



HERALDING THE DAWN OF HOPE AND CHANGE

INNER WHEEL DISTRICT 323

District Chairman Usha Saraogi District Editor Fathima Nasira

Inner Wheel Prayer

Instill in us O Lord, the true meaning of friendship. Never let us forget that we are all Thy children, Notwithstanding the differences in our culture and creed. Endow us with a desire to serve our fellowmen, Remembering that we too often need help. Whenever or wherever the need for service arises, Help us to be ready to serve, Endeavouring to make our badge of Inner Wheel worthwhile, Ensuring that we have not Lived in vain.

இன்னர் வீல் கடவுள் வாழ்த்து

எங்கள் இறைவா!

நட்புணாவின் உண்மையான பொருளை எங்களுக்குள் நிலை நிறுத்து!

எங்களுக்குள் சமய பண்பாட்டு வேறுபாடுகள் இருப்பினும், நாங்கள் அனைவருமே உமது குழந்தைகள் தாம் என்னும் எண்ணம் எங்களை விட்டு என்றுமே அகலாமல் இருக்கச்செய்!

நாங்களும் அவ்வப்பொழுது பிறரின் உதவிகளை வேண்டிடும்நிலையில் உள்ளோம் என்பதை மனதில் கொண்டு – எங்களுடன் வாழ்வோர்க்கெல்லாம் தொண்டு செய்யும் ஆர்வத்தினை வழங்கு!

எங்கெல்லாம் எப்பொழுதெல்லாம் எமது சேவைக்கான தேவை எழுகின்றதோ, அப்போதெல்லாம் – நாங்கள் ஆயத்தமாக இருக்க உதவி செய்!

எமது இன்னா்வீல் முத்திரையை மதிப்புமிக்கதாக்கி, வீணாக நாம் வாழ்ந்து விடவில்லை என்பதை உறுதிப்படுத்து!

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Fathima Nasira

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From the District Editor's Desk

DAWN - A Harbinger of Hope and Change - விடியல்

DAWN is a humble effort to showcase the incredible flurry of events, activities and services rendered by the clubs of District 323 in the year 2020-21, in a nutshell. It chronicles the journey of how IWD 323 lead the change with hope.

Even the darkest of nights breaks into a dawn. Every dawn symbolises the triumph of good over evil and hence we decided to name our souvenir DAWN.



Rising above the challenges posed by the pandemic, we have emerged winners with flying colours and proved the saying

"Tough Times Never Last Tough People Always Do"

I owe my gratitude to all the Past District Chairmen, my colleagues in the EC and Club Presidents and many others who helped in the making of DAWN.

I take this opportunity to thank District Chairman Usha Saraogi, AC Member Nallini Olivannan, District Treasurer Arasi Ponmozhi, District Secretary Arathi, PDC's Latha Mahalingam, Seema Bhargava, Sushila Natraj, Bhamini Parthasarathy, Vasanthy Rao and Shama Prasanna for their input, support and guidance in crafting and shaping the souvenir. Special thanks to Anandhi, IWC of Chennai KK Nagar for Tariff Card design.

Hope you enjoy browsing through it.

Fathima Nasira District Editor



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District Chairman

Dear District Editor Fathima Nasira My dear friends in Inner Wheel, My cheerful Greetings to you all!

It gives me immense pleasure to talk to you all through our Souvenir **DAWN** which is being released on the day of our District Conference **Samsiddhi**.

Thank you Fathima for bringing this wonderful Souvenir which is a recollection of all the projects done by the Hope Angel Presidents of District 323. It will surely bring fond memories in the years to come.



This year is very different in the history of Inner Wheel. We were not sure how the year will unfold. But our IIW President Bina Ji has given us an inspirational theme, "**LEAD THE CHANGE**" and our dear AP Vasudhaaji has given us a new meaning in the theme "**HOPE**."

"LEAD THE CHANGE and be the symbol of HOPE."

Are very powerful words which have steered all the Inner Wheel Clubs in India to perform in every adversity. They also guided us on how these goals could be implemented.

When life puts us in tough situations, Don't say "Why me", say, "Try Me"

A lot has happened this year, but we have stood the test of time and here we are half way through the year. At times our own light goes off and it is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each one of us has been one such person to kindle the spark in others lives and also lighted the flames within us.

Thank you my dear Hope Angel Presidents for your dedication, understanding and all of you have contributed much to the pride of Inner Wheel District 323. You have all done wonderful work.

A good team is about sticking together and moving together. Hope we carry this legacy forward.

Friendship is the only cement that will ever hold the world together. Have a prosperous, safe and healthy year of Friendship! Wishing you all the best in everything!

Yours in friendship **Usha Saraogi** District Chairman - 323 2020-21

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Vice Chairman & District Executive Committee

Dear District Editor Nasira,

Our District Conference is one which every Inner Wheel member is looking forward to and we are sure it is going to be another feather in the cap of our District Chairman Usha Saraogi. The release of the Souvenir is one of the most prestigious moments of the District Editor as it will showcase the achievements of our Clubs and our District to the Association President and to every Inner Wheel member in our District and across the country.



I am sure with your poetic talent and writing skills you will be able to compile and bring out an outstanding Souvenir which you will cherish for your lifetime.

Our best wishes to District Chairman Usha Saraogi for an outstanding Conference "Samsiddhi" and we hope that it turns out to be another great accomplishment in her illustrious role as the leader of our District for the year 2020-21.

"Dawn" I am sure will be the beginning of many more great things to come in the years lying ahead for all of us Inner Wheel members.

By Kamala Selvam on behalf of the District Executive Committee

District Vice Chairman-Kamala Selvam

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District ESO-PDC Vasumathi Marimuthu

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District Special Projects Coordinator – Supriya Sundarraman

International Inner Wheel President

Inner Wheel is ready to celebrate the centenary year in 2024. In the last 96 years, times, needs, humanitarian problems, technology and requirement of infrastructure have totally changed. We need to keep pace with the changing times and remain one step ahead by focusing on sustainable large community development projects, making larger clubs and branding of Inner Wheel.

As we head for the centenary year, let us lead the changes in

Having our own Organisation's Strategic Plan and Goals

Targeting Membership Growth

Targeting increase in Number of Clubs

Initiating Youth Clubs

Initiating Youth Development Project for Girls

Focusing on Projects on the recommendations of the United Nations

Promoting brand image at club, District and International levels

Creating awareness about health, financial independence and education

Shortlisting like-minded cooperating organisations and establishing communication with them

Working for collective leadership

Executing Corporate International Projects

We need to lead the positive change by empowering our own members by guiding, recognising them as leaders and accepting and believing in their leadership.

Let nothing stop us in becoming a force to reckon with in the world.

Let us **LEAD THE CHANGE** collectively to bring about positive, significant and meaningful difference in the world.

The World is waiting for us.

Dr. Bina Vyas International Inner Wheel President 2020-21



Past IIW President

Dear Nasira,

It is with great pleasure that I greet the members of our district on the occasion of the district conference SAMSIDDHI through the pages of the souvenir DAWN.

Nasira I am sure that with your enthusiasm and great talent you will give us a lovely souvenir - I wish you all the best.

This has been a unusual year but I am proud of how our clubs coped both with their meetings and their service projects - we realise that the spirit of Inner Wheel is a strong one and our bonds of friendship even stronger.



As we almost end our year here is to wishing all of us back to normalcy and physical meetings

Kamala Ramakrishnan Association President - 2000-01 IIW President - 2007-08

Past IIW Treasurer

The year gone by has been one of uncertainty..... it showed all of us, that anything can happen anytime and for any reason.

We as the human race have exploited the bountiful nature and facilities to an extent that we had to be punished to realise our folly. The whole world was at a stand still, and mother nature used the time to recuperate and rejuvenate. I do hope that the human race does not go back to its old careless ways.

Thank you District Editor Nasira, for requesting me to pen a few words as my message for the Dist 323 Souvenir for 2020-2021



This message that I promptly send year after year in the annual souvenir of D323, enables me to reach out to all our members. Love your life, Take pictures of everything for posterity Tell people you love them, Make new friends, Accomplish the things you desire, So many of us continue to live without remembering all those little treasured moments. Live your life and make it the best story ever...... you live only once....Live it well. Life ends when you stop dreaming, Hope ends when you stop believing, Love ends when you stop caring , So DREAM, HOPE and LOVE, MAKE YOUR LIFE BEAUTIFUL.

With love and prayers,

Azhagu Annamalai Association President - 2008-2009 IIW Treasurer- 2016-2019

Association President

Dear District Chairman Usha Saraogi,

Hearty Congratulations for bringing out District Souvenir - DAWN during your District Conference SAMSIDDHI.

District Souvenir plays a vital role as an efficient communication tool. It helps to acquaint members with much needed information and updates of District happenings and projects apart from fund raising.

I congratulate and appreciate you as the District Chairman and

District Editor Fathima Nasira for putting in efforts for compiling various District activities and projects.

Usha, with your commitment and dedication, you have excelled in all the areas of work as the District Chairman 2020-21. You are ably supported by DEC, enthusiastic Presidents and seniors.

Your District is doing such a fantastic work. You are changing the lives of many seen and unseen individuals by your grass root level social activities.

I really wish that more and more people recognize the value of our organization for our service to community. So let us make our work more visible by proper branding. I feel you must forward this issue to all your friends and relatives and give visibility to our organization. Who knows, many women, getting impressed by reading this issue, may join Inner Wheel.

In this special year

Let us rise to every situation and offer helping hand. Let us keep caring for people and environment around. LET US MAKE INNER WHEEL THE SYMBOL OF HOPE!

Vasudhaa Chandrachud

President/ National Representative 2020-21 Association of Inner Wheel Clubs in India



Association Vice President

Dear District Chairman Usha Saraogi,

A strong, confident and full of fire lady. Great things never come from comfort zones – and you have certainly proved it with your grit, will, power and conviction. Hard times comes to those who have the strength to handle it and your ability to manage your emotions, remain calm, inculcating new skills and be focused in these difficult times has shown how diversified, multi-tasking and perfectionist you are.



Save Water - Save Life, many congratulations for awe-inspiring work of restoring the 108-acre lake and 101 rain water harvesting wells.

I send my greetings to District 323 members for successful completion of District Conference "Samsiddhi". The Conference is organized not only to bring your team and members together but to create new ideas, strategies to achieve better in future, develop communication amongst the team creating some great memories. It is a time to retrospect on the projects completed and plan strategically to achieve unfinished goals.

I believe this souvenir will provide a benchmark for continued improvement in overall development of the District. This magazine should be a good source of guidance for members and next crop of leaders in choosing activities and projects to work upon the objectives of IIW.

I appreciate the efforts of the District Editor Fathima Nasira who is doing an excellent job in compiling the District activities over the year and disseminate them through this souvenir DAWN.

With lots of love, I offer my blessings and best wishes to District 323 for a fruitful and rewarding Conference.

Saroj Katiyar

Association Vice President and Deputy National Representative

Immediate Past Association President

Dear District Chairman Usha & members Inner Wheel Greeting to one and all!

I am so pleased to share my thoughts to District 323 members through Souvenir aptly named "**DAWN**". Souvenir is the testimony of the best work done by the District & Clubs and a comprehensive review of flagship projects and programs that were undertaken in 2020-21 would be highlighted.



I congratulate you District Chairman Usha for an incredible year. You are vibrant, meticulous, prompt and done your duties diligently. I am amazed with your enthusiasm, dedication and innovative ideas. I applaud your vision, meticulous planning and superlative projects and programs that District & clubs have taken under your leadership.

The year 2020 was a big challenge for all of us still this couldn't stop us to serve the society. I really appreciate yours and all club presidents' enthusiasm and zeal. Under your guidance clubs had done extraordinary work in this extraordinary time.

What a commendable project, one of its kind the restoration of 108 acre lake named Mittanmalli near Morai village that will benefit around 40000 farmers and 30000 families. I really appreciate the exemplary incredible permanent project. Another praiseworthy project was done 101 Rainwater Harvesting wells in 42 Corporation schools.

Together you and club Presidents had left no stone unturned to make this year a memorable one by doing such sustainable projects.

My heartiest wises to Fathima Nasira, District Editor for bringing out the souvenir on this special occasion.

My best wishes to the conveners & all the members of the District 323 for a great grand success of Conference Samsiddhi.

Mamta Gupta Association President & NR 2019-20

Association Secretary

Dear District Editor Fathima Nasira,

Accept my heartiest greetings.

It is my proud privilege to get an opportunity to pen in your souvenir 2020-21 DAWN, to be released during your Dist Conference Samsiddhi.

To me Inner Wheel is a family where we are related to each other as friends and according to me friendship is the plinth of all relations whether it is between husband and wife, between parents and



children or sisters and brothers. In Inner Wheel we learn to think and do above self. So we are preveleged and fortunate to be a part of this prestigious Organisation through which we get the opportunity to have friends whom we would have never known. This is the true meaning of "Vasudev kutumbakam.".. Every person in this world is related to each other.

I wish a successful Dist Conference to Inner Wheel Dist 323. I also wish you all the best for compiling the District Souvenir Dawn.

Friend in Inner Wheel

Sumita Som Hon Association Secretary

Association Treasurer

Dear District Chairman Usha Saraogi and District Editor Fathima Nasira,

Warm Greetings!!

I extend my heartiest congratulations for the release of District Souvenir DAWN synonymous to USHA at the time of your District Conference SAMSIDDHI meaning to accomplish the task. A wonderful combination of perfection and accomplishment.

District Souvenir has always been a source of inspiration for



recollecting the memories of activities related to different areas of Service and Friendship. This particular year was with extra ordinary challenges. District Chairman Usha with her dynamic leadership has been able to bring a technological transformation by keeping entire District connected and motivated them through virtual programs during the most depressing and difficult time due to COVID 19 pandemic. This derived a positive and interesting wave within the members to conquer the fear and sadness spread all over . A good gesture of friendship.

It is a rule of nature that in extraordinary circumstances, evaluation of extraordinary measures comes within us to overcome the adverse situations. Even all the odds at this time have not restricted our Wheel of Inner Wheel to serve the humanity and extend the wings of friendship. This year is true to its IIW theme LEAD THE CHANGE and Inner Wheel proved it.

I wish you success in all your future endeavors.

My good wishes to Incoming District Chairman 2021-22 Kamala Selvam and her entire team.

With regards,

Rita Bhargava Hon. Association Treasurer and AC Member 2020-21

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National Editor

Dear District Chairman Usha and members of District Executive committee

At the outset my heartiest congratulations on the occasion of the District Conference.

District Chairman Usha has ably handled and done many worthy projects. I congratulate you and your team of Presidents and members. It gave me great pleasure to highlight the same at our various media of Association & IIW pages.



"The Time is always right to do what is right "said Martin Luther King.

The Pandemic affected all of us in all aspects of our life. Work front, personal level or be it in our roles in Inner Wheel. We were affected nevertheless. It was overwhelming for me as National Editor to witness the phenomenal work done by the clubs in India and showcase the same on Association & IIW pages. The Inner wheel members rose above & beyond. Be it providing face masks, distributing Sanitizer standees or preparing food at home and providing meal to homeless, our members have done that inspite of the restrictions imposed.

I have witnessed the warm hospitality of District 323 during my stay. I also got the opportunity to interact with stalwarts like PAP Mano Bakthavatsalam,PDC Nirmala Desikan, PIIWP Kamala Ramakrishna, PIIWT Azhagu Annamalai, PDC Sushila Natraj, Past National Editor Latha, PDC Vasumati, PDC Swarnalatha, my batchmate & great friend CCCC PDC Seema, PDC Shama, Past Association Secretary Padma Preetha, PDC Kala and AC member Nallini. My best wishes to Incoming District Chairman Kamala Selvam

I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of the District Editor Fathima Nasira who was always very prompt in sending me the Club & District news.

With warm regards,

Dr. Sandhya Bhat National Editor Association of Inner Wheel Clubs in India

Rotary District Governor

Dear Mrs. Usha Saraogi,

Greetings to you from the Rotary District 3232. It gives me immense pleasure to congratulate you and your team for the wonderful work that you have been doing this year with the Inner Wheel Clubs of the District despite the challenges faced during the current year. Your work has been truly commendable.

International Inner Wheel being one among the largest Women's NGOs in the world, I am truly proud of our own Inner Wheel District that has a proud membership of 1400 members and growing.



I am extremely happy to wish you and your editor Mrs. Fathima Nasira for the commendable work you have done to bring out your Year Book 'Dawn' with a lot of commitment and hard work. That you plan to bring the printed as well as the E-version brings scope to showcase products and services of advertisers to a much larger audience.

Wishing you and the team the very best and may your commitment to society grow from strength to strength.

Yours in the true spirit of Rotary,

Rtn. S. Muthupalaniappan DISTRICT GOVERNOR ROTARY DISTRICT 3232

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PDC Kamala Ramakrishnan PIIWP 2007-08



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PDC Nallamai Ramanathan District Chairman 1999-2000



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PDC Radha Ramesh District Chairman 2003-04



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GUIDING STARS OF INNER WHEEL DISTRICT 323



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PDC Shama Prasanna District Chairman 2016-17



PDC Padma Preetha Sumanth Hon. Association Secretary 2017-18



PDC Kala Rajashekar District Chairman 2018-19

Past District Chairman

Dear Editor Nasira,

On behalf of the Past Chairmen of our District, I wish you the very best for a meaningful souvenir.

Every year the book has highlighted the work done by our Clubs. One would have thought this year would be a challenge, and there might be a paucity of material for your pages. But nothing could be further from the truth! Every member, every Office Bearer every Club performed as if welcoming the challenge of an undesirable

visitor, and exceeded all expectations! Chairman Usha and members of the District EC have refused to be constrained. I am sure you in turn, will showcase this extraordinary year in your own style, and deal out poetic justice to the micro body!

All the best! Looking forward to a superb publication!

Sushila Natraj Past District Chairman Inner wheel District 323





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Association President Vasudhaaji with District Chairman Usha Saraogi

Association President Vasudhaaji with her Dazzling Divas

JAGRUTI - INSTALLATION OF ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT & HER TEAM



On Installation - AP with her dazzling divas



Installation of Association EC team 2020-21

COTI – CHRYSALIS 25TH TO 28TH MAY 2020



COTI - CHRYSALIS 25TH TO 28TH MAY 2020



Chief Guest for the Event Pondichery Governor, Kiran Bedi, IPS



Lighting the Kuthuvilakku



District EC Team 2020-21



Expression of Happiness, In Welcoming AP Vasudhaaji



Association President Vasudhaaji



Installation of Usha Saraogi for Dist 323 by her Mother-In-Law



Felicitation by IWC Madras Central [Usha Saraogi's Home Club]



Installation of Usha Saraogi as Chirman by Outgoing Chairman Nallini Olivannan

AMRITAVARSHINI - LAKE RESTORATION & VARSHA RAKSHATI - RAINWATER HARVESTING



MITTANAMALLI LAKE - 108 ACRE WATER BODY AT MORAI VILLAGE RESTORED BY CLUBS OF DISTRICT 323.

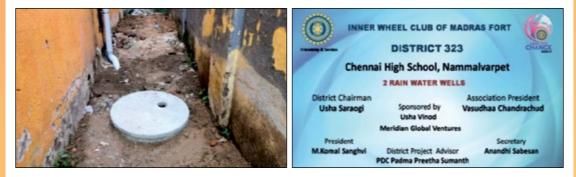
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VARSHA RAKSHATI – RAIN WATER HARVESTING



RAINWATER HARVESTING BY 27 CLUBS IN 42 SCHOOLS - 101 RAINWATER WELLS







CONVENER PDC PADMA PREETHA SUMANTH WORK DONE BY 27 CLUBS IN 42 GOVT CORPORATION SCHOOLS 101 WELLS

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Participating Club Presidents and Nurses with District Chairman Usha Saraogi



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Team of Covid Warriors

District Chairman Usha Saraogi with Participating Club Presidents





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Work With Play The Inner Wheel Way

"Learn from yesterday, live for today and hope for tomorrow" said Albert Einstein. The pandemic has made these words a living truth and we in Inner Wheel have adapted to the situation well.

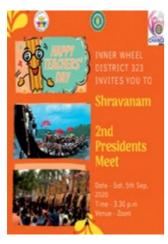
As Vice Chairman I had two responsibilities – to highlight publicity of the Clubs and conduct the Presidents' meets.

I requested the Presidents to arrange media coverage for projects and send a copy of the same for my presentation at the District Conference and received 60 plus articles on different club projects published in various newspapers.

The First Presidents' meet 'Asha' meaning HOPE- an apt name in a year of uncertainties was held on August 1 over Zoom. It was well attended by 39 Presidents, all but one EC members, Past IIIWP, Past IIWT and 13 Past District Chairmen. The virtual platform made it possible for everyone to log in from wherever they were. The talk by Past IIWP Kamala Ramakrishnan "Re-imagining Inner Wheel" on how we in Inner Wheel can cope with the current situation and ways to thrive in the "New Normal" was much appreciated.



The host clubs were IWC of Madras Adyar, Chennai, Maraimalai Nagar, Guindy and Kancheepuram lead by Presidents Sadhana,



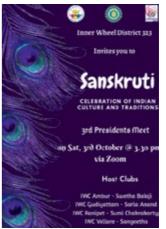
Parameswari, Suganya, Ambili and Sundari respectively.

The next Presidents' Meet "Shravanam" origin of the Sanskrit word for the theme Onam was held on September 5. The Host Club Presidents Bhuvana of IWC Nanganallur, Kavitha of IWC Chennai Unique, Sulochana of IWC Chennai Vibrant, Vasanthi of IWC Chennai Phoenix and Monisha of IWC Chennai Thiruvanmiyur put

together a dance based on Onam, a quiz on bgm scores of movie songs and conducted a competition on the theme "The best dressed teacher" which many participated in.

The third Presidents meet "Sanskriti"

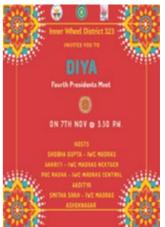
held on 3rd October at 3.30 p.m. was hosted by City Plus Club Presidents - Sumi Chakroborty of IWC Ranipet, Sarla Anand of IWC Gudiyattam, Swetha Balaji of IWC Ambur and Sangeeta of IWC Vellore. The Presidents gave a 3-minute demo each of making traditional sweets and savouries and a beautiful dance performance which the attendees appreciated.



The fourth Presidents Meet "Diyaa" was held on the 7th of November by Presidents PDC Radha Renganathan of IWC Madras Central Aadithya, Shobha Gupta of IWC Madras, Smitha Shah of IWC Madras Ashok Nagar and Aakriti Ahuja of IWC Madras Nextgen had well researched presentations on Diwali celebrations in the North, South, East and Western parts of India. They also conducted an engaging treasure hunt.



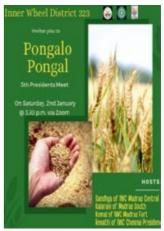
The 5th Presidents' meet hosted by Presidents Kumari of IWC Madras Cosmos, Malathi Devi of IWC Chennai Gemini, Anitha of IWC Meenambakkam and Sujatha of IWC Chennai United celebrated Christmas

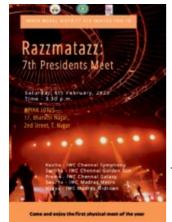


virtually with everyone in Christmas attire. It felt like Santa Claus was there distributing gifts such was the mood created.

The hosts of the 6th Presidents meeting "Pongolo Pongal", Revathy Shivakumar from IWC Chennai Presidency, Kalarani

Sivasubramaniam from IWC Madras South, Sandhya Ramesh of IWC Madras Esplanade and Komal Sanghvi of IWC Madras Fort put together a program on Pongal festivities. Everyone enjoyed their dance in coordinated costumes and props.





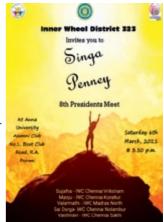
The 7th Presidents' meet "Razzmatazz" held at Pink Lotus was the first physical Presidents meet of the year. The Host Club Presidents

Saritha of Chennai Golden Sun, Prema of Chennai Galaxy, Viji of Madras Midtown, Kavitha of Chennai Symphony and

Swarnamaliga of Madras Metro opened with a dance and ramp walk for all which was enjoyable.

The 8th Presidents meet "Singa Penney" held at Alumni Club, a wonderful celebration of Women's Day hosted by Presidents Sujatha of

IWC Chennai Vriksham, Valarmathi of IWC Madras North, Manju Bagla of IWC Chennai Korattur, Sai Durga of Chennai Nolambur and Vaishnavi Shankar of IWC Chennai Sakhi was inspiring. Presidents dressed as their role model women and spoke of them. The best performers were awarded.



Despite this being an unusual year the Presidents' meets were well appreciated as we held them differently with themes and creative invitations which reflected the themes. This made me think out of the box in designing them.



I thank District Chairman Usha Saraogi, my colleagues in the District Executive Committee, all the Past District Chairmen and the Presidents for their support, cooperation and fulsome appreciation making it memorable for me.

We began the year with Hope and I end the year with Hope too. I look forward to serving the District next year at the helm with God's blessings and support from all our seniors and my colleagues in the EC.

Kamala Selvam Vice Chairman



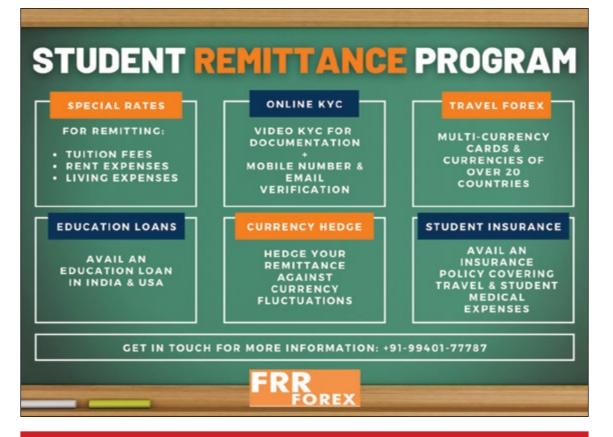




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Empowering Women with Green Energy

Awareness Session on "Renewable Energy"

Energy can neither be created nor destroyed but sources of energy get depleted. Hence existing resources must be conserved even as we look for alternative sources of energy. Judicious use of all of nature's bounty like sun, wind, water, earth and space and allowing fossil fuels to replenish is imperative.

Towards this end, the Club Secretaries of Inner Wheel District 323 put together a seminar on Renewable Energy on 19th of December, 2020 via the Zoom Digital Platform.

The pre-eminent panelists included:

Mr. N. Ramani - Chief Executive Officer of Energy Space and Windia Green Power Pvt Ltd. with 40 years in the Renewable Sector.

Mr. M.R. Udayakumar - Founder and Director of Prime Worth Workspace Solutions (P) Ltd, he is a Chemical Engineer with 40 years in Projects & Facilities Management.

Mr. Subramanian Hariharan - Managing Director of Prominous Innovations Pvt Ltd, specializing in Renewable Energy is a Computer Engineer with 20 years in Solar and Wind Power Control Systems.

The program aimed to create awareness and convert this knowledge into action to create a positive impact on climate change and the environment.

PDC Sushi Natraj as Program Advisor was the backbone and her attention to detail ensured the smooth functioning and success of this program.

The team of 51 Secretaries were divided into groups. The Survey Group conducted an online survey in the month of October to gauge the understanding of the concept of Renewable Energy amongst the members of Inner Wheel District 323. The Design group created the invitation and videos, the Research group studied the topic and shared vital information in the form of videos and articles. The Speaker Coordination group facilitated the speakers, while the Q&A group streamlined the questions received during the registration process.

A special word of gratitude to the Secretaries for their astounding teamwork in putting together this program to initiate the shift towards renewable energies.

Arathi Narayanan District Secretary



Awareness Session on "Alternative Energy" <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tnn-RnrZaqs</u> Short Link Given below bit.ly/31evZmh

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Girl Power - Growing & Glowing

Glad to report we have added 7 clubs to District 323 in 2020-21 making the number of clubs 55.

Inner Wheel Club of Adambakkam sponsored by IWC Chennai Phoenix inaugurated on 5th November with 32 charter members.

Inner Wheel Club of Besantnagar inaugurated on 25 th February sponsored by IWC Madras North with 25 charter members.



Inner Wheel Club of Chennai Bharathi Women's College inaugurated on 8th March sponsored by IWC Madras Cosmos with 41 charter members.

Inner Wheel Club of Chennai Fort St. George inaugurated on 14 th February sponsored by IWC Madras Fort with 15 charter members.

Inner Wheel Club of Chennai Harmony sponsored by IWC Chennai Symphony with 35 charter members.

Inner Wheel Club of Chennai Sakhi A new gen club inaugurated on 31st January sponsored by IWC Chennai Gemini with 18 charter members.









Inner Wheel Club of Madras Osian inaugurated on 28th February sponsored by IWC Madras with 20 charter members.

Apart from this there has been constant member addition in all clubs taking our member count to 1585.

Two clubs IWC Madras Mount & IWC Chennai Korattur have been revived and became active.

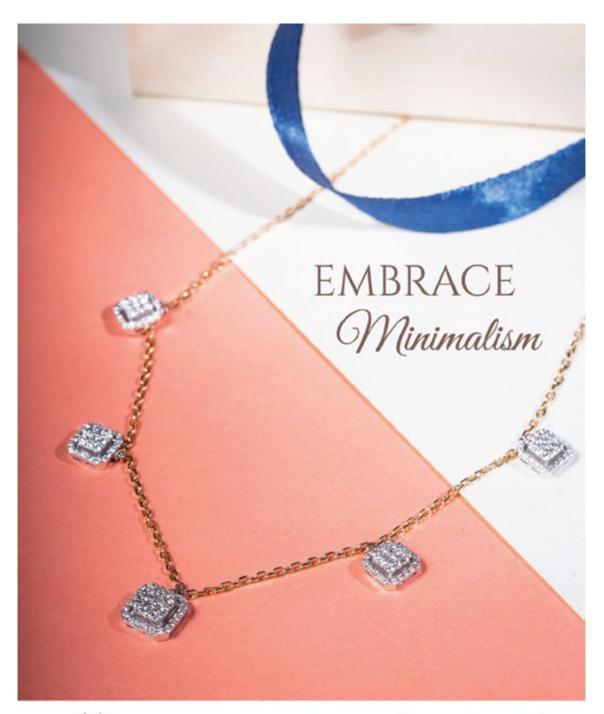
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Enjoying Every Moment The E-Way

The first ISO program of District 323, Sanjeevani; was well supported by the District Chairman Usha Saraogi. Convenor PDC Shama Prasanna hosted the chat show during the two-hour event with an ingenious approach. PDC Latha Mahalingam welcomed allon chat.

Mallika Badrinath, the culinary expert was the star attraction, sharing with the 250 zoom audience information on immunity building foods to save them from the then prevailing pandemic, a benchmark program.

There were two categories for the Salad competition, with Best 8 prizes sponsored by DC Usha, Vaazhga oil, and Mallika Badrinath's books. This was interspersed with food related questions at 15minute intervals.

In the second joint ISO program on September 12, the

e-recipe book of the Sanjeevani salad competition was released by our PIIWP Kamala Ramakrishnan, who also welcomed our seniors on Zoom. Credit goes to club Presidents and









ISO's of the 43 clubs for motivating their members' exhuberant participation. District treasurer Arasi Ponmozhi managed the lucky dip.

The 2 hour event started with the virtual ISO parade, followed by innovative anchoring by convenor PDC Kala Ravichandran and District ISO Devi Mathimaran. The name LOL lockdown, laugh out loud, was a surefire stress buster. Guest actor Damu handled the event differently with a tinge of mimicry, breaks for exhibiting winners'videos, and winding up the session with meditation. Eight uniquely-named categories, 8 prominent judges, 270 participants, made it a grand success.

The District floated a pan India ISO essay competition on 5th February 2021, 'A Woman's dream for a safe world ' which was judged by IWD

323 PDC's Sushi Nataraj, Kala Ravichandran, and Seema Bhargava. PDC Latha Mahalingam ably supervised an online quiz on Women's Rights, awarding e-certificates.

In addition to the 3 District ISO events, Zoom enabled many inter and intra District ISO events, with district 323 bagging certificates and prizes. I feel proud as an ambassador of friendship for rocking members of District 323 and interacting with 26 other Districts of our Association.

> **Devi Mathimaran** District ISO



Sanjeevani ISO Program https://youtu.be/O_NJLsYbCQE Short Link Given below

Devi Mathimaran

District ISO

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Usha Saraogi

District Chairman



Salad Competition Participants https://youtu.be/9Z73Iv9Z5F0 Short Link Given below bit.ly/3rtHNLY





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நிமிர்ந்து நில் - STAND TALL

நிமிர்ந்து நில் - Free Sanitary Napkins project of Inner Wheel District 323 on Menstrual Hygiene under the theme HOPE. We thank District Chairman Usha Saraogi for this initiative and also for helping us since source eco- friendly and 100% bio degradable sanitary napkins. Our aim is to reach to all schools, colleges, orphanages, destitute homes and migrant families.

Thank you all Hope Angel Presidents and clubs of District 323 for reaching out and helping us distribute over 2 lakhs sanitary napkins till date. Our efforts to support this initiative is still on and we want to give the girls that confidence that makes them feel confident to stand tall.

Supriya Sundararaman Special Projects Coordinator



Sanitary Napkins Special Project https://youtu.be/vTzae5qwTlA Short Link Given below bit.ly/2Y3MU9v





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Inner Wheel Club of Adambakkam

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Club EC



Projects



wed couples worth Rs. 16,000/-

Malathi Gururajan President



R Sumathy Secretary



Dignity in Death

Rs. 50,000 donated for refurbishing an ambulance used to transport abandoned and homeless victims of Covid-19. Uravugal Trust Khalil Ahamed cremated more than 500 such people in Chennai.

Sirar Sitradai

Distributed clothes to 22 children worth

Aram Sarnda Parisu

Donated household articles and sarees to newly



Projects



Dr. Sadhana Rajkumar President



Usha Srivatsa Secretary

Inner Wheel Club of Ambur



Hand of Hope

Donated a Tricycle and a Wheel chair to a Polio affected boy from a poor family to carry on his life independently.

Club EC



Projects



Swetha Balaji Singh President



Jayanthi Mala Secretary

Inner Wheel Club of Besant Nagar



Club EC

Women's Day Special

Honoured & presented gifts to the teachers of The Ramakrishna Mission Higher Secondary School. Dstributed 700 face masks and hand sanitizers to the students. Also distributed sanitary napkins at Sharda Vidhyalaya Girls Higher Secondary School.





Vanaja Krishnamurthy President



Prema Gopal Secretary

Inner Wheel Club of Chennai Aadya



Helping Hand to the Handicapped

Donated a bicycle and a sewing machine to 2 handicapped people which was handed over to them by our chairman during chairman project visit.



Projects



Priya Ramesh President



Anuradha Srikanth Secretary

Inner Wheel Club of Chennai Bharathi Women's College



Secure Women Secure Society

Distributed biodegradable sanitary napkins and masks with Inner Wheel branding to the college students.







Dr. T. S. Subha President



Dr. Hamsaveni Secretary

Inner Wheel Club of Chennai Central Elite



Club EC

Brick By Brick Classroom

Contributed 1lakh as a collaborative partner out of the total cost of 6.5 Lakhs to build 3 class rooms at Urapakkam Govt. High School. Bhoomi Pooja was done and likely to be completed by April.



Projects



Shradha Kinger Kanal President



Krati Sojatia Bardia Secretary

Inner Wheel Club of Chennai Fort St.George



Honouring COVID Warrior

Honoured Dr Rose Raichel for her service towards covid patients and community as part of Women's Day celebrations on 14th April.

Club EC





Yashodhai Damodharan President



Balica Jayachandran Secretary

Inner Wheel Club of Chennai Galaxy



Club EC



Projects



Rs. 1,60,365.

Prema Ramesh President



Subhashree Barath Secretary

Inner Wheel Club of Chennai Gemini



Giving the Gift of Health

Diwali with Kilpauk Corporation Workers Distributed dhothis, towels, and sweet boxes to 141 male workers and sarees ,blouse pieces and sweet boxes to 104 female workers at a cost of

Conducted eye and health camp with Aura and Radhatrinethralaya.

Installed Hands free Automatic sanitary spray machine at SKPD Boys higher secondary school.



Projects



Malathi Santhosh President



Mallikaa Keshab chander Secretary

Inner Wheel Club of Chennai Golden Sun



Educate to Empower

Identified Niveditha Class VII student of RKM Sri Sarada Vidyalaya Higher Secondary School for scholarship and paid her school fees for 2020-21. Gifted her a frock for Diwali.



Projects



Saritha A President



Anusha Rajam Secretary

Inner Wheel Club of Chennai K K Nagar



Mega Job Fair

Conducted a virtual job fair through Digital media at the time of Covid pandemic.





Projects



Sowmya Raghavan President



Padmavathi Palaniappan Secretary

Inner Wheel Club of Chennai Korattur



Club EC



Projects



Manju Bagla President



Rani K Secretary

Inner Wheel Club of Chennai Nolambur



Lighting Lives

50 people from among our club members, their families and friends donated their eyes. The application for the same was handed over to the concerned authorities in Shankara Nethralaya.



Projects



Sai Durga Sridhar President



Shobha Jagan Secretary

Hope - Nourishment for future

Distributed Meals, Bed Sheets, Towels, Masks and Clothes to 50 Cancer patients and their caretakers who had come from remote villages for getting treatment at Adyar Cancer Institute.

Inner Wheel Club of Chennai Pheonix



Club EC



Projects



Vasanthi Annapu Reddy President



Priya Srikanth Secretary

Inner Wheel Club of Chennai Presidency



Vision with a Mission

Sponsored the eye surgery of a Visually challenged, economically backward boy Sreenivasan suffering from Retina Pigmentosa, due to which he had lost 30% vision and helped him regain his vision.



Projects



Revathy Sivakumar President



Chandanbala Secretary

Project Health and Hygiene

Constructed restrooms for girl students at Panchayat Union Primary School, Sirdhamur at a cost of Rs.3,85,000/- which was inaugurated by District Chairman.

Inner Wheel Club of Chennai Rainbow



Club EC



Projects

Soft Toys for the Sweethearts in Palliative Care

100 handcrafted soft toys made with cotton fabric were donated to children under palliative care.

50 numbers to Adyar Cancer Hospital, 25 each to Dean Foundation and Golden Butterflies Palliative care centre.



Parameswari Nagharaj President



Reji Sam Secretary

Inner Wheel Club of Chennai Sakhi



Inner Wheel Branding Masks

Distributed 250 face masks to students of MCN Higher Secondary School. Children from a number of underprivileged families are studying in the government aided school.



Projects



Vaishnavi Sankar President



Sweta Prabhu Secretary

Inner Wheel Club of Chennai Sanjeevani





Projects



Distributed Groceries, Toiletries, Sanitary Pads, Masks, Biscuits, Dressing Materials, Diapers, Lungis, Fruits, Old clothes and Sanitizers at Little Drops, a home for Mentally challenged, Physically challenged and Aged citizens.



Lalitha Vaid President



Sunita Mehta Secretary

Inner Wheel Club of Chennai Stars



Spreading Happiness

Celebrated Children's Day and Diwali with the 40 children at Adharikum Karangal by providing Lunch, Crackers, New Clothes, Sweets and Gifts.



Projects



Buja Yuvarani President



Janaki Balaji Secretary

Inner Wheel Club of Chennai Sunshine



Women's Day Project

Conducted Free Gynaecology Camp and Eye Check-up for 49 students at Lotus Blind School assisted by Dr.Pavitra and Dr. Pravin respectively.





Projects



N. Rajeswari President



Usha Sivakumar Secretary

Inner Wheel Club of Chennai Symphony



Goshala

One day feed provided for 100 cows in the Goshalas at West Mambalam and ECR every month by the members.





Kavithaa Srinivasan President



Sowmya Shankar Secretary

Inner Wheel Club of Chennai Thiruvanmiyur



Club EC

Empowering Women

A 5 day Micro Skills Workshop held for 15 underprivileged women in various skills including marketing and financial management to help them create their own livelihood opportunities. Follow up on progress, moral support and further advanced training to be given in batches of 15.



Projects



Monisha Dayal President



Sudha Murali Secretary

Inner Wheel Club of Chennai Unique



Be Unique to Shine in our own way

Celebrated Diwali with Transgender sisters. Gifted them Designer sarees, Provisions and Sweets.





Kavitha Nandakumar President



Sasikala Lakshmipathi Secretary

Inner Wheel Club of Chennai United



SIRAGUGAL

A Solar Panel project worth Rs 1,00,000 was installed at Suyam Trust- Boys hostel which is doing yeoman service of providing accommodation, food, life skills, and education to street children.



Projects



Sujatha Sankar President



Sowmya Natarajan Secretary

Inner Wheel Club of Chennai Verve



Bringing Smiles to Faces

Distributed rice, provisions, sweets and bedsheets to Annai Teresa Charitable Trust for Diwali and contributed provisions worth Rs 20000 to 84 elderly people during COVID times.





Maheswari Sudhakar President



Sweta Venkatraman Secretary

Inner Wheel Club of Chennai Vibrant



Club EC

Creating a better world with Charity

Donated Rs.10000 for the education of an economically backward Bcom girl student and Rs.5000 to a differently abled person. Sponsored Rs.5000 to repair the house of a poor woman that was damaged by the rain.



Projects



Sulochana Chandrasekar President



Rekha Gopinath Secretary

Inner Wheel Club of Chennai Vriksham



Joy of Giving

Provided 200 packets of food, water bottles, bedsheets, sweets and old clothes to the roadside, homeless street dwellers once in 2020 and again in 2021. Project featured in International Inner Wheel magazine too.



Projects



K. Sujatha President



Thuhida Adhibagavan Secretary

Inner Wheel Club of Cheyyar



Educate to Empower

Sponsored Rs. 5000 cash award to help a student Bavani of Cheyyar Govt Higher Secondary School to pursue her MBBS studies with the help of IWC Cheyyar member Santhi.



Projects



Mani Thenmozhi President



S. Bharathi Secretary

Inner Wheel Club of Gudiyatham



Rain Water Conservation

Rain water harvesting was set up at old age home Adult diapers, steel boxes, bed spreads and face masks were donated to 100 beneficiaries worth Rs.30,000.





Sarala Anand President



Sardha Mohan Secretary

Inner Wheel Club of Guindy



Club EC



Projects



Ambili Nandu President



Bhuvana Praveen Secretary

Inner Wheel Club of Kancheepuram



Vizhigal

Unlocking Minds with Books Donated Books worth Rs 2500 each to children of Mogappair Govt. Primary School and to tribal children at Kallakurichi School, Tribal Village.

Conducted Cataract surgery for 5 persons worth Rs.1,25,900. Surgery and Hospitalization sponsored by Manohar General Hospital, 50% discount on Lab Charges by Vishnu Labs and Spectacles by Bagavathgita.



Projects



Sundari Saravanan President



Subathra Balaji Secretary

Inner Wheel Club of Madras



Club EC

First Inner Wheel Forest in Chennai

3000 sq ft of first Inner Wheel Forest planted at Secretariat Park, in the heart of city with 837 saplings, chosen from native species on World Ozone Day which has grown 12 to15 ft. Continuous monitoring and maintenance is undertaken.



Projects



Shobha Gupta President



Geetha Ravishankar Secretary

Inner Wheel Club of Madras Ashok Nagar



Served South Indian lunch to 60 elderly people of

Old Age Home Project

Andhra Mahila Sabha and donated 50 Kgs of rice, 20 Kgs of daal and a steel drum to store the provisions.





Projects



Smita Shah President



Dipti Sanghoi Secretary

Inner Wheel Club of Madras Baycity



Club EC



Projects

Project Sampoorn

Conducted story telling sessions virtual classes in drawing, zumba, self defence, calligraphy, soap making, drawing competition and sponsored a new desktop, donated dry fruits and footwear for all the inmates and staff of SHELTER - A home for HIV positive.



C. Bala Tripura Sundari President



Arthy Karthikeyan Secretary

Inner Wheel Club of Madras Central



Gift of Eyes

Donated Opthalmic Equipment consisting of a Retinoscope, Ophthalmoscope, Ophthalmic chair unit and an Ultrasonic cleaner to Sankara Eye Hospital worth Rs.1,41,970.

Club EC





Sandhya Ramesh President



Anitha Balachander Secretary

Inner Wheel Club of Madras Central Aadithya



Club EC



Signature project of ROP laser procedure for premature girl babies performed on 19 preterm girl babies at 1.9 lakhs, at Radhathri Nethralaya through their Balanethra initiative.



Projects



Radha Ranganathan President



Sowmya Srinivasan Secretary

Inner Wheel Club of Madras Cosmos



Rise By Lifting Others

Donated Smart Phones to 2 Students of Corporation School, Egmore, provisions to 10 parents of underprivileged children and lunch boxes and Umbrellas to Teaching & Non Teaching Staff of Corporation Middle School, Egmore.





Kumari Parthiban President



Sunthaari Subbiah Secretary

Inner Wheel Club of Madras Esplanade



Club EC

Commitment to Medical Community

Honoured 7 underprivileged girl students of Ashok Nagar Govt school with medical coat, stethoscope and a PPE Kit on clearing the NEET exams and getting admission in leading medical colleges.



Projects



Poornima Kumar President



Thara Gopinath Secretary

Inner Wheel Club of Madras Fort



Light A Life Mega Project

101 solar lights, tarpaulin sheets, groceries, balms, sanitary napkins, masks and snacks were distributed to 400 beneficiaries at a project cost of Rs.2,50,000.





M. Komal Sanghvi President



Anandhi Sabesan Secretary

Inner Wheel Club of Madras Metro



Club EC

NEET Program "ENNAL MUDIYUM" (I Can)

Conducted 100 days free NEET Coaching Camp for 101 Students of Greater Chennai Corporation Schools along with other Clubs of Inner Wheel District 323 and CEG Alumini batch 1980. The lead club IWC Madras Metro is involved in identifying deserving students and facilitating the smooth functioning of the program.



Projects



V. Swarnamaliga President



B. Jayalakshmi Secretary

Inner Wheel Club of Madras Midtown



Clean Drinking Water at School

Safe drinking water has been made available to Peerkangaranai Govt. High School with more than thousand students using the accepted Candle technology with an on line softener, four filters, taps, etc. at a cost of about 1.9 lakhs and a 5-year plant maintenance warranty.



Projects



Vijaya Subramani President



Madumathi Kumar Secretary

Inner Wheel Club of Madras Mount



Mikka Nandri

Honoured the COVID frontline warriors along with District by offering personalised plaques bearing their names.

Club EC



Projects



Sasikala President



Lakshmi Murali Secretary

Inner Wheel Club of Madras NextGen



Feeding The Needy

Distributed a month's ration supplies to 85 families of students of Chennai Middle School, Royapettah funds for which were raised through an Online Vegan Cooking Workshop hosted by Somna Sachdev.



Projects



Aakriti Ahuja President



Yesha Galada Secretary

Inner Wheel Club of Madras North



Club EC

Green Heaven

Planted 50 herbal plants at Chennai Higher Secondary School, Alwarpet and 25 trees at Chennai High school, Mandaveli respectively. Rainwater harvesting has been done at CMS NS Garden School, Mandaveli.



Projects



Valarmathi President



K. Malini Secretary

Inner Wheel Club of Madras Osian



Project Pavithra

Conducted a 3 day health camp at The Govt Girls High School at a cost of Rs. 50,000. Dr. Meena gave a talk on hygiene and sanitation measures during menstruation and the importance of exercise and healthy diet. Sanitary napkins and masks were also distributed.



Projects



Uma Maheswari President



Nalini Parthasarathy Secretary

Inner Wheel Club of Madras South



Club EC



During winter, distributed 104 sweaters at a contribution of Rs.37,500 at Arunodayam, a home which houses disabled & mentally retarded children.



Projects



Kalarani S President



Rajeena Magdoom Secretary

Inner Wheel Club of Maraimalai Nagar



Ensuring Better Care

A stretcher was donated to the government primary health centre at Maraimalai Nagar at a cost of Rs 36,000.





Projects



Suganya Kannan President



Sudha Lakshmi Secretary

Inner Wheel Club of Meenambakkam



Club EC



Vegetable farming undertaken in 3000 sqft area at Avvai home girls hostel. Training given to the inmates girl students in setting up and maintaining the kitchen garden.



Projects



Anitha Sankar President



Dr. Premila Parasuram Secretary

Inner Wheel Club of Nanganallur



First to Honour Frontline Warriors

Honoured Doctors, Nurses, Policemen, Traffic Police, Corporation Heroes and Heroines, in July 2020 and provided 2.6 lakh worth provision kits for the needy.



Projects



Bhuvaneswari President



Jaichitra Secretary

Inner Wheel Club of Ranipet



Power of Pen and Paper

Distributed note books and pens worth Rs. 20,000 to 200 students of 9th and 10th std at Arcot Govt. High School.







Sumi Chakrabarty President



Valliammai K Secretary

Inner Wheel Club of Thiruvannamalai



AIDS Awareness

Conducted AIDS awareness program on International AIDS awareness day, 01.12.2020 and provided scholarship for students, served lunch for nearly 100 affected people as samapanthi bojanam.



Projects



Jayanthi T President



Malini Hari Secretary

Inner Wheel Club of Vellore



Sharing And Caring

Celebrated Children's Day at a Self help community in a wonderful event where kids enjoyed various activities like colouring, stacking of tumblers, boat making and sailing and distributed snacks and beverages.



Projects



President



S. Jayasree Secretary

Inner Wheel Club of Vellore North



Project Atma Shanthi

Donated nighties, sarees, pants and lungis worth Rs13240 to the 36 inmates of Atma Shanthi Nilayam. Our senior member Mrs Chandralekha also donated 8 bed spreads and 6 pillow covers in good condition.



Projects



Jayalakshmi Rajasekar President



Radha Chandrasekaran Secretary

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dumn99 is a unique social media platform to donate articles to the projects/causes of Inner Wheel clubs. Simply put, it is a space where any member of any club can donate items that she does not need, to support projects/causes across the Inner Wheel community. We at IWC Madras, District 323 have worked with digital media experts to build the **dumn99** platform. We are delighted to say that since its launch in July 2019 in our district, **dumn99** has brought over 35 clubs and 370 plus members in 3 IW districts together by facilitating several exchanges for worthy Inner Wheel projects.

In phase 2, we are now enhancing the platform to take it to clubs beyond our district. Two districts 320 and 321 are already a part of the dumped family through our partner clubs IWC Kottayam North and IWC Coimbatore North.

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2020 has been a challenging year for everyone and we thank our dear members for opening your hearts to the needy!

Beyond Religion

Vimala's heart was not content with the puja room decorations, without the colorful flowers, which were not available due to lockdown. It was as though the world had been subverted and taken back to the olden days, when there was war and uncertainty, but now the strange antisocial element was an invisible enemy called Corona. None of nature's creatures were disturbed, except man who was caged up in his home.

Vimala and Nirmal lived in a cosmopolitan gated community which comprised of individual villas and apartments on the other side. Vimala's sister, Amala and Nirmal's brother, Sundar were bound by marriage, but not blessed with a child and they were not financially stable, therefore stayed with their siblings, helping them in the household chores.

Vimala's daughter and sons families resided in Delhi. They would make it a point to meet up with their parents every year, a tradition they had begun more than a decade ago. May 10th was their family reunion day which was most eagerly anticipated.

Vimala's family were on an unconditional addiction of worship and frequent spiritual tours .They always considered their religion as superior and ultimate. May 10th was their D day celebration, which had now become a million dollar question, as news channels kept the lockdown period perpetual.

The turmoil which prevailed all over, due to the outbreak of the pandemic, resulted in the cancellation of all flights, shattering all their dreams.

They were situated in a posh locality where people of all religion stayed and prayers of different faith was performed every day. All families were close-knit and their bond was strong since it stemmed from a religious base. In fact all were proud of it and each one believed their religion as the most powerful.

Vimala's children found out most of her neighbors' cell numbers through their contacts and mutual friends and they had asked all of them to give their parents a surprise on the day of their 60th wedding anniversary, by wishing the couple from their balconies at 11 in the morning by waving their dupatta in shades of red and yellow to celebrate it in a novel manner.

The mind blowing surprise, the wishes from an awesome number of people and the colorful waving of dupattas had made Vimala and Nirmal's wedding anniversary remarkable and become a bench mark in their journey together for 60 years. Tears rolled down their eyes with gratitude for all people of their gated community, who in a few minutes, became like their extended family, filling their hearts with enough happiness to last a life time.

Vimala, had never thought about any religion or God besides her own as she considered hers to be the superior of all. Now she had a small spark of gratitude to the almighty and came to a conclusion that God was the same to all. Each religion had given them different forms to keep up the discipline, but ultimately preached similar moral values to promote kindness and humanity.

She deduced that this lockdown was a small sample of God's iconic message to mankind, by closing the gates of all places of worship... The naked truth was that no religion was superior enough to be shielded from corona, nobody could proudly vouch their religion being spared from the virus attack. Finally Vimala felt that God has been perceived with multiple insights and perspectives by individuals. She knew God would not relish fights in the name of religion but instead cherish an enriched form of religion where all religions could coexist harmoniously.

It finally looks like that may be Corona has been a blessing in disguise for all of mankind!

Devi Mathimaran District ISO, Dist. 323







HOPE

We await with bated breath For that sliver of light to emerge For a cure from this scourge That has caught us all unawares

We plod along the lines of the 'new norm' Imposed are rules we never knew existed Some straightforward, some twisted All shots in the dark, hopefully to protect us

We pray for some miracle cure, We pray for a magic vaccine Anything that will give us relief From this terrible predator Who has taken over the scene!

If only we had heeded the ominous signs The slow degradation of the ozone layer That harbinger of impending calamity For which we needed no soothsayer

Alas! The scourge is on us now A time for introspection, a time to rethink strategies,

To focus on the elimination of the unseen enemy;

And then it will be time to recoup our energies

Try and get back to the world as we knew it The world of friendly handshakes The world of warm jhappies and pappies A world that has learnt a lesson from its mistakes

A new world where happiness and togetherness reign supreme

Prabha Chakravarthy Inner Wheel Club of Madras

True Fruity Pulao

Ingredients :

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Kohinoor Basmati Rice	-	2 cups
Water	-	2 cups
Milk	-	1/2 cups
Dates	-	5
Orange	-	5
Papaya	-	5
Green Chillies	-	4
Onion	-	2
Cumin	-	1 Tsp
Salt	-	as required
Ghee	-	1/4 cup
Cloves	-	5
Sugar	-	1/2 Tsp

Pour Ghee in the rice cooker. Add Cumin, Cloves, Elachi. Fry and then add sliced onions and chillies fry a little and add washed rice with 1/2 tp sugar and salt, fry for a minute. Then add water and milk and cook for 10 minutes. Add all fruits and cook for 2 minutes. Then add Raisins and mix gently and serve hot.

> **D. Hemamalini** IWC of Chennai Presidency

Story Three Questions

The thought came to a certain king that he would never fail if he knew three things. these three things were: what is the right time to begin something? which people should he listen to? what is the most important thing for him to do?

The king, therefore, sent messengers throughout his kingdom, promising a large sum of money to anyone who would answer these three questions.

Many wise men came to the king, but they all answered his questions differently.

In reply to the first question, some said the king must prepare a timetable, and then follow it strictly. Only in this way, they said, could he do everything at its proper time. Others said that it was impossible to decide in advance the right time for doing something. The king should notice all that was going on, avoid foolish pleasures, and always do whatever seemed necessary at that time. Yet others said that the king needed a council of wise men who would help him act at the proper time. This was because one man would find it impossible to decide correctly, without help from others, the right time for every action.

But then others said that there were some things could be urgent. These things could not wait for the decision of the council. In order to decide the right time for doing something, it is necessary to look into the future. And only magicians could do that. The king, therefore would have to go to magicians.

In their answers to the second question, some said that the people most necessary to the king were his councillors; others said, the priests. A few others chose the doctors. And yet others said that his soldiers were the most necessary.

To the third question, some said science. Others chose fighting, and yet others religious worship.

As the answers these questions were so different, the king was not satisfied and gave no reward. Instead, he decided to seek the advice of a certain hermit, who was widely known for his wisdom.

The hermit lived in a wood which he never left. He saw no one but simple people, and so the king put on ordinary clothes. Before he reached the hermit's hut the king left his horse with his bodyguard, and went on alone.

As the king came near the hermit's hut, he saw the hermit digging the ground in front of his hut. He greeted the king and continued digging. The hermit was old and weak, and as he worked, he breathed heavily.

The king went up to the hermit and said, "I have come to you, wise hermit, to ask you to answer three questions: How can I learn to do the right thing at the time? who are the people I need most? and what affairs are the most important?"

The hermit listened to the king, but did not speak. He went on digging. "You are tired," said the king. "Let me take the spade and work in your place."

"Thanks," said the hermit, giving the king his spade. Then he sat down on the ground.

When the king had dug two beds, he stopped and repeated his questions. The hermit gave no answer, but stood up, stretching out his hand for the spade, and said, "Now you rest, and let me work."

But the king did not give him the spade and continued to dig.

One hour passed, then another. The sun went down behind the trees, and at last the king stuck the spade into the ground and said, "I came to you, wise man, for an answer to my questions. If you can give me no answer, tell me so and I will return home."

"Here comes someone running," said the hermit.

The king turned round and saw a bearded man running towards them. His hands were pressed against his stomach, from which blood was flowing. When he reached the King he fainted and fell to the ground. The king and the hermit removed the man's clothing and found a large wound in his stomach. The king washed and covered it with his handkerchief, but the blood would not stop flowing. The king re-dressed the wound until at last the bleeding stopped.

The man felt better and asked for something to drink. The king brought fresh water and gave it to him. By this time the sun had set and the air was cool. The king with the hermit's help carried the wounded man into the hut and laid him on the bed. The man closed his eyes and lay quiet. The king, tired by his walk and the work he had done, lay down on the floor and slept through the night. When he awoke, it was several minutes before he could remember where he was or who the strange bearded man lying on the bed was.

"Forgive me!" said the bearded man in a weak voice, when he saw that the king was awake.

"I do not know you and have nothing to forgive you for," said the king.

"you do not know me, but I know you. I am that enemy of yours who swore revenge on you, because you put my brother to death and seized my property. I knew you had gone alone to see that hermit, and I made up my mind to kill you on your way home. but the day passed and you did not return. So I left my hiding-place, and I came upon your bodyguard, who recognized and wounded me. I escaped from him but I should have died if you had not dressed my wounds. I wished to kill you, and you have saved my life. now, if I live, I will serve you as your most faithful servant and will order my sons to do the same. forgive me!"

The king was very happy to have made peace with his enemy so easily, and to have won him over as a friend. He not only forgave him but said he would send his servants and his own doctor to look after him, and he promised to give back the man his property.

Leaving the wounded man, the king went out of the hut and looked round for the hermit. Before going away he wished once more to get answers to his questions. The hermit was on his knees sowing seeds in the beds that had been dug the day before. The king went up to the hermit and said, "for the last time I beg you to answer my questions, wise man."

"You have already been answered!" said the hermit still bending down to the ground and looking at the king as he stood before him.

"How have I been answered? what do you mean?"

"Do you not see?" replied the hermit. "If you had not pitied my weakness yesterday and had not dug these beds for me, you would have gone away. Then that man would have attacked you and you would have wished you had stayed with me. So the most important time was when you were digging the beds. And I was the most important man, and to do me good was your most important business. Afterwards, when the man ran to us, the most important time was when you were caring for him, because if you had not dressed his wounds he would have died without having made peace with you. So he was the most important man, and what you did for him was your most important business.

"Remember then, there is only one time that is important and that time is 'now'. It is the most important time because it is the only time we have any power to act."

"The most necessary person is the person you are with at a particular moment, for no one knows what will happen in the future and whether we will meet anyone else. The most important business is to do that person good, because we were sent into this world for that purpose alone."

> Suganya Kannan President, Inner Wheel Club of Maraimalai Nagar





Inner Wheel - Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

Having been in Inner Wheel for over two decades I thought it would be appropriate to pen a few lines about the past, present and the future of our Organization

The past looks like the stone age now, no mobile phones, no internet, few computers and land line phones that were more often than not, out of order. Photos of projects that were taken had to be made into albums and, believe it or not, had to be submitted in triplicate !!!

The Chairman had her hands full visiting each club twice, once for the project and checking the report and the other occasion for the official visit.

Switch to the present, the age of the mobile, power point presentations and the Internet. Whatsapp Groups ensure that we are in constant touch with other members.

The Chairman's visit is no longer a nightmare. 3 or 4 clubs join together for the visit thus saving time, money and energy. The presentations are all done at the click of a button. Technology has made life much easier for Inner Wheel.

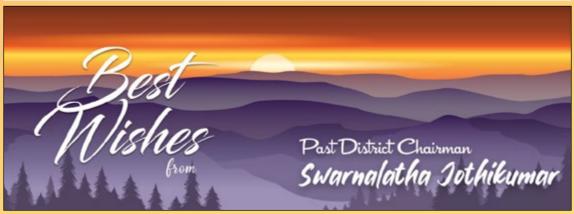
Now for the future. Maybe it belongs to Zoom or Google Meet and Facebook Inserts. In a way Zoom meetings are a boon, no dressing up, no wasting time in travel or confronting traffic. All you need to do is find a comfortable spot to sit in your home, make periodic noises to show you are there and lo and behold the meeting is done.

Of course we miss the warm hugs from friends, the laughter, the chit chat, a bit of gossip and of course the tea and snacks. The warmth and camaraderie that a face to face meeting would bring will of course be missing.

But as the Buddha said "Change is never painful, only the resistance to change is painful." Let us embrace change and make the most of the new normal and the future.

> Mrs.Prema Raman Inner Wheel Club of Meenambakkam





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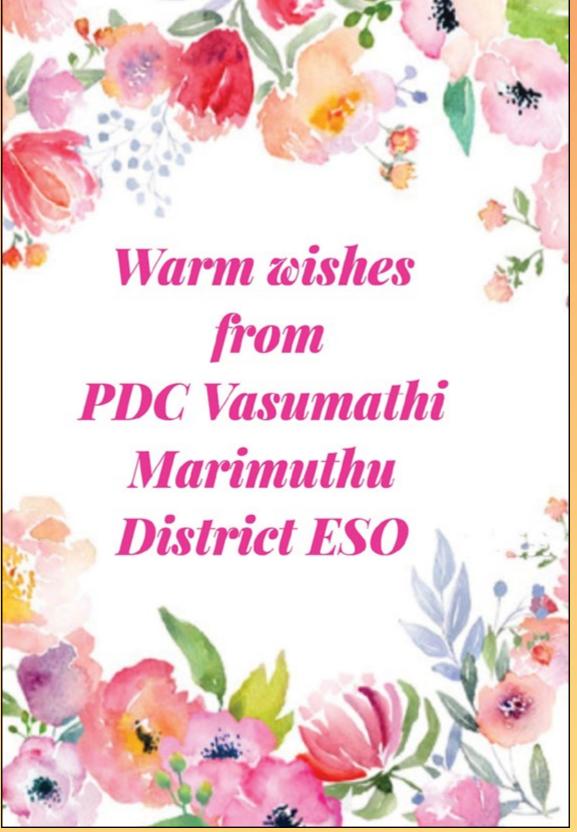
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நகைச்சுவை சரவெடி

அம்மா	:	ஏன்டா உங்க அப்பன் பேர பிரிஜ்ஜீக்குள்ள எழுதி வெச்ச ?
பகன்	:	
பேராசிரியா		சாப்ட்வேர்னா என்ன ?
		ஹார்டுவேர்னா என்ன ?
மாணவன்	:	செடியில உள்ளது சாப்ட்வேரு, மரத்தில் உள்ளது ஹாா்டுவேரு
விமல்	:	ஜிம்முக்கு போற பசங்கள ஈசியா கண்டுபிடிச்சிடலாம்
கமல்	:	எப்படி ?
விமல்	:	ரெண்டு கைலயும் சாம்பாா் வாளிய தூக்கிட்டு போறாமாதிரி நடப்பானுங்க
அவர்	:	ஆண்கள்ல 65ரூ போ் மனைவி சொல்றத கேப்பாங்க
இவர்	:	அப்ப மீதி போ் ?
அவர்	:	இன்னும் கல்யாணம் ஆகல
சோமு	:	நாட்ல அநியாயம் நடக்குது ?
ипц	:	எப்படி சொல்றீங்க ?
சோமு	:	வெயில் காலத்துல மோா் பந்தல் வைக்கிற மாதிாி, மழை காலத்துல டீ பந்தல் வைக்க மாட்றாங்களே.
ராமு	:	அபராதத்திற்கும், வரிக்கும் வித்தியாசம் தெரியுமா ?
சோமு	:	தெரியாது சொல்லூங்க
ராமு	:	தவறான செயலுக்கு தண்டம் கட்டுனா அபராதம்.
		சரியான செயலுக்கு தண்டம் கட்டுனா அது வரி.
அவன்	:	இதோ போறானே அவனுக்கு பொது அறிவு சுத்தமா இல்ல ?
இவன்	:	எப்படி சொல்றீங்க ?
அவன்	:	பழமொழிக்கு இங்லீஸ்ல என்னன்னு கேட்டான்.
		புரூட் லாங்வேஜ் ன்னு சொன்னா ஒத்துக்க மாட்றான்
டாக்டா	:	இந்த மருந்த காலைல வெறும் வயத்துல சாப்டுங்க
நோயாளி	:	ஒரு பனியன் கூட போட்டிருக்க கூடாதா டாக்டர் ?
கணவன்	:	என்ன சாம்பார்ல 2 காயின் கிடக்கு ?
மனைவி	:	நீங்க தானே சமையல்ல சேஞ்ச் வேணும்னு சொன்னீங்க
அர்ச்சகர்	:	அர்ச்சனை உங்க பேருக்கா ? சாமி பேருக்கா ?
பக்தர்	:	
நண்பன் 1	:	உங்க மனைவியை செல்லமா எப்படி கூப்பிடுவீங்க ?
நண்பன் 2	:	கூகுள் னு எங்க இருந்தாலும் கண்டுபிடிச்சுவா
மனைவி	:	எனக்கு இதே டிசைன்ல வேற கலா்ல காட்டுங்க
கணவன்	:	அடியேய் ! துணி எல்லாம் எடுத்து முடிச்சு நாம இப்ப காய்கறி கடைல இருக்கிறோம்.
தாத்தா	:	அந்த காலத்துல உன் வயசுல நான் கடைக்கு இரண்டு ரூபாய் எடுத்துட்டு போனா வீட்டுக்கு வரும் போது பால், பழம், ரொட்டி, சோப்பு, பவுடா் எல்லாம் கொண்டு வருவேன் தெரியுமா ?
பேரன்	:	இப்ப அப்படியெல்லாம் முடியாது தாத்தா. எல்லா கடையிலயும நிறைய CC TV கேமரா வச்சுருக்காங்க.



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என் திடீர் வருகையை என் கணவன் எதிர்பார்த்திருக்கவில்லை போலும். நிலை கொள்ளாமல் தவித்தான்; அனலிலிட்ட புழுவாய் துடித்தான். வாசலை நோக்கினான்; என்னை நோக்கினான். என்னை வீட்டை விட்டு வெளியேற சொல்லி, குறிப்பு தருகிறானாம். தான் புரியாதது போல் அமர்த்தலாய் அமர்த்திருத்தேன்.

'சிக்கிரம் கிளம்புகிறாயா? என் மனைவி வந்து விடப் போகிறாள்" என்றான் நேரடியாய்.

நான் அதிர்ச்சி அடையாமல் அவனையே வெறித்தேன். என்னை எதிர்நோக்க முடியாமல் அவன் விழிகள் விட்டத்தை நோக்கின.

"இரண்டு வருடம் கழித்து பார்க்கிறோமே! உன் உங்கள் முன்னாள் மனைவி என்ற உரிமையில் எனக்கு இன்னும் உபரி நோம் கொடுக்கக் கூடாதா?" என்றேன்.

அவன் பதில் பேசாமல் சன்னல் இரைச்சிலையை வெறித்தான். "என்னை நேரடியாய் பார்க்க மாட்டீர்களா?" என்ற என் குரலில் தொனித்த ஏதோ ஒரு உணர்வு அவன் உள்ளம் ஊடுருவியிருக்க வேண்டும். சட்டென்று ஒரே ஒரு நொடி என்னை திரும்பிப் பார்க்க, நான் எப்போதும் போல் அந்த அழகிய கண்களில் மூழ்க எத்தனிக்கும்போது விடாப்பிடியாய் பார்வையை மீட்டுக் கொண்டான்.

மூன்று வருட தாம்பத்வத்தை இரண்டு வருட பிரிவு விழுங்கி ஏப்பம் விட்டிருந்தது. எப்போதும் வாய் ஓயாமல் பேசிக் கொண்டிருந்த தாங்கள் இருவரும், இன்று, இதோ, இப்பொழுது இரு துருவங்களாய் அந்தியப்பட்டு நிற்கின்றோம்.

நான் வந்து ஒரு மணி நேரத்துக்கும் மேல் ஆகிவிட்டது. இன்னும் பேச வந்த விஷயம் பேச முடியவில்லை. கற்பாறையாய் இருந்த கணவன் முகம் என் நாவை கட்டி போட்டது. 'ஏன் வந்தாய்?' என்று என் புத்தி என்னை செருப்பால் அடித்தது. தொண்டையில் இடறிய துக்கத்தை விழுங்கியபடி, நான் சகளுமாய் இருப்பது போலவும், இம்மாதிரி நான் வருவது சற்வசாதாரண விஷயம் போலவும் இருந்தேன்.

"தலை வலிக்கெறது! நானே சமையலறை சென்று காஃபி போட்டுக்கட்டுமா?" உங்களுக்கும் வேண்டுமா?" என்றேன். அவன், அடிபட்டது போல் என்னைப் பார்த்தான். மறுப்பாய் தலையசைத்து எழுந்து உள்ளே போனான்.

காஃபி போடக்கூட கற்றுக் கொண்டு விட்டாளா என்ன? ஃபில்டர் காஃபியின் மணம் என் நாசியை துளைத்து. மனதை பின்னோக்கி இழுத்தது.

பெட் காஃபி கொடுக்கும் சாக்கில், காலை டிஃபன் வேலைகளுக்கிடையில் எங்கள் அறைக்கு செல்லும் என்னால் ஒரு போதும் ஒரு மணி நேரத்திற்குள் திரும்ப முடிந்ததில்லை.

அவனை முத்தமிட்டு. முடி கோதி புருவம் அளத்து கன்னம் கிள்ளி என்று எத்தனை சேட்டை நான் செய்தபோதும். கைகளால் என்னைத் தன்னருகில் இழுத்துக் கொள்வானே தவிர, கண்ணைத் திறக்க மாட்டான்.

"காஃபி ஆறுது. கண்ணைத் தொறடா புருஷா?" என்று அவன் காதில் கிசுகிகப்பேன்.

மெதுவாய் இமை பிரித்து வெளிப்படும் அவன் கண்ணின் அழகில் பிரமித்து என் விழிகள் விரிய பார்த்துக் கொண்டிரூப்பேன். சற்றே பெரியதான, லேசான காப்பிக் கலரில் என்னை நோக்கும் அந்த கண்மணியின் அமைப்பும், வசீகரமும் இன்னமும் எனக்கு மனப்பாடம். அடர்த்தியான கரிய இமை முடிகள் அவன் கண்ணழகை இன்னும் கட்ட லமித்து பார்த்துக் கொண்டிருப்பேன். "இப்படி பார்த்து. பார்த்தே மனுஷனை கவிழ்த்திடு!" என்று இன்பமாய் அலுத்துக் கொண்டு, என்னை இழுத்து தன்னுடன் அணைத்துக் கொள்வான். காஃபி எப்போதோ ஆறி விட்டிருக்கும்.

லெ பொள்மணித் துளிகள் கழித்து கீழே சென்றால், சமையலறை, மாமியார் கோபத்தால் அதிக உஷ்ணத்துடன் தகிக்கும். தன் பிள்ளையும், மருமகளும் சத்தோஷமாய் இருப்பதை ஏன் மாமியார்கள் ரசிப்பதில்லை என்று தான் யோசித்ததுண்டு. தன் மகளும் மருமகளும் மகிழ்ச்சியாய் இருப்பதை ரசிக்கும் இவர்களால் ஏன் தன் பிள்ளையின் சந்தோஷத்தை ஜீரணிக்க முடிவதில்லை? பிள்ளை முனிவள் போல் இருக்க வேண்டும் என நினைத்தால் அவனுக்கு ஏன் மணம் செப்ப வேண்டும், மாமியாருக்கு உரிமையான பொருளை நான் தட்டி பறித்து விட்டதை போல், என்னை ஒரு விரோதியைப் போலவே நடத்துவாள்.

நானும் என் கணவனும் எங்கள் அறையில் பேசிக் கொண்டிருக்கும் வேளையிலும், கொஞ்சம் கூட நாகரிகம் இல்லாமல் ஏதாவது ஒரு சாக்கை வைத்துக் கொண்டு உள் துழைவாள். அன்றும் அப்படித்தான் வந்தாள்.

"இனிமேல் நீ அந்த பாட்டு நிகழ்ச்சிவில் பாடக்கூடாது! அவ்வளவுதான் சொல்வேன்!" என்றான் என் ப்ரிய கணவன்.

கள்ளத்தில் வழிந்த கண்ணிரை துடைத்துக் கொண்டு அவனை ஏறிட்டேள்.

"அந்த பாட்டு போட்டிக்கு நான் பாடிய கேஸட்டை அனுப்பியதே நீங்கள்தான்!" இப்போது திடீரென உங்களுக்கு என் பிடிக்காமல் போப்லிட்டது?" என்று கேட்டேன் பொறுமையாப்.

"அது... அது எனக்கு பிடிக்கலை! அவ்வளவுதான்!" என்றான்.

அப்போது என் மாமியார் பாலை ஆற்றியபடி. எங்கள் அறைக்குள் துழைய, "உங்களுக்கா? அல்லது உங்க அம்மாவுக்குப் பிடிக்கலையா?" என்றேன் சற்றே உஷ்ணமாய்.

"எப்படி ரத்தம் தெறிச்சா மாதிரி பேசறா பாகு? இதுக்குத்தான் காதல் கல்யாணமெல்லாம் வேண்டாம் என்று தலைப்பாடா அடிச்டுட்டேன்?" என்றாள் என் மாமியார்.

"அம்மா! இப்ப என்ன பேச்சு இது? கொஞ்சம் நேரம் சும்மா இருக்கியா?" என்றான் என் கணவன்.

"என் குரல் தல்லாருக்கு. தல்லா பாடறேன்னு சொல்லி நீங்களே எத்தனை முறை இரவில் என் பாடல் கேட்டு தூங்கியிருக்கிறீர்கள்?" என்றேன் வேதனையை வலிய மறைத்த குரலில்.

அடிபட்ட வலி என் கண்ணில் தெரிந்திருக்க வேண்டும். கணவன் குரல் கனிந்தது. "இப்போது கூட அதைத்தான் சொல்கிறேன். நீ எனக்காக மட்டும் பாடு. என் பெண்டாட்டியாக வீட்டில் இருந்து என்னை கவளித்துக் கொள் போதும்! இந்த போட்டியில் நீ ஜெமித்தால் உனக்கு என்ன தருவான் அந்த டி.வி.காரண்? இருபது லட்சம்? ஐம்பது லட்சம்? நான் உனக்கு ஒரு கோடி தருகிறேன். எந்த போட்டியிலும் கலந்து கொள்ளாமல் வீட்டிலேயே இரு!"

நான் அதிர்ந்து போனேன். "இது பணம் பற்றின விஷயம் இல்லைங்க! என் திறமையை உலகம் அங்கேரிக்கும்போது ஏற்படுகிற ஆத்ம திருப்தி" என்றேன் புரிய வைக்கும் முயற்சியில்.

'அப்ப நீ உலகத்துக்காகத்தான் வாழ்கிறாய்! எனக்காக இல்லை?" என்றான் இறுகிய குரலில்.

"இதென்னங்க பேச்சு? நீங்க இப்போது வேலைக்கு போகவில்லையா? சொத்து இருக்கிறது என்று விட்டில் சும்மாவா இருக்கிறீர்கள்?"

"உத்யோகம் புருஷ லட்சணம், கணவன் சொல்படி நடப்பது மனைவியின் கடமை!" என்றார் என் மாமியார் இடைபுகுத்து.

ரௌத்ரம் மூண்டது மனதில். "இதெள்ள விதண்டாவாதம்? கற்கால மனிதர்கள் போல் பேககிறீர்கள். இன்று பாடுவது குற்றம். நானை நான் யாருடனும் பேகவது கூட குற்றமாகி விடுமோ? கணவன் என்றால் கூட நியாயமாக சொல்லும் பேச்சுக்குத்தான் என்னால் கட்டுப்பட முடியும். நீங்கள் செய்யும் எவ்வளவோ விஷயங்கள் கூடத்தான் எனக்கு பிடிப்பதில்லை. அதற்காக உங்கள் மேல் நான் கொண்டுள்ள காதல் குறைந்து விடுமா என்ன? அவரவர் இயல்போடு ஏற்றுக்கொண்டு இல்லறம் நடத்தினால் தான் இனிக்கும். ஒருவர் மற்றவரை அடிமைப்படுத்த நினைக்கும் வாழ்வு என்றும் மகிழ்வை தராது" என்றேன்.

கழுக்கும் ஆசை? மீசைக்கும் ஆசையா?" என்றார் என் மாமியார் எகத்தானமாக.

ீஎன்ன சொல்ல வருகிறீர்கள்? மீசை வைத்தவன் எவனும் கூழ் குடிக்க ஆசைப்படக்கூடாதா? பெண்கள் எத்தனையோ துறைகளில் சாதனை புரித்து வரும் இக்காலத்தில் இதென்ன லாஜிக் இல்லாத பழமொழி?"

"போட்டி என்ற பெயரில், தள்ளிரவு வரை ஷூட்டிங் நடப்பதும், கண்டவன் எதிரில் நீ நின்று பாடுவதும் எனக்கு சுத்தமாக பிடிக்கவில்லை! பிடிக்காமல் நாம் சேர்ந்து இருப்பதை விட பிரிவதே மேல்! முடிவு உன் கையில் தான் இருக்கிறது. "தி பால் இஸ் இன் யுவர் கோர்ட்" என்றான் என் கணவன். நான் நிமிர்ந்து என் கணவனை பார்த்தேன், காணவில்லை. அவருக்குப் பதில், தாயின் பின்னால் ஒளிந்த பயத்த மகனைத்தான் பார்க்க முடிந்தது.

"வீட்டில் இருக்கும் பெண்கள் எல்லாம் பாதுகாப்பாகத்தான் இருக்கிறார்களா? அவர்களுந்தான் பால் காரன், பேப்பர்காரன், காய்கறிகாரன், கொரியர் சர்வீஸ் ஆள், கேஸ் ஸிலிண்டர் போடும் ஆன் என்று எப்போதும் ஆண்களை எதிர்நோக்கத்தான் வேண்டியிருக்கிறது. வீட்டிற்கு வரும் எல்லா ஆண்களும் நல்லவர்களும் இல்லை; வெளியுலகில் உள்ள எல்லா ஆண்களும் கயவர்களும் அல்ல. ஒரு பெண்ணுக்கு தைரியமும், ஒழுக்கமும் இருந்து விட்டால் போதும் எப்பேர்ப்பட்ட கயவனையும் அல்ளால் சமாளிக்க முடியும். எனக்கத்த தைரியமும், ஒழுக்கமும் திறையவே இருக்கிறது." என்றேன் திமிர்வோடு.

"இங்கு என்ன பட்டி மன்றமா நடக்குது? இது வாழ்க்கை. புருஷனை எதுத்து என்ன பேச்சு பேசறா?" என்று அங்கலாய்த்தார் என் மாமியார்.

"விண் பேச்சு வேண்டாம்! முடிவாக என்னதான் சொல்லுகிறாய்?" என்று கேட்டான் என் கணவன்.

என்ன சொல்வேன் நான்? காதலித்து கைப்பிடித்த இனிய கணவன். ஆனால் இப்போது தன் அம்மாவின் தவறான போதனையால் எனக்கு தடா போடுகிறான். சரி என்று கூறி அதியாயத்துக்கு அடி பணிந்து என்னால் பழைய வாழ்க்கை வாழ முடியுமா? அப்படியே வாழ்ந்தாலும் அதில் உண்மை இருக்குமா? பல்வேறு யோசனையில் குழம்பி பின் தெளிந்தேன்.

"நான் தவறெதுவும் செய்யவில்லை. என் இறமையை துருப்பிடிக்க வைத்து, சுயம் தொலைத்து உங்களுடன் புரிதல் இல்லாமல் தல்ல மணவாழ்க்கை வாழ முடியுமென்று எளக்கு தோன்றவில்லை. என்னை நீங்கள் முழுவதுமாய் புரிந்து கொள்ளும்வரை நாம் பிரிந்திருப்பதே தல்லது!" என்றேன்.

என்னை, என் முகத்தை கூட காணப்பிடிக்காதவனாய் என் கணவன் எங்கள் படுக்கையறை கதவை அறைந்து சாத்தி தானிட்டான். இதயம் துடித்தது. கண்ணீர் வர மறுத்து துக்கம் தொண்டையை அடைக்க, நீண்ட நேரம் மூடிய கதவை வெற்த்திருந்தேன். மாமியார் எதிரீல் அப்பட்டமான அவமானம். கேஞ்சுவதற்கு தன்மானம் இடம் கொடுக்கவில்லை. இப்படித்தான் குடும்பம் தடத்துகிற்களா என் இன அருமைப் பெண்களே! என்ன சாபக்கேடு இது? சாதிக்க தினைக்கும் பெண்களுக்கு இச்சமூகம் சாமரம் வீசவில்லை என்றாலும் கல்லெறியாமலாவது இருக்கலாமல்லவா? எந்த பெண்ணவது தன் மனதில் பட்டதை பேசி, உண்மையாக நடந்து இன்மமாய் கணவனுடன் குடும்பம் நடத்துகிறானா? நடத்த முடிகிறதா? தான் என் கணவன் மேல் கொண்ட உண்மை காதலுக்கு என்ன அர்த்தம்? பலளில்லையா? மனதை துளைத்த பல்வேறு கேள்மிகளுடன் நான் பிறத்த வீட்டிற்கு வந்துவிட்டேன்.

அம்மாவும் அப்பாவும் கேள்வி கேட்காமல் என்னை ஏற்றுக் கொண்டார்கள். நான் ஒரே பெண் என்பதால் கூட இருக்கலாம். ஆனால் என்னுன் இருந்த ஏதோ ஒன்று உடைந்த போய்லிட்டது. மனது எதிலும் முழுமையாய் ஈடுபட மறுத்தது. நாடு தழுவிய அந்த பாட்டுப் போட்டியில் மூன்றாவதாக வந்தேன். போட்டி விதிப்படி எனக்கும் ஒரு பிரபல இசை அமைப்பாளரின் இசையில் பாட வாய்ப்பு கிடைத்தது. உடனே யோசிக்காமல் என் கணவனுக்கு ஃபோன் செய்தேன். "ஹலோ! என்ற அவர் ஆண்மை குரலில் ஒரு கணம் லயித்து. "எனக்கு திரைப்பட பாடல் பாட வாய்ப்பு வந்திருக்கிறது!" என்றேன் மகிழ்ச்சியுடன். "ம்" என்ற ஒற்றை எழுத்தோடு எதிர்முனை துண்டித்து கொள்ள, நான் கையாலாகாத கோபத்துடன் லெல்ஃபோனை வெறித்தேன், மூன்று வருடங்கள் உடன் வாழ்த்த நாகரிகத்துக்காகக் கூட அவனால் என்னை வாழ்த்த முடியாமல் போனதை கண்டு மனம் வலித்தது. ஒரு நண்பனாக மட்டும் இருந்திருந்தால் வாழ்த்தியிருப்பான். உடலும் உள்ளமுமாய் உயிருடன் ஒன்றி வாழ்த்தவளுக்கு உதாசீனம் தான் தர முடிகிறதா? என்ன ஒரு விசித்ர உறவு இந்த தாம்பத்யம்.

மூன்று மாதம் கழித்து மற்றொரு இடி இறங்கியது. அவளின்-கணவனின் கல்யாண பத்திரிகை எனக்கு போஸ்ட்டில் வந்தது. பத்திரிகை என்னை என் காதலை கூறு கூறாய் கிழித்து போட்டது.

என் கணவனை நான் முழுவதும் இழந்து விட்ட பயங்கரம் எனக்கு அப்போதுதான் உறைத்தது.

அம்மா வானுக்கும் பூமிக்குமாய் குதித்தான். "என் பொண்ணு குத்துக்கல்லாட்டம் உயிரோடு இருக்கும்போது. இன்னொரு கல்யாணமா? கேஸ் போடு!" என்றான் ஆக்ரோஷமாய், அம்மா ஒரு சமூக சேவகி.

"கேல் போட்டு, என்ன செய்யட்டும்மா? உடைத்த என் வாழ்வு ஒட்டி. விடுமா?" என்றேன் தீதானமாய்.

"அவனை நடுரோட்டுக்கு இழுக்கணும்! பாடறது தப்புன்னு சொன்ன அவன் பத்தாம்பசலித்தனம் எல்லாருக்கும் தெரிபணும்! பொக்கிஷமாய் போற்ற வேன்டிய என் பென்ணை பொகக்குகிறானே!" அம்மா துக்கம் தாங்க முடியாது வாய் விட்டு அழுதாள். நான் இலக்கற்று வெறித்தபடி அமர்ந்திருந்தேன். அப்பா என் அருகில் வந்து என் தலை கோதினார். அவர் விரல்கள் நடுங்கின.

"என்னடா இது? மாப்பின்னை மனம் மாறி விடுவார் என்று நினைத்தால்... இப்படி நடக்கிறதே!" என்றார். குரல் உடைத்து போமிருந்தது, தன் கணிர் குரலில் பாடம் நடத்தும் பேராசிரியரான என் அப்பாவுக்கு, ஒரே செல்ல மகளின் வாழ்வு, செல்லரித்து விட்ட அவலம் அவரை நிலைகுலைய வைத்தது.

மூடிய என் கண்ணிலிருந்து கண்ணீர் அருவியாய் கொட்டியது. மூலரும் தேற்றுவாரின்றி மூலைக்கொருவராய் சோகத்தில் அமிழ்த்திருந்தோம். அவன் காலில் விழுந்து கதறி கல்யாணத்தை நிறுத்த துடித்தது நான் அவன் மேல் கொண்ட காதல். நானென்ன தவறு செய்தேன் என்று தன்மானம் கிலிர்த்துக் கொண்டது. இன்னொரு பெண்ணை அவன் மனக்க துணிந்ததை எண்ணி குமுட்டியது எனக்கு, வுனையா நான் காதலித்தேன்? இவனுடனா நான் கூடினேன்? மனம் நொந்து. நைந்து போனது. அம்மா அப்போதே சொல்வான்: "புருஷன் மேல் கண் தான் ஆசையும் பாசமும் இருந்தாலும். இப்படி தியே அவன் மேலே விழுந்து பழகாதே! அவனுக்கு அலுத்துவிடும். அமுதமே ஆனாலும், அளவுக்கு மிஞ்சினால் தஞ்சுதானே!"

ீஎன் காதல் அளவு மிற்சி நான் அலுத்து விட்டேனா கணவா?" நாட்களை நிராதரவாய் நகர்த்தினேன். இதோ. இப்போழுது இவனெதிரிலேயே அமர்ந்திருக்கிறேன்.

"காஃபி ரொம்ப நன்றாக இருந்தது!" என்றேன் நான்.

அரெத்தையாய் "ம்" என சொன்னவனிடம். "உங்களிடம் ஒன்று கேட்கிறேன்! உண்மையாய் பதில் சொல்லுங்கள்! இப்போதைய நம் நிலைமைக்கு நான் மட்டுமா காரணம்? என்ன தவறு செய்தேன் நான்? சுயமாய் ஏதோ சாதிக்க நினைத்தது தவறா? எனக்கேன் இந்த தண்டனை?" என்றேன்.

"தண்டனையா?" என்றான் எளனமாக. சந்தோஷமாகத்தானே இருக்கிறாய்? உனக்கென்ன குறை? பெரிய பாடகி. இனிமேல் வாழ்வில் முன்னேற்றம்தான்!" என்றான் தன் தாடியை தடவியபடி.

"எனினும் நாள் உங்களை மில் பண்ணுகிறேன்! நீங்கள் இல்லாமல் என் வாழ்வு முழுமை அடையவில்லை!" என்றேன். "வேறொரு திருமணம் செய்து கொள்!" என்றான் விட்டேற்றியாக.

"உங்களைப் போலவா? அல்லது உங்களையேவா?" அதிர்ந்து போய் என்னைப் பார்த்தான். "என்ன உளறுகிறாய்?"

"உளறல் இல்லை! நிஜம்! உங்களை இன்னமும் நான் காதலிக்கிறேன். மீண்டும் மணம் செய்து கொள்ளலாமா?" என்று கேட்டேன்.

"மிதிலா!" என்று கூலினான். "நான் இப்போது வேறொருத்தியின் புருஷன்!" என்றான்.

நான் சலிப்புடன் எழுந்து கொண்டேன். இவனும் இவன் ஈகோவும். மனதிலிருப்பதை வெளியில் சொல்ல மறுக்கும் கோழை.

"சரி! இனி பேசிப் பயனில்லை! நான் போகிறேன். உங்கள் மனைவி வந்துவிடப் போகிறான்!" என்றேன்.

அப்போது, என் மாமியார் கோமிலிலிருந்து புஷ்பக் கடையுடன் வந்தாள். என்னை வெற்று பார்வை பார்த்தவன், எதும் பேசாமல் உள்ளே போனாள். அவள் உடல் உணர்ச்சியில் தடுங்குவதை கவளித்தேன்.

"என் மனைவி மாடியறையில் இருக்கிறாள். பார்த்து விட்டே போ!" என்றான் என் கணவன், அவசர அவசரமாய்.

படியேறிய என்னைப் பார்த்து, என் மாமியார் மிக லேசாக புன்னகைத்தார். எனக்கு புல்லரித்தது. எனக்கு எவ்வளவோ இன்னல்கள் இழைத்தவன்தான் ஆனாலும் அவள் புன்னகை என்னை பரவசப்படுத்தியது.

எங்கள் அறை. இன்னமும் அங்கே மாட்டியிருந்த எங்கள் திருமண ஃபோட்டோவை பார்த்துக் கொண்டிருந்த என்னை அணைத்த கணவனின் கைகளை தட்டிவிட்டேள்.

"கையை எடு மேன்! உன் இப்போதைய மனைவி பார்த்து விடப் போகிறாள்!" என்றேன் கோபமாக

"மிலா! ப்ளீஸ்! என்னை இன்னமும் வகைக்காதே! உன்னை நான் முழுவதும் புரிந்து கொண்டேன்!" என்று தட்டு தடுமாறி சொல்லி விட்டு மிகப் பெரிய ரசுசியத்தை பகரும் குரலில் "நான் யாரையும் திருமணம் செய்யவில்லை. உன்னை உசுப்பேற்றி என்னிடம் வரவழைக்க அடிக்கப்பட்ட பத்திரிகை அது!" என்றான்.

"தெரியும்!" என்றேன் அவன் புறம் இரும்பி, "உன் அம்மா என்னைப் பார்க்க தேற்று வந்திருந்தார்கள்!"

"ஒ!" என்று அவன் உச்சரித்த ஒற்றை எழுத்தில் ஒலித்த அசட்டுத்தனத்தை ஆசையுடன் ரசித்தேன்.

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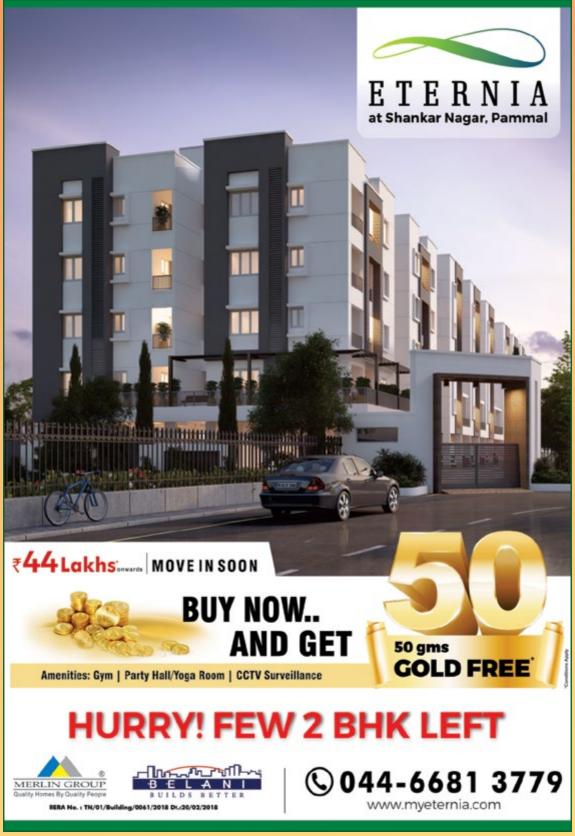
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From Melbourne to Jaipur, and now to a Virtual Platform, it has been a long and momentous journey for two and a half years. for all of us in the Local Convertion Committee, Jaipur was visited with four International Inner Wheel Previolents, wene and hotels for delegates were booked, a grand dinner was booked for visiting diginitaries by Association of Inner Wheel Clubs in India in a place matching with the stature of the guests, social evenings with a difference were in place and counterss conference calls were gone through to discuss all arrangements. Little did we know that preparations we were making for the 18th International Inner Wheel Convention would have to take such a dramatic turn. While it saddens us to announce that due to the current circumstances, the majesiti city of Jaipur will no longe be hosting us in March 2021, we have decided to take the bold step of hosting the Convention on a virtual platform. Wervill still have a glimpse of what would have been a beautiful experience being physically present in Jaipur. But let us derive satisfaction from the fact that the new arrangement will give so many of us the opportunity to take part in this event who otherwise would have had travel and other constraints. Let us turn this into an opportunity for us to reach out to the wider Inner Wheel audience in their very own homes.

The Convention will be for two days but deliberation timings will be limited to evenings keeping in mind the international participants. Dates are shifted by a few days to have it sessions on weekends. Agenda and schedule for the Convention will be anonscende in a few weeks. Stay vigilant for the next few days for registration charges, procedure to register will remain the same. Keep yourself updated by visiting us at www.iwconvention2x21jaiput.com for news and updates.

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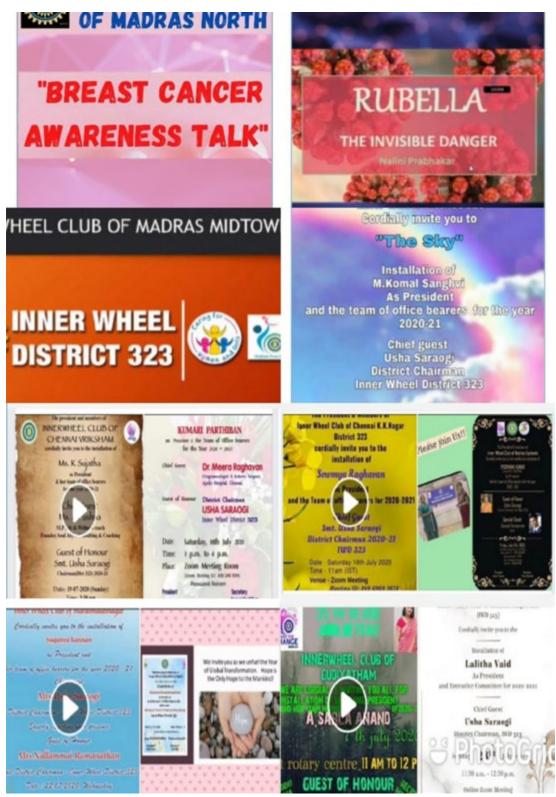


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