

# Women's International Club

February 2019

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## From The President's Desk...

Dear Ladies,

The festive season continues to enthrall us. Having just celebrated "Lohri" – a joyous festival of feasting with *gajak*, *peanuts*, *Punjabi cuisine* and dancing around a bonfire to thank the almighty for a bountiful harvest, we now gear up for spring and the festival of *Basant*. While Lohri signifies the coldest day, *Basant* welcomes the spring – a time to say goodbye to winter—the cold days and colder nights which bundled us into layers of wraps.

Spring shall bring the flowers to bloom in our garden, the mustard fields like sunshine yellow thick carpets, the flowering trees lining the roads and the city's roundabouts with *Bougainvillea* of rich and multi-coloured flowers all around—a definite feast for our eyes.

And this time coincides too with the Committee on Nominations to think, plan and select the new Executive Committee. So friends do participate, continue your involvement and help this committee with valuable suggestions you may have, for it to bring in your next team.

With the change in season, I do hope there will be a renewed robust participation in the remaining General Meetings and the Circle programmes.

Cheers

Renu Mehra

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# General Meeting

This General Meeting, we explore the glory of Indian textiles design vocabulary that since the 16<sup>th</sup> century, has never ceased to fascinate the western world. Peter D'Ascoli who is presently based in Delhi is known for creating a textiles line, the essence of which lies in Indian textiles.



New York designer Peter D'Ascoli has been traveling the world studying decorative arts for decades, and his work in fashion and interiors is driven by curiosity and inspired by a passion for historic decoration and exotic cultures. Formally trained in Textile Design at the Fashion Institute Of Technology in Manhattan, his early work with handcrafted Indian textiles for the Government of India has given him an enduring love for the art and culture of the subcontinent. Beyond craft Peter has worked for major brands in the U.S. including Diane von Furstenberg and Waverly Fabrics. Now living in Delhi with his family, Peter is a founder of the Talianna Studio, a creative laboratory and producer of luxury fabrics for the fashion and interior design trade.

**Date:** Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February

**Venue:** Residence of Nayana Goradia, 145, Sunder Nagar  
New Delhi-110003

**Time:** 3.00 pm

# The Arts

## The Kochi Biennial 2019

The Kochi Biennial is the subcontinent's most important Biennial. Initiated by a group of artists from Kerala eight years ago, it had set as its task to be a peoples' biennial -- by the people, for the people. The biennial's success proves them to be right. The Kochi Biennial managed to be locally accepted and internationally relevant. Always curated by an artist from India, it has continually expanded in its scope and in its reach. This year's biennial is curated by Anita Dube, one of the most renowned feminist artist from the subcontinent.



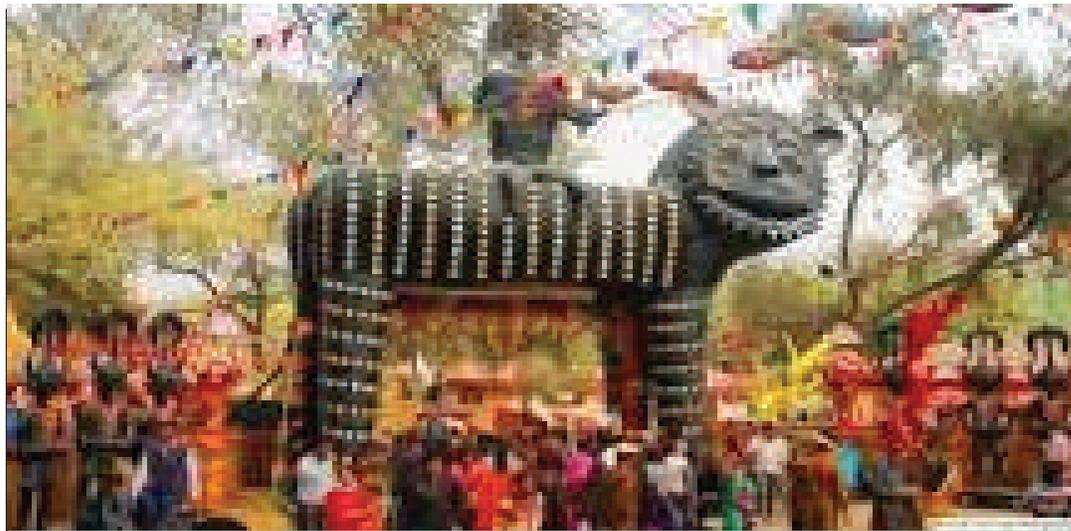
Dr. Leonhard Emmerling is the director of the Max Mueller Bhavan/Goethe-Institut's cultural programme for the South Asian region. He has a background as art historian and has worked as a curator in Germany and New Zealand before joining the Goethe-Institut in 2010.

**Date:** Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> February

**Venue:** Residence of Leonhard & Catherine Emmerling, 14B Malcha Marg,  
1st Floor, Chanakya Puri, New Delhi

**Time:** 3.00 p.m.

**Limit:** 20



## Indian Heritage & Sights

### A visit to Surajkund Mela

The Surajkund Mela is unique as it showcases the richness and diversity of the handicrafts, handlooms and culture of India. This is the 33rd crafts Mela and Maharashtra is the theme State this year. At least 20 SAARC countries and all the States of India will be participating. A large number of renowned national and international folk artistes will also be performing.

Dr Shakuntala Dawesar has been gracious to open her home for a scrumptious tea before we go to the Mela.



**Date:** Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> February

**Venue:** Meet at residence of  
Dr Shakuntala Dawesar,  
303, Royal Retreat 1,  
Charmwood village,  
Surajkund Road, Faridabad.  
This is followed  
by a visit to the Mela.

**Time:** 10.30 a.m.

**Limit:** 20

**Cost:** Indian Rs 150/-  
Foreigner Rs 200/- (Approx)

#### **Contact:**

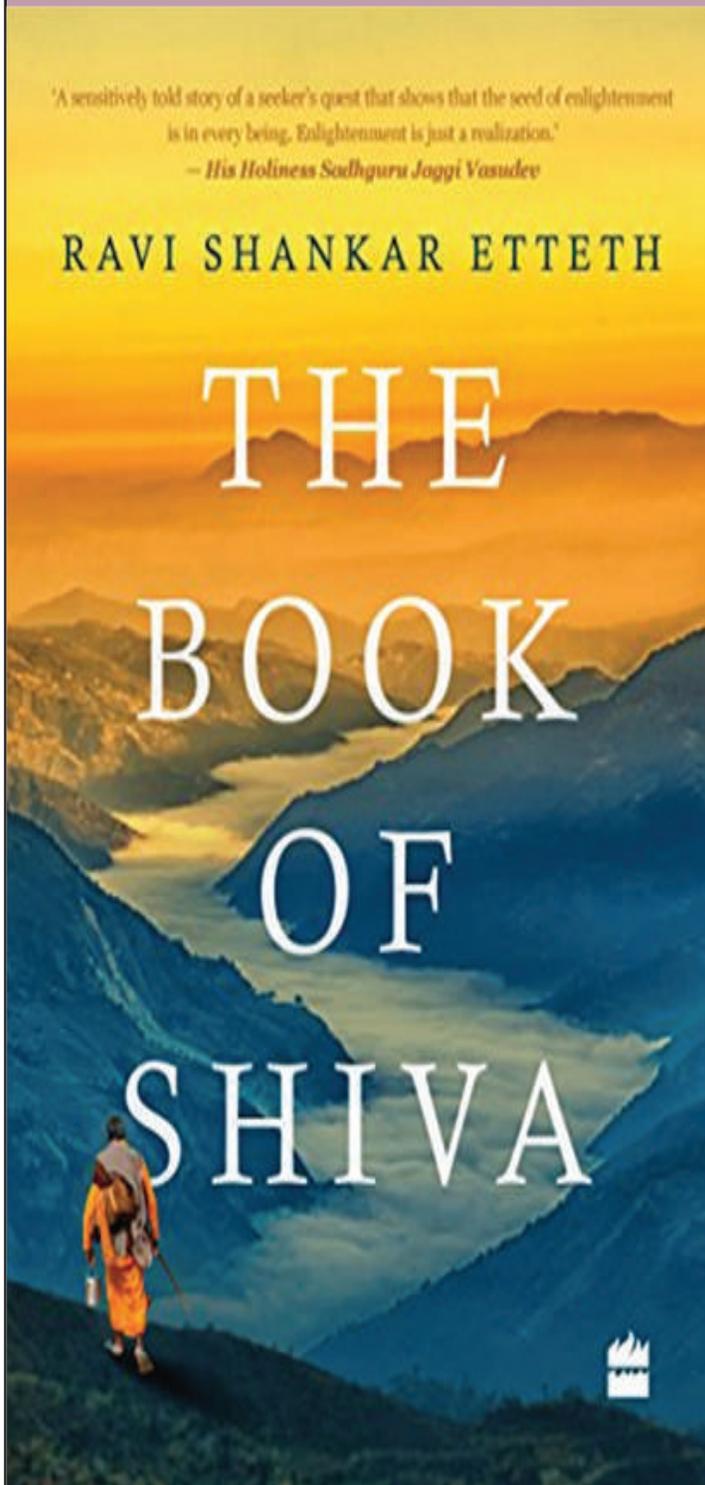
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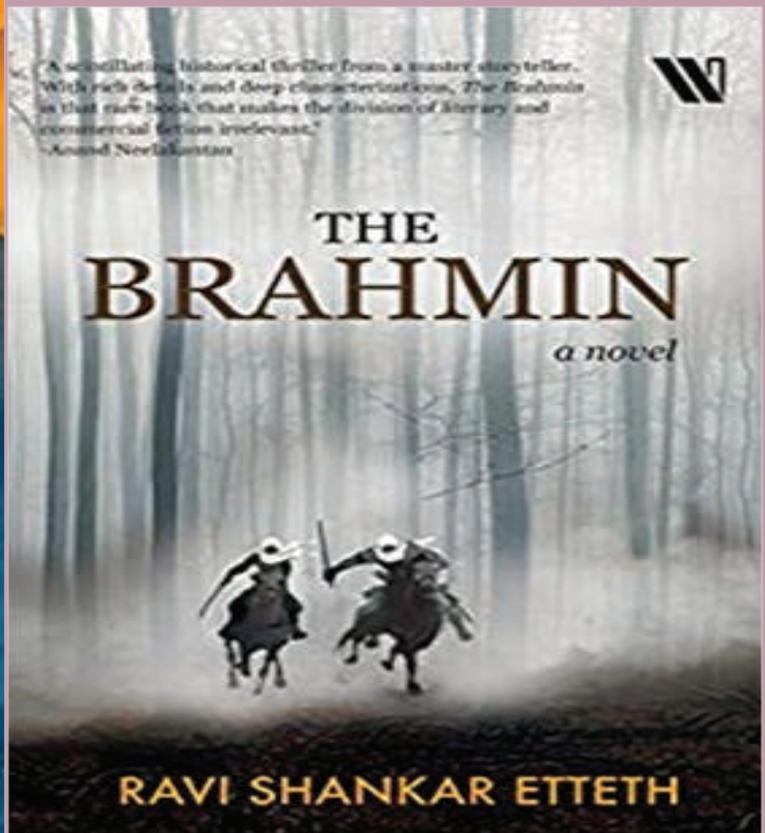
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# Book Club



An afternoon with Ravi Shankar Etteth, a Delhi-based journalist, political cartoonist, graphic designer and author. He has been the editorial cartoonist of Indian Express, creative director of Observer Group of Publications, editor at India Today and Sunday Standard, and CEO and editor-in-chief of Voice of India and Millionaire. In 1996, Etteth published his first book of short stories, *The Scream of the Dragonflies*.



Subsequently, he published five more titles—*The Tiger By The River* (2002), *The Village of Widows* (2004), *The Gold of Their Regrets* (2009), *The Book of Shiva* (2016) and *The Brahmin* (2018). He is now a columnist and consulting editor at New Indian Express.

**Date:** Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> February  
**Venue:** Residence of Hemant Pasrich  
212, Jorbagh  
**Time:** 3.00 pm  
**Limit:** 25

# Culinary Trails

Chor Bizarre is a casual dining restaurant specializing in North Indian cuisine which is known for their spices and rich Aromas.

Entrance to the restaurant is marked by a pair of tall lanterns casting a cheerful glow. As you step inside you will be met with an old world ambience accentuated by the presence of lovely antiques, vintage photos and old fashioned knick- knacks. There is a certain elegance around the room.

At Chor Bizarre you will be able to taste some recipes that have been lost in time and are prepared beautifully by the chef...especially the food from Kashmir essences some royal delicacies with extraordinary taste and presentation. So do come and enjoy the food amidst a beautiful ambience.



**Date:** Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> February  
**Venue:** Chor Bizarre, Bikaner House,  
Pandara Road, New Delhi  
**Time:** 12.30 pm  
**Cost:** Approx Rs.1000 per person

# World Panorama

## GUINEA & FULANI ETHNICITY

Guinean Conakry is a little country of West Africa surrounded by giant neighbours of Ivory Coast, Senegal and Mali.

Binta, our Guinean national member, will be delighted to explain how original her country is. She will speak about her Fulani ethnicity, as well throw light on language, culture and craft.

Throughout her presentation she will show in two parts the numerous similarities between Indian and African culture:

### First part: The GUINEA

- Geographical situation
- Historic Background
- Current situation

### Second part: The Fulani ethnicity

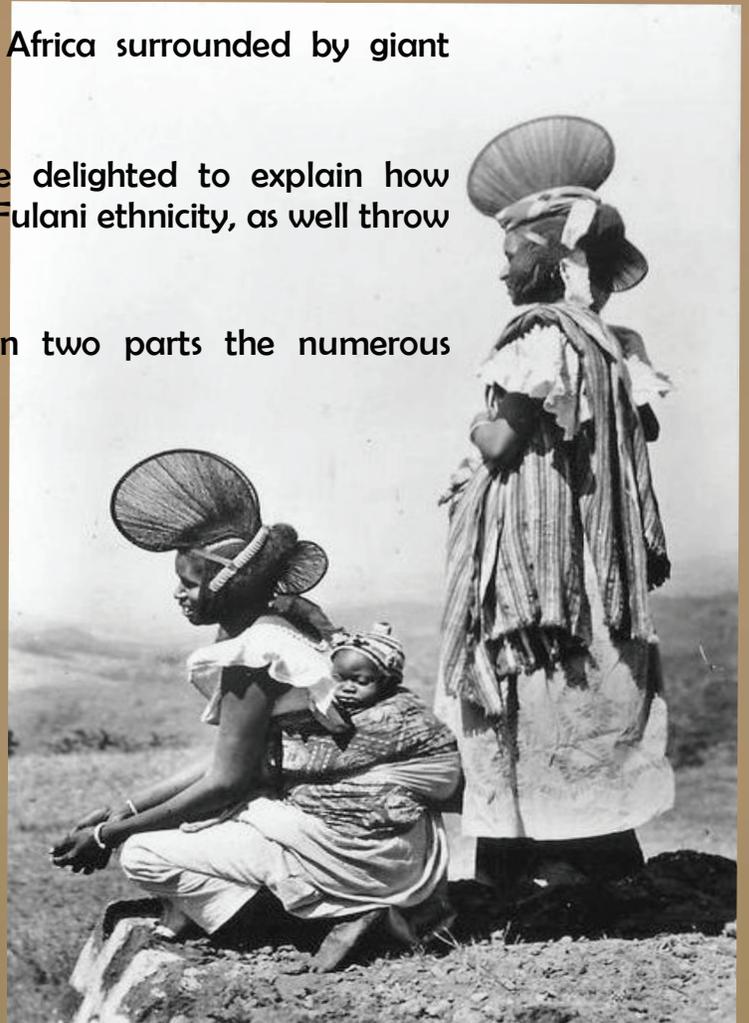
- Presentation
- Traditions
- Traditional handicraft and literature

**Date:** Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> February

**Venue:** C-234, 3rd Floor, Defence Colony,

**Time:** 6:30 pm

**Limit:** 15 Couples



# BODY & SOUL

Technically the eyes are important sensory organs that enable us to see. Figuratively, they are the windows of both the soul and the mind.

There is hardly a person who is not afflicted with some eye problem or other, during one's life time. With advancing age, these problems may increase.

Our speaker, Dr.Tinku Bali Razdan is a highly qualified Ophthalmologist of the city. She was appointed as Honorary Visiting Ophthalmologist to the Hon'ble President of India, Shri Pranab Mukerjee from 2012-2017.

She is a recipient of the "Himachal Gaurav "Award and the Egyptian Ophthalmic Society Centenary Gold Medal and is currently working as a Consultant Ophthalmologist and Vitreoretinal surgeon at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital in New Delhi.



**Topic :** VISION LOSS after 40 – What you should know.

**Date :** Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> February

**Venue :** Residence of Dr. Christine Samandari

A-1, Mayfair Garden, New Delhi -110016

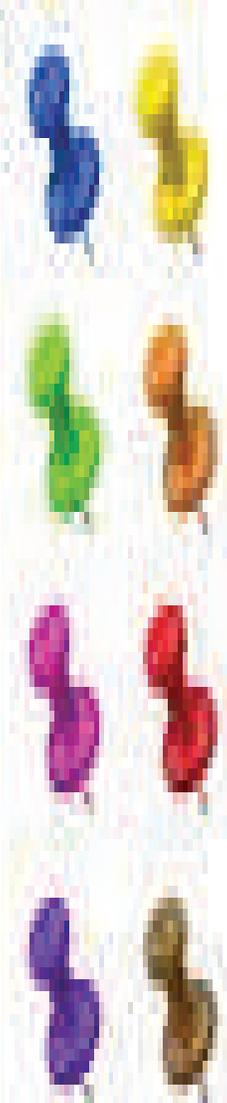
(Near Hauz Khas Metro Station & Lakshman Public School)

**Time :** 11.30 am

**Max :** 30

# Notice Board

- ✓ **Committee on Nominations** is in place, to be chaired by **Peggy Sood** with **Rita Garekhan, Radhika Birla, Christine Samandari, Megan Reid, Surrinder Sarna** and **Vibhuti Sharma** as members to select the new Executive Committee. Ladies, do kindly participate and offer suggestions of possible candidates for your next team and as Chairperson Peggy says even offer your own. The last date of receiving suggestions in writing and after obtaining prior permission of the candidates concerned shall be not later than 28 February.
- ✓ **Warm Welcome** to our new members:
  1. **Shehnaz Rokeb**; shehnaz.rokeb18@gmail.com
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  6. **Meike Flanke**: meike.f@posteo.de
- ✓ **Heartiest Congratulations** to our member Madhavi Divan for her appointment as Additional Solicitor General (ASG) in the Supreme Court. She is the third woman to be appointed as ASG and shall hold office till June 30, 2020. Bravo!
- ✓ **Apologies** to our senior member Mona Aggarwal for announcing her name at the Xmas General meeting in the list of the members who were yet to clear their dues. It is learnt that she had sent in her resignation to the previous Executive Committee, which inadvertently was not shared with us.
- ✓ **Save the Date** for **Gala Brunch** on **Sunday 24 February** at **Pullman Hotel, Aerocity**.
- ✓ **RSVP**, <https://doodle.com/poll/49hqeihii78kfm8h> or email Stevie Clayton at [stevieclayton174@gmail.com](mailto:stevieclayton174@gmail.com) or sms at 8826049651





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