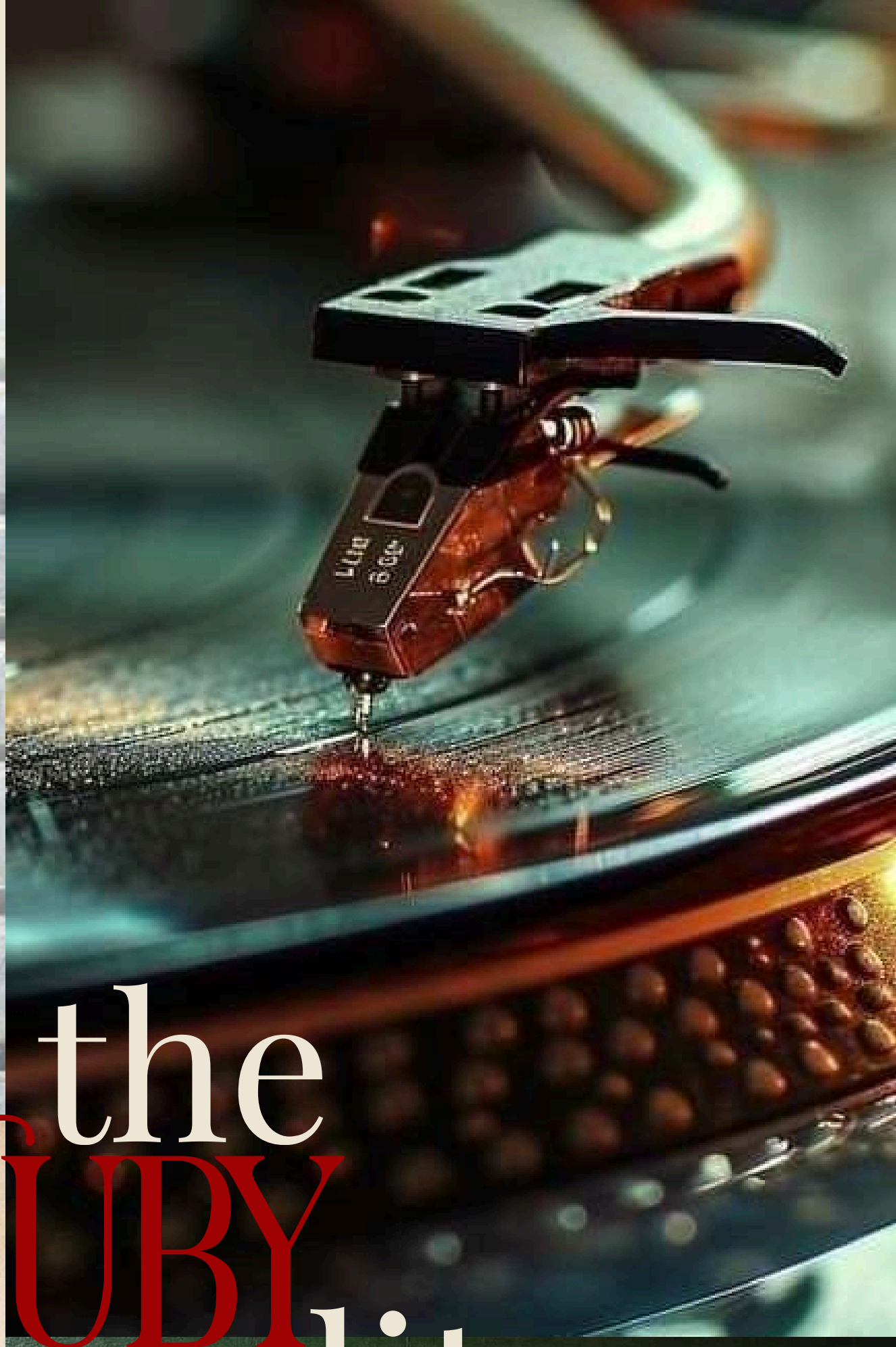
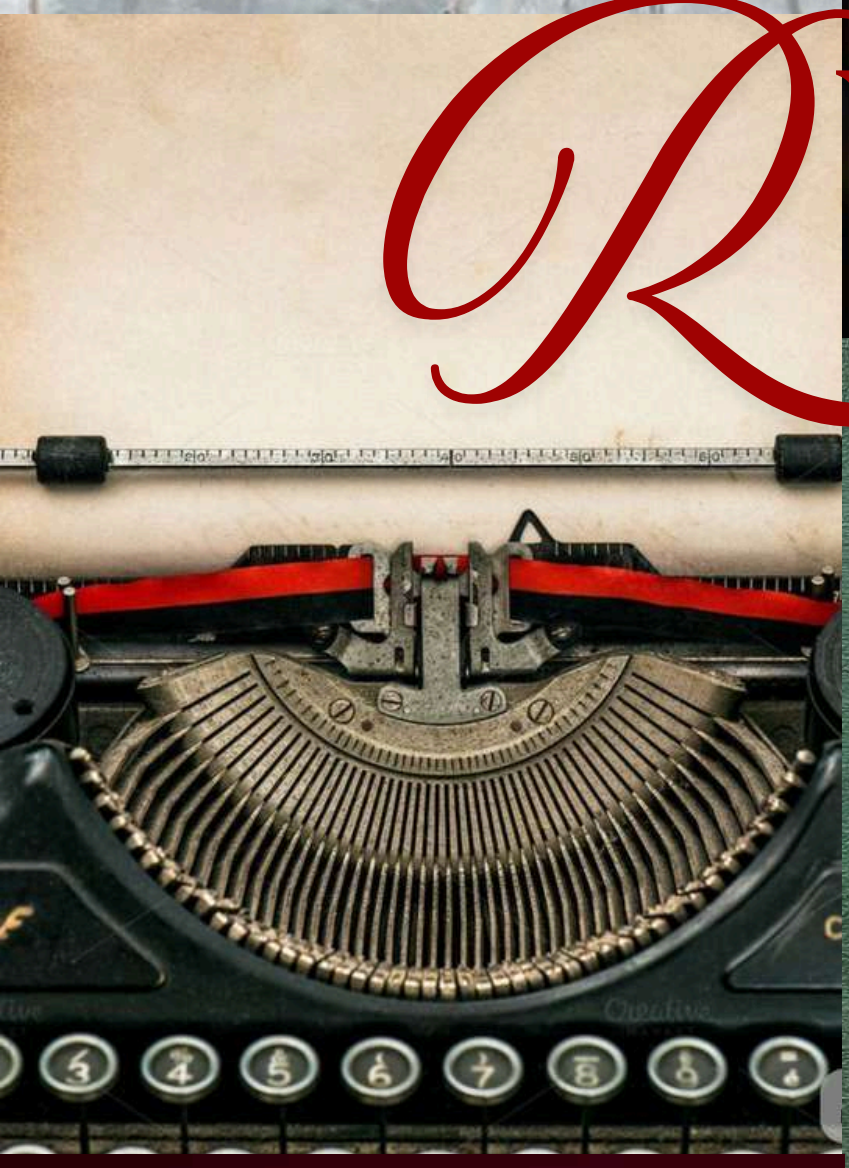
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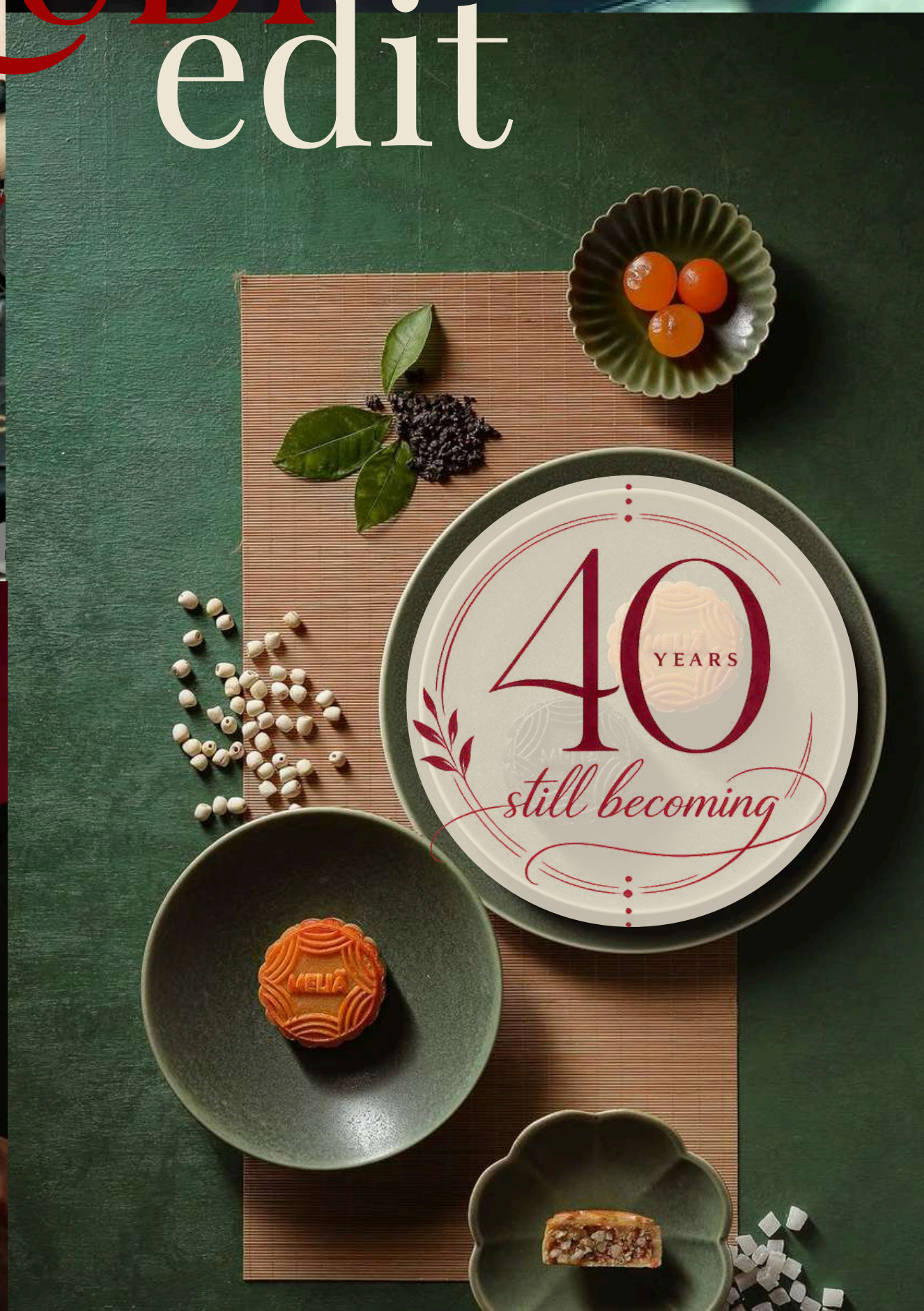
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November AT A GLANCE

The Art of Being

A celebration of the many facets of life - weaving together stories, traditions, wellbeing, perspectives and creativity

04 WED
Silk & Stories
Shamiana, Madras Club | 3.15 pm

05 THU
From Seed to Scale
Health & Ecology
Zoom | 3.45 pm

12 THU
Bharat Matrimony - The New Indian Marriage
Current Events
E Hotel | 3.15 pm

18 WED
The Titan Story - From Prime to Print
Book Discussion
Madras Club | 10.15 am

26 THU
Clockwise
Health & Ecology
Madras Club | 3.15 pm

28 SAT
Surprise Artist- Master at Work
Arts & Handicrafts
Ashvita's Art Gallery | 3.15 pm

Click on the to go to the meeting page.

40 YEARS still becoming

from the PRESIDENTS

Dear Members,

November invites us to explore **The Art of Being -** a celebration of life in all its beautiful dimensions. From the richness of tradition and the pursuit of wellbeing to the exchange of ideas and the joy of creativity, it is a month to discover, connect and flourish.

We have curated a month of stories that inspire, conversations that broaden perspectives and experiences that bring us closer together.

As we continue our Ruby journey of **40 Years of Friendship, Still Becoming**, we are reminded that the beauty of friendship lies in its ability to evolve, embrace new ideas and create memories that stay with us.

Thank you to our members for the **extraordinary enthusiasm and spirit you bring to IWA**. Your participation inspires us to keep creating experiences that enrich, engage and bring us together.

We look forward to celebrating the month with you!

Forty years of friendship. Still becoming.

With warmth,
Deepali Goyal & Swati Reddy

from the MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

The Membership Committee met on **Tuesday, 13th October 2026** 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, 9th November 2026**.

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The Membership Committee will reconvene to meet all accepted candidates on Tuesday, November 10, 2026.

Thank you.
With warmth,
Roshan Poncha

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 2027. 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
Nirmala Raja
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Thank you.
With warmth,
Roshan Poncha

from the MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

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Anna Madhavan



Jayadevi Cholayil



Lata Chohan



Mansi Ramesh Gandhi



Payal Rajaratnam



Radhika McGregor



Soshna Ramanlal



Sowmya Kumar Arjun

from the MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

ACTIVE INDIAN CATEGORY



Subhashini Raja



Upasana Mahtani Luthra

PERMANENT NON- INDIAN CATEGORY



Mala Sarat Chandra



Rupali Gupta



Shazia Andaleeb



Sunitha Chakravarthi

From the TREASURERS

IWA		
RECEIPTS &PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD		
1st April'2026 To 30th Sep '2026		
RECEIPTS	**Amount**	**Amount**
To Opening Balance -Cash on Hand	2275.00	
To Opening Balance-Canara Bank SB1287101014396	110213.00	
To Opening Balance - Current A/c	333064.00	
To Opening Balance -Fixed Deposits with Canara Bank	1279869.00	
Sub Total		**1725421.00**
To Membership Annual Subscription fee		3037500.00
To New Membership fee		23000.00
To Interest on Fixed Deposits		37318.00
To Interest on Savings Bank Interest		5233.00
To Guest Charges		46195.12
To GST payable(Balance Sheet)		851810.30
To Telephone Directories		7796.67
To Mumbai Trip		280000.00
To Kolkatta Trip		1400000.00
To Other Income		3162.00
To Refund Received from ITC Hotels Ltd , Priya Asokan and Usha Moorthy		109192.00
	TOTAL	**7,526,628**
PAYMENTS		**Amount**
By Audit fee		29500.00
By AGM Expenses 2025-26 (Excluding GST input)		208450.00
By Meetings (with GST)		755476.00
By Fellowship Morning		328984.00
By Printing and Stationary(with GST)		4864.00
By Postage and Courier Expenditure		
By Conveyance and IWA Telephone Charges		6335.00
By Office Rent (with GST)		17700.00
By Legal and Professional Fee		29120.00
By Founder's Day		207731.00
By Salary to Accountant		72000.00
By Kolkatta Trip Expenditures		700000.00
By Music Day Celebration (with GST)		35000.00
By Mumbai Trip		223235.00
By Mumbai Trip- Refund two persons		14000.00
By Other Receipts Refund		2655.00
By Gift items		48576.95
By Bank Charges		2441.00
By GST paid and Adjusted Q1,Q2	413,963.10	
By Closing Balance-Cash on Hand	3,680.00	
By Closing Balance-Canara bank Savings Bank A/c 1287101014396	546,240.00	
By Closing Balance at Current Account	2,586,629.04	
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-1287401006192/9(MD 28.03.2026)	250,000.00	
By Closing Balance-Fixed Deposits-1287303000637/(MD.26.10.2026)	5,515.00	
By Tax payable (Op. Balance Sheet 2026)	6,500.00	
By Tax Deducted at Source 2026-27	3,679.00	
Sub Total		4840560.14
	TOTAL	**7526628.09**

Nirupa Sundaravadanan & Nirmala Raja

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Activity Chairpersons

In everlasting
REMEMBRANCE



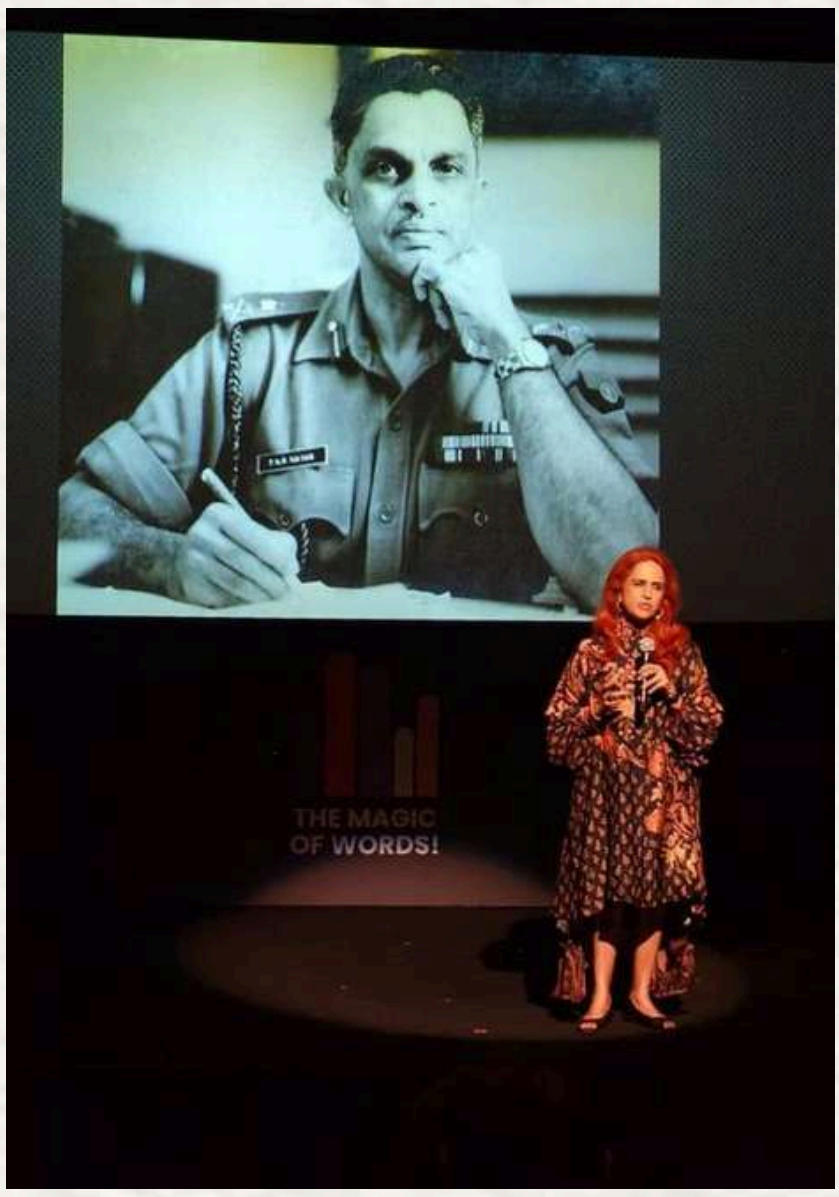
MRS. GOWRI VISVANATHAN
MEMBER SINCE 2003

"Some souls leave this world far too soon, leaving behind a silence that words can never fill."



Heartiest

CONGRATULATIONS



PARVATHI NAYAR

For showcasing her works titled

Limits of Change

at the Mumbai Lit Fest



SILK & STORIES

The IWA Heritage Kanjeevaram Walk

Heirlooms. Festivals.
Celebrations. Stories.

This Diwali, IWA celebrates the timeless beauty of the Kanjeevaram through silk, stories and celebration.

Join us for an intimate conversation with Santosh of **Tulsi Weaves**, as we explore the artistry and enduring legacy of the Kanjeevaram.

The highlight will be **11 treasured vintage sarees from Santosh's collection worn by our members**, each with its own story of a woman, a festival, a wedding or a cherished family celebration.

A curated display of vintage Kanjeevarams will also be on view.

4 NOVEMBER
3.15 PM
SHAMIANA, MADRAS CLUB

Come in your treasured Kanjeevaram and bring its story with you.

NINA KOTHARI INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE SILK & STORIES

Date: Wednesday, 4th November
Time: 3:15 pm
Venue: Shamiana, Madras Club
8, Adyar Gate Club Road
R.A Puram, Chennai - 600018

40 YEARS
still becoming

SILK & STORIES

Because some stories are written in words.
Others are woven in silk.

As we celebrate our Ruby Year, IWA invites you to an evening woven with silk, stories and celebration.

From the timeless Kanjeevaram to the women who wore them, every heirloom holds a memory - of Diwali lights, weddings, festivals, family traditions and cherished moments.

Join us for an intimate conversation with **Santosh of Tulsi Weaves,** celebrating the artistry and enduring legacy of the Kanjeevaram, followed by **The IWA Heritage Kanjeevaram Walk**, featuring treasured vintage sarees inherited and worn by our members. Alongside the walk, a curated display of vintage Kanjeevarams will unfold like a living archive of generations past.

Come in your treasured Kanjeevaram and bring its story with you.
We thank **Nina Kothari** for sponsoring this meeting.

Dress Code:
Ladies to be decorously attired. Faded or torn jeans are not acceptable.

HEALTH & ECOLOGY





MIRA MEHTA

From Seed to Scale

A real story of Grit, Leadership & Impact

Thu | 5th November | 3:45 pm

Zoom

DEEPIKA GOYAL & STEFANIE ANDRUCHOWITZ

Date: Thursday, 5th November
Time: 3:45 pm
Venue: Zoom

HEALTH & ECOLOGY

FROM SEED TO SCALE

A Real Story of Grit, Leadership & Impact

What do you do when you see a problem and decide not to walk away from it? **Mira Mehta** saw a **glaring supply chain gap in West Africa and built Tomato Jos**, a company that works directly with smallholder farmers to grow and process tomatoes locally, transforming an everyday agricultural challenge into a thriving social enterprise.

A graduate of Brown University and Harvard Business School, Mira traded corporate finance in New York for hands-on agribusiness in Nigeria. Along the way, **she has built a model that empowers thousands of local farmers, reduces post-harvest loss, and strengthens regional food security.**

Get ready to be inspired as Mira takes us on a personal journey about taking big risks, learning as you go, and finding purpose in the work you do.

Whether you are looking for **fresh leadership insights, social enterprise inspiration, or real-world wisdom, this is a talk you don't want to miss**. Mark your calendars, bring your questions, and get ready for a great conversation!

We are grateful to **Roshan Poncha** for connecting us to the speaker.

DEEPIKA GOYAL & STEFANIE ADRUCHOWITZ

CURRENT EVENTS



MURUGAVEL JANAKIRAMAN
in conversation with KIRAN REDDY

The New Indian Marriage

Thu | 12th November | 3:15 pm
E Hotel, Express Avenue Mall

TULSI REDDY & ARTHI BEZWADA

Date: Thursday, 12th November
Time: 3:15 pm
Venue: E Hotel 2nd Floor
Express Avenue Mall
Chennai 600005

CURRENT EVENTS

THE NEW INDIAN MARRIAGE

Kiran Reddy In Conversation With Muragavel Janakiraman, Founder of Matrimony.com

What does marriage mean to a generation with more choice, independence and possibility than ever before? Drawing on a unique window into millions of Indians looking for a partner, this conversation explores the shifting ideas of love, compatibility, gender roles, family and choice. What has changed, what has surprisingly endured, and what do young Indians want from marriage today? Ultimately, what does the way we choose a partner reveal about the society we are becoming?

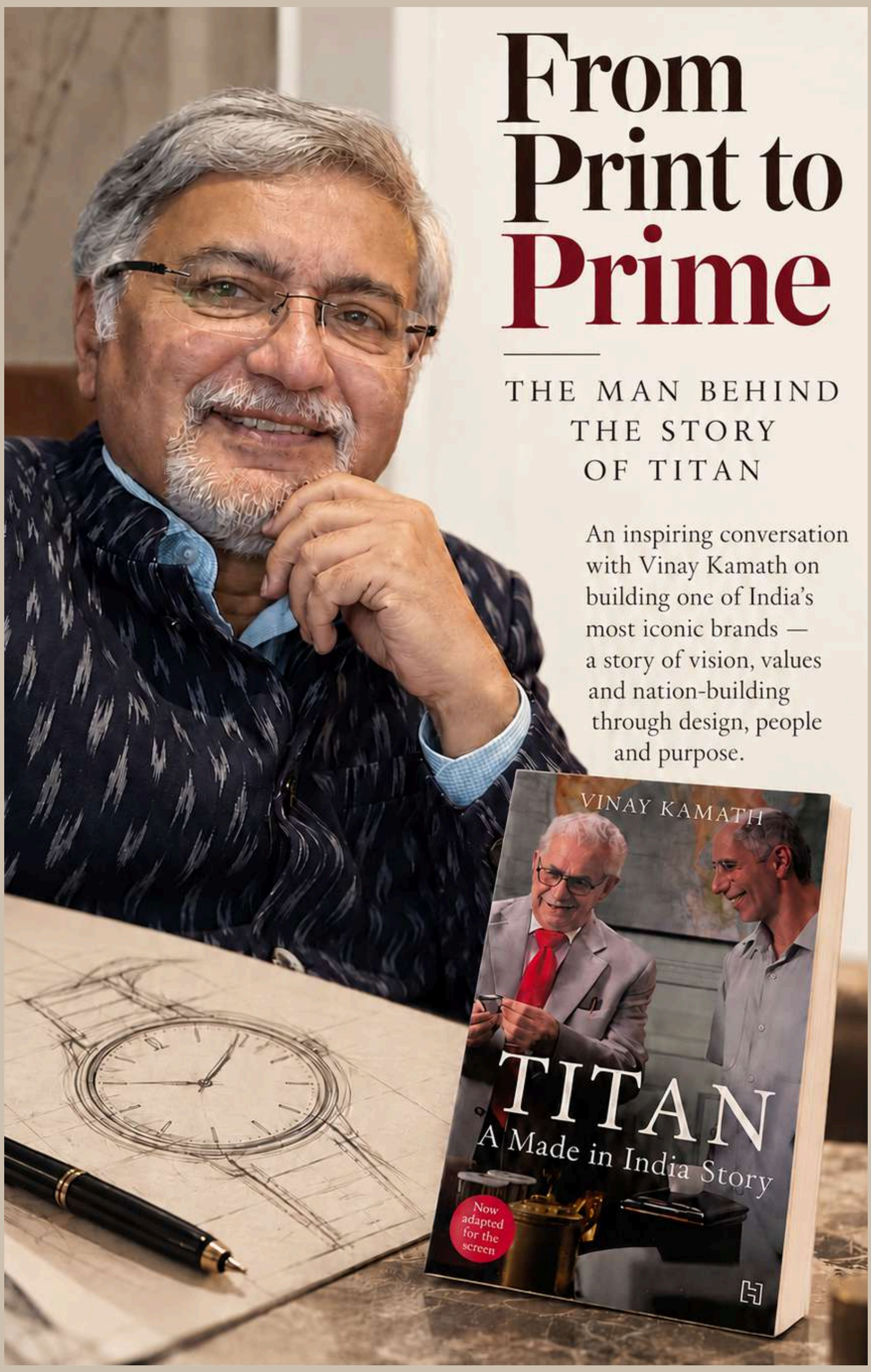
Murugavel Janakiraman is a pioneering digital entrepreneur who **founded Matrimony.com**, the company behind BharatMatrimony. Starting in 1997 with an online community platform for Indians abroad, he **built a leading matchmaking service connecting millions of Indians**. He has held key **leadership roles at IAMAI and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)**, and currently serves as **Vice Chairman of the CII Tamil Nadu State Council and Chairman of CII Tamil Nadu Connect**. An alumnus of Presidency College, Chennai, and the University of Madras, he has **received the India Today Group's Business Icon of the Year and WAT's Digital Entrepreneur of the Year awards, and has been nominated twice for The Economic Times Entrepreneur of the Year**.

Kiran Reddy is an entrepreneur **best known for building SPI Cinemas, home to the iconic Sathyam Cinemas**, into one of South India's leading multiplex chains before its acquisition by PVR Cinemas in 2018. He **currently leads Global Engine Maintenance, an aviation engine maintenance company in the US**, and is a significant shareholder in Qube Cinema, a global cinema technology company headquartered in Chennai.

We thank Tulsi Reddy for sponsoring this meeting.

TULSI REDDY & ARTHI BEZWADA

SHEETAL PARAKH INVITES YOU TO A BOOK DISCUSSION



Wed | 18th November | 10:15 am

Ballroom, Madras Club

SHEETAL PARAKH
INVITES YOU TO A
BOOK DISCUSSION

BOOK DISCUSSION

Date: Wednesday, 18th November
Time: 10:15 am
Venue: Ballroom, Madras Club
8, Adyar Club Gate Rd, RA Puram
Chennai 600028

FROM PRINT TO PRIME:
The Man Behind the Story of Titan

How does a meticulously researched **business book transform into one of 2026's biggest streaming blockbusters**?

Join veteran journalist and author **Vinay Kamath** as he pulls back the curtain on the extraordinary trajectory of his **bestselling book, Titan: Inside India's Most Successful Consumer Brand**. In this exclusive talk, Kamath shares the inside story of chronicling Titan's disruptive rise in the late 1980s — from breaking through stifling bureaucracy to challenging the global watch market — and how that narrative caught the eyes of filmmakers to **become the smash-hit Amazon MX Player biographical drama, Made in India: A Titan Story.**

Vinay Kamath is an author and veteran business journalist with nearly **40 years of experience chronicling corporate India**. He spent 28 years with The Hindu BusinessLine, where he served as Senior Associate Editor and anchored the highly popular leadership column, Table Talk, freewheeling conversations with top business leaders on their life and times and their businesses. **An economics graduate from the University of Madras**, with a diploma in journalism from the **Times School of Journalism**, Kamath was part of the Young Journalists Programme 1995 at the University of Westminster on a Chevening Fellowship offered by the British FCO.

SHEFALII DADABHOY & ANJALI SACHETI

HEALTH & ECOLOGY



DR. MAHALAKSHMI RANGABASHYAM SHETTY

Clockwise

Unlocking the Science & Secrets of Smart Sleep

Thu | 26th Nov | 3:15 pm

Madras Club

DEEPIKA GOYAL & STEFANIE ANDROCHOWITZ

VIDYA SINGH INVITES YOU TO A HEALTH & ECOLOGY TALK

HEALTH & ECOLOGY

Date: Thursday, 26th November
Time: 3:15 pm
Venue: Madras Club
8, Adyar Gate Club Road
R.A Puram, Chennai - 600018

CLOCKWISE

Unlocking the Science and Secrets of Smart Sleep

Coffee to get us going. An afternoon slump. One more episode before bed, even though we know we will regret it in the morning. Sound familiar? **We spend a good part of our lives sleeping** and an awful lot of our waking hours trying to get enough of it. **But what if we have been getting some things about sleep completely wrong?**

For our next Health & Ecology talk, we are delighted to welcome **Dr. Mahalakshmi Rangabashyam Shetty**, an **ENT surgeon specialising in Head & Neck Surgery and Sleep Disorders**, who has spent more than two decades working in clinical practice, research and academia in India and Singapore.

Dr. Mahalakshmi will **take us beyond the familiar advice to "get eight hours" and into the fascinating workings of our internal body clock.** Why can a bad night leave us feeling so unlike ourselves? What does sleep have to do with our memory, mood, metabolism and immunity? And what can we actually do to sleep better, beyond buying another pillow or promising ourselves an earlier bedtime?

Expect an eye-opening look at something we do every single daybut rarely stop to think about. You might just leave seeing your bedtime in a whole new light.

Join us for an afternoon of discovery, conversation and practical takeaways, because a good night's sleep might be the best thing you do for yourself.

We thank **Badrunissa Mahadevan** for sponsoring this meeting.

DEEPIKA GOYAL & STEFANIE ADRUCHOWITZ

SHHH!!

Keep it quiet...

IT'S A SURPRISE
MASTER ARTIST

Saturday 28th November
3.15 p.m.
Ashvita's Art Gallery

The artist is a surprise.
The inspiration is guaranteed.

LOOK OUT FOR CLUES TO GUESS
AND WIN A SURPRISE GIFT!

ARTS & HANDICRAFTS

Date: Saturday, 28th November
Time: 3.15 pm
Venue: Ashvita's Art Gallery
4 Second Street,
Dr. Radhakrishnan Salai,
Mylapore, Chennai – 600004

MASTER AT WORK

An intimate encounter with artistic brilliance

Step into the world of art, imagination and extraordinary craftsmanship at Ashvita's Art Gallery.

Join us for a special IWA gathering with a surprise master artist — an opportunity to discover the mind behind the masterpieces, explore the stories and inspirations that shape their work, and gain a rare glimpse into the creative process.

An afternoon of art, conversation and unexpected revelations, celebrating the genius of an artist whose work speaks for itself.

We thank **Ashvin E. Rajagopalan** and **Priyanjoli Basu** of Ashvita's Art Gallery for magnanimously opening up their space and curating this meeting for us.
The artist is a surprise. The inspiration is guaranteed.

Look out for clues on the WhatsApp group to guess the speaker. First correct answer wins a surprise gift!

RACHITA CHAUDHARY & MANISHA SINGHEE

MEETING GALLERY

INTERNATIONAL MUSIC DAY





















MEETING GALLERY

INTERNATIONAL MUSIC DAY

























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SPECIAL MOVIE AFTERNOON



















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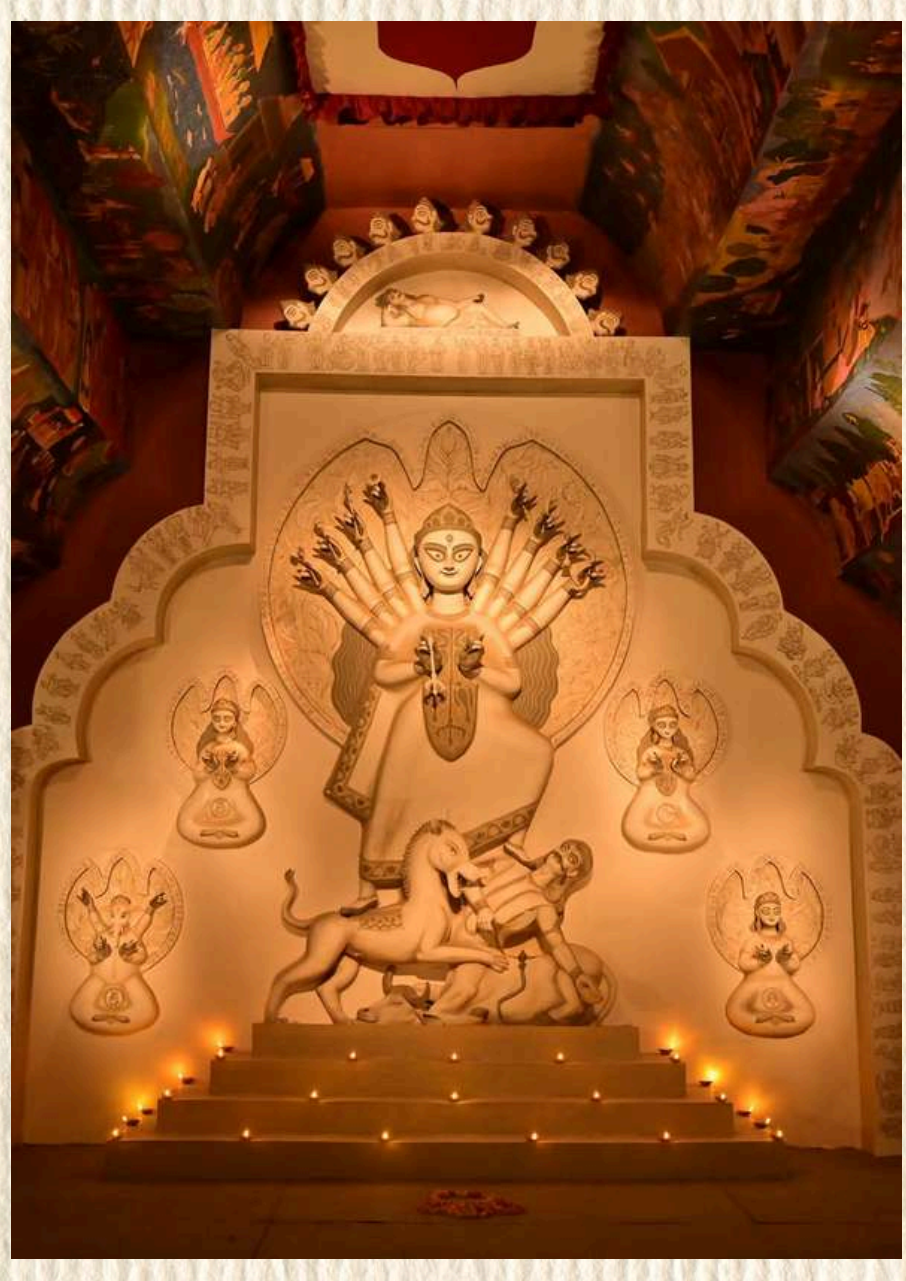


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HISTORY CULTURE & TOURS









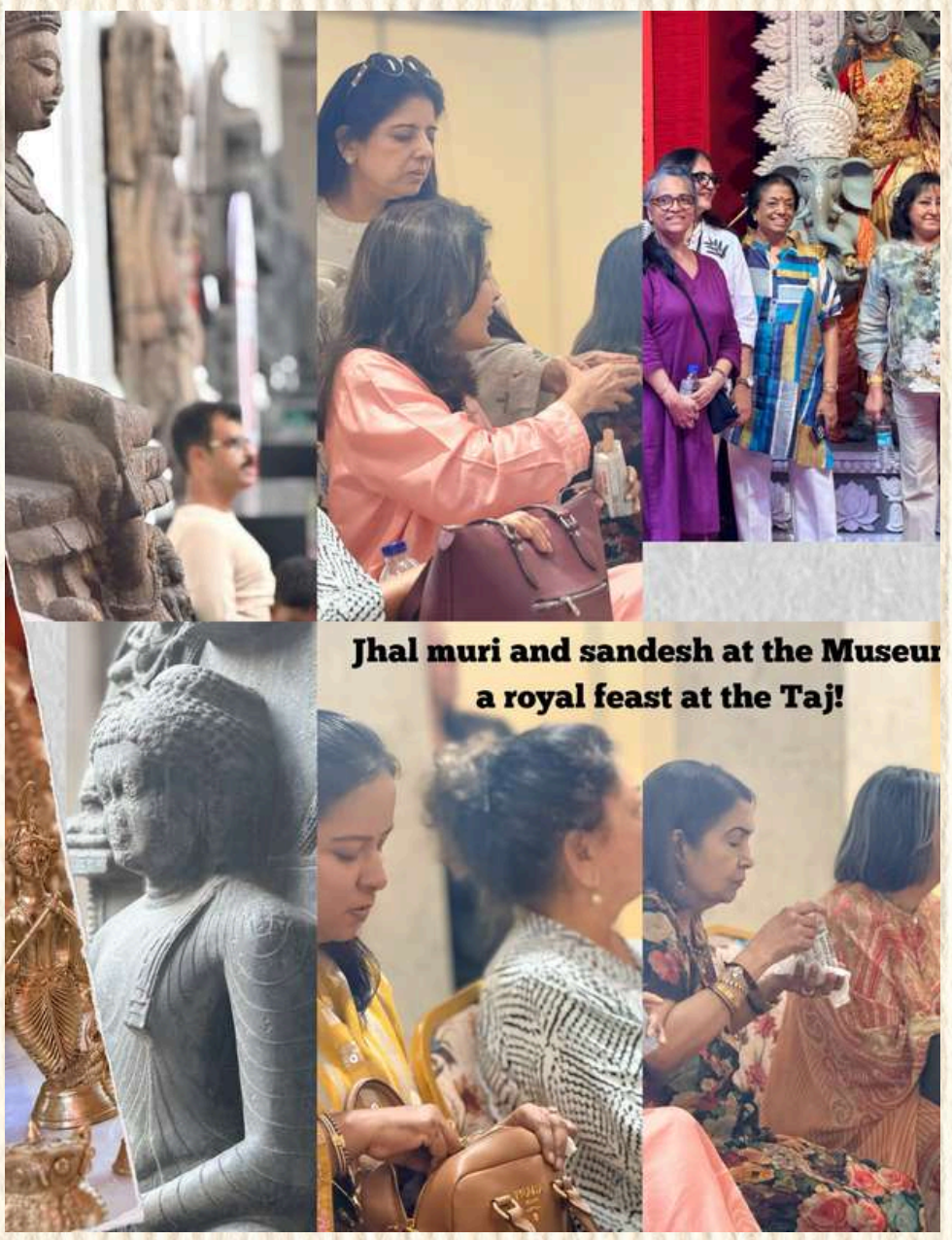




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HISTORY CULTURE & TOURS















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HISTORY, CULTURE & TOURS















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2011–2012	Nina Kothari	Cherry Venkatesan
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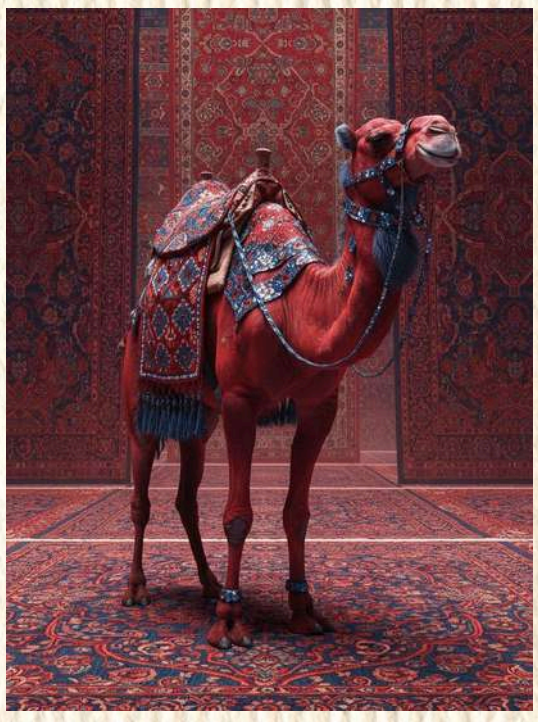












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