



# WIC News

## The President's Letter October 1999

Dear Members,

For those of you who missed a part of our inaugural September programme, welcome back to a busy year of WIC. I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members, and wish our departing or resigning friends lots of luck and happiness.

The various activities planned for this month promise to be entertaining and informative. Our General meeting will feature Shekhar Kapur's film *Elizabeth*, while our Food and Flower team have lined up presentations on how to prepare kebabs and cultivate your garden. Also we will have an opportunity to learn about crime in New Delhi and various ways of combating it.

Our very own Janet Chawla will fire our imagination with a talk on Women and Hinduism from an academic perspective.

And our first trip this year will be to Bhopal, where we will be treated to Buddhist temples, ivory carvings and rock paintings.

Our club membership is also involved in humanitarian causes, please reserve the evening of October 1st, when Shanno Khurana will be singing at the India Habitat Centre in support of the India Cancer Society. We hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Mona Madi  
President

### GENERAL MEETING OCTOBER

The centre - piece of our general meeting programme is the private screening of the now controversial film "Elizabeth".

Cinema is a powerful communicator in global culture and via this historical pageant, Shekhar Kapur has certainly arrived on the world stage, having received much acclaim in the west. Indeed, this film was the subject of a number of Oscar nominations.

But as things stand, alas, due to a conflict between the censor and Kapur, the film has not been given general release in India. The censor insists on cuts and Kapur insists on it not being released in the censored form.

Club members will be able to make up their own minds about this much touted film.

Wednesday 13th October, at 3 PM,  
at The Silver Oaks, India Habitat Centre (Gate 3)



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## 1999-2000

CELEBRATING  
**29th**  
YEAR

### BOOK MARK *Formerly Books*

- Mrs. Maya Carolli** 129 Sainik Farm,  
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- Mrs. Nina Dey Gupta** Bulbul House  
5 Mahatma Gandhi Marg,  
New Delhi - 110024 Tel. : 643 4836
- Mrs. Nicky Gablin** B-31 Soami Nagar  
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### CULTURE PANORAMA *Formerly Culture & Performing Arts*

- Mrs. Veena Dass** 27 Aurangzeb Road  
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Fax : 301 0128
- Mrs. Mona Aggarwal** 2 Church Road,  
Delhi Cantonment  
New Delhi - 110010 Tel. : 569 3824  
569 4552  
Fax : 335 4712
- Mrs. Ruth Max** 134 Golf Links  
New Delhi - 110003 Tel. : 463 6846  
Fax : 463 6594

### FOOD & FLOWERS *Formerly International Cuisine & Gardens*

- Mrs. Aruna Varma** A123 New Friends Colony  
New Delhi - 110065 Tel. : 684 8925  
692 6743
- Mrs. Parbeen Kaur** 15 Rajdoot Marg,  
Chanakyapuri  
New Delhi - 110021 Tel. : 611 5425  
688 0064  
Fax : 611 3705

### HEALTHWISE *Formerly Recipe for living*

- Mrs. Frenny Billimoria** A2/2 Safdarjung Enclave,  
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618 2444
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- Mrs. Neena Malhotra** E-51, 2nd Floor Greater  
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New Delhi - 110048 Tel. : 628 3677  
Fax : 622 8039

### SPOTLIGHT *Formerly Focus*

- Mrs. Priscilla Confiado** J-1204/A, Palam Vihar  
Gurgaon, Haryana Tel. : 91-36 5420
- Mrs. Indra Rani Jerath** 74 Anand Lok,  
New Delhi - 110049 Tel. : 625 0560

### TRIPS & TOURS *Formerly Excursions*

- Mrs. Harash Kapur** 3-B Mathura Road  
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431 4016  
431 5048
- Mrs. Rupa Sahni** 20 Amrita Shergill Marg  
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- Mrs. Helga Sarna** 31 Poorvi Marg, Vasant  
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## CIRCLE PROGRAMMES

### TRIPS & TOURS

### *Bhopal & its Environs*

**A** fabulous three night trip is being organised to Bhopal, Sanchi (3rd C Bhuddhist stupa), Vidisha (ivory carvings), Udaigiri Caves (Gupta period art), Bhima Baithaka (rock shelter paintings) and Bhojpur (Shaivite) Temple.

All of these sites are within easy distance of Bhopal, and a very comfortable stay and transportation is being arranged. The approximate cost, inclusive of train fare will be Rs. 7.500.

Those wishing to join the group should contact Harash Kapur, Helga Sarna or Rupa Sahni as soon as possible with the Rs. 7.500, but latest by 27th September. A detailed itinerary will be given to each member when all details have been finalised.

Harash Kapur - 432 1012,

Helga Sarna - 615 1297, Rupa Shani - 461 1977.

### Healthwise

### Self Defence

**A**s a follow up to the programme on molestation, the issue of self defence is next in line. For women living in fast times, beset by dangers lurking in many a corner, it is crucial that they know how to defend themselves if the need arises.

Sergeant Jose Maquinay, from the Philippino Embassy, will demonstrate self defence techniques and philosophy, of which he is a considerable expert. Do come in casual clothes and exercise shoes, so that you may practise some of what he is preaching.

Wednesday 20th October at 3 pm,  
at the Home of Heidi Benz,  
at 14 Kautilya Marg, Chanakyapuri, Tel 687 6945  
Limited to 30

### Food

### Kebabs

**T**he Executive chef at the Radisson Hotel, Mr. Anupam V. Joglekar, a master blender of tastes and flavours, will be demonstrating how to make the very best kebabs, in the display kitchen of their restaurant - The Great Kebab Factory. There is much argument about how to spell kebab, but after this demonstration there will be no doubt about how to make them.

Friday 1st of October, at 11.00 am, Radisson Hotel,  
National Highway 8 (opp International airport turn-off)  
Limited to 35

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# CIRCLE PROGRAMMES

Flowers

Winter Gardening

Dr Arvind Upreti, horticultural manager at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, will be passing on his knowledge and experience in the form of vital tips for beginners and useful additions for the experts, on how to grow flowers, herbs and vegetables for the winter crop. Bring along all your questions about ailing indoor favourites, or reveal your ambitions to grow bigger and better chrysanthemums than your neighbour. Nobody will be disappointed.

Friday 15th October at 11 am  
at the Home of Amarjit Bhagwant Singh,  
at 179 Golf Links, Tel : 461 8769  
Limited to 35

Spotlight

CRIME IN THE CITY

As Delhi staggers under burgeoning population, and grapples with globalisation and inter-cultural pressures, it has to cope with the social costs of these developments, and perhaps the most worrying is the cost of, and disruptions due to increasing crime, more and more these days of a physical nature. What, we may ask ourselves, is development, if we do not have peace on the streets and in our homes?

To share his experiences and insights we welcome back to WIC, Ved Marwah, a much decorated ex-Delhi Police Commissioner who was awarded the Padmashree in 1989. No doubt there will be some juicy details from the many celebrated crimes that he solved; how he did it and what lessons were learned.

Thursday 7th October at 3 pm  
at the Home of Harash Kapur,  
at 3-B Mathura Road, Jangpura Extension B.  
Tel: 432 1012, 431 5048, 431 4016  
Limited to 30

CULTURE PANORAMA

WOMEN AND HINDUISM

Our member Janet Chawla, who has a Master's Degree in Theology has taught courses on the feminine aspect of Divinity in the Hindu Traditions. In this talk she will highlight various meanings of the Goddesses — scholarly perspectives of feminist critiques.

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Friday 29th October, at 3 pm  
at The Home of Veena Dass  
27 Aurangzeb Road, New Delhi Tel 301 2713  
Limit - unrestricted



# CIRCLE PROGRAMMES



## Book Mark

Book and Author : The Blue Bedspread

**M**r Raj Kamal Jha, deputy editor of the Indian Express, will give a talk on exactly what inspired him to write his first novel. The Blue Bedspread set in Calcutta tells a moving story of people who through their imagination, find the escape they desperately seek.

Thursday 21st October, at 3 pm,  
at the Home of Zakia Zaheer,  
903 Asha Deep, 9 Hailey Road, New Delhi 110001 Tel : 332 7382  
Limited to 25

## From the Editor's Desk



### 1. IHC Concert on 1st October

I am sure that you will all wish to know that Shanno Khurana, a long - standing WIC member, will be singing in aid of the Indian Cancer Society at the Indian Habitat Centre on the 1st of October. Free invitation cards will be available to WIC members, and those wishing to attend should give their names to Kamla Sondhi, who will collect the invitations from the ICS office and provide them to attending members. We hope that many will take up this offer, giving Shanno a lot of home team backing and inspiration from familiar faces.

### 2. Please note that

- Parbeen Kaur's Address is 5 Rajdoot Marg, New Delhi - 110 021  
and not 16A Palam Marg

- And Peggy Sood's new phone Nos.Tel: 680 7670 Mobile: 98100 77663

### 3. Resignations

We bid farewell to Ira Misra, who after ten happy years with the club has decided to resign to give a chance for another member to take her place. We shall sorely miss her, and wish her luck in pursuing her new interests.

We are sad to say good-bye to Smita Ghatate who so recently joined WIC and wish her well in her endeavours; and we wish Jovenita Goeppert all the best in her new location.

# October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> FOOD The Great Kebab Factory 11 am. Radisson Hotel	<b>2</b>
				<b>7</b> SPOTLIGHT Crime in the City 3.00 pm Harash Kapur 3 B Mathura Road	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
				<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> FLOWERS Winter Crops 11am Amarjit Bhagwant Singh 179 Golf Links	<b>16</b>
				<b>21</b> BOOK MARK The Blue Bedsread 3 pm. Zakia Zaheer, 903, Asha Deep, 9 Hailey Road	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
				<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> CULTURAL PANORAMA Women and Hinduism 3pm Veena Dass 27 Aurangzeb Road	<b>30</b>
				<b>6</b>	<b>13</b> GENERAL MEETING Elizabeth 3 pm. Silver Oaks Habitat Centre	<b>20</b>
				<b>19</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
				<b>5</b> <i>Smita Dixam</i>	<b>12</b>	<b>18</b>
				<b>20</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>24</b>
				<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>17</b>
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				<b>18</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>31</b>
				<b>25</b>	<b>31</b>	

REMEMBER TO BOOK FOR TRIPS AND TOURS To Bhopal and Environs 21st - 24th October