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Greetings from The Aura, Rudyard Kipling believed that Providence had created maharajas just to offer mankind a spectacle. The magnificent forts, palaces, battles and their lives became inextricably woven into the fabric of Indian folklore.

The first session of the 'Inspirational Women Series' brought to our city Princess Vidya Gajapati Raju Singh, Chennai-based entrepreneur and member of the erstwhile royal family of Vijayanagaram. She unravelled the past sharing photographs and anecdotes from her vast collection, and shared how their roles have adapted to the needs of the day. Vidhya's life revolves around a Mindful lifestyle. With numerous stories of her trekking expeditions, the elegant princess inspired us to work towards a healthy lifestyle.

Aura Aphrodite opened the session with a quiz on the Vijayanagara dynasty. It was a lovely morning as the queens of Aura graced the hall in flowing drapes that dazzled all!





## Prelude

Event: 'Managing The Mate'

Guests: Ms Aruna Anand

Date: Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Time: 10.30am

Venue: Courtyard by Marriott, Trichy.

Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is a success.

For him, marriage worked like a charm. Vishwanathan Anand not only reached the number one ranking in the world of chess, but also became multiple time World Champion. If there was one person who would get the major credit for all of Vishy's successes, it has to be his wife Aruna Anand.

Rightly called the Iron lady of Indian chess, Aruna is not just Anand's wife, she is also his manager. She insulates him from all the distractions and helps him concentrate on the game. Let us celebrate her relentless contribution to Indian chess!

From a girl who was intimidated by the chess world, Aruna has come a long way. Like the game of chess, managing the mate is a game of wits and requires a lot of planning and foresight to win.

Let us be inspired by the story of how she soaked in the entire chess environment and became Anand's manager.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## Birthdays in January

Smitha.A	6
Hemalata N. Khanna	10
Rathnamala Prem	11
Amutha.R	15
Mumtaz Hanif	25
Deepa Mukundhan	26

## Member Speak

What a truly memorable Monday morning as part of the Inspirational Women Series!

A heartfelt appreciation to our wonderful MC, Ankita, for her thoughtful and flawless execution that added grace to the event. Tharangini's beautifully curated introduction set the perfect tone for our esteemed guest speaker.

Dr. Anitha brought history alive with her engaging quiz—a challenging topic presented with such zest that it made learning a joy. Tasneem's heartfelt and theme-perfect birthday wishes made our December queens feel truly special, while Meenu delivered the vote of thanks with remarkable poise and meaning.

- Jaisri Raju Sriram

## From The Aura Committee

Aura Artemis has planned a fun filled morning for you.

Dress code:

**Black or/and White**

## *Down memory lane...*



### 'Time management'

Lena Tamilvanan, Editor Kumudham and kalkandu

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