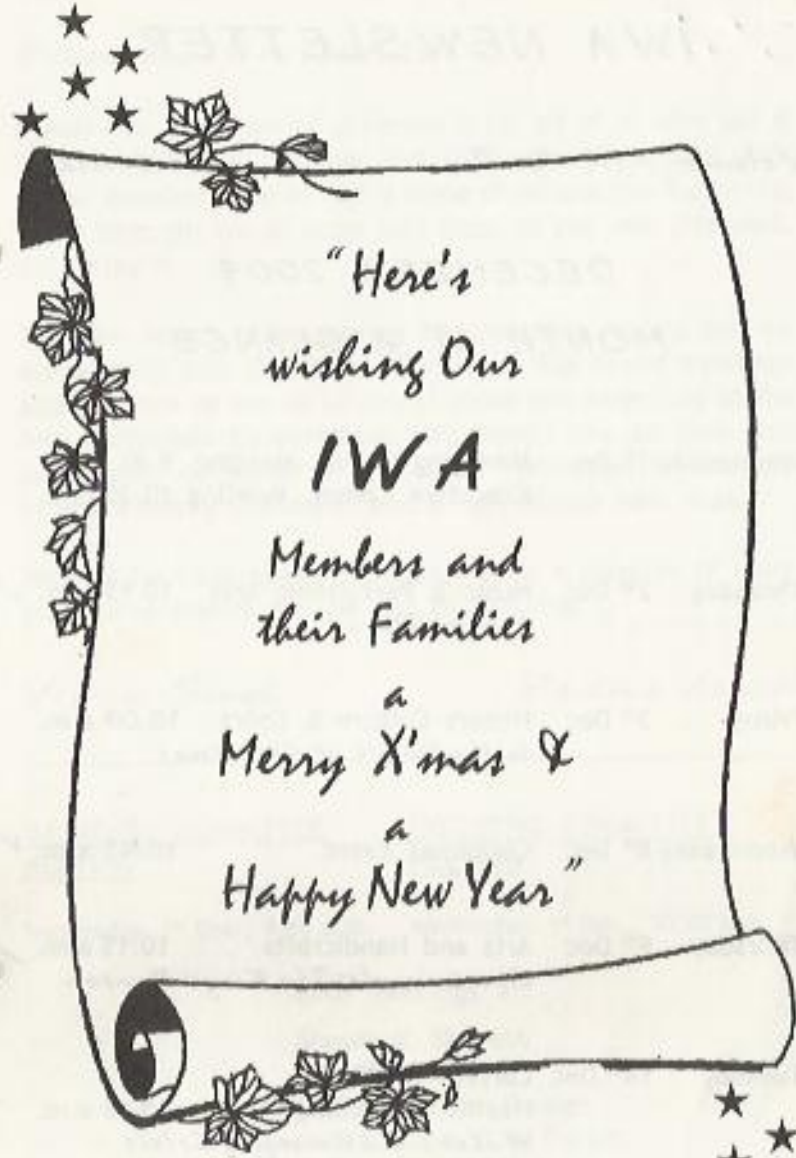




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# IWA NEWSLETTER

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## MONTH AT A GLANCE

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec Managing Comm. Meeting 9.45 a.m.  
Executive Comm. Meeting 10.30 a.m.

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec Music & Performing Arts 10.15 a.m. ✓  
*Fusion Dance*

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec History Culture & Tours 10.00 a.m.  
*In the Spirit of Christmas*

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Event 10.45 a.m. ✓

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec Arts and Handicrafts 10.15 a.m. ✓  
*Court Jewels-The Kings' Ransom*

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec Current Events &  
Health and Ecology 10.15 a.m. ✓  
*Water : The Emerging Crisis*

## From the Presidents

Diwali was a wonderful experience for all of us who put it together. It was a challenge and involved so much hard work by our members. We do feel a sense of satisfaction for having come through. We do hope that those of you who attended, did enjoy it.

The year seems to be moving on impossibly rapidly and we are already into Christmas. December has fewer meetings and we hope to see all of you at those and especially at the IWA Christmas Celebrations. We would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the entire committee to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

We will be back again in January with a promise of more great programmes for the rest of the year.

Vidya Singh

Padma Ashok

MANAGING COMMITTEE  
MEETING

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MEETING

Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> Dec., 9.45 a.m. Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> Dec., 10.30 a.m.

Both Meetings at:

Sheela K. Sharath  
"Sharan"

63/29 (Old) Bishops Garden  
off Greenways Road, R.A. Puram,  
Chennai - 600 028.

## *Our Grateful thanks*

On behalf of the IWA Board and Committee, we would like to extend our gratitude to all those who participated and helped us for the "DIWALI - Let there be light" event on the 6th of November.

### **Models - Members**

Urmilla Agarwal  
Shalini Biswajit  
Gita Chandrasekaran  
Deepali Goyal  
Juron Hafsmo  
Malini Krishna  
Achu Kurien  
Jenny Leighton  
Libby Meyer  
Aseel Mathur  
Priya Manian  
Bharati Nair  
Princess Naik  
Junko Osanura  
Gita Rajagopal  
Nita Reddy  
Naina Shah  
Bharathi Suresh  
Chandra Goyal Seoni  
Shanti Thomas  
Cherry Venkatesan

### **Sons, Daughters & Daughters-in-law**

Vashima - Urmilla Agarwal  
Shruti - Shalini Biswajit  
Naina - Rani Chandani  
Kirtana - Gita Chandrasekaran  
Armaan - Deepali Goyal

Varsha - Premila Jacob  
Asmita - Malini Krishna  
Mithula - Princess Naik  
Zeenat - Fazila Nurdeen  
Yukino - Junko Osanura  
Supriya - Menaka Prabhakar  
Shewtha - Jaya Tambay Patwardhan  
Aarti - Rekha Rangaraj  
Shreya - Lita Srinivasan  
Shravan  
Vasundara - Vidya Singh  
Viraj  
Shabani - Shanti Thomas

### **Grandchildren**

Mrinalini - Shanti Karunakaran  
Antara - Menaka Prabhakar  
Sahita

### **Backstage & other support**

Rehana Yavar Dhala  
Rani Das Gupta  
Radha Gopalakrishnan  
Shobha Hebbar  
Premila Jacob  
Kausalya Jagan Mohan  
Rita Lal  
Shweta Mohapatra  
Padmini Natarajan  
Fazeela Nurdeen  
Sharmila Ramji  
Rekha Rangaraj  
Nina Sanghavi  
Anjana Sunil  
Aruna Vijaykumar



at 10.15 a.m.  
on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December  
at The Madras Club, Adyar Club Gate Road,  
Chennai 600 028.

## *Fusion Dance by PARIJAT DESAI & DANCERS*

New York-based company Parijat Desai and Dancers is led by dancer/choreographer Parijat Desai, with dynamic performers Cindy Chung, Aditi Dhruv, and Shobana Ram. Desai's choreography draws on Bharatanatyam as well as modern dance, yoga and martial art.

Combining the lines and rhythms of Indian classical dance with the physicality and innovation of modern, Parijat Desai and Dancers perform excerpts from their contemporary repertoire, exclusively for IWA members.

Parijat will later speak about her search for organic connections between forms and the challenges she has faced as a South Asian after 9/11 in USA, refuting the dangerous notion that cultures are separate and static.

We are grateful to Priya Manian, Sharda Reddy and Anjana Sunil for hosting this meeting.

*Urmilla Agarwal*

*Anita Kapoor*



The tour will start from Vidya Singhs' House  
at 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December  
at Old 10, Satyanarayana Avenue, Off Boat Club Road,  
Chennai 600028

## *In the Spirit of Christmas...*

This festive season, in keeping with the Spirit of Christmas we are going to visit two interesting Churches.

The LUZ CHURCH, the oldest church in Chennai, built in 1516 by the Portugese and the LOYOLA COLLEGE CHURCH, the perfect example of Gothic church architecture, followed by a picnic on the Loyola College grounds!

Please warn-in to Kausalya or Sandra.

All are welcome !

*Kausalya Apparao Jagannohan      Sandra Le Coz*

## *From the Treasurer*

Members please note that the Closing Balance of IWA as on 30th September 2004 was as follows:

Bank -	Rs.2,23,734.79
Cash -	Rs.20,261.99

and not as what was reported in the November 2004 newsletter. The inadvertent error is regretted.

*Seema Bhargava*



Arts & Handicrafts

at 10.15 a.m.  
on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> December

at Chola Sheraton, Cathedral Road, Chennai

### *Court Jewels - The Kings' Ransom*

Sunita Kohli, the renowned interior decorator and designer has an impressive clientele and her portfolio includes an array of projects across India and overseas. She is the recipient of the prestigious Padmashree Award for her restoration work at The Hyderabad House, New Delhi, She is a member on the Governing Board of the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation.

Mrs. Kohli will trace the historical importance of the jewels of the Maharajas and the princely states of India. Her richly illustrated and well-researched talk will be a journey through royal India covering varied aspects of jewellery design.

The talk will also entail a fascinating account of India's most important diamonds of that era.

Limited seats. Please warn-in.

FOR MEMBERS ONLY

*Nina Kothari*

*Peggy Dwyer*

*From the Vice Presidents*

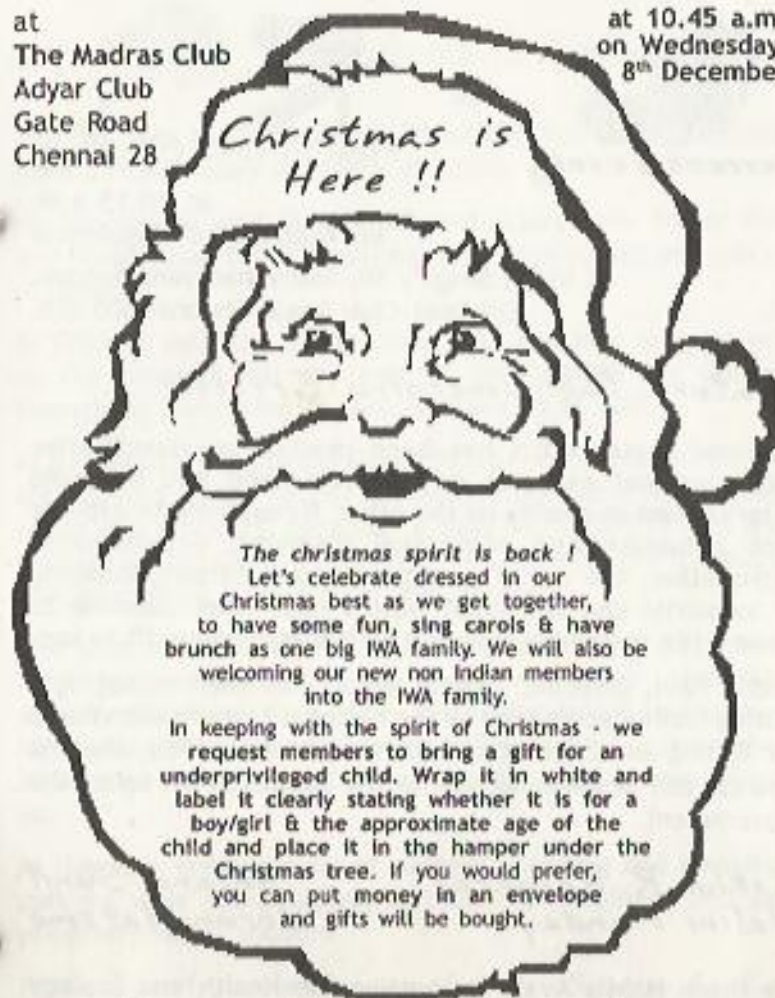
As we are ready to print the telephone book, we would appreciate it if you need to make any changes in your address/telephone number to please contact:

*Princess Naik*  
(24418448)

*Sheela K. Sharath*  
(24938524)

at  
The Madras Club  
Adyar Club  
Gate Road  
Chennai 28

at 10.45 a.m.  
on Wednesday,  
8<sup>th</sup> December



*Christmas is Here !!*

*The christmas spirit is back !  
Let's celebrate dressed in our  
Christmas best as we get together,  
to have some fun, sing carols & have  
brunch as one big IWA family. We will also be  
welcoming our new non Indian members  
into the IWA family.*

*In keeping with the spirit of Christmas - we  
request members to bring a gift for an  
underprivileged child. Wrap it in white and  
label it clearly stating whether it is for a  
boy/girl & the approximate age of the  
child and place it in the hamper under the  
Christmas tree. If you would prefer,  
you can put money in an envelope  
and gifts will be bought.*

Please warn in by Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> December to

Padma Ashok - 28330235/28332801, Princess Naik - 24418448,  
Cherry Venkatesan - 28293436, Vidya Singh - 98410 30737

No Guests Please !!



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at 10.15 a.m.  
on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December  
at Vidya Singh', 10, Sathyanarayana Avenue,  
Off Boat Club Road, Chennai 600 028.

### *Water: The Emerging Crisis*

Chennai' water crisis has been marked by quantitative shortages and excesses on the one hand and by rapid deterioration in quality on the other, threatening to explode into a human and ecological disorder. Groundwater exploitation, the use of pesticides and fertilizers, dumping of industrial and municipal wastes into water combine to make a life sustaining resource both scarce and unfit to use.

Sudha Ravi, Director, Sargam Metals has been managing a testing facility accredited by the National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories since 1986. She will address this problem as well as the standards set up by the Government.

*Rekha R Rangaraj  
Nalini Panday*

*Anjana Sunil  
Jorun Hatsmo*

We thank Nabila Avals for hosting the Health and Ecology meeting on 17th November.

### *Congratulations to*

- ◆ Sucharita Prasad on the birth of her grand daughter.



## Cambodia & Thailand Tour

The IWA tour to CAMBODIA & THAILAND has been finalized: from 23<sup>rd</sup> February to March 4<sup>th</sup> 2005.

We propose to visit SIAM REAP and explore the Angkor Wat and Preah Khan temples among other monuments and places of interest.

At CHIANG MAI, the Phrae, Nam Tum and Nan temples are on the cards. A full day tour of the CHIANG RAI Golden Triangle is something to look forward to as well.

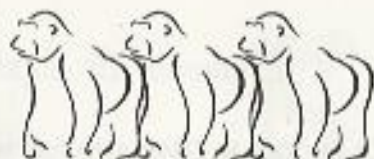
At BANGKOK, visits to the Grand Palace and the Gem Factory are planned, as is a visit to the famous Jim Thompson House, which is a shoppers' paradise. A days trip to AYUTTHAYA and a cruise on the CHAO PHYA river, are some of the intriguing and interesting highlights of our itinerary.

The tour costs Rs.65,000 approx. (inclusive of airfares & hotel accommodation, etc.) Those who have warned-in already please pay Rs.5,000/- (non-refundable) registration fees to Sandra or Kausalya on or before the 8<sup>th</sup> of December 2004, and collect your copy of the detailed itinerary from us.

As this tour involves a lot of walking, climbing and trekking; pull up your socks ladies, put on your trainers and get physically fit.... sooon!

*Kausalya Apparao Jagannathan Sandra Le Coz*

- ◆ Thank you to Jaya Menon for sponsoring the audio-visual equipment for the 19<sup>th</sup> November History Culture & Tours Meeting.



## Evolution ?!!

Three monkeys sat on a coconut tree  
Discussing things as they are said to be  
Said one to the others, now listen you two  
There's a certain rumour that can't be true  
That man's descended from our noble race  
The very idea is sure a disgrace  
No monkeys ever deserted his wife  
Starved her babies and ruined her life,  
And you've never known another monk  
To put her babies out with others to bunk  
Or pass them on from one to another  
Till they hardly know which one is their mother  
And this is something else you'll never see  
A monk build a fence around a coconut tree  
And let all the coconuts go to waste  
Rather than let other monkeys get a taste  
And this is something else a monk won't do  
Go out at night and get on a stew  
And take a gun or a club or a knife  
To take some other poor monkey's life  
Yes man's descended, the ornery cuss  
But brother he didn't descend from us!

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