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Members of a panel discussion at the Women's Day celebrations organised by The Hindu in the city on Saturday. Photo: R. Ashok

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A dance programme held as part of the celebrations. Photo: R. Ashok

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#### ***Thanks to its traditional and conservative set up***

On Saturday, 29-year-old G. Usha, a mother of two, explored the temple city for the first time.

“Though I was born and raised in Madurai, I had no idea about the historically significant structures that are in the city. The treasure hunt event gave me a chance to get to know my city better,” said Mrs. Usha, a participant of “The World of Women” event organised by *The Hindu* to celebrate the International Women’s Day.

Around 75 women took part in the treasure hunt organised in the surroundings of Tirumalai Naicker Palace and Meenakshi Sundareswarar temple by *The Hindu* along with the Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH).

At the same time as Mrs. Usha and others were hunting for treasures in one part of the city, nearly 100 women took out “Heels on Wheels” an all-women two wheeler rally from Teppakulam to V Grand Hotel near Mattuthavani, where exciting cultural events awaited them. The rally was flagged off by Deputy Commissioner of Police Samant Rohan Rajendra.

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