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## MONTH AT A GLANCE

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~~24/09/92~~  
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Slides and discussion presented by Dr. K. V. Raman on India's cultural influence throughout Southeast Asia.
- ~~Tuesday, 29th~~ **BOOK DISCUSSION** 10-15 a.m.  
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*To come*  
"20 STORIES" by Satyajit Ray - written for the young reader but an enjoyable selection for all.

## FROM THE PRESIDENTS

Our program for the month of September promises as usual to be innovative and exciting. As our activities are always planned two months in advance, we are taking this opportunity of giving you some advance warning of our Diwali event for October.

We are planning a Diwali Fair, scheduled for Sunday, 11th October, 1992 to which we invite each and every one of our members and their families to participate. IWA has provided many of you with a ready-made forum to promote your talent, wares or expertise. Now we are offering you an official platform for this promotion. But with a slight difference. And a break in IWA tradition. The beneficiaries will be, not only yourselves, but a group of charities.

The pre-requisite for the charity beneficiary is that the IWA MEMBER MUST BE A BONAFIDE COMMITTEE MEMBER OF A CHARITY. Registration, with details of the charity, must be made in writing to the IWA Presidents by 1st October, 1992. There will be no ballot, and all charities will be recognised. A special sub-committee will be formed to organise and co-ordinate this event, and each member will be requested to offer one item of their talent (i.e. do you paint, bake, sew, knit, etc.) to our White Elephant stall. The proceeds of this, and a percentage (say 20%) of your sales, will go to the IWA members' charities.

We believe this will be a truly special occasion and, as with all our activities, there is no compulsion to be involved, but we trust you will rise to the occasion and support us. The special sub-committee members will contact you each personally with further details.

**MALINI VIJAYARAGHAVAN  
MAUREEN HUDSON MURARI**

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### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday, 11th September, 1992 — 10-00 a.m.

At : Poonam Lalchand's  
3, College Lane  
Madras-600 006  
Tel. : 472947 / 8257157



# USHA UTHUP

In gratitude . . . .

The planning and organising of this ambitious programme at such short notice could not have been possible if we did not have the willing support of our members, good friends and well-wishers.

Primarily our profound thanks go to the artist USHA UTHUP who very readily accepted our request and gave us a "morning to remember". Despite a tight schedule, she came, she sang and she conquered. Thank you, Usha!

The chief sponsors who made this morning possible are :

CHEMICALS & PLASTICS INDIA LTD.

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To them our profuse thanks.

To present a great artist of Usha's calibre, Connemara Hotel came to our rescue with the offer of their hall. Our sincere thanks to Connemara Hotel and specially to Sujaya Menon for coordinating the programme.

Mr. R. K. Raman of Radha Silk Emporium generously donated an exotic silk saree — an apt gift for an exotic personality like Usha. Our thanks to him.

Hosting the coffee morning were some of our enthusiastic members. They are, alphabetically —

Gita Chandrasekaran

Rupa Kadhiresan

Bina Mathur

Shobha Mujumdar

Mridula Narasimhan

Jayanti Rajaram

Nalini Ramakrishna

Rajni Sabarwal

Neena Sanghavi

Shirley Verghese

To all of them a great big thank you.

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## Thought for the Month

The block of granite which was an obstacle in the pathway of the weak, becomes a stepping stone in the pathway of the strong.

CARLYLE

## CURRENT EVENTS AND CAREERS

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At : Hotel Park Sheraton  
T. T. K. Road  
Madras-600 018



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Accommodating us into a tight schedule, **Jayanthi** finds time to speak to us about "**Women in Parliament**".

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POONAM LALCHAND**

Hosted by : **Vijay Goyal  
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Raji Rangachari**

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## HEALTH AND ECOLOGY

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At : Mrs. Naina H. Shah  
25, College Road  
Madras-600 006  
Tel. : 471500/884212  
(3rd house from Gee Gee Minar)



### **A NEIGHBOURHOOD APPROACH TO A GREENER, CLEANER, POLLUTION-FREE ENVIRONMENT**

A discussion by Mr. ALLAUDDIN, I.A.S., Commissioner of Madras Corporation  
and Mr. M. B. NIRMAL, Founder and Chairman of EXNORA INTERNATIONAL.

Mr. Allauddin, Commissioner, will talk to us about the Governmental approach  
in dealing with environmental pollution.

EXNORA INTERNATIONAL is a pioneering Association whose aim it is to keep  
the world free of air, water and soil pollution. It started as a small unit and  
has now grown into a city-wide organization. Mr. Nirmal will be addressing  
us on the voluntary approach, to pollution control.

We look forward to listening to both of the speakers as they indicate how  
best to deal with the problems of pollution individually and collectively.

**URMILA REDDY  
PAULINE HAHN**

## ARTS AND HANDICRAFTS

Monday, 7th September, 1992 — 10-15 a.m.

At : Leela Ratnam's  
"Sri Raj"  
20, Cenotaph 2nd Lane  
Madras-600 018  
(Behind Russian Trade Center)  
Tel. : 452123 / 453798



**MEHNDI** — A Traditional and decorative art form which is still practised today.

A legacy of the moghuls of yesteryear, this art form not only decorates ones palms and feet, it is a sign of auspiciousness and is cooling in Summer.

Anita Ratnam will talk to us about the historical, traditional, religious and artistic background of this art form.

Four professional mehndiwallis will be present to demonstrate this traditional art form.

Members may avail of their services after Anita's talk.

**KAUSALYA JAGANMOHAN**

RSVP. : 454201 between 8 — 10 a.m.

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## I. W. A. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special thanks to all our IWA members who participated in our Founders' Day activity on July 24th. Significantly we would like to congratulate Kalyani Tyagi and Padmini Natarajan on their professional and wonderful portrayal of the play 'September Song'. Thanks to Sushi Nataraj for her moral support all through their rehearsals and to Leela Ratnam who came to our rescue at the last minute with the staging lights. Thanks also to Sunita Shahaney for organising the Ashok Leyland luxury bus which added to the comfort of the journey for nearly 40 of our members. Last, but not least, grateful thanks to The Trident for hosting the event.

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Heartfelt condolences to Dorothy Saldahna and Marina Mathias in their recent tragedy.



NEW MEMBERS OF I. W. A.

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"Sharan"

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Phone : 472947

8257157

**Susheela Sampath**

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589819 (O)

## COOKING SWAPSHOP

Tuesday, 8th September, 1992 — 10-15 a.m.

At : Sumeet Marketing Centre  
571, Anna Salai  
Teynampet  
Madras-600 006  
(Behind Mademoiselle Boutique)



### **DEMONSTRATION OF THE SUMEET MULTIPURPOSE ASIA KITCHEN MACHINE**

The new Sumeet Multipurpose Asia Kitchen Machine is a versatile kitchen mixer. It has been developed after indepth research into food preparation methods used in various Asian Cuisines — Indian Subcontinent, Far Eastern and Middle Eastern.

In the Asia new Sumeet Multipurpose Kitchen Machine whole grains and cereals can now be ground at home to a desired consistency. Grinding oil seeds (such as mustard and khus khus), which has always been difficult to tackle in a conventional mixer, is possible. Grinding of fresh herbs such as garlic, ginger and galangal (Java Root) is performed in their own natural juices, without addition of water.

A live demonstration will be given by Zareen Lalkaka, a culinary expert from Bombay, who is specially coming to Madras to show us some conventional and gourmet dishes.

The Company has offered a friendly discount for IWA Members who book the grinder on that day.

**LILY MADHOK  
KYOKO ISHIZAKI**

Limit : 50

RSVP : 452525 Lily Madhok

We thank Mrs. Aseel Mathur who is organising and hosting the above meeting.

## PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION

Tuesday, 15th September, 1992 — 10-15 a.m.

At : Mrs. Roopa Kapur's  
10, Crescent Street  
Archbishop Mathias Avenue  
Madras-600 028  
(Near Madras Club)



### ZEN PHILOSOPHY

Zen is a philosophy which elaborates on the fact that SAMSARA (world) and NIRVANA (enlightenment) are one and the same and that eternal life is here and now.

Mr. R. Kirubakaran, I.A.S., who is an expert on Zen philosophy, Futurology, and physics, is a disciple of Zen Rishi Ama. His hobbies also include Calligraphy, and he is presently teaching Futurology in some city colleges. Come and discover more about Zen Philosophy.

**DEVAKI MUTHIAH  
RATHI NILAKANTAN**

RSVP. : 865250

## HISTORY, CULTURE AND TOURS

Thursday, 17th September, 1992—10-15 a.m.

At : Max Mueller Bhavan  
13, Khader Nawaz Khan Road  
Madras-600 006  
(Off Nungambakkam High Road)



### **INDIAN CULTURE ABROAD**

According to the French Indologist, Sylvain Levy, India's cultural influences have reached one-fourth of the human race, from Persia to the China Sea, from Siberia to Java and Borneo.

A group of Indian archaeologists and Japanese scholars visited Southeast Asia recently and their findings on Indian cultural influences in Vietnam, Laos and Thailand will be the subject of today's talk (Illustrated with slides) by Dr. K. V. Raman, Head of the Department of Ancient History and Archaeology, University of Madras.

**SHAKUNTHALA JAGANNATHAN  
SEEMA SAIT**

Hostesses : **Molly Jacob  
Premila Jacob  
Reena Verghese  
Latha Chohan**

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The Government Museum and the C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar Foundation have jointly organised an exhibition of ROMAN ANTIQUITIES found in Tamil Nadu including gold jewellery, gold, silver and copper coins, medals, pottery, lamps etc. These are displayed in the Exhibition Hall of the Government Museum at Pantheon Road.

**SHAKUNTHALA & SEEMA**

## BOOK DISCUSSION

Tuesday, 29th September, 1992 — 10-15 a.m.

At : Mahmooda Haja Shareeff's  
'Nihal', 1st Street  
No. 17, Haddows Road  
Madras-600 006  
Phone : 864822 / 476522



### **'20 STORIES' — by Satyajit Ray**

These twenty stories are a selection from the large number written by the film maker and artist Ray. They originally appeared in the magazine "Sandesh" edited by Ray himself. Though written primarily for the young reader, they can be fully enjoyed by the adult, too. Ms. Gopa Majumdar has translated these stories from the original.

**JAVANTHI PRABHAKARAN  
MARIE WILLIAMS**

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