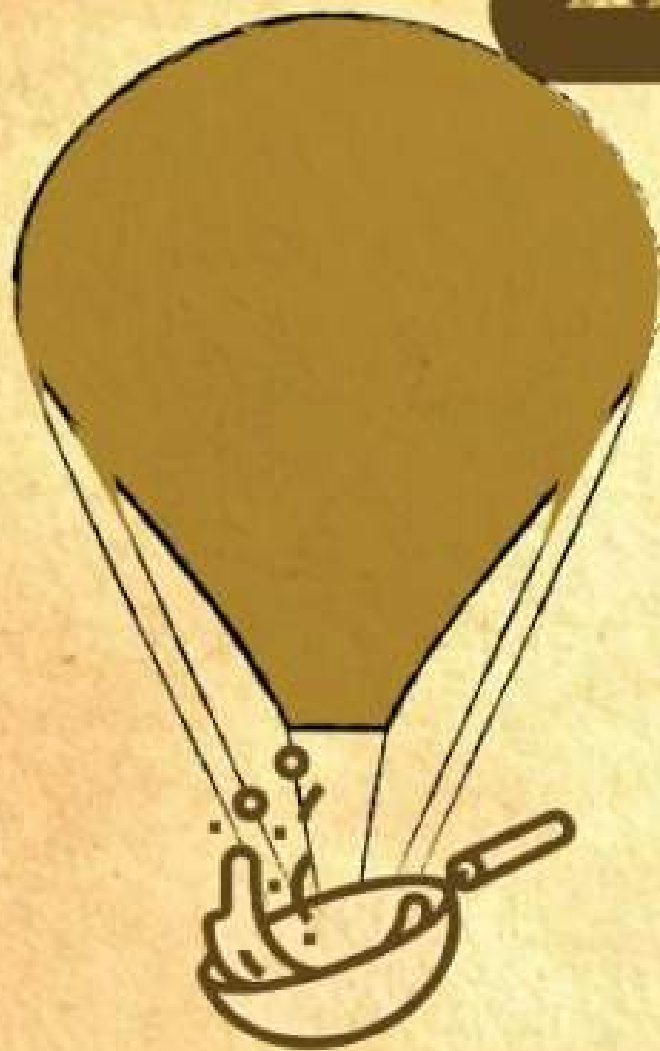
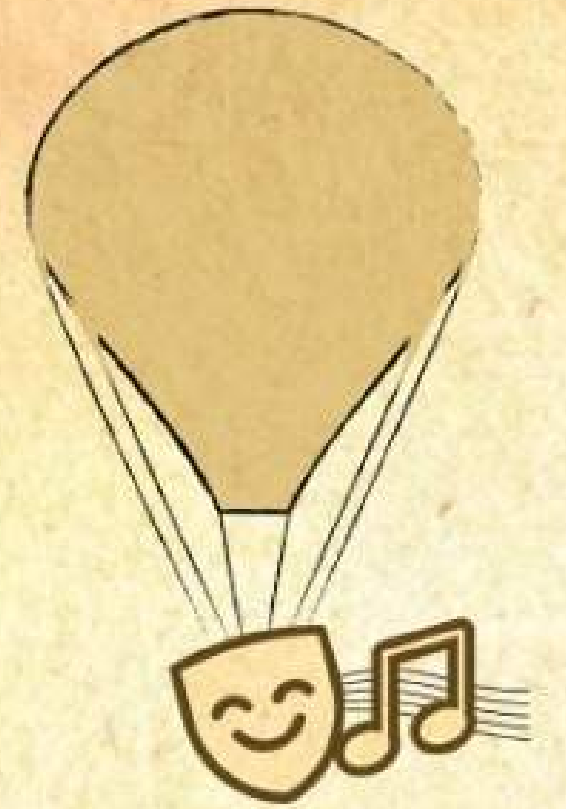
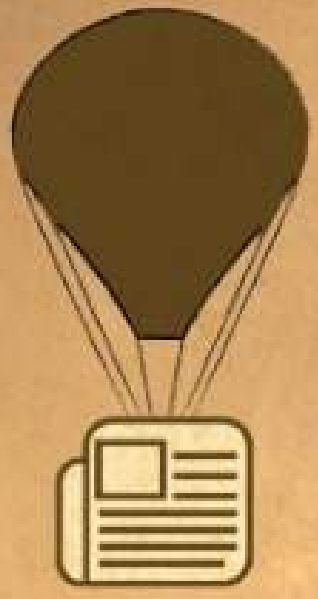




# Around the World in 8 Ways



*April 2024*

# APRIL AT A GLANCE

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1st	<b>Mon</b>	10:00 am 11:00 am	<b>Managing Committee Executive Committee</b>
2nd	<b>Tue</b>	10:15 am	<b>History, Culture &amp; Tours @ Boat Club</b>
18th	<b>Thu</b>	10:15 am	<b>Cooking Swapshop @ Sandy's</b>
23rd	<b>Tue</b>	10:15 am	<b>Current Events @ Madras Club</b>
24th	<b>Wed</b>	2:15 pm	<b>Book Discussion @ Zoom</b>
29th	<b>Mon</b>	10:15 am	<b>Annual General Meeting @ ITC Welcome, Cathedral Road</b>

# FROM THE PRESIDENTS

The final newsletter of the 2023-24 year is dedicated to our cherished members, expressing our deep appreciation for your invaluable assistance, kindness, and camaraderie throughout the year.

As Presidents, we've had a busy yet wonderfully enjoyable year, full of amazing memories. We want to thank you for letting us lead, and we're really looking forward to next year's IWA meetings!

With deep appreciation, we extend our heartfelt thanks to the **Managing and Executive Committees** for their unwavering commitment in organizing an engaging and diverse array of events. Thank you **Sadiya Khaleel, Raylsi Ballhatchet, Somna Sachdev, Stefanie Andruchowicz, Deepali Goyal and Swati Reddy** for your commitment and involvement throughout the year. Our sincere appreciation also goes to the **Executive Committee - Nusrret Cassam & Viraj Thakore** (Arts & Handicrafts), **Rajshri Sundrani & Sushi Goklaney** ( Book Discussion), **Shefalii Dadabhoy & Anjali Sacheti** (Cooking Swapshop), **Rekha Rangaraj & Sukhee Lee** (Current Events), **Rinku Mecheri & Nalini Pandey** (Health & Ecology ), **Jaya Mahbubani & Rohini Tummala** (History, Culture & Tours), **Jyothi Ganesh & Jansi Kishore** (Music & Performing Arts), **Deepa Ramaprasad & Catherine Reddy** (Philosophy & Reigion). Your efforts have truly made this year special for IWA.

We express our gratitude to every member of the **Advisory, Election, Membership, and Music Committees** for their valuable contributions and steadfast support to IWA.

The just concluded **Grand Finale** was truly spectacular, and it's all thanks to your whole hearted participation.

We take this opportunity to thank the members who supported us with this event. Thank you **Rekha Rangaraj, Javanthi Singaram, Mallika Venkatramani, Nirupa Sundaravadanan, Kanta Gupta, Era Kalra, Ramani Reddy & Mansha Bhatia**.

We extend our sincere appreciation to **Vanitha Mudaliar** for graciously providing her premises as the registered office for IWA.

We eagerly anticipate your presence at the upcoming **AGM on Monday, April 29th**. Should you be unable to attend, kindly forward your leave of absence to the membership secretary.

Congratulations to the incoming **Managing and Executive Committees** and we wish them a happy and successful year in office.

And finally **Stay Shining!**

**RITU SAHI**

**SANYUKTA GILL**

# FROM THE VICE PRESIDENTS

This year IWA set its course to **Explore the World in 8 Ways** and what a year it has been!

We enjoyed a wide range of topics that brought out excellent speakers and the most innovative meeting formats we have seen. This could only be possible thanks to the heartfelt dedication of the **Managing and Executive Committees** and the encouragement and support from all the **members**.

We incorporated new tools to communicate our newsletters and hosted many more home meetings this year, which undoubtedly brought us all closer together.

**Raylsi** will be saying goodbye to Chennai later this year and she would like to express her gratitude to IWA, for its members have made her time in India a truly memorable one.

Presidents **Ritu** and **Sanyukta**, thank you for making this year another wonderful one. Your leadership was an example of commitment and graceful dedication, from which we have learnt and hope to carry forward next year.

**SADIYA KHALEEL**

**RAYLSI R BALLHATCHET**

Dear IWA friends,

An IWA year paved with gold – it was a grand plan, and reality exceeded our expectations! While we are still mesmerized by the stardust that is filling the IWA sky, the year is already coming to an end. We look back on a beautiful journey, full of surprises and enthralling adventures.

Our shoes are dusty, and our seatbelts are a little loose, but our minds are loaded with new treasures and our hearts are packed with shared memories and friendships.

We owe a debt of gratitude to Presidents **Ritu** and **Sanyukta** for their unwavering patience and superb guidance. Their creativity and steady leadership has been instrumental in navigating us through the year with remarkable ease. Their presence together with an exceptional Managing Committee has provided us with the assurance needed to shine in our roles as Secretaries.

A big round of applause goes to an **Executive Committee** with a truly golden touch! Their enthusiasm and dedication has offered us fantastic topics and speakers, and has been key in ensuring that our collective efforts yield the best possible results.

We extend our thanks to the **Membership Committee** for their invaluable contributions in selecting new candidates and for providing expert guidance and counsel at every turn.

Lastly, our heartfelt gratitude goes to our **dear members** for their unwavering faith and encouragement. Your support has been the driving force behind our endeavours, and we eagerly anticipate your continued support in the coming year.

**SOMNA SACHDEV      STEFANIE ANDRUCHOWITZ**

# FROM THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

This eventful year is coming to a close and soon a new IWA year will be starting. Details of the **membership renewal** process will be shared after the **Annual General Meeting**.

To ensure our records are up-to-date, please fill out all the sections of the renewal form accurately and forward by email or WhatsApp as directed.

We look forward to seeing all of you next year, but **if any member is not planning to renew her membership, please do let us know.** Also, if a member is likely to be absent from IWA for a month or more, **Leave of Absence**, request should be submitted prior to or beginning of the period.

All members are reminded that they should request a **Leave of Absence in advance by email if they are unable to attend the Annual General Meeting.** This is a statutory requirement.

**SOMNA SACHDEV**

# FROM THE TREASURERS

This year has been a fantastic display of IWA spirit. Members have participated whole-heartedly in all events and kept the IWA camaraderie on an unmistakable high. **Under the able guidance of Ritu and Sanyukta**, we have had a compendium of activities ranging from a discussion on the Sindhi diaspora to watching Mamma Mia in Mumbai. The many interesting, well curated trips were a highlight this year. We feel that our Presidents this year were dedicated to making it an inclusive year and successfully created a uniquely fantastic one.

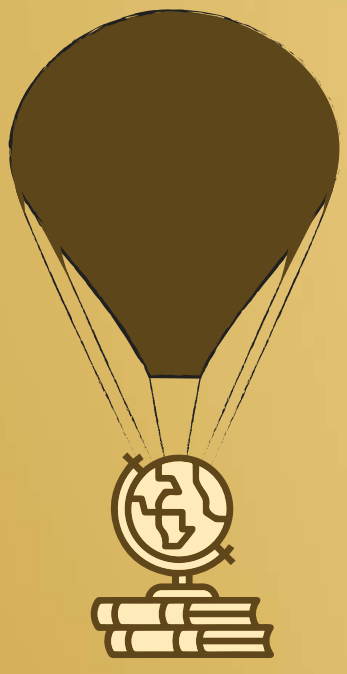
**We thank the membership for continuing our digital process** for fee renewal, making us a more responsible organisation following **sustainable practices**. We thank the **Management and Executive Committees** for diligently helping us in fee renewal follow-up and in **keeping the accounts clear and precise**. **Ritu** with her meticulous planning made it effortless to keep a handle on expenses this year and **Sanyukta** with her calm demeanour and refreshing humour made the execution of events truly enjoyable.

It has been a rewarding experience being a part of the committee this year.

We wish **Sheetal Parakh** and **Geetha Muthusamy**, the new treasurers a fantastic year ahead.

**DEEPALI GOYAL**

**SWATI REDDY**



# HISTORY, CULTURE AND TOURS

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**TUE | 2 APR | 10:15 AM  
@ BOAT CLUB**

**SHWETA PATWARDHAN**

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**A BAILAR!**

**JAYA MAHBUBANI  
ROHINI TUMMALA**

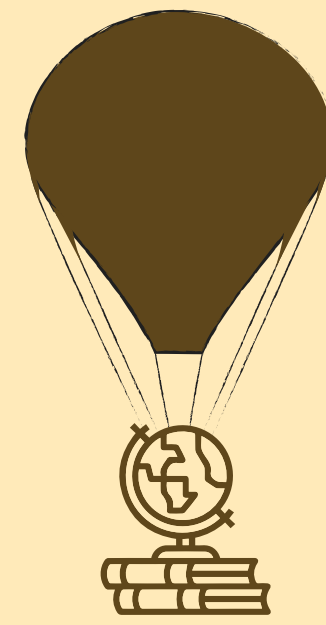




**Date:** Tue, 2nd April

**Time:** 10.15 am

**Venue:** Boat Club,  
2, 3rd Ave Boat Club Road,  
Raja Annamalai Puram,  
Chennai -600 028



## A BAILAR!

Next-Gen, **Shweta Patwardhan** daughter of IWA member **Jaya-Tambay Patwardhan**, is ready to **salsa** us through the fascinating multicultural history of the dance. From the catchy music to its roots in the Caribbean, it has taken the world by storm.

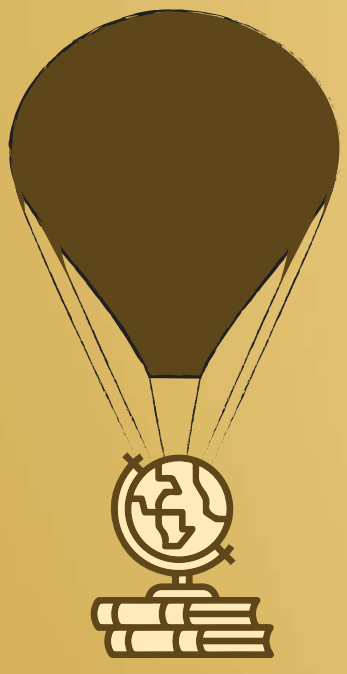
The dance originates from a combination of Indigenous and African percussion styles, Spanish guitar, and American jazz and ballroom culture. These influences came together in the 20th century through the interconnected cultures of Cuba, Puerto Rico, and New York City - and the genre continues to be influenced and evolve even today! **Shweta** currently lives in NYC, where she works at a fintech startup after having been at Goldman Sachs for 5 years. She is a magna cum laude graduate from Wellesley College. A semester in Buenos Aires, Argentina, kindled her passion that currently finds expression in the vibrant NYC salsa community.

Her talk will be pepped with a demonstration of salsa steps, be ready to join in as well!

We thank **Jaya Patwardhan** for being the Day Facilitator.

**JAYA MAHBUBANI**

**ROHINI TUMMALA**



**3RD TO 10TH APRIL**

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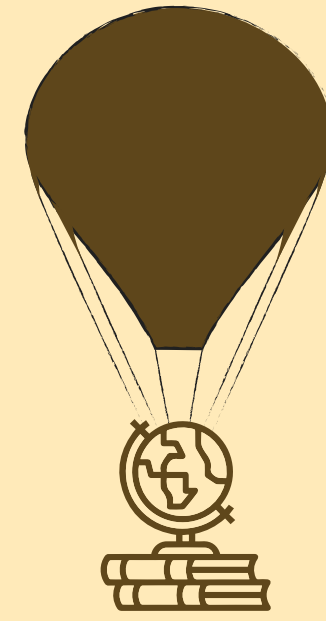
**KASHMIR ODYSSEY!**

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**JAYA MAHBUBANI  
ROHINI TUMMALA**



**Date:** 3rd to 10th April



## **KASHMIR ODYSSEY**

Excitement builds up as we get ready to indulge in the mesmerizing beauty of **Kashmir** from April 3rd to 10th. All travelers are looking forward to experiencing the enchanting allure of **Srinagar, Pahalgam, and Gulmarg**. From cruising on serene lakes in **Srinagar** to exploring the vibrant markets and sampling delicious **Kashmiri cuisine**, there's something for everyone.

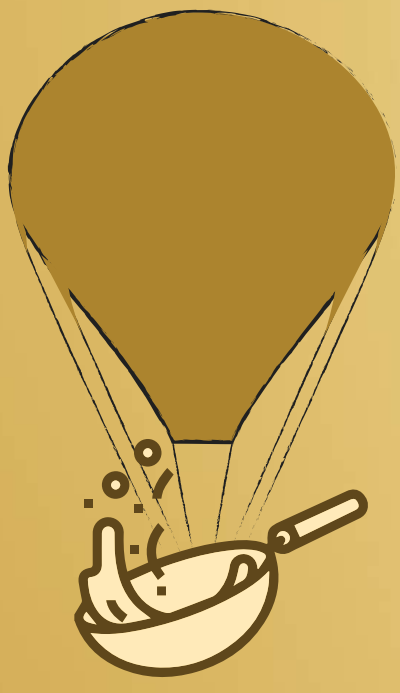
In **Pahalgam**, we wait to immerse in the **tranquility of nature** with leisurely strolls along the **Lidder River** and picnics amidst verdant valleys.

Finally, in **Gulmarg**, the panoramic views of snow-capped mountains, scenic gondola ride and simply relaxing and soaking in the serene ambiance of this charming hill station will be a hard to forget experience on this **Kashmir Odyssey!**

We are ready for a week of unforgettable experiences and cherished memories in the paradise of Kashmir!

**JAYA MAHBUBANI**

**ROHINI TUMMALA**



**THU | 18 APR | 10:15 AM  
@ SANDY'S**

**SANDESH REDDY**

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**FROM FLOUR TO FORK, MASTERING  
THE ART OF HANDMADE PASTA**

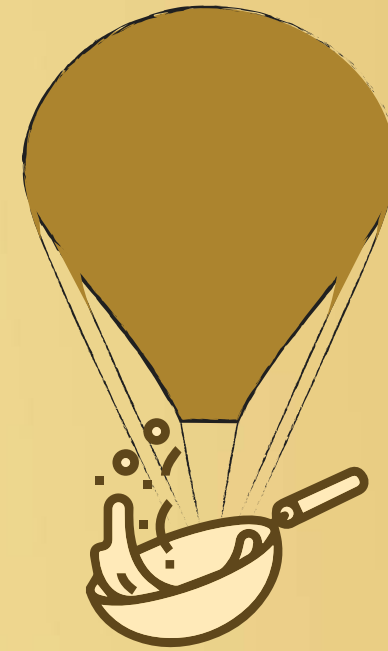
**SHEFALII DADABHOY  
ANJALI SACHETI**



**Date:** Thu, 18th April

**Time:** 10:15 am

**Venue:** Sandy's Chocolate Laboratory,  
84, 1st main Road, (Opp RR Donnelley)  
R.A puram  
Chennai - 600 028



## “FROM FLOUR TO FORK, MASTERING THE ART OF HANDMADE PASTA”

Learn the craft of making fresh Pasta from chef & restaurateur **Sandesh Reddy** at **Sandy's Chocolate Laboratory**.

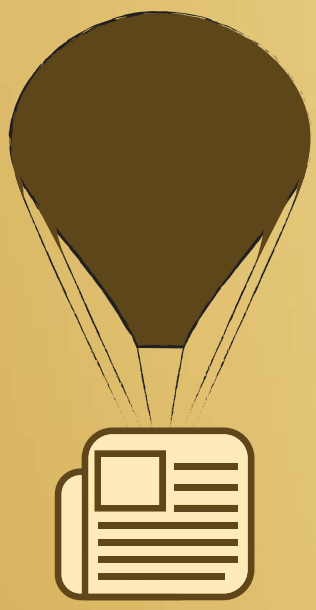
Once you learn how to mix, knead, and roll fresh pasta dough, you'll want fresh pasta all the time. So let's roll up Our sleeves and learn how to make one of the world's favourite dishes.

This is a members only warn in meeting for first 20 sign ups.

Please warn in with **Shefalii Dadabhoy @ 97898 89955**.

**SHEFALII DADABHOY**

**ANJALI SACHETI**



**TUE | 23 APR | 10:15 AM**  
**@ MADRAS CLUB**

**ABHISHEK BHARATHKUMAR**

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**LETS CHURN THE GREY CELLS!**

**REKHA RANGARAJ**  
**SUKHEE LEE**

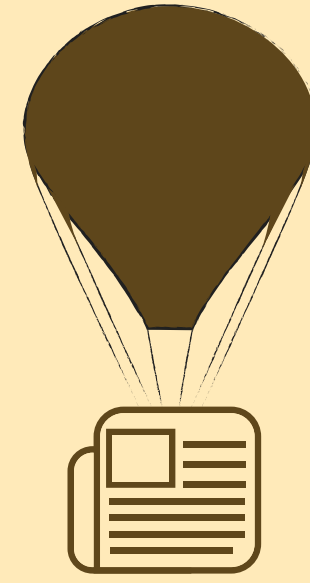


# CURRENT EVENTS

**Date:** Tue, 23rd April

**Time:** 10:15 am.

**Venue:** Madras Club,  
8, Adyar Club Gate Road  
R A Puram,  
Chennai 600 028.



## LETS CHURN THE GREY CELLS!

**Rekha Rangaraj, Vidya Singh and Jyothi Ganesh** invite you to welcome **Abhishek Bharathkumar** at a Special Morning get together.

A celebrity Quiz Master, Emcee and Trivia buff, **Abhishek** is known for the fun and camaraderie he adds to his events! Get ready to be quizzed on things that are light, fun & current!

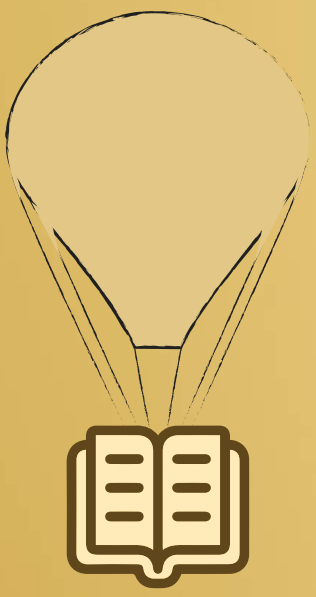
We thank **Vidya Singh** for being our Day Facilitator.

**REKHA RANGARAJ**

**SUKHEE LEE**

# BOOK DISCUSSION

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**WED | 24 APR | 2:15 PM  
@ ZOOM**

**JOE BROWNING WROE**

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**A TERRIBLE KINDNESS**

**RAJSHRI SUNDRANI  
SUSHI GOKLANEY**

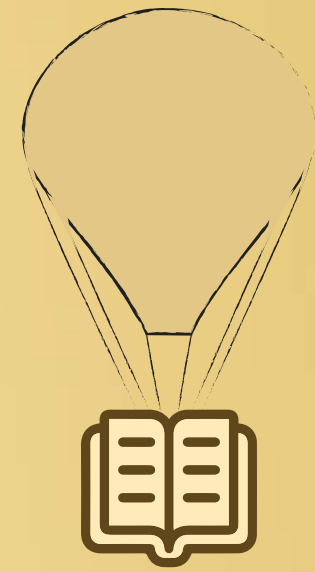




**Date:** Wed, 24th April

**Time:** 2:15 pm

**Venue:** Zoom



## A TERRIBLE KINDNESS

Taking us back to the 1960s, **Jo Browning Wroe** tells the story of a young man called William, that sees his life changed after volunteering to help at the Aberfan disaster in South Wales. Shaped by PTSD, music, friends and family, William's story is told carefully detailed, taking the reader on a journey that reflects on life in 1960's Britain.

**Jo Browning Wroe** has an MA in Creative Writing from the University of East Anglia and a BA in English and Education from the University of Cambridge, where she now teaches on their postgraduate certificate in teaching creative writing. Her debut novel, **A Terrible Kindness** was a **Sunday Times bestseller**, translated into several languages and shortlisted for the Bridport Peggy Chapman-Andrews award, the RSL Christopher Bland Prize and longlisted for the Prix du Roman Fnac. She has two adult daughters and lives in Cambridge with her husband.

Jo will be in conversation with **Raylsi Ballhatchet** to share with us what inspired her novel and the writing journey to create **A Terrible Kindness**.

**RAJSHRI SUNDRANI**

**SUSHI GOKLANEY**

# FROM THE ELECTION COMMITTEE

**The office bearers of the  
Managing Committee 2024-25  
are as follows:**

	<b>INDIAN</b>	<b>NON-INDIAN</b>
<b>Presidents</b>	<b>Sadiya Khaleel</b>	<b>Stefanie Andruchowitz</b>
<b>Vice Presidents</b>	<b>Somna Sachdev</b>	<b>Fabienne Manele</b>
<b>Secretaries</b>	<b>Nirupa Sundaravadanan</b>	<b>Bettina Kjeldgaard</b>
<b>Treasurers</b>	<b>Sheetal Parakh</b>	<b>Geetha Muthusamy</b>

**Our Congratulations and best wishes to  
them for a successful term**

**Chairperson**

**Nabila Avais**

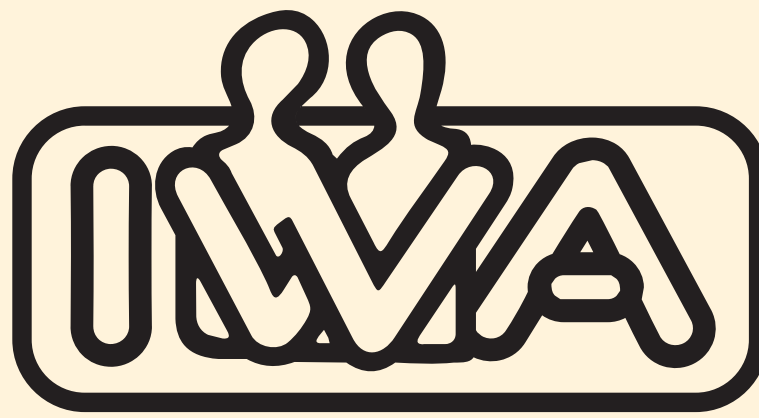
**Members**

**Anita Kapoor**

**Anjana Sunil**

**Kausalya Santhanam**

**Sheela Sarath**



## Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the IWA Annual General Meeting will be held on

Monday, 29th April 2024 at 11:00 am , at the ITC Welcom hotel, Cathedral Road,

Parthasarathypuram, Teynampet, Chennai, Tamil Nadu 600 086

Attendance Sign-up: 10:15 am - 11:00 am

AGM commences: 11:00 am

The Agenda for the meeting is follows:

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|---|-----------------------|
| o Welcome Address   | Sanyukta Gill         |
| o Passing of 2023 AGM Minutes (sent out by email)   | Stefanie Andruchowitz |
| o Secretary's Report  | Stefanie Andruchowitz |
| o Membership Secretary's Report   | Somna Sachdev         |
| o Treasurer's Report  | Deepali Goyal         |
| o Adoption of the Audited Accounts for the year 2023-2024   |                       |
| o Appointment of Auditors for 2024-2025   |                       |
| o To pass a special resolution authorizing the Presidents to prematurely close the fixed deposits maintained by IWA, up to a maximum amount of ₹1 lakh per annum. |                       |
| o To pass a special resolution to refrain from increasing the Annual Membership Fee for the Members of IWA for the Fiscal Year 2024-25                            |                       |
| o Any Other Business  |                       |
| o Remarks by the outgoing President   | Ritu Sahi             |
| o Introduction of the Election Committee  | Nabila Avais          |
| o Presentation of the New Managing Committee 2024-2025  |                       |
| o Address by the incoming Presidents  | Sadiya Khaleel        |
|   | Stefanie Andruchowitz |
| o Introduction of the New Executive Committee   |                       |
| o Vote of Thanks  | Seema Bhargava        |

RITU SAHI SANYUKTA GILL

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# GALLERY - GRAND FINALE SUPPER THEATRE







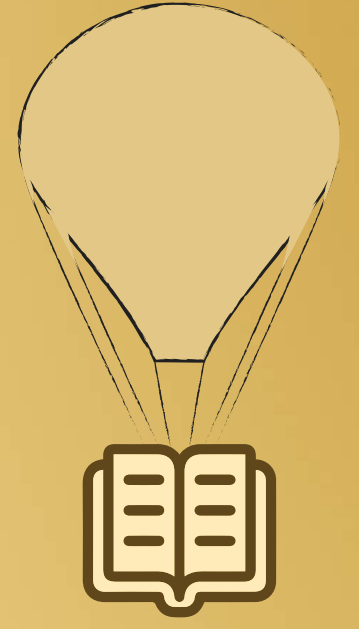








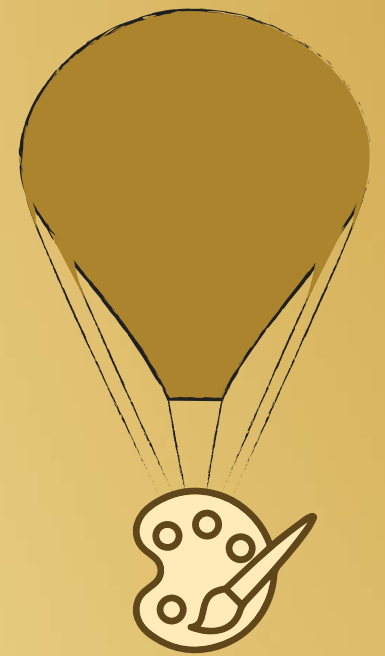
**“SLEEP- THE MIRACLE MEDICINE  
FOR YOUR MIND AND BODY”-  
DEEPA KANNAN**



**BOOK DISCUSSION**



# “LET’S BE ICONIC”-JYOTIKA KAPOOR



## ARTS & HANDICRAFTS

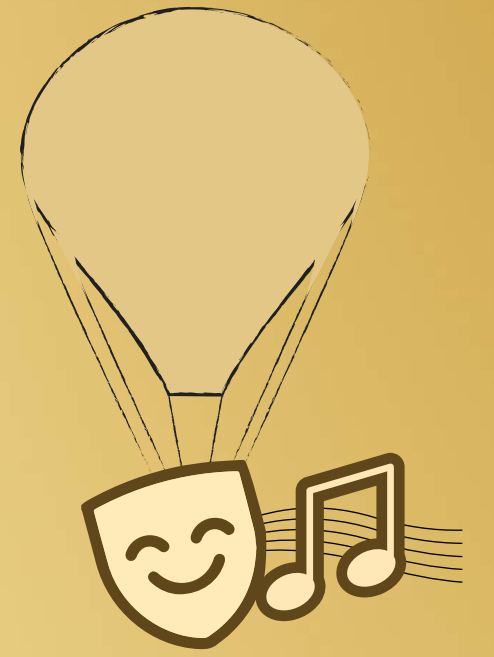


# SPECIAL EVENT

## A MORNING WITH DR. PREETHA REDDY



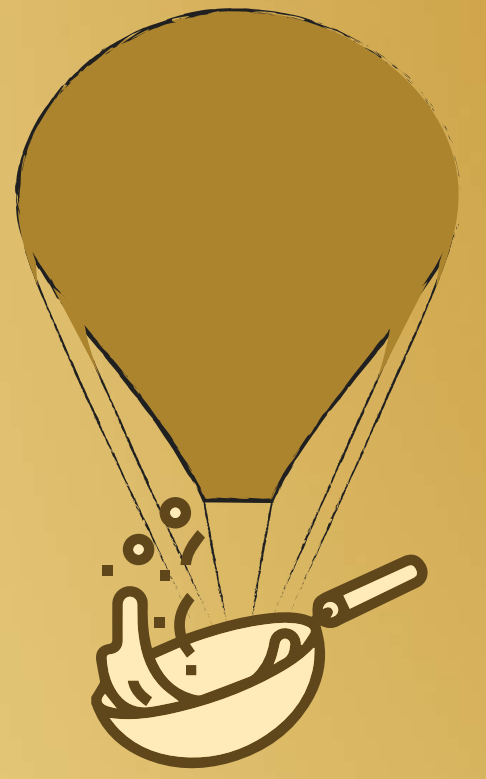
# “A BLACK BOX PLAY-HOLD THE MUSHROOMS”



## MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS



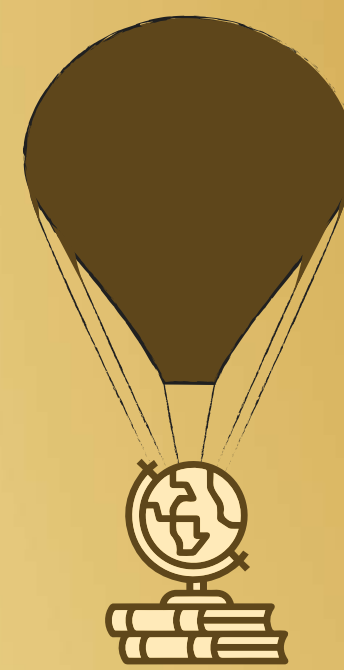
# “FIKA & FLOUR - THE SRT OF NORDIC BAKING”- SUBBIKA GANESAN



**COOKING SWAPSHOP**



# “TETE-A-TETE OVER BRIOCHE AND TEA” -FABIENNE MANELE



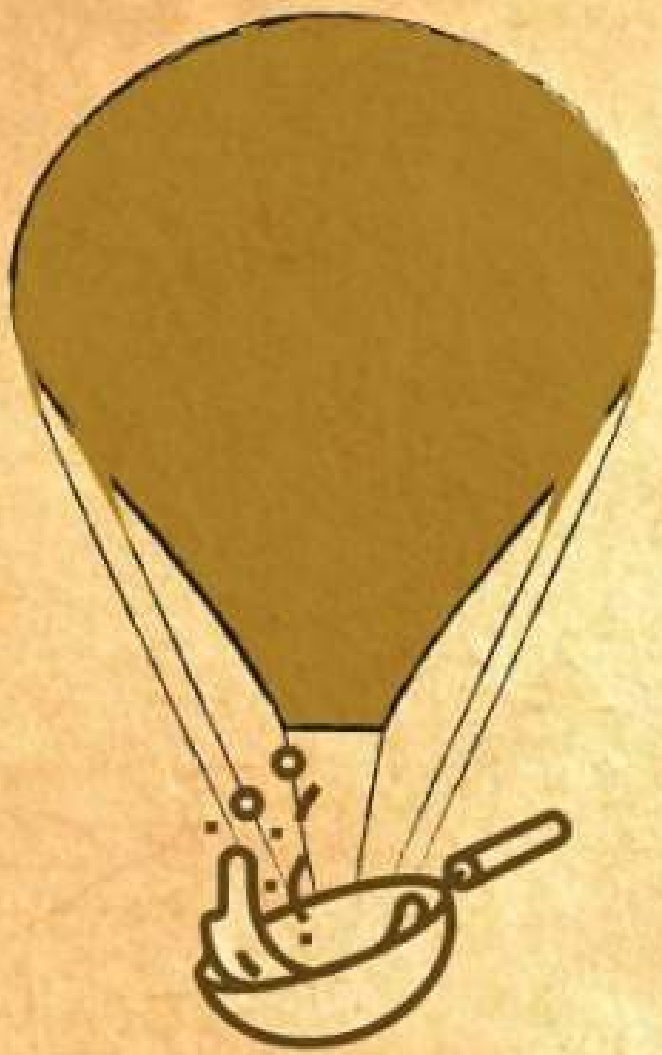
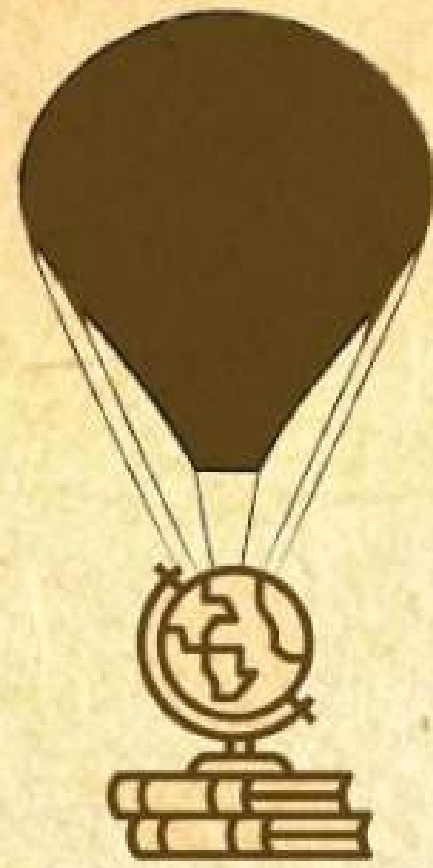
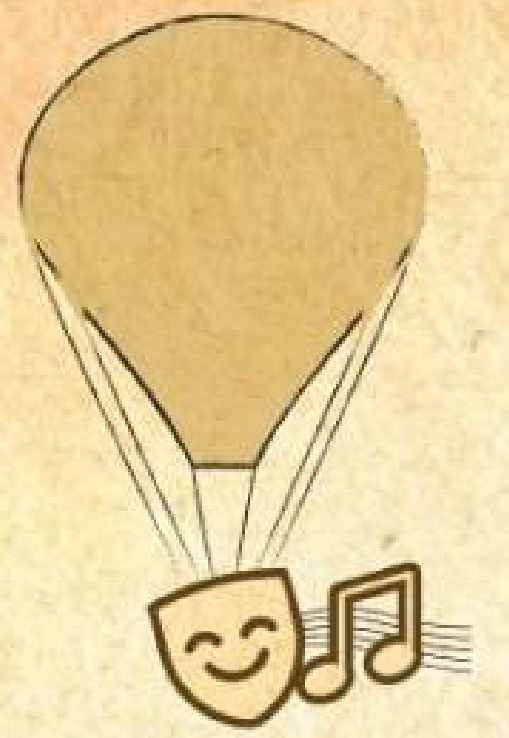
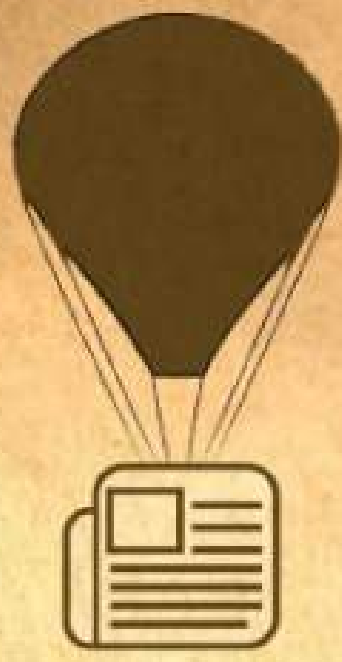
## HISTORY, CULTURE & TOURS



**Former Presidents**

<b>1986 - 1988</b>	<b>Nirmal Seshadri</b>	<b>Nancy Dean</b>
<b>1988 - 1990</b>	<b>Vanitha Mudaliar</b>	<b>Barbara Clarkson</b>
<b>1990 - 1991</b>	<b>Sunita Shahaney</b>	<b>Janet Picken</b>
<b>1991 - 1992</b>	<b>Nirmal Mirza</b>	<b>Stina Vasu</b>
<b>1992 - 1993</b>	<b>Malini Vijayaraghavan</b>	<b>Maureen Hudson Murari</b>
<b>1993 - 1994</b>	<b>Nanditha Krishna</b>	<b>Aruna Vijaykumar</b>
<b>1994 - 1995</b>	<b>Lily Madhok</b>	<b>Margaret Sekharan</b>
<b>1995 - 1996</b>	<b>Zubeida Asgarali</b>	<b>Khin Thi Da Lwin</b>
<b>1996 - 1997</b>	<b>Alagu Muthu</b>	<b>Poonam Lalchand</b>
<b>1997 - 1998</b>	<b>Rupa Kadhiresan</b>	<b>Anneliese Hazari</b>
<b>1998 - 1999</b>	<b>Shyla K. Rau</b>	<b>Megan Utley</b>
<b>1999 - 2000</b>	<b>Gayatri Bewoor</b>	<b>Chandrika Chidambaram</b>
<b>2000 - 2001</b>	<b>Javanthi Singaram</b>	<b>Eira Doshi</b>
<b>2001 - 2002</b>	<b>Rani Chada</b>	<b>Seema Sait</b>
<b>2002 - 2003</b>	<b>Kusum Chadda</b>	<b>Meyyammai Murugappan</b>
<b>2003 - 2004</b>	<b>Sushila Natraj</b>	<b>Elaine Wood</b>
<b>2004 - 2005</b>	<b>Vidya Singh</b>	<b>Padma Ashok</b>
<b>2005 - 2006</b>	<b>Princess Naik</b>	<b>Rathi Nilakantan</b>
<b>2006 - 2007</b>	<b>Seema Bhargava</b>	<b>Amulya Rao</b>
<b>2007 - 2008</b>	<b>Kamala Prasad</b>	<b>Raziyeh Sheerazie</b>
<b>2008 - 2009</b>	<b>Rani Ananth</b>	<b>Lynne Connor</b>
<b>2009 - 2010</b>	<b>Shobha Hebbar</b>	<b>Elizabeth Aston</b>
<b>2010 - 2011</b>	<b>Mridula Srinivasan</b>	<b>Uma Ganesan</b>
<b>2011 - 2012</b>	<b>Nina Kothari</b>	<b>Cherry Venkatesan</b>
<b>2012 - 2013</b>	<b>Ramani Reddy</b>	<b>Vijaya Rangarajan</b>
<b>2013 - 2014</b>	<b>Nita Reddy</b>	<b>Priya Asokan</b>
<b>2014 - 2015</b>	<b>Asha Rammohan</b>	<b>Jo Frogbrook</b>
<b>2015 - 2016</b>	<b>Achamma Kurian</b>	<b>Malini Krishna</b>
<b>2016 - 2017</b>	<b>Nabila Avais</b>	<b>Jansi Kishore</b>
<b>2017 - 2018</b>	<b>Badrunnisa Mahadevan</b>	<b>Farah Bangera</b>
<b>2018 - 2019</b>	<b>Usha Jawahar</b>	<b>Mahvash Sait</b>
<b>2019 - 2020</b>	<b>Nidhi Kapoor Thadani</b>	<b>Anjali Sacheti</b>
<b>2020 - 2021</b>	<b>Jeyasree Ravi</b>	<b>Manisha Singhee</b>
<b>2021 - 2022</b>	<b>Tehnaz Bahadurji</b>	<b>Shobha Jesudasen</b>
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