



JEWEL



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My journey as District Chairman throughout this remarkable year has been truly fabulous, enriching, profoundly enlightening with cherished moments.

Our Association President Jyoti Mahipal, a visionary leader, has guided us exceptionally through the Vision Board. National Editor Kamala Selvam has made our District proud with her outstanding performance.

Kudos to District Executive Committee members for their exemplary dedication and teamwork. Our Past District Chairmen have always stood beside us as pillars of strength.

The Dynamic club Presidents worked relentlessly with extraordinary enthusiasm, passion, creativity and commitment throughout the year. They participated in joint projects and district events that strengthened their bonding and camaraderie.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude, to every member of Inner Wheel District 323 who worked tirelessly in alignment with our International Theme, "Step Up and Lead by Example."

Congrats to club Presidents of 2025 - 26 for magnificent achievements. My best wishes to District Chairman 2026-27 Supriya Sundararaman and her team of club Presidents for a glorious year ahead.

Long Live Inner Wheel in Friendship and Service.

Inner Wheel Greetings to One and All.



Devi Mathimaran

*District Chairman
Inner Wheel District 323*

MESSAGE



Dear DC Devi & Inner Wheel Members of District 323,

It gives me immense pleasure to extend my heartfelt wishes to you, and all the dedicated leaders and members of District 323 on the joyous occasion of District Assembly **SANGINI**. May this Assembly be a confluence of wisdom, inspiration, and meaningful exchange of ideas, and empower each one of you with clarity of vision, strength of purpose, and the spirit of service.

At every District Assembly, there arrives a moment both tender and triumphant—the quiet passing of the baton, where one hand that has served with devotion entrusts it to another ready to serve with hope.

I take this opportunity to convey my deepest admiration and heartfelt appreciation to Golden District Chairman Devi, 2025–26, and her District team for leading with grace and elegance. Dear Devi with your dynamic leadership you inspired clubs to do Mega projects, special mention of projects like Pink autos, cervical cancer vaccinations, donation of medical equipments and youth unplugged programs. I also convey thanks to you and District 323 for hosting IIWP Kay Morland and Terry Pollock with grace and warmth.

I also want to express my heartfelt thanks to AC Member Fathima Nasira and your district members for extending warm hospitality on my official visit at District Conference. Wish you all the best for all the future endeavours.

Thank you District Editor Geetha, for inviting me to share a message for the newsletter "**Jewel**". I must commend you for your exceptional dedication throughout the year.

As we look ahead, I extend my warmest congratulations to Supriya, District Chairman 2026–27, and the new District team. Dear Supriya, the baton you receive at the Assembly carries decades of service, sisterhood, and sacred trust. Hold it with pride, carry it with humility, and pass it forward with honour.

As Maya Angelou reminds us, "People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

Wishing great success to the District Assembly and hoping it paves the way for impactful initiatives, stronger bonds, and a brighter future for Inner Wheel. May you grow and flourish in wisdom, courage, kindness, and the quiet strength of collective purpose.

With Strength & Solidarity for a better tomorrow,

Jyoti Mahipal

*Association President &
National Representative (2025–26)*



Inner Wheel Greetings!

Heartiest congratulations to District 323 on the release of the newsletter, "Jewel." It is always wonderful to see a District come together to create a publication that beautifully captures the spirit, friendship, service activities, and happy moments shared within the Inner Wheel family.

"Jewel" is not just a newsletter — it is a reflection of the enthusiasm, creativity, and dedication of our members. Every edition becomes a lovely keepsake that connects members, celebrates achievements, and inspires everyone to continue serving with compassion and commitment.

My compliments to the editorial team headed by District Editor Geetha Prakash and to all those who worked behind the scenes to bring out this beautiful publication. Your hard work, creativity, and teamwork truly deserve appreciation.

As we near the close of a memorable year, I would like to appreciate the strength and pillar behind District 323 — DC Devi Mathimaran! Her dedication and commitment have kept the flag of District 323 flying high. My hearty congratulations are also due to the District Executive Committee members, Club Presidents, and all Club office bearers who have shouldered their responsibilities well and put their heart and soul into making this a memorable year. Overall, it has been an exemplary year for District 323, with our leaders "Stepping Up and Leading by Example."

I would also like to extend my warmest wishes to Incoming District Chairman Supriya Sundararaman. Wishing her a wonderful and successful year ahead, filled with meaningful service projects, strong bonding, happy memories, and many proud achievements for District 323.

May we, as members of District 323, continue to take pride in our commitment and dedication to the cause of Inner Wheel and keep making a difference in the lives of those around us!

With warm regards and best wishes,

Kamala Selvam

National Editor (2025–26)

Association of Inner Wheel Clubs in India

INNER WHEEL DISTRICT 323

New Clubs Formation - 2025-26

A Celebration of Growth, Leadership & Service

INNER WHEEL CLUB OF CHENNAI EIRA



Inner Wheel Club of Chennai Eira: Our District 75th Club and 2nd New Club for the year, was installed on Sunday, 11th January, 2026 at Cosmopolitan Club Anna Salai with Isha Vivek as its Charter President with a total of 27 members. The Club was sponsored by Inner Wheel Club of Chennai Central Elite.



INNER WHEEL CLUB OF CHENNAI SPATIKHA



Inner Wheel Club of Chennai Spatikha: The 3rd New Club of the year was installed on Sunday, 1st March 2026 at Ranjani Hall, Nanganallur with Revathy Bhalaaji as its Charter **President** with a total of 28 members. The Club was sponsored by Inner Wheel Club of Nanganallur.



INNER WHEEL CLUB OF MADRAS GOLD COAST



Inner Wheel Club of Madras Gold Coast: The 77th Club of our District was installed on Sunday, 26th April 2026 at V Spacez, Nungambakkam with Vijayalakshmi Rajesh as its Charter President with a total of 25 members. The Club was sponsored by Rotary Club of Madras Gold Coast.



Another milestone in strengthening the Inner Wheel through friendship, service and leadership.

Sarada Ramani

District Extension Service Organiser

ICI REPORT - VINYASA 2026

District 323 had the privilege of hosting ICI 2026 – VINYASA. We express our heartfelt gratitude to Association President Elect Vinutha Harish for giving District 323 the opportunity to host this prestigious event.

The three-day, action-packed training programme was filled with enriching learning experiences, inspiring interactions, and power-packed sessions by esteemed faculty members. Alongside the sessions, participants enjoyed thoughtfully planned activities including the beach visit, Zumba session, visit to Kapaleeshwarar Temple, and well-curated meals, all of which added warmth and camaraderie to the event.

Association President Elect Vinutha Harish curated impactful sessions led by distinguished stalwarts including PIIWP Kamala Ramakrishnan, PIIWT Azhagu Annamalai, PAP Geetha Padmanabhan, PAP Gomathi Vishwanathan, and PAP Shailaja Bhatt. The incoming and outgoing Association Executive Committees also played a committed and supportive role throughout the event.

Under the leadership of Convenor PDC Seema Bhargava, Advisors PIIWP Kamala Ramakrishnan and PIIWT Azhagu Annamalai, and Event Coordinator National Editor Kamala Selvam, and Co Convenors District Chairman Devi Mathimaran and Vice Chairman Supriya Sundararaman the event was meticulously planned and executed.





Special thanks to:

- » PDC Dr. Shashi and District Treasurer Sukanya for flawless transport coordination.
- » PDC Latha Mahalingam for the wonderful Sunflowers décor on table initiative.
- » PDC Radha Ranganathan and PDC Latha for photography coordination.
- » National Editor Kamala Selvam for complete AV Coordination.
- » Our dinner hosts — PDC Nallammai Ramanathan, PDC Usha Saraogi, PDC Kamala Selvam and PDC Latha Mahalingam — for their warm hospitality.
- » District ISO Udaya Lakshmi for entertainment coordination.
- » ESO Sarada for registration support.
- » District Secretary Anandhi Sabesan and District Editor Geetha Prakash for coordinating the kits.
- » Our new entrant, DISO Elect, Geetha Raju, for her fabulous support and enthusiasm.

We also gratefully acknowledge the generous sponsorship of kits by PIIWP Kamala and PIIWT Azhagu, PDC Usha Saraogi, PDC Vasumathi Marimuthu, National Editor Kamala Selvam, VC Supriya, Treasurer Sukanya, Secretary Anandhi, Editor Geetha Prakash, and IWC Chennai Symphony.

Thank you once again to everyone who contributed towards making ICI 2026 – VINYASA a memorable, enriching, and beautifully organized experience for all.

AP Installation 2026

EKATVA

Ekatva, the Installation Ceremony of the 51st Association President, Vinutha Harish, and the Association Executive Committee for the year 2026-27, was held in Bengaluru on 12 June 2026.

Hosted at the magnificent Gayatri Grand, the event brought together over 800 Inner Wheel members from across the country, making it a grand celebration of leadership, friendship, and service. The gathering included Past Association Presidents, senior Inner Wheel leaders, incoming Association Committee members, District Chairmen, and members from districts throughout India, reflecting the strength and unity of the Inner Wheel movement.

The highlight of the event was the presence of the Chief Guest, Member of Parliament Tejasvi Surya, whose insightful and engaging interaction with the audience was warmly received and greatly appreciated.

District 323 was proudly represented by PIIWP Kamala Ramakrishnan, PIIWT Azhagu Annamalai, PDC Swarnalatha Jothikumar, PDC Dr. Shashi, National Editor Kamala Selvam, Association Committee Member-elect Devi Mathimaran, Chairman-elect Supriya Sundararaman, District Vice Chairman-elect Sarada Ramani, District ESO-elect Sukanya Sriram, District ISO-elect Geetha Raju, and Presidents Usha Bothra, Subhashree, and Priya Subramaniam.

The spirit of Ekatva resonated throughout the event, reminding every member that when hearts, minds, and actions unite, extraordinary impact becomes possible. As Association President Vinutha Harish begins her year of leadership, the Inner Wheel family looks forward to a year marked by meaningful service, lasting friendships, and collective growth.



ISO EVENTS & PROGRAMMES

UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES, THE AMAZONITE GETAWAY SUCCESS!

It is with great pleasure that we share the resounding success of the **Amazonite Getaway**, an unforgettable journey to Phu Quoc in Southern Vietnam and to Bangkok that forged lasting friendships and left an indelible mark on all our hearts. Here is a look back at our itinerary filled with laughter, adventure and sisterhood.

On 24th January 2026, we started to **Magical Phu Quoc, Vietnam** with each member getting a curated travel kit to start the adventure right.

A visit to the enchanting **Vin Wonders theme park**, where we immersed ourselves in a world of wonders. The Water Theme Park, the Adventure Park with its thrilling roller coaster, and the majestic Ferris Wheel offered breathtaking sunset vistas, left us spellbound. The Fantasy Land, Aquatopia -aquarium, and mesmerising Mermaid Show transported us to an underwater realm. The Disney-esque castle structures and spectacular laser show entranced us further.



The magnificent **Grand World**, inspired by European architecture, where we took a gondola ride through the Venetian canal system. We delighted in the Teddy Bear Museum, witnessed the Quintessence of Vietnam, and explored the vibrant commercial market, culminating in a delectable Indian dinner.



A visit to **Vin Pearl Safari**, a wildlife sanctuary and conservation park, offered a unique experience. We embarked on an enclosed bus tour through open habitats, encountering majestic lions, tigers, bears, zebras, giraffes, and rhinos in their natural habitats.



The **8 km Cable Car Ride** over the sea was a thrilling experience, culminating with our arrival at **Sunset Town**, a charming Mediterranean-themed town. The spectacular Awaken Sea Show, featuring water, fireworks, and music, left us awestruck.



Our ferry ride to Rach Vem fishing village and island-hopping tour provided opportunities for Sea Walking, Parasailing and Snorkelling. We savoured the vibrant nightlife and local markets, finally relaxing at massage centres.

On 28th January 2026, we headed to our subsequent destination, Bangkok, where we indulged in a delightful Dinner Cruise, accompanied by lively DJ music. We explored the local night market, shopping merrily. On our final day, we visited Buddha temples and concluded our trip with plentiful shopping and cherished memories.

The highlight of our journey was a heartfelt **fellowship meet-up** with the **Inner Wheel Club of Bangkok**, marked by flag exchange and warm hospitality. We were overwhelmed by their thoughtful gesture of packed dinners, a testament to the power of sisterhood.



On 30th January 2026, we returned home with shopping bags and hearts filled with cherished memories.

DANCE WORKSHOP & SOUND BATH SESSION - MARCH 17, 2026

Members came together for a unique Semi-Classical Dance Workshop. Attendees released built-up stress, tapped into inner peace, and let the rhythm guide their healing. Many described it as a complete nervous system reset, with the curated Sound Bath Therapy at the close bringing deep emotional release.



The dance workshop was beautifully anchored by Dr Greeshma, President of IWC Chennai Manoranjitham. And the restorative sound bath was conducted by Mithaa from Harmony Healing Centre, whose immersive session left participants calm, centred, and recharged.



AQUAMARINE: A WEEKEND TO REMEMBER AT CORAL RESORT, MAHABALIPURAM - MARCH 28 & 29, 2026

From the moment we arrived, the highlights kept coming. Members dove into Aqua Zumba, took moonlit beach walks, and unwound on the sandy shores and explored the vibrant Glow Garden in Mahabalipuram together.



Special thanks went to Lakshmi Priya and Ambika of IWC Chennai Golden Sun for planning engaging games, dance reels, and activities that kept the energy high and everyone smiling. We also thanked Priya Subramaniam for seamlessly coordinating the resort selection, bookings, and for leading a refreshing morning yoga session. The spontaneous movie outing was a true “dhamaka” and ended up being the perfect finale to the trip. All in all, our overnight stay at Coral Resort turned out to be the perfect escape, packed with fun, friendship, and moments we'll treasure for a long time to come.



EXPRESSIVE ART THERAPY FOR EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING – APRIL 30TH, 2026

The programme, conducted by Team Aadiantaa, Dr Vinon Vanduyn, founder and Lijusri, co-founder and IWC Chennai Citrine member. They thoughtfully curated the programme, leaving members both reflective and entertained with no prior art experience needed.



It was motivating to see everyone embrace reflective activities and brain exercises. By the end, each participant created artwork as a reminder of inner strength and peace. The highlight was when personal insights turned into unique, beautiful symbols as individual as the artists. The session was a gentle reminder to create, reflect, and shine.



As Pablo Picasso said, “Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life.”

VIRTUAL TRIVIA BATTLE – MAY 14, 2026

A surprise online quiz was hosted on WhatsApp for club presidents and club ISOs. The three-level wordplay challenge drew enthusiastic participation from 27 members. The competition was lively and fast-paced, with everyone putting their vocabulary and quick-thinking skills to the test. After three engaging rounds, Mohanapriya, Club President of IWC Chennai Parijatham, emerged as the winner.

MAGALIR KONDATTAM: A CELEBRATION OF SISTERHOOD – MARCH 6, 2026

The Joint ISO Program Magalir Kondattam was successfully executed by IWC Chennai Sonnet on International Women's Day. As the lead club, IWC Chennai Sonnet delivered the event with precision, empathy, and warmth. From planning to execution, every detail reflected their dedication and grace.

The spirit of sisterhood and camaraderie displayed by all participating clubs was unconditional and uplifting. It was a true reflection of what we can achieve when we come together. The love and affection shared by the pattiammas served as a beautiful reminder of the power of human connection and the strength we draw from each other.

Club ISOs consistently motivated their members by participating in intra-district and inter-district competitions. They also actively engaged in flag exchange fellowship meetups, strengthening bonds across districts.

Installation of Chairman

Devi Mathimaran as Associate Council Member



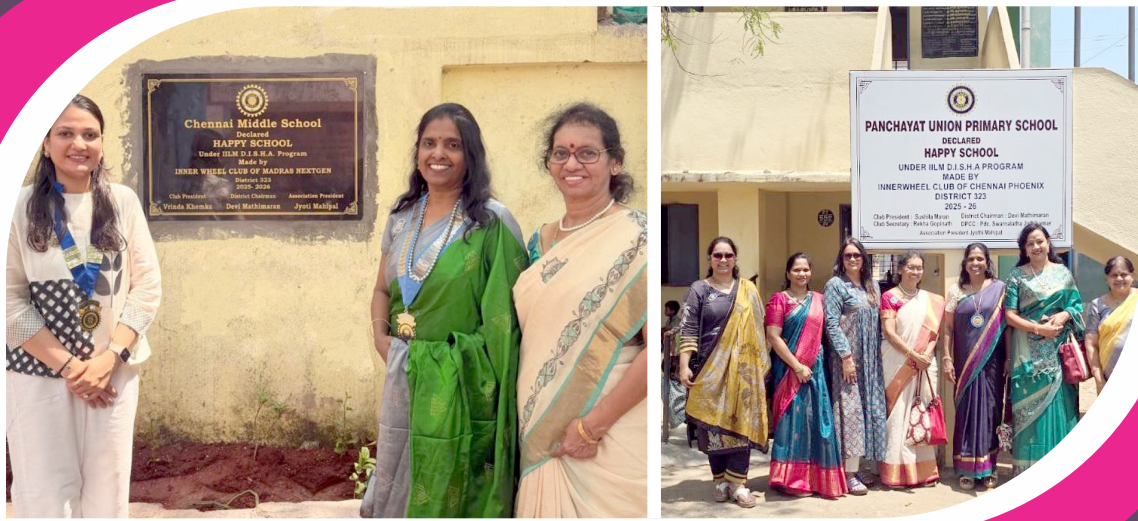
On the 12th of June after the installation of Vinutha Harish as the Association President for the year 2026-2027 Chairman Devi Mathimaran was pinned as the Association Council member.

It all started with a grand welcome at the Bengaluru station, followed by gala dinner on the same day with all dignitaries in a beautiful open ambience filled with dance, music and friendship. On 13th morning Devi Mathimaran attended the first Association Council meeting. It was highly focussed with clear agenda and covered all important matters effectively.

It was a moment of pride to represent Inner Wheel District 323 again on national platform. Being appointed as an Association Council Member for Inner Wheel is a mix of honour, responsibility, and opportunity.



HAPPY SCHOOLS



Happy School project aims at transforming schools lacking in good infrastructures and other required facilities into good educational institutions, by providing the necessary infrastructure and required facilities, creating a good learning environment. This year 4 schools were declared as happy schools. Basic Infrastructure was provided in

1. Chennai Middle School by IWC Madras Next Gen.
2. Balakka Nursery and Primary school by IWC Madras Midtown
3. Panchayat Union Primary School, Kolambakkam by IWC of Chennai Phoenix.
4. CSI Middle School, Mylapore by IWC Madras Midtown

It is heartening to note that all the clubs in our district are enthusiastically maintaining the Happy Schools created during the previous years.

PDC Swarnalatha Jothikumar

District Project Committee Chairman



CONFERENCE — TURQUOISE —

The Inner Wheel Conference “Turquoise” was held on 10 January at Hotel LeRoyal Meridian. The conference brought together Inner Wheel members, district leaders, and guests to celebrate fellowship, service, and women's empowerment.

Association President Jyoti Mahipal presence made the event more special. Her leadership continues to inspire Inner Wheel Members across the country. The event featured inspiring addresses by dignitaries and presentations by the district executive committee members.

Inner Wheel District Souvenir “Pearl” was released by Association President Jyothi Mahipal and the first copy was received by National Editor Kamala Selvam. The newsletter “Strings of Pearl” was released by Past International Treasurer Azhagu Annamalai and first copy was received by PDC Shanthi Gopal and senior member Past President Indu Phadke of Inner Wheel Club of Madras.

To commemorate the 50th year of Association of Inner Wheel Clubs in India members who have completed 50 years in friendship and service were honoured and charter members who have completed 25 years of service in Inner Wheel were also honoured for their dedication and commitment. Charter was presented to the newly formed club Chennai Citrine at the conference.

Cultural programs enhanced member engagement and strengthened bonds among participants. Conference Chairman Ruchita Saraogi, Secretary Kapila Sharma and Treasurer Porchilai Dhineshbabu worked tirelessly to make the conference “Turquoise” a grand event.





HAPPY MOMENTS OF 2025 – 26



