



WIC — News

January 2005

GENERAL MEETING

“A TALK AND SLIDE SHOW ON THE LAST MOGHUL EMPEROR BAHADUR ZAFAR SHAH 11” BY WILLIAM DALRYMPOLE

William Dalrymple is an old Indophile who started his tryst with the subcontinent shortly after achieving rare fame with his first book "In *Xanadu*" - a quest rather than a travelogue, leaving us spellbound.

'City of Djins' was his purpose for coming to Delhi in 1989., where he unfolded for the reader rare and amusing insights into the muddle and turmoil of Old Delhi. His other books are "From the Holy Mountain" and "The Age of Kali". Closer to his and his wife Olivia's historical family connection is "The White Moghuls", which deals with the intermingling and lack of animosity between the British and local Indians, both Hindus and Muslims.

And now William is back in India researching for his new book on the life and times of Bahadur Zafar Shah -The last Moghul Emperor. We thank Annie and Mona who made this program possible.

Wednesday, January 12th, 3 p.m.

**At the residence of Sofia Blake
Amrita Shergill Marg 17**

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Members,

Having just returned from a delightful holiday in Bangkok and Phuket with family and grand children I feel rejuvenated and recharged.

New year is fast approaching and what better time of the year to make resolutions. Of course, most of our resolutions come to naught. Oscar Wilde said " I can resist every thing except temptations" How true.

As the year draws to a close we try to assess the success and the less than successful undertakings of the year. My appeal to all members is to please come on time for the meetings- coming late is a sign of disrespect to the speaker and the hostess. Our hostesses have become adept in the art of juggling-They never know how many are going to turn up for the meetings. Please inform the concerned group leaders if you cannot attend. It is these small courtesies that go a long WAY IN MAKING OUR CLUB AN ESTEEMED ONE. We should start the New Year by " counting the garden by the flowers you see, never by the leaves that fall,

Count your joys by the golden hours, never when life's worries call.

Count your nights by stars not the shadows"

So dear members let us endeavour" to live that when we come to die, even the undertaker will be sorry"

Wishing you a happy , peaceful, joyous 2005 from the executive committee and myself.

May the spirit of peace touch us all this year.



With warm regards
Mona Aggarwal

ANNOUNCEMENT

The President and the Executive Committee are happy to announce the **Nominating Committee** for the year 2004-2005

Peggy Sood Chair person USA

Hala Zahran, Egypt

Annie Howard UK

Josefina Young, Spain

Dr Shanoo Khuranna, India

Pammi Nath, India

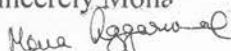
Deepak Chopra India

MORE INFORMATION

Please block Feb Sat 19th for **The Gala Nite** , details in the next Newsletter.

We say good bye to our two very dear members who had to resign due to personal problems. Savi Prakash and Shakuntala Sachtey. We will miss seeing your cheerful faces and I want to personally thank you both for your contribution to the club and your friendship.

Sincerely Mona



The General Meeting in February will be held on a Thursday, not on Wednesday.

NEW ADDRESS

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CUISINE

Bengali Cuisine

By Nina Dey Gupta and Nandita Lahiri

Few things unite Bengalis more than their common passion for food, especially for fish. No meal is complete without it. Nina Dey Gupta and Nandita Lahiri will demonstrate a few Bengali dishes.

Tuesday, January 4th at 11 a.m.

At the home of Titli Sahni

67, Friends Colony West

Tel 26311962

Limit 35

TRIPS AND TOURS

A walk through the lanes and by lanes of Chandni Chowk

We will walk past some famous historic sites through the labyrinth of the famous gallis of Chandni Chowk. Each gali specialises in some particular merchandise. Chandni Chowk derived its name because of the glitter and riches when it was laid out during the reign of Shahjahan. A fascinating tour.

Tuesday, January 18th, 10:30 a.m.

**We meet at the car park of Indian International Center
40 Max Mueller Marg**

FRENCH CONVERSATIONS

We will meet Monday 10th and Monday 24th at the home of **Marie-Anne Derron**, B – 32 Malcha Marg, for our French Conversaion group. We will start at 10:30.

HEALTH

How to keep your skin and hair in shape By Geeta Badri

Geeta Badri is a dietician and nutrition specialist who manages one of the well known Beauty and Health Clinics in the capital. Good healthy eating and life style habits get reflected in the glow of one's skin and hair and this overweighs cosmetic treatment.

Wednesday, 19th of January 2005, 3 p.m.

**At the home of Sunaina Aggarwal,
2, Church Road,
Delhi Cantonment
Tel: 25694552**

Limit 40

CULTURE

Jews of India – Their Story By Rachel Israel

Rachel Israel is a student of law at the National Law School of India at Bangalore. She will talk about the story of the Jews in India, which she explored as a young student out of her own interest in her own heritage. She is the author of the book "Jews of India – their story".

**Tuesday, 25th January, at 3 p.m.
At the home of Radhka Birla
27, Aurangzeb Road
Tel: 2301 2713**

Limit 40

FOCUS

Midwives of India

By Janet Chawla

We see a film, presented by Janet Chawla, about traditional birth knowledge and practice. Until mid 20th century dais handled all births in India – and these were high-touch and not high-tech. Dais are inheritors of an ancient, indigenous medical traditions which has more in common with Aryurveda, Tantra and Yoga than it has with Western obstetrics.

Thursday, 27th January at 3 p.m.

**At the home of Taru Kanwar
3/3 Shanti Niketan
Tel 2687 6613**

Limit 40

GERMAN COFFEE MORNING

We will start the New Year with a meeting at Sevim Burghardt's home, who is going to tell us about the typical way of German bread baking with sour dough. This is a time-consuming procedure which needs accuracy and patience. However, the outcome is more than just rewarding! Everybody is welcome to join us at 11 a.m. on 18.01.2005, C 2/24 Safadarjung Dev. Area 26566432

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A TRIP TO HAMPI AND MYSORE

February 22 – 28

On our week long tour, we will spend enough time in this tranquil place, set in a hill country, and on the banks of the river Tungabhadra. Hampi was once the capital of one of the largest empires of India. Most notable of it's rulers was Krishna Deva Raya, (early 16th century) known for his valour and love arts. The vast ruins of Hampi include temples, palaces, baths and pavilions. All of Hampi's architecture is in perfect harmony with it's natural surroundings, blending into the hills, caves and river.

The princely and beautifully planned city of Mysore is famous for it's impressive palaces, art gallery, sandalwood carving and silks, among other things. Don't miss this fascinating and colourful tour.

Contact circle leaders before the 7th January, and for discounts on the airfare, at the earliest.

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Events Calendar January 05

Tuesday, January 4 th , at 11 a.m.	Cuisine , 67, Friends Colony West
Wednesday, January 12, 3 p.m.	General Meeting , 17 Amrita Shergil Marg,
Tuesday, January 18 th , at 10:30 a.m.	Trips & Tours , At car park IIC
Wednesday, January 19 th , at 3 p.m.	Health – 2 Church Road, Delhi Cantonment
Tuesday, January 25 th , at 3 p.m.	Culture – 27, Aurangzeb Road
Thursday, January 27 th at 3 p.m.	Focus – 3/3 Shanti Niketan

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Focus	Sunaina Aggarwal Radhika Birla Rita Gharekhan
Health	Dr. Shakuntala Dawesar Serita Kakar Neena Malhotra
Trips & Tours	Sheila Ghatate Zakia Zaheer Yasmita Metha