

Happiness grows where friendship flows



## **AUGUST AT A GLANCE**

1 Fri		Managing Committee Executive Committee	Zoom
7 Thu	10.15 am	Book Discussion	Alliance Francaise
12 Tue	10.15 am	Philosophy & Religion	Leela Palace
14 Thu	10.15 am	Health & Ecology	Madras Club





## **AUGUST AT A GLANCE**

19 Tue	10.15 am	Arts & Handicrafts	Beachville Coffee Roasters (Warn-in)
25 Mon	10.15 am	Music & Performing Arts	Madras Cricket Club
26 Tue	10.15 am	Current Events	E Hotel
28 Thu	10.15 am	Cooking Swapshop	Somna Sachdev's Residence
30 Sat	6.30 pm	Special Meeting	Hotel ITC Grand Chola



#### FROM THE PRESIDENTS

Dear Friends,

July was filled with energy and warmth, thanks to our wonderful Activity Chairs who curated a delightful lineup of events. Your presence made each one special - and there's more to come! August promises another round of fun and meaningful gatherings.

We also celebrated **39 years of IWA**, honouring the seven remarkable women who began this journey. A heartfelt performance by our **Past Presidents**, beautifully scripted and directed by our talented **Sushila Natraj**, made the morning truly memorable.

Our sincere thanks to **Nina Kothari** for generously sponsoring Founders Day.

Here's to another month of shared smiles and special moments. We look forward to seeing you!

In friendship,



#### FROM THE TREASURERS

IWA	
& PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD	
1st April'2025 To 30' th June '2025	
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on Hand 23929.00	
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Deposit-1287306000014/7(MD.28.03.2027) 100,000.00	
Deposit-1287303000572/22 (MD.14.04.2027) 424,354.00	
Deposit-1287303000571/11 (MD.29.03.2026) 200,000.00	
Deposit-1287401006192/9(MD 28.03.2026) 250,000.00	
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2025-26 2,969.00	
Sub Total	4813339.0



#### IN LOVING MEMORY



#### LAKSHMI PADMANABHAN

FOUNDING MEMBER

With grace, wisdom, and quiet strength, she helped lay the foundation of our journey. Today, we remember her not in sorrow, but with deep gratitude and warm memories that will always remain in our hearts.

WE HONOUR LAKSHMI,
WE THANK HER, AND
WE CARRY HER SPIRIT FORWARD.



## IN FOND REMEMBRANCE OF LAKSHMI PADMANABHAN



We extend our sincere thanks to our **founding member Sunita Shahaney** for graciously organizing and hosting a beautiful prayer meeting in honour of our **beloved founding member, Lakshmi Padmanabhan**, on 13th

July at the Madras Club.

The gathering was attended by nearly 70 members, each touched by the warmth and dignity of the occasion.



## **HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES**

Our heartfelt condolences to

Veena Swamy

on the loss of her dear husband



#### **HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS**

#### Our heartiest congratulations to Visalakshi Ramaswamy

for 25 years of pioneering work in reviving the Chettinad Kottan — a beautiful craft now woven into global recognition, thanks to her vision and dedication.



#### **WE THANK**

We thank **Paola Pignataro** and **Alina Burnete** for being Day Facilitators for the Current Events meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> July at E Hotel.

We thank **Lalitha Naidu** for being Day Facilitator for the History Culture & Tours meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> July at Alliance Française.

We thank **Jasmine Kabrajee** and **Geetha Muthusamy** for being Day Facilitators for the Book Discussion meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> July at Madras Club.

We thank **Kyoko Kawaguchi** for being Day Facilitator for the Philosophy & Religion meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> July at IIT campus.

We thank **Priya Gopalan** for being Day Facilitator for the Arts & Handicrafts meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> July at Manjal, MRC Nagar.



#### IMPORTANT UPDATE

Dear Members,

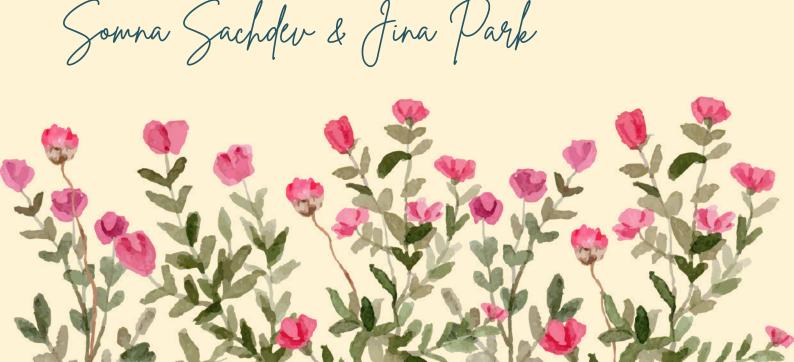
As many of you may know, this year's international trip had to be cancelled due to several dropouts after initial sign-ups, which left us without the minimum numbers required to proceed. In light of this, the committee has decided not to plan any further trips this year, as participation levels have not been sufficient.

While there won't be a North or South India trip on the IWA calendar this year, we're excited to explore new and creative ways for us to come together.

These upcoming gatherings will offer us the chance to share laughter, enjoy meaningful connections, and continue building the spirit of camaraderie that defines IWA.

We truly look forward to your presence and participation.

Warmly,







## **BOOK DISCUSSION**



TM. KARTHIK

DIARY OF THE MAD HATTER

7th August 2025 | 10.15 AM Alliance Française de Madras

## **BOOK DISCUSSION**

Date: Thursday | 7th August

Time: 10:15 am

Venue: The Library Cafe,

Alliance Française de Madras

24, College Rd, Subba Road Avenue,

Nungambakkam,

Chennai 600 006





#### DIARY OF THE MAD HATTER by TM. KARTHIK

Brought to you by The Madras Players

**Karthik,** full time lost soul, part-time sane, an IT engineer, an MBA and a masters in social impact of theatre, has been an English theatre actor from 1994 and a Tamil film actor from 2004. After a long stint in the corporate life, he is into full-time corporate training and performing arts, an avid Marathoner and social worker.

In 2017 he published his first poetry book, **Diary of the Mad Hatter** - verses written with the ink of his soul.

Meet a dear friend, actor, and poet who wants to share, bare and dare his soul with us ladies, pieces from his heart which hold special meaning for him....

So Make sure you're there,
To show us you care,
And experience a morning of
interactive poetry
presented by

The poet himself:

TM. Karthik

Members of

The Madras Players
Tehzeeb Katari, TT Srinath & Shaan Katari

Members of IWA

Catherine Reddy, Rehane Dhala & Roshan Poncha

**ROSHAN PONCHA** 

**PAOLA PIGNATARO** 





## PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION



JAI JI (D. JAYAVELU)

**AWAKENING ENERGY** 

**Chakra Chanting for Inner Harmony** 



**SUGUNA ANUMOLU** 

# PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION



Date: Tuesday | 12th Aug

Time: 10.15 am

Venue: The Leela Palace,

Diya Hall, 11th floor

Adyar Sea face, Leela Palace Road,

MRC Nagar, RA Puram,

Chennai 600 028

Please note: An IWA member will be stationed to provide elevator card access for the 11<sup>th</sup> floor.

## AWAKENING ENERGY Chakra Chanting for Inner Harmony

In this deeply immersive **conversation with Srijaya Anumolu**, renowned **Yoga Coach Jai Ji** guides participants through the ancient practice of **chakra chanting** - a powerful method to awaken, balance, and energize the body's subtle energy centers. Through sound vibrations, breathwork, and focused intention, he will help you reconnect with your inner self and release blocked energy.

With over 10 years of experience and training in Yoga, Kalari, sound healing, and naturopathy, Jai Ji brings a rare blend of tradition and compassion. His academic background includes an **M.Sc. and M.Phil. in Yoga**, an MBA in Marketing, and a B.Sc. in Computer Science. He has trained more than 1000 individuals, helping them achieve balance, clarity, and improved well-being through traditional yogic practices. Jai Ji is an expert in Kalaripayattu, the traditional Indian martial art, Mudras and Pranayama, Sound Healing, Acupuncture and Naturopathy. He works closely with cancer patients, offering integrative healing support combining yoga, breathwork and energy-based therapies.

This session promises a journey into stillness, vitality, and self-awareness through the healing resonance of the chakras.

#### **SUGUNA ANUMOLU**





## **HEALTH & ECOLOGY**



**KINGA PAPP** 



A Midlife Awakening



## SHOBHA JESUDASEN INVITES YOU TO A HEALTH & ECOLOGY MEETING

Date: Thursday | 14th August

Time: 10:15 am

Venue: Ballroom, Madras Club

8, Adyar Club Gate Road

R.A. Puram,

Chennai 600 028

#### **EMBRACE YOUR TIME TO THRIVE:**

#### A Midlife Awakening

We believe there's a perfect time to thrive, yet midlife often challenges us with changes that make us question whether our time has passed. But deep within, we know that life remains bountiful and exciting—even after 50, 60, and beyond.

We're thrilled to welcome **Kinga Papp**, a global voice in women's wellness, leadership, and midlife empowerment. With expertise in health psychology, functional nutrition, and movement therapy, Kinga helps women reconnect with their bodies, reclaim vitality, and realign with purpose.

Beyond wellness, Kinga is a seasoned leadership mentor. Her programs blend **emotional intelligence with feminine leadership**, empowering women to lead with clarity and authenticity.

Let us join her for a **transformative session** where you'll learn how to reconnect with your body, nurture your vitality, and unlock untapped resources and hidden strengths within your **feminine force**.

This session will provide you with practical tools to thrive and live a soul-fulfilling life at every stage.





## **ARTS & HANDICRAFTS**



**DIVYA JAYASHANKAR** 

**BREWTIFUL ART** 

19th Aug 2025 | 10:15 am
Beachville Coffee Roasters

SHEFALII DADABHOY

**ANJALI SACHETI** 

## **ARTS & HANDICRAFTS**

Date: Tuesday | 19th Aug

Time: 10:15 am

**Venue: Beachville Coffee Roasters** 

99 St. Marys Road

Subbaraya Avenue

Vidhya Thirtha Nagar, Alwarpet

Chennai 600 018

This is a warn-in meeting for 30 members. Please Whatsapp Shefalii (9789889955) or Anjali (9884056000) to confirm your presence.

#### **BREWTIFUL ART**

There is something special about starting the day with the inviting aroma of a filter kappi, and sharing stories with friends while sipping a rich, heart-warming coffee. Now imagine adding one more dimension to this experience where you can create beautiful works of coffee art with friends!

**Divya Jayashankar**, the founder of Beachville Coffee Roasters, has arranged a special meeting for our members where we can do just this.

The morning begins with a **coffee tasting session** with different roasts. This will then be followed by a painting session using coffee as the medium.

**Painting with coffee** is a great way to get a feel for coffee, especially when we use different roasts and different origins. Each of these coffee paints will be different in weight and colour, adding an interesting dimension to the painting session.

Led by **Anitha Mathivanan**, a doodle artist who has dabbled in this field, members will create their own monochromatic paintings which they can take home.

SHEFALII DADABHOY

**ANJALI SACHETI** 





## **MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS**



MAALAVIKA MANOJ (MALI)

MALI, IN HER OWN WORDS

25th August 2025 | 10:15 am Madras Cricket Club

PARVATHI NAYAR

NIRMALA RAJA

# MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS



Date: Monday | 25th August

Time: 10:15 am

Venue: Silver Duck Party Hall (2nd floor)

Madras Cricket Club (MCC)

No. 1, Bells road, Chepauk,

Chennai 600 005

There is valet parking assistance. There are two lifts at the entrance, IWA members will be helped.

#### MALI, IN HER OWN WORDS

Step into the creative world of **Mali**—singer, songwriter, and storyteller - as she shares her journey of finding a distinct voice in today's evolving music scene. In this intimate unplugged session, Mali will **perform and engage in conversation with Parvathi Nayar**, reflecting on the creation of her unique sound, the challenges of the industry, and her commitment to staying true to her artistic vision. With stories behind songs like Dr. Dust, inspired by explorations of cults and belief systems, Mali reveals how her music is shaped by thought, observation, and personal experience - expressed honestly and powerfully in her own words.

Maalavika Manoj, affectionately called Mali, is an award-winning Indian indie artist blending vintage and modern sounds. She's collaborated with legends, won an MTV EMA, featured on Fortnite, and performed globally. A Forbes 30 Under 30 honoree, she's Spotify RADAR's first Indian pick and opened for Ed Sheeran, earning acclaim for her soulful, authentic artistry.

Mali is our member **Beena Ram Mohan's** granddaughter.





## **CURRENT EVENTS**



KANIMOZHI KARUNANIDHI

**WOMEN IN POLITICS** 



26th August 2025 | 10:15 am E Hotel, Express Estates

## **CURRENT EVENTS**

Date: Tuesday | 26th August

Time: 10:15 am

Venue: E hotel,

Gate No.1, Express Avenue Mall,

Patullos Road, Express Estates, Royapettah,

Chennai 600 002



#### **WOMEN IN POLITICS**

Join us for an extraordinary morning to hear an enlightening and experiential talk on "Women in Politics" by **Kanimozhi Karunanidhi**, Member of Parliament, Deputy General Secretary of the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK), and one of the leading women politicians in the country today. With a remarkable political lineage, she has carved a distinct identity for herself as a woman and a politician, traversing the hurly burly world of politics, a sphere that is essentially still a man's world.

## Why are there such few women in politics? What is it that impedes their participation, evolution and progress?

In her words: In a nation that invokes women power at every cultural and political opportunity, the absence of women in the corridors of power is ironic and deeply troubling. It reveals a deep hypocrisy — celebrating feminine strength while denying women real power. There is a systemic and structural discrimination that women face, which prevents them from active participation in the political sphere...Even if some women challenge these norms, many of them face character—assassination, gender based violence, lack of family support or institutional support. The political space needs to be just, inclusive and equal for all participants, irrespective of gender. The ability to effect change and policy reforms will be enriched if women are made equal partners in political decision making.

## What are the talents required and what are the strengths that see one through?

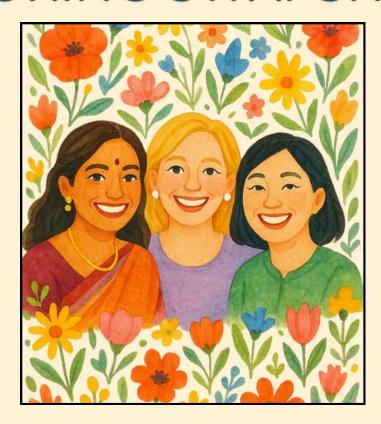
Hear it all from a woman born to privilege but who still has had to persevere to gain her own place in the sun. Filled with insights and sharp observations, this talk promises to tell you what it can take to scale the heights and leave an impact.

Kanimozhi is the author of several literary works which have been translated into English, Malayalam, Telugu and Kannada.





# IWA MEMBER'S SPEAK SERIES COOKING SWAPSHOP



Era Kalra
Poonam Lalchand
Rohini Gopinath



#### SAVOUR AND FLAVOUR

28th August 2025 | 10:15 am Somna Sachdev's Residence

ANURADHA UBEROI

ROHINI TUMMALA

## **COOKING SWAPSHOP**



Date: Thursday | 28th August

Time: 10:15 am

Venue: Somna Sachdev's residence

20, 4th Lane (Same lane as MOP Vaishnav College)

Nungambakkam, Chennai 600 034

Please note: Valet Parking will be available

#### SAVOUR AND FLAVOUR

IWA Member's Speak Series - Cooking Swapshop

We are excited to invite you to a special meeting where three talented members will be sharing their favourite recipes and cooking techniques.

#### **Meet Our Demonstrating Chefs:**

Era Kalra Poonam Lalchand Rohini Gopinath

We thank Shefali, Anupama Pasari, Amita Bhatia, Nisha Bakshani, Anita Bhatia, Rachita Chaudhary, Pooja Chhabria and Geetha Muthuswamy for bringing their signature dishes for us to savour. Ladies, lunch will be served after the demonstrations.

We thank our **President Somna Sachde**v for hosting this meeting. We look forward to a delightful morning.

#### SPECIAL MEETING

Date: Saturday | 30th August

Time: 6:30 pm

Venue: Hotel ITC Grand Chola,

63 Mount Rd, Little Mount

Guindy,

Chennai 600 032

This is a warn-in meeting open to 50 members with spouses(100 seats). Please warn-in on Whatsapp with Geetha Muthusamy (93804 24699) before August 25th.

IWA members who are already on Ignition or Hemu's invitation list, please warn-in directly with them and not with Geetha.

IGNITION

You are invited to an exclusive **literary evening** hosted by award winning journalist **Shoma Chaudhary** for **Ignition** on August 30th at Hotel ITC Grand Chola. Join us for a stimulating session featuring:

Amish Tripathi who talks on The Age of Bharat, his ambitious new project — an AAA global video game that combines gaming with mythological storytelling in collaboration with Amitabh Bachchan and a French company. Today, Gaming is bigger than movies, books, music and theatre combined and has become a huge market for soft power. Amish will be discussing his new book The Chola Tiger and sharing his conception of merging history, fiction, mythology and modernity.

Mallika Ravikumar who talks on her book 565- The Dramatic Story of Unifying India, the thrilling and untold story of how India raced against the clock to unify its princely states ahead of Independence — 565 kingdoms in 50 days. Enjoy her stories and insights about how the Indian nation was forged.

Registration and cocktails begin at **6:30 PM**, followed by the program at **7:00 PM**. High tea and drinks will be served during the break.

We thank our member **Hemalatha Ramaiah** for facilitating this event for us.

## **OUR MANAGING COMMITTEE**

**PRESIDENTS** 

**VICE PRESIDENTS** 



**SOMNA SACHDEV** 



JINA PARK



**DEEPALI GOYAL** 



**GEETHA MUTHUSAMY** 



NIRUPA SUNDARAVADANAN

**SECRETARIES** 



**CATHERINE REDDY** 



SHEETAL PARAKH

**TREASURERS** 



KYOKO KAWAGUCHI



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ANURADHA UBEROI

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**ROHINI TUMMALA** 



KAUSALYA SANTHANAM

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KIRSTINE KAASGAARD



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**RAJSHRI LINESH** 

HISTORY, CULTURE & TOURS



MAHIMA PODDAR AGARWAL



PARVATHI NAYAR

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PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION



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#### **HEALTH & ECOLOGY**













#### PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION

















#### FOUNDER'S DAY













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### MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS













### **ARTS & HANDICRAFTS**













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Please call between 10.00 am & 6.00 pm Monday to Saturday



#### **FOUNDER MEMBERS**

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#### **PAST PRESIDENTS**

1986-1988	Nirmal Seshadri	Nancy Dean
1988-1990	Vanitha Mudaliar	Barbara Clarkson
1990-1991	Sunita Shahaney	Janet Picken
1991-1992	Nirmal Mirza	Stina Vasu
1992-1993	Malini Vijayaraghava	Maureen Hudson Murari
1993-1994	Nanditha Krishna	Aruna Vijaykumar
1994-1995	Lily Madhok	Margaret Sekharan
1995-1996	Zubeida Asgarali	Khinthida Lwin
1996-1997	Alagu Muthu	Poonam Lalchand
1997-1998	Rupa Kadhiresan	Anneliese Hazari
1998-1999	Shyla K. Rau	Megan Utley
1999-2000	Gayatri Bewoor	Chandrika Chidambaram
2000-2001	Javanthi Singaram	Eira Doshi
2001-2002	Rani Chada	Seema Sait
2002-2003	Kusum Chadda	Meyyammai Murugappan
2003-2004	Sushila Natraj	Elaine Wood
2004-2005	Vidya Singh	Padma Ashok
2005-2006	Princess Naik	Rathi Nilakantan
2006-2007	Seema Bhargava	Amulya Rao
2007-2008	Kamala Prasad	Raziyeh Sheerazie
2008-2009	Rani Ananth	Lynne Connor
2009-2010	Shobha Hebbar	Elizabeth Aston
2010-2011	Mridula Srinivasan	Uma Ganesan
2011-2012	Nina Kothari	Cherry Venkatesan
2012-2013	Ramani Reddy	Vijaya Rangarajan
2013-2014	Nita Reddy	Priya Asokan
2014-2015	Asha Rammohan	Jo Frogbrook
2015-2016	Achu Kurian	Malini Krishna
2016-2017	Nabila Avais	Jansi Kishore
2017-2018	Badrunnisa Mahadevan	Farah Bangera
2018-2019	Usha Jawahar	Mahvash Sait
2019-2020	Nidhi Kapoor Thadani	Anjali Sacheti
2020-2021	Jeyasree Ravi	Manisha Singhee
2021-2022	Tehnaz Bahadurji	Shobha Jesudasen
2022-2023	Jeyasree Ravi	Mangai Kamal
2023-2024	Ritu Sahi	Sanyukta Gill
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