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Greetings from The Aura,

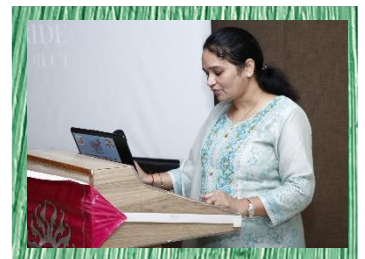
The guest at The Aura, this November morning was Mr Vijaykumar, a detective who works to identify ancient stolen idols smuggled from our temples in India, and retrieve them from the hands of illegal international art dealers and colonial looters. As the co-founder of India Pride Project, he shared stories of his adventures in the big bad world of unbelievable looting and plundering. Tracking stolen idols and reaching them to the right owners is the only goal that this history buff has on his agenda. A peek into another interesting subject for our members!

Kudos to Aura Astraea for hosting the event so well with an Innovative game and projecting the birthdays very special. The MC's observations and take off from the Speakers talk was commendable.

"We are not what we know but what we are willing to learn."



Flashback





Prelude

Event: Fastrak'23 TSD Car Rally
Date: Sunday, 3rd December 2023
Time: 9am
Venue: St John's Vestry School, Trichy

Guests: Prithvi Sekar
Professional Tennis Player
M.P.Sugitha
Gold medallist in Common Wealth
Games in Silambam

Valedictory ceremony
5.30pm, Sowbhagya Hall,
Hotel Ramyas

The TSD Car Rally Fastrak is back in town and it promises to be bigger and better than ever before!

Organised by The Aura in association with Madras Motor Sports Club Chennai, in a highly professional manner, Fastrak has over the years become a thundering success and an event to look forward to.

An exclusive All Women Car Rally was organised by us for the first time in February 2007. It was a massive hit with the people of Trichy. This year, the 9th edition Fastrak'23 has 4 categories to choose from. The whole event is based on Time, Speed, Distance (TSD). One has to follow the precise route and maintain precise timing and reach a specific place at a specific time. With 3 members in a team, a driver, navigator, passenger and lots of activities on the way, there is never a dull moment for sure.

The prizes will be distributed at the valedictory ceremony the same evening at Hotel Ramys.

What are you waiting for? Form your team... *Get Set...Go.....*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthdays in December

Shoshan Cheriyan	2
Lakshmi S	2
Subhashini uppili	2
Chandrakala Gidia	7
Ranu Palsani.R	10
Shalini B	10
Sangeetha Nagendran	13
Champa Kalkura	15
Devi Annapoorani M	19
Deepam Singhvi	19
Bhargavi Satheesh	20
Kumudha Vinodkumar	22
Leena Ravindranath	31

Members Speak

I extend my heartfelt gratitude for organizing such an enlightening program yesterday. The speech by Mr Vijay Kumar and the selfless service by his team, dedicated to reclaiming stolen idols from our temples worldwide, was truly eye-opening. Their efforts not only safeguard our heritage but also raise awareness about the depth of our rich culture and traditions. Thank you for shedding light on this crucial work.

- Sangeetha Mohan

Yesterday's session was just fabulous. The news factoids(though less of the big picture) have sure driven us with an inner contemplation of how immune we are to the happenings around us. Am sure that the way we look at our idols when we visit temples hereafter will be much different from our perception until yesterday. Thank you team Aura for this fantastic session.

- Dr . Anitha Sendhil

From The Aura Committee

Fastrak'23 Schedule

2nd Dec 2.30pm - Briefing @ Shwartz Hall,
St John's Vestry School

3rd Dec 9am - Flag off @ St. John's Vestry
School grounds

3rd Dec 5.30pm - Valedictory ceremony,
Hotel Ramyas.

Down memory lane...



Topic: Fastrak'16

Date : 2016

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