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Dear INTACH Members,

Greetings from INTACH  
Madurai Chapter.

We hope you enjoy the brief  
newsletters, sent to you  
periodically.

We would be happy if members  
would contribute articles,  
recipes, creative ideas, quotes  
and photos etc, related to  
INTACH's objectives.

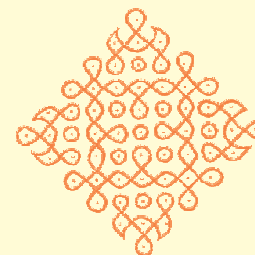
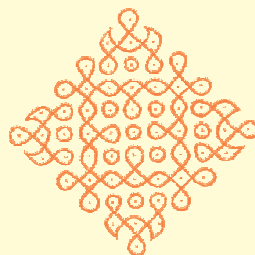
We would appreciate it, if  
INTACH Madurai Chapter  
members could volunteer to offer  
their help to any one of the  
committees, which have been  
formed. Please see page no.3.

Warm Regards,

EC Members

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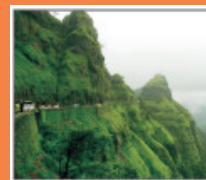
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Craft, Community & Heritage



Natural Heritage



Heritage Tourism



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### CONTRIBUTING TEAMS FOR THE SEVEN DIVISIONS



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Intangible Cultural Heritage

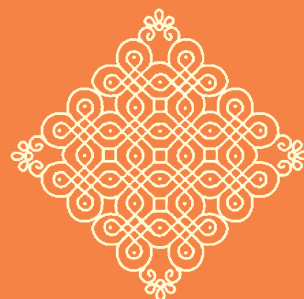
Committee Head:  
**Prof. Nalini Balasubramaniam**



Heritage Education and Communication Service

Committee Head:  
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## INTACH'S STATE-LEVEL HERITAGE QUIZ

Venue : Sri Sankara Vidyashramam Mar. Hr. Sec. School, Chennai  
Date : October 4, 2016  
Resource Person : Dr. S. Suresh, Tamil Nadu State Convener - INTACH



Student Participants with Dr. S. Suresh, Tamil Nadu State Convenor and Sharmila Ganesan, Co-Convenor - TN

The Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) is Asia's largest voluntary organization working for the promotion of our natural and manmade heritage. INTACH has over 150 Chapters and Regional Offices all over India and a few abroad. As part of its activities for increasing heritage awareness among the younger generation, for the last few years, INTACH has been conducting Heritage-theme-based quiz programmes at the city, regional and national levels.



In Tamil Nadu, this year, city-level inter-school quiz programmes were held in the month of August at Chennai, Kodaikanal, Madurai, Salem and Tanjavur. The winning teams from the schools in each of these cities were invited for the State-level Heritage Quiz held at the Sri Sankara Vidyashramam School, Tiruvanmiyur on the 4th October, 2016. This State-level quiz was coordinated by INTACH's Tamil Nadu State Chapter. The Quiz Master was Dr. S. Suresh, Tamil Nadu State Convener, INTACH, and a well-known archaeologist-historian and an avid quizzier who has earlier done such quiz programmes for the CII-YI, The British Council and the Rotary International in India and the U.S.A.

The State-level Quiz was a quiz with a difference. It was almost entirely based on interesting and rare visuals. There were two rounds on Architecture/Monuments where the students were asked to identify/name the monuments/structures whose pictures/photographs were shown on the computer screen. On the same lines, there was a 'sculpture round' and a 'painting round' of questions. This was followed by a Natural History round where students were asked to identify plants/trees whose leaves/twigs were brought from the gardens and shown to them. Then, there were interesting questions on textiles, jewellery and various crafts and arts of South India. For many of the questions, actual specimens of the art objects, textiles (sarees, shawls, scarves) and archaeological relics were brought to the Quiz Hall for the students to touch, examine and identify those objects. This made the quiz a unique lively and unforgettable experience for the student-participants, parents and teachers. The questions ranged from identifying the Angkor Vat (based on South Indian temple architecture norms) in Cambodia, an ivory painting featuring a famous Maratha king of Tanjavur and the leaves of the Stone Apple (bilva) tree to identifying Bidriware craft objects from Karnataka, Pochampalli and Kalamkari sarees from Andhra Pradesh and Toda Tribe embroidery shawls from Nilgiris in Tamil Nadu. Interestingly, all questions on the sarees were correctly answered by the boys' teams!

The winning team of the State-level Quiz was the team comprising of Sachin Vinayak and S. Bharat of Chinmaya Vidhyalaya Senior Secondary School, Anna Nagar, Chennai closely followed by the **Second Prize** Winning team comprising of **K. Meena Priyadarsnee and S. Pon Tamil Selvan of Mahatma Montessori Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Surveyor Colony, Madurai.**





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## INTACH – MADURAI CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

### A session on “Value of Kinship and Relationships”

Venue : Thiagarajar College, Madurai

Date : October 5, 2016

Resource Person : Prof. Nalini Balasubramaniam, Secretary, INTACH Madurai Chapter

INTACH Madurai Chapter organized a session on “Value of Kinship and Relationships” by Dr. Prof.Nalini, Secretary INTACH Madurai Chapter, ICSSR Senior Fellow, Retired Professor of Sociology, Madurai Kamaraj University, on Wednesday, October 5th, 2016 at Thiagarajar College, Teppakulam, Madurai, to an intercollegiate audience.

Mr. P. Rajesh Kanna, Co-convenor, welcomed the gathering. Dr. Nalini began her speech stressing the importance of effective relationship with our kith and kin. Addressing people by their relationship status itself showed affection and closeness to them. Recalling the former days of relationship maintenance by empathy during moments of sadness and happiness and joint worship of family deity, and other get togethers, she strongly felt that revival of that old custom was a must for bridging the generation gap and for cherishing the past in the present. Observing the rituals and participating in family related social events organized by our elders are essential for continuity in kinship, she stressed.

Sharing our love and our identity with our kith and kin indicates our responsibility to perpetuate our customary practices. She signed off her presentation with the statement that kinship depended on mutual love leading to interdependence. To avoid loneliness we should get attached at least to our family members. We should be culture sensitive and good family members to our family.

Three lucky draw prizes were given to members of the audience, who brought their relations to the program. Dr. Ponmeera summarised the talk very elegantly in her vote of thanks.



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## Photo Gallery

### A session on “Value of Kinship and Relationships”



Prof. Nalini talks about Value of Kinship and Relationship



Prof. Nalini presents a ppt on Value of Kinship and Relationship



Mr. P. Rajesh Kanna, Co-convenor welcomed the gathering

## In celebration of human relationships

• [A. Shrikumar](#)



Dr. B. Nalini delivering the lecture. Photo: A. Shrikumar

*Lecture organised by INTACH Madurai throws light on the importance of kinship in ancient Tamil society*

*Yadhum oore Yavarum Kelir* – the adage by Sangam poet Kaniyan Poongundranar, is an example of how the ancient Tamil society was all encompassing of human relationships. “The very structure of the society was based on familial kinship and that’s why we see Tamils giving much importance to relatives to this day. A strong bond can be seen between the families that are related either by blood or marriage,” observes Professor Dr.B.Nalini, Indian Council of Social Science Research Senior Fellow, Department of Sociology, Madurai Kamaraj University. “Kinship gives identity and responsibility to individuals in family and social spheres.”

Nalini takes the example of maternal uncle or ‘thaai mama’ and the importance attached to it. “The authority of the maternal uncle is indisputable in functions like weddings. Likewise the paternal aunt (athai) also has a vital role. These practises should not cease as the future generation should know the importance of kinship. These days, the connection and sensitivity towards relatives have taken a back seat,” she says, speaking at a lecture organised by INTACH Madurai Chapter.

Kinship is part of intangible culture and is a unique legacy that we pass on to the next generation, says Nalini. “It comes with an unwritten set of codes of conduct. There are ways to behave and move with the various relations. For instance, the way an youngster in the family behaves with his/her grandparents is different from his relationship with cousins. Likewise, the pangalis (families of the same lineage) are treated differently from the sambandhis (families that are related through marriage). The former are meant to share the grief and happiness. If a death occurs in a family, it’s the pangalis who par take in the sorrow and chip in to cheer up the aggrieved members.

Nalini also takes note of the specific native terminologies used in various regions to refer to relatives. “Grandparents are referred with so many terms depending on the region and community. The terms should be kept alive and in usage for us to feel the intimacy and emotional bonding,” she says. “Unfortunately, modern day kids mask all terms with an insipid ‘Uncle and aunty’, when we have umpteen ways to refer and regard our relations.” One unique aspect of Tamil culture is the much celebrated cross cousin relationship. “Cross cousin intimacy, love and friendship have been the fulcrum for exciting movie scripts, novels and a subject of discussion in socio cultural platforms. It’s viewed as a friendly jovial relationship between the young members of the related families,” says Nalini. “The youngsters are considered as harbingers of peace between hostile elders in the family. Such a casual friendly relationship helps ease the tension among relatives.”

Speaking about pseudo kinship, she says, “It’s a fictive and ritualistic relationship between two unrelated families, which grows to become a strong bond over the years. They might even call each other as ‘mama’ or ‘macha.” Nalini adds, “At a time when a mini robot, Kirobo Mini, has been launched to quell loneliness and invoke emotional connection, it’s only relevant to talk about retaining and renewing the bonds with our kith and kin. It’s high time, we take the tradition of kinship to our next generation and make them realise the importance of it.”

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*Channa Dal Sundal*



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## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### Black Chickpeas Sundal

Preparation time: Overnight

Cooking Time: 20-30 minutes

Servings: 3

#### Ingredients

Black Chole 1 Cup

Grated Coconut 1 tablespoon

Salt To Taste

#### For Grinding:

Red Chilli 1

Channa dal 2 teaspoon

Urid dal 2 teaspoon

Coriander Seeds 2 teaspoon

#### For Seasoning:

Oil 2 teaspoon

Mustard Seeds 1 teaspoon

Hing A pinch

Curry Leaves Few



#### Method:

1. Soak the Chole in water overnight
2. The next day pressure cook the chole and allow for 3 whistles
3. Heat the pan and dry fry the grinding ingredients and once the dals turn golden brown color, remove from flame and allow them to cool off.
4. Grind the fried ingredients to a nice powder
5. Heat the pan, pour some oil and add mustard seeds. Once the mustard seeds begins to sputter, add hing, curry leaves and then add the cooked chole. ground powder and salt and mix it well
6. Finally add the grated coconut and mix it well
7. The delicious kondakadalai sundal is ready for neivedhyam and for serving



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## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### Dates Payasam

Preparation time: 15 minutes

Cooking Time: 20 minutes

Servings: 3

#### Ingredients

Dates - 15

Boiled Milk - 2 and ½ cups

Coconut milk - 1/4 cup

Chopped dates - 1 tbsp

Chopped cashew and badam - 1 tbsp

Cardamom powder - a small pinch

Ghee - 1 tsp



#### Method:

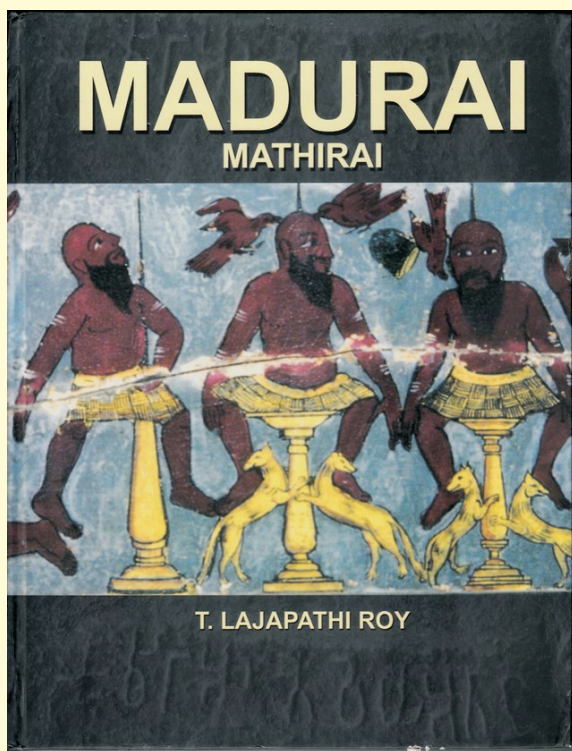
1. Soak dates in ½ cup warm milk for 15mins, Set aside. Meanwhile chop the nuts and dates. Heat ghee in a pan - add nuts and dates and fry till crispy. Set aside.
2. Transfer soaked dates to a mixer, add little milk used for soaking and grind it to a semi fine paste. Boil milk and let it cook in sim for 5mins, then add dates paste.
3. Give a quick mix and keep in low flame and cook for 5-7 mins till it becomes slightly thick, Then add ghee roasted dates and nuts mixture, cardamom powder, coconut milk and give a quick stir. Switch off.
4. Few ghee roasted nuts dates mixture to sprinkled while eating....It tasted yum! Serve chilled / warm!



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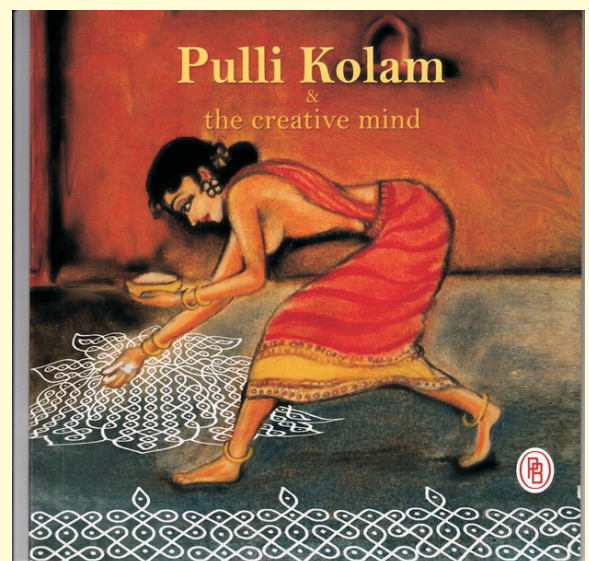


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Title: Pulli Kolam & the creative mind

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