



# NEWSLETTER

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Greetings from The Aura,

The new year brought with it hugs and smiles and best wishes. Movie time with friends, spread more cheer at The Aura.

Actor Shylaja Chetlur brought to our forum her vast experience from the world of media and movies. The story of a shy but mischievous young waitress who brings happiness to the people around, taught us a thing or two about life. The French film *Amelie* elicited mixed reactions from the audience. The discussion ranged from the use of colours, the cinematography, visuals, writing, Jeunet's direction and major praise for Tautou's performance and her relationship with people around her.

Aura Athena anchored the events of the day. The birthday celebrations of the December and January born members stole the show.

Let us find joy in the little things life has to offer. Spread happiness in 2024!





## Prelude

**Event:** India Art Festival  
**'When Walls Dance'**

**Date:** Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**Guest:** Praachi Saathi  
Bharatanatyam Dancer

**Time:** 6pm

**Venue:** Sowbaghya Hall,  
Hotel Ramyas

A unique blend of cultural events form an integral part of The Aura Calendar. Our Art Festival is looked forward to, mainly because we introduce talented and popular groups that have never visited our town.

This February we bring to you a unique Bharata Natyam performance 'When Walls Dance' by Prachi Saathi. An accomplished Bharata Natyam performer, she has been practicing this art for more than 2 decades. The program is Co-Created by Prachi Saathi & Upasana Nattoji Roy.

The performance combines Bharata Natyam, spoken word, and music against the backdrop of animation & tribal Warli art to tell the story of a little girl Champa, and her beloved tree. This piece has been developed keeping in mind children and adults.

Join us with friends and family. Seats are on first come first served basis. Be seated at the venue by 5.30pm.

Tickets for non-members available at :

<https://www.theaura.org/india-art-festival-2>



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## Members Speak

I found the movie Amelie interesting. Amelie's zest for life, her mischief to trouble a spiteful shopkeeper, the lengths she goes to make people around her happy and her childlike curiosity for commonplace things were heart warming and a reminder to find joy in others happiness.

Shylaja Chetlur's talk gave an insight into cinema as a craft.

Thank you Aura for yet another inspiring morning

- Poonkuzhali R

## Birthdays in February

Lakshmi Priya M	1
Kaveri Annamalai	3
Tharangini.R.	4
Faiza Jaleel	4
Padma Venkatesan	5
Shanthi Senthil Kumar	11
Vandana Parekh	13
Dhanalakshmi Suresh	17
Aishwarya Pichumani	19
Premila Kanagasabai	21
Sowmia Lakshmi.A	22
Bhooma Venkatesan	23
Sangeetha Mohan	26
Nirmala M	26

## From The Aura Committee

The Aura goes digital this year!

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**India Art Festival**  
**'Ganga to Kaveri'**  
A Churchill Pandian Production  
February 2019

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