



NOVEMBER 2025



Happiness grows where friendship flows



NOVEMBER AT A GLANCE

3 Mon	3.00 pm 3.30 pm	Managing Committee Executive Committee	Paola Pignataro's Residence
7 Fri	10.15 am	Philosophy & Religion	Ballroom, Madras Club
11 Tue	10.15 am	Current Events	Party Hall, Azure - The Oceanic
13 Thu	3.15 pm	Health & Ecology	Ballroom, Madras Club
20 Thu	10.15 am	Arts & Handicrafts	Nalli Chinnasami Chetty
25 Tue	3.00 pm	Cooking Swapshop	Surprise venue (Warn-in)
27 Thu	10.15 am	Music & Performing Arts	Tagore Film Centre



FROM THE PRESIDENTS

Dear Friends,

October truly was a month of joy, music, and celebration!

We began with **International Music Day**, where the talented **I.V. Mudra** enchanted us with her soulful piano performance.

Then came **Diwali** — and what a magical celebration it was! We were treated to a spectacular Kathak performance infused with Bollywood rhythms, festive shopping, laughter, and the joy of friendship. Sharing that sparkle made it an evening to remember. **A heartfelt thank-you to all our wonderful members for making it so special.**

Looking ahead, the Membership Committee is thoughtfully reviewing applications, with interviews for prospective members scheduled for November 4th. The shortlist is enclosed in this newsletter.

As we move into the latter half of the year, we gently remind everyone to review their attendance.

We remain deeply grateful for our vibrant IWA community and look forward to seeing you all in November at the delightful gatherings our amazing Activity Chairs have planned.

In friendship,

Somna Sachdev & Jina Park



FROM THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

The Membership Committee met on Thursday, 9th October 2025, to receive applications for new members from their sponsors and co-sponsors.

Photographs and names of the applicants are published in this newsletter. This also includes applicants under the Permanent Non-Indian category.

The IWA bye-law 10G states, “Any written and duly signed objections regarding these applications shall be intimated to the Membership Committee.” Such written objections are a serious matter and should be given due weight and consideration both by the sender and the Membership Committee. **They may be sent by email or by physical mail to the undersigned, to reach by latest 5pm on Monday, 3rd November 2025.**

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The Membership Committee will reconvene to meet all accepted candidates on Tuesday, November 4th 2025.

Thank you,

Nirupa Sundaravadanan



FROM THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

C A T E G O R Y - A C T I V E I N D I A N



RICHA GOENKA



SHARMILA CHATTERJI



NANDITA THAKKAR



VHARSHA RAHEJA



MADHURI RAO



SHILPA KRISHNA



FROM THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

C A T E G O R Y - A C T I V E N O N - I N D I A N



VIJAYALAKSHMI
PRASAD

Nirupa Sundaravadanan



FROM THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Dear Members,

We are almost at the halfway mark of the IWA year and it's a **good time to check attendance records.**

Members are obliged to attend **10 meetings by the end of March 2025.** Please note that attendance for April meetings goes towards the following year. If you have a shortfall, do join in the excellent meetings planned by the Activity Chairpersons and the Board in the coming months.

Members may check their attendance records with **Kyoko Kawaguchi (88078 18719/ kyonn1152@gmail.com).**

Nirupa Sundaravadanan



FROM THE TREASURERS

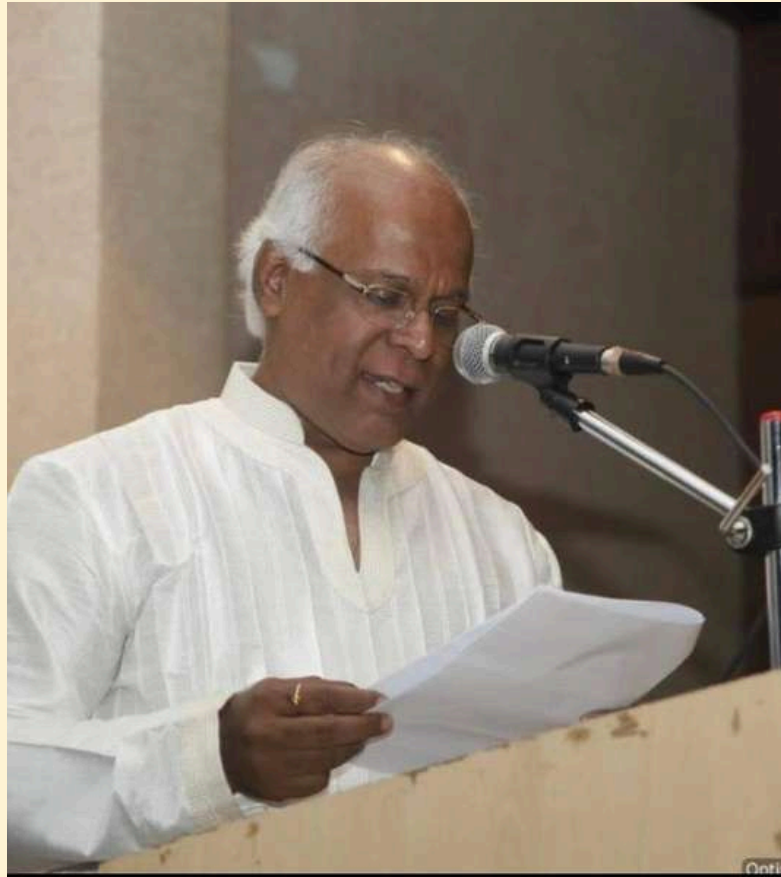
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD		
1st April'2025 To 30' th Sep '2025		
RECEIPTS	Amount	Amount
To Opening Balance -Cash on Hand	23929.00	
To Opening Balance-Canara Bank SB1287101014396	378538.00	
To Opening Balance - Current A/c	159921.00	
To Opening Balance -Fixed Deposits with Canara Bank	1479869.00	
Sub Total		2042257.00
To Membership Annual Subscription fee		3175000.00
To New Membership fee		43000.00
To Interest on Fixed Deposits		45667.00
To Interest on Savings Bank Interest		17168.00
To Guest Charges		28050.86
To Diwali Stalls 14		71187.36
To GST payable(Balance Sheet)		597102.61
To Other Income		51.00
TOTAL		6019483.83
PAYMENTS		Amount
By Audit fee		29500.00
By AGM Expenses 2024-25		195850.00
By Meetings including Zoom Meetings		687684.79
By Fellowship Morning		170466.00
By Printing and Stationary		17002.00
By Postage and Courier Expenditure		4663.00
By Conveyance and IWA Telephone Charges		7651.00
By Office Rent		15540.00
By Professional Fee		55300.00
By Founders Day		33009.00
By Salary to Accountant		99000.00
By Diwali Celebration		2313.00
By Zoom Meetings		1624.00
By Gift items		90628.14
By Bank Charges		3093.00
By GST paid Q1 ,July', Aug	585,213.31	
By Closing Balance-Cash on Hand	35,753.00	
By Closing Balance-Canara bank Savings Bank A/c 1287101014396	980,797.60	
By Closing Balance at Current Account	1,472,894.00	
By Closing Balance-Fixed Deposit-1287303000572/21(MD.24.01.2026)	500,000.00	
By Closing Balance-Fixed Deposit-1287306000014/7(MD.28.03.2027)	100,000.00	
By Closing Balance-Fixed Deposit-1287303000572/22 (MD.14.04.2027)	424,354.00	
By Closing Balance-Fixed Deposit-1287303000571/11 (MD.29.03.2026)	200,000.00	
By Closing Balance-Fixed Deposit-1287401006192/9(MD 28.03.2026)	250,000.00	
By Closing Balance-Fixed Deposits-1287303000637/(MD.26.10.2026)	5,515.00	
By Income Tax Paid for FY 24-25	47,120.00	
By Tax Deducted at Source 2025-26	4,513.00	
Sub Total		4606159.91
TOTAL		6019483.83

Sheetal Parakh & Kyoko Kawaguchi





PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION



AJITHKUMAR VANKIPUR

THE MAHA KUMBH:

The greatest show on Planet Earth

7th November 2025 | 10:15 am
Madras Club

SHOBHA JESUDASEN INVITES YOU TO A PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION MEETING

Date: Friday | 7th November

Time: 10:15 am

Venue: Ballroom, Madras Club

8, Adyar Club Gate Road

R.A. Puram,

Chennai 600 028

THE MAHA KUMBH: The greatest show on Planet Earth

This meeting promises to take us on a remarkable visual and spiritual journey to the Maha Kumbh Mela 2025 at Prayagraj, the largest human gathering on earth.

Our speaker, **Mr. Ajithkumar Vankipuram**, who attended the Kumbh with his wife and daughter, will share his **firsthand experiences through captivating visuals, videos, and insights into the devotion, scale, and organization of this extraordinary event.**

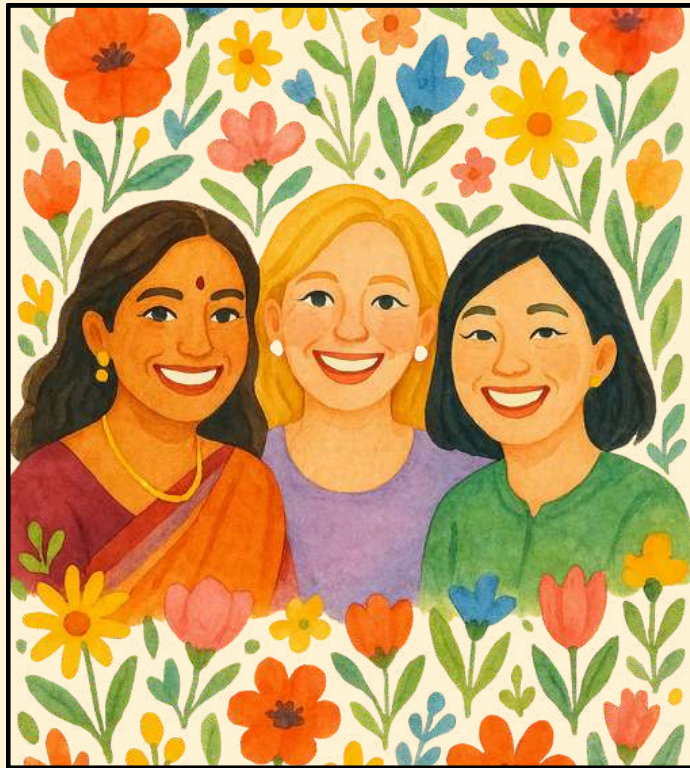
An alumnus of Guindy Engineering College and IIT Madras, Mr Ajithkumar has held senior leadership roles in Philips India, Tata Motors, and as CEO of an international firm in Dubai. A prolific painter, Carnatic music lover, and student of the Bhagavad Gita, he brings a **thoughtful and artistic perspective to this incredible spiritual phenomenon.**

We thank our member, **Vidya Gajapati Raju**, for facilitating this meeting by connecting us to this inspiring speaker.

Club dress code: Ladies to be decorously attired.
Faded or torn jeans not acceptable



IWA MEMBER'S SPEAK SERIES CURRENT EVENTS



ANUPAMA SHIVARAMAN
KAUSALYA SANTHANAM

GENERATING WEALTH, SUSTAINING LEGACIES
IWA Members Speak Series - Current Events

11th November 2025 | 10:15 am
Party Hall at Azure- The Oceanic

KAUSALYA SANTHANAM

KIRSTINE KAASGAARD

CURRENT EVENTS



Date: Tuesday | 11th November

Time: 10:15 am

Venue: The Party Hall at Azure-The Oceanic

16th Floor, No.40

South Canal Bank Road, RA Puram,

Chennai 600 028

GENERATING WEALTH, SUSTAINING LEGACIES

IWA Members Speak Series - Current Events

Come and be part of a very exciting morning!

Be ready to enter a world of money and magic with our two IWA members Anupama Shivaraman and Kausalya Santhanam. Get insights into quick practical strategies: Learn how to make your wealth grow, understand how to invest wisely, know the ways to protect your assets and how to transfer wealth smoothly to the next generation. And much much more...

As our member Anupama Shivaraman , Chartered Accountant, gives you an expert's insights on “**Women, wealth and wisdom**”. And then...

Plunge into a world where wealth is inherited

Where investment in goodwill and loyalty also pay rich dividends

And generation after generation carries on a grand legacy...

As you travel with Kausalya Santhanam to “**Meet the royals!**”

Enjoy a stimulating morning gaining **financial expertise** and hearing with wonder to accounts of history, glamour and a world far removed from our own.

Anupama, through her **remarkable presentation** and **engaging discussion**, will focus on a topic of ever-current interest and much benefit, taking you through a whole gamut, including understanding the risks and returns on various assets, and how taxes and inflation affect our returns.

While **Kausalya** will take you through an extraordinary journey of journalistic royal encounters with the **Pataudis of Bhopal, the Mewars of Udaipur, the Wodeyars of Mysore, and the Varma of Travancore** detailing her one – on - one interviews with the former scion of each former royal house. It is a journey that gains current interest as the spotlight is turned once again on the former princely houses with the **TV series “The Royals”** returning soon for a second season.

KAUSALYA SANTHANAM

KIRSTINE KAASGAARD



HEALTH & ECOLOGY



**DR SIVARAJAN THANDESWARAN
AND SABINA PANDAY**

**In Conversation with
Dr. Amulya Rao**

UNDERSTANDING STROKE:
From Awareness to Recovery

**13th November 2025 | 3:15 pm
Ballroom, Madras Club**

AMULYA RAO INVITES YOU TO A HEALTH & ECOLOGY MEETING

Date: Thursday | 13th November

Time: 3:15 pm

Venue: Ballroom, Madras Club

8, Adyar Club Gate Road,

R.A. Puram. Chennai-600 028

UNDERSTANDING STROKE: From Awareness to Recovery

Dr. Sivarajan Thandeswaran and Sabina Panday in conversation
with **Dr. Amulya Rao**

What is a Stroke? How does it happen and why? How does one cope with it and most importantly what does it take to recover?

Understanding a stroke isn't just medical – it is **deeply personal**.

Recognizing the warning signs early can save a life and transform a future.

Dr Sivarajan Thandeswaran former Consultant Stroke Physician at Oxford University Hospital, currently Consultant Stroke Physician at Kauvery Hospital and Founder of the Brain Tree Specialty Clinic and Rehab Centre, brings his extensive expertise in complex neurological **rehabilitation** to this session. He will take us through the “nuts and bolts” of stroke – what happens, how to spot the early signs and the pathways to recovery.

Adding a deeply human dimension to this discussion, **Sabina Panday** will share her remarkable story of courage and resilience. Six years ago, this talented advertising professional and student of Corporate Strategy at Sciences PO, Paris, awoke one morning with numbness on the right side of her body. Unconscious for almost 15 days and unable to recognize anyone for months, Sabina began her extraordinary journey of therapy, rediscovery and strength.

Thank you to our member, **Nalini Panday**, Sabina's pillar of strength, for giving us this opportunity to learn from her **inspiring daughter** and her doctor.

Club dress code: Standard dress code applies to all areas of the club. Gentlemen - Sleeved shirts, Full length trousers, Jeans (not faded or torn), socks and shoes (no sports shoes). Women - Decorously attired at all times.



ARTS & HANDICRAFTS



Dr. Nalli Kuppuswami Chetti

A LEGACY IN SILK

20th November 2025 | 10:15 am
Nalli Silks

SHEFALII DADABHOY

ANJALI SACHETI

ARTS & HANDICRAFTS



Date: Thursday | 20th November

Time: 10:15 am

Venue: Nalli Chinnasami Chetty (Old Nalli Store)

No.6,7,8 Nageswaran Road

Opp. Panagal Park,

T.Nagar, Chennai - 600 017

A LEGACY IN SILK

When you think of high-quality, authentic silk Kanchipurams, the first name that comes to mind is **Nalli Silks**. Nalli Silks, known for its refined retail experience and customer trust, gained international recognition under its current leadership.

From taking charge of the business in 1958 at a young age, to recently receiving the **Padma Bhushan award** and becoming a **global icon**, **Dr. Nalli Kuppuswami Chetti**, the iconic leader of Nalli Silks and a lifelong champion of Indian heritage, has had a remarkable career.

He is the father of our member, **Jeyasree Ravi**.

We thank **Jeyasree Ravi** for facilitating this meeting by connecting us with her father.

Join us as he shares stories from his journey, the values that guide his business, and his passion for the arts.

SHEFALII DADABHOY

ANJALI SACHETI



COOKING SWAPSHOP



Mathangi Kumar
Santhosh Abraham



SPEAKEASY CHENNAI:

Where Discerning Meets the Bar

25th November 2025 | 03:00 pm
Surprise venue

ANURADHA UBEROI

ROHINI TUMMALA



COOKING SWAPSHOP

Date: Tuesday | 25th November

Time: 03:00 pm

Venue: is a surprise!

We will share it with a password for entry at a later date.

Please note: This is a Warn-in meeting for 50 people. To warn-in WhatsApp Rohini on 99890 98640 or Anuradha on 98410 42520. A sumptuous meal will be served after the meeting specially curated by Chef Mathangi.

Valet parking will be available.



SPEAKEASY CHENNAI: **Where Discerning Meets the Bar**

We introduce to you Chennai's first speakeasy that redefines nightlife for the discerning — a calm, classy escape from the city's loud, high-energy bar scene. Access is intentionally discreet: there's no signboard, and it isn't listed on Google Maps! Styled as a modern nod to the prohibition-era speakeasies of 1920s USA, the bar celebrates the thrill of hidden, exclusive gatherings where cocktails were enjoyed on the sly.

To experience the story and essence of this unique space, join us and hear directly from consultant chef Mathangi Kumar and Managing Partner Santhosh Abraham, who will share the vision, inspiration, and craft behind _____. (you'll find out)

Mathangi Kumar, a Le Cordon Bleu London-trained chef, launched her culinary journey in Chennai at just 23 with That Madras Place. She developed an early curiosity for diverse cuisines that ultimately led her to pursue formal culinary education.

With over **15 years in the alcohol industry**, **Santhosh Abraham** led the commercial business for Bacardi India. In 2020, at the height of the pandemic when the industry was on its knees, Santhosh bet on optimism and co-founded Tesouro in South Goa — a bar that went on to become one of India's most celebrated cocktail destinations, ranking #4 in Asia's best bars and #1 in India, in 2021. Now back in his hometown, he channels that same spirit into this mysterious little bar in the heart of the city.

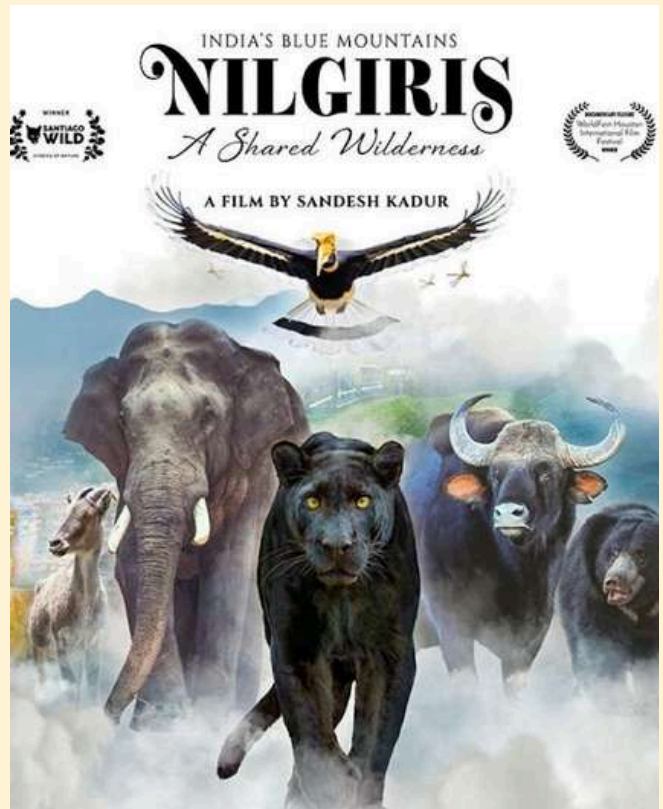
Join us on this exhilarating journey of discovering a hidden gem.

ANURADHA UBEROI

ROHINI TUMMALA



MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS



SANDESH KADUR

**NILGIRIS,
A SHARED WILDERNESS**

**27th November 2025 | 10:15 am
Tagore Film Centre NFDC**

PARVATHI NAYAR

NIRMALA RAJA

MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS



Date: Thursday | 27th November

Time: 10:15 am

Venue: Tagore Film Centre NFDC
2787+HCW, Music College Road,
State Bank of India Colony,
RA Puram, Chennai 600 028

Please Note: The documentary is 75 minutes; the making-of-the-movie section is another 10 minutes. In all, the 85-minute programme finishes at 12:15pm.

NILGIRIS, A SHARED WILDERNESS

The Film

Set in India's **first UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, Nilgiris – A Shared Wilderness** documents the delicate coexistence between humans and wildlife across the Nilgiri hills. **Directed by Emmy-nominated and BAFTA-winning filmmaker Sandesh Kadur and produced by Rohini Nilekani**, the film blends sweeping cinematography with intimate moments of nature – and captures black leopards, hornbills, elephants and endemic species moving through forests, tea estates and foothills. Shot over three years, the **powerful film** argues that wilderness now extends beyond protected zones, and urges a new culture of conservation rooted in empathy and shared landscapes.

The Director

Sandesh Kadur's groundbreaking documentaries have aired globally on networks such as National Geographic, BBC, Netflix, Apple, Discovery Channel and Animal Planet.

His notable projects include *Our Planet* (Netflix), *Planet Earth II* (BBC), and the National Geographic series *Wild Cats of India* and *India's Wild Leopards*. He is the co-author of two books: *Sahyadris: India's Western Ghats—A Vanishing Heritage* (2005) and *Himalaya—Mountains of Life* (2013). He is the founder of Bangalore-based natural history production house, Felis Creations.

PARVATHI NAYAR

NIRMALA RAJA

OUR MANAGING COMMITTEE

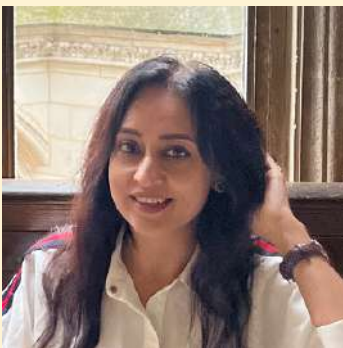


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SHEETAL PARAKH

TREASURERS



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Saroja Ramamrutham - Anneliese Hazari - Sunita Shahaney - Reva Singh

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
2024-2025	Sadiya Khaleel	Stefanie Andruchowitz

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