

Development of temple architecture in India.

We time travelled to the past to explore the ancient treasures with Historian Chitra Madhavan, who took us on a tour from Marthand in Kashmir to Kanchipuram and Srirangam near home. Together we explored the cave temples of the BCs and the more recent stone architecture of our own Chola and Pallava rulers.

We were in awe of their knowledge of geometry and geology and wondered how the master craftsman chiseled away on rocks with ancient tools to create such magnificent structures! Reluctantly we came back to the present, all the while savouring the interesting anecdotes and stories from the past.

The month of February also saw the launch of The Aura's new initiative – the half an hour slot to bond and showcase your talents. The 'Aura Artemis' conducted the day's events and set the bar high for the other groups to follow. The MCs did a great job in presenting the show. Artemis being the goddess of the moon and protector of women, the members presented a group song on women empowerment which was followed by a ramp walk with temple architecture as the theme. The lovely ladies in handpicked attire, so full of enthusiasm was a sight to behold. The quiz on ancient temples by Poonkuzhali, peppered with movie clips as clues was well appreciated by all the members.

The participants agreed that this is the best way to make friends, connect with each other and build new friendships.





Prelude

Date : Tuesday, 10th March 2020.

Time : 10.30 am.

Venue: **Pinnacle Hall,
Hotel Breeze Residency.**

Event : A Comedy Matinee.

Guest :Sriram Prasad & Chockalingam SP

Stand up comics

Chennai

A comedy matinee

Laughter is indeed the best antidote for any trouble life may throw at us.

Watch them getting on stage in front of strangers, just one person and a spotlight, and talking until they crack up. We present a morning of stand up comedy performed by Sriram Prasad and Chockalingam renowned comics from Chennai. Two IT professionals who can wake us up to the weird wonderful possibilities of the world around us, and make us think differently about our own lives and most of all, make us roll with laughter or laugh out loud.

With a boy next door image, Sriram churns out comedy from real life experiences which makes the audience identify themselves with his jokes. Having done the opening act for some of the biggest comics like Aravind SA, Sriram is now touring with his Tamizh half special 'Indha Ooru Enna Vilai' alongside another comic Chockalingam.

Chockalingam who grew up in Madurai, weaves his humour around his experiences in the big city and has a mix of funny anecdotes and coming of age stories of his experiences in Chennai.

Be there to cheer the performing group Aura Astraea and to laugh your heart out.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Feedback from members

- ❖ It was so much fun to plan for today and coordinating an event. Chitra Madhavan's talk was super informative and helpful.
- ❖ The talk was awesome, she spoke so lucidly and made it all so simple and interesting.
- ❖ She has triggered the interest to visit temples and appreciate architecture.
- ❖ The best part about this programme was that I was able to connect to several members and make new friends.

Aura Artemis

Birthdays in March

Vrinda Ramanan	3
Kasthuri Shanmugam	3
Kumuda Rengarajan	3
Meenakshi Velleyan	5
Poonkuzhali	7
Sudarkodi	15
Akila Srivathsan	17
Sowmiya Ganesh	17
Nagalakshmi S	23
Hema Kannan	24
Rinku Bhagat	25
Nivea Arunan	27
Ramya Umashankar	28

From The Aura Committee

Be there at 10.30am sharp
to witness the event
coordinated by
'The Aura Astraea'

Down memory lane



Topic – Launch of the book ‘Awaken The Durga Within’

March 2019

A first of its kind at The Aura.

The author Mrs Usha Narayanan launched her self help book for women on the occasion of International Women’s Day.

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