



Volume IX

# Newsletter of the Women's International Club

**WVIC NEWS**  
May 2015

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The outgoing officers of the Executive Committee will present their reports, after which the newly nominated EC will be approved, endorsed and presented to the membership. Please note, no guests are allowed as it is strictly a business meeting.

Any point / points for clarification should be forwarded to The President well in advance. A copy of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 5th May, 2014 along with the balance sheet and the Agenda for the Annual General Meeting 2015 will be sent shortly.

Sunandini Kapur, the Membership Chairperson and the membership subcommittee will be collecting membership subscriptions for the coming club year 2015 / 16

Date : Wednesday 13th May, 2015

Time : 14.30

Venue : The Cervantes (Spanish) Institute, Hanuman Road,  
Connaught Place, New Delhi, 110001  
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Another WIC year draws to an end. A year, during which we of the Executive have had a wonderful time keeping the wheels in motion - lots of planning, tearing hair, arguing but always agreeing in the end, to roll on!! Each of us in our own way brought a lot to the table, which, you will agree translated into a fun filled year.

On behalf of our first Vice President, who is away, I take this opportunity to record our warm thanks and appreciation to the members who walked the extra mile to be a part of the "special events" this year. We learnt a great deal about the street foods of Delhi, and enjoyed the mouthwatering food presented. How the world around us organises and presents formal or informal meals around a table was an eye opener, and the efforts made were much more than a visual treat. We were transported to the countries just by staring open mouthed. The joyous festival of Holi had the club dancing and singing together one afternoon, the decor and food stayed with us for days. Thank you Natalie, Lise and Tarun. Thank you too, to the circles who helped and participated in organising these special events.

Before we sign off, a big thank – you also to every member of this wonderful Club who willingly supported us, either up front or from behind the scene. An equally big thank you for all friends, who not only opened their homes for all the activities but even their hearts, greeted us with warmth, big smiles and made us welcome.

We the Executive have truly been fortunate to give to our Club as much as we have taken from it.

Our best wishes to the new team. Please remember we are only a phone call away...happy and willing to support you.

**Kiran Anand**  
President

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## THANK YOU

*"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it, is like  
wrapping a present and not giving it."*

On behalf of the outgoing executive committee 2014 -15, I would like to express their sincere gratitude to our gracious, generous, gregarious hostesses who opened their fabulous homes and gardens to us for General Meetings. Without their cooperation, selfless, willing efforts, the General Meetings would not have been the same. Heartfelt thanks to Anita Meattle, Joana Daniel Wrabetz, Helene Stoelinga-Tsiapara, Kusum Ansal, Shirin Paul and Eliese Steiner for their cooperation, selfless efforts for hosting us so warmly!

**Anita Dua**  
Second Vice President (Programmes)

## SPECIAL INVITATION

### A Silk Tale by Ritu Kumar – Revivalist Preview

Ladies, we are invited for High Tea and an exclusive preview of a capsule collection of re-produced vintage hand-block woven silk saris. Inspired by the traditional print heritage of Ritu Kumar, the collection spans a range of chintz, paisleys and bold floral prints in a lively colour palette. From cream, yellow to fuschia, reds, turquoise and emerald tones, the saris are crafted using fabrics such as Murshidabad silk and Silk chinnon.

The collection is silk-screen printed creating a multi-coloured image using several hand screens. One colour has been printed at a time to recreate the vintage effect of the hand-block prints from the Ritu Kumar archives. The range celebrates the hereditary skills of the Kolkata weavers as they weave ancient designs in originally conceived aesthetics. The traditional and beautiful motifs make silk saris one of more famous and desirable textiles in India.

Please note: this is a preview event only, with no cash / monetary transactions.

Date : Friday, May 1st, 2015

Time : 3.30 pm

Venue : Ritu Kumar Store, 33 Khan Market,  
First Floor (Entry from middle lane)

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## Special Events

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## UDAIPUR, A LIVING MUSEUM

The Arts and Museums Circle organized a short but packed trip to Udaipur. Twelve intrepid WIC travellers arrived in this jewel of a city and wasted no time in starting to see the sights. The imposing City Palace rises above the tranquil lake and below a cloudless blue sky; the museum within houses many treasures, amongst them some fascinating miniatures with varied themes. Its arched doorways and windows, some of them beautifully edged, afford delightful views of the city. The city is ringed by mountains in the background and give the impression of a panoramic water color. The Gangaur ghat with its impressive gateway, boasts of a string of small temples and shrines. In the early evening we set off for a boat ride on the serene lake and arrived at the Jagmandir where we spent some time, relaxing and chatting, our eyes taking in the magic of the city as dusk turned into a dark night and the city was magically alit. Before heading back to our hotel, Madri Haveli, for dinner we stopped to visit the Jagdish Mandir and peeped into the shops around it.

Day two was packed once again with sightseeing events: Eklingji temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva, sits amidst a large complex of smaller temples; a few kilometres away, Nagda, the arresting site of the "Mother-in-law / Daughter-in-law" temples, and then a two hour drive down a highway and through mountainous terrain to arrive at Ranakpur, the magnificent Jain temple complex, ornate and intricately sculpted in marble. We returned to Udaipur just in time to shower and head for our meeting with the Maharana of Udaipur and his family at his residence adjacent to the City Palace abutting the lake. It was a very gracious gesture on his part to invite WIC members and we enjoyed every moment of it. We had an al fresco dinner on the rooftop of a different hotel overlooking the lights of the ghats and the City Palace, a treat for the eyes and the soul.

Our last day which was curtailed by 5 hours because of a change in flight's departure time, saw us taking one more boat ride, this time to the Lake Palace Hotel for a once-in-a-lifetime dekho. A calm descended upon us while there and some of us enjoyed lunch at a table with a wonderful view. Too soon it was time to head back to the awaiting bus to reach the airport in time for our flight.

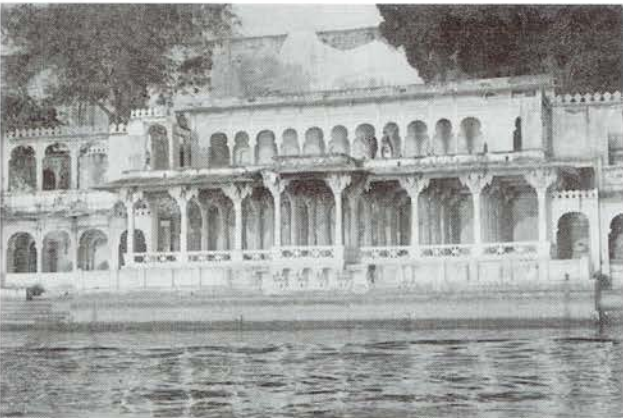
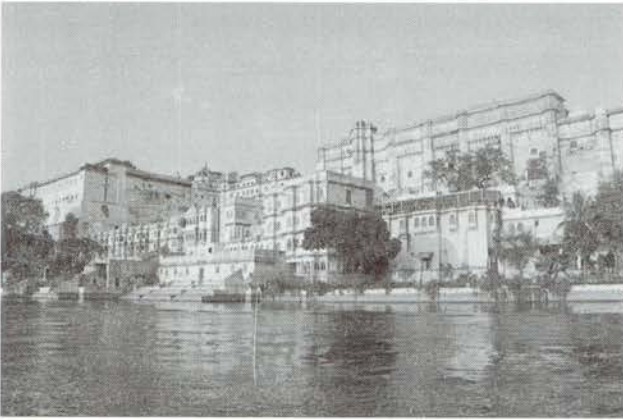
Udaipur is not just a City of Lakes as we were told upon arrival, it is also a city of road shrines and wall shrines, temples, the quaint small windows ubiquitous in Rajasthan, jaalis, figurative painted walls, small winding roads with pedestrians, autorickshaws and scooterists all vying for the most place in the least space, a magnificent sunrise, and finally, shopping for what we happily insisted on believing were antiques!

Although we had to restrict our last day, there were no regrets as we saw a lot, experienced new sights and vistas, shared and cared with each other, some of us bid the city adieu with a promise to return soon.

Many thanks to those who put their energies together to make this trip possible, kudos to Radhika Birla and Seema Bhalla for a 'job' truly well done.

**Sunaina Suneja**





UDAIPUR  
A Living Museum



## CLUB MATTERS

- A trip to Spain can be organised for 10 days in the month of May for WIC members. If anybody is interested please get in touch with Parbeen Kaur on 09810625869 or Parbeen.kaur@gmail.com

## MAY FESTIVALS

**Buddha Purnima, May 5th.** A holiday observed traditionally by Buddhists on different days in different countries. Sometimes informally called "Buddha's Birthday", it commemorates the birth, enlightenment (Nirvana) and death of Gautama Buddha in the Theravada or southern tradition.


## PICTURES FROM THE MARCH GENERAL MEETING WITH RITU KUMAR



# PICTURES FROM THE HOLI SPECIAL EVENT



# WIC PROGRAMMES MAY 2015

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