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Programs by INTACH Chennai Chapter during Madras Week celebrations

Intach is in its 32nd year dedicated to the cause of conservation since 1984.

Intach Chennai Chapter holds programmes through the year and these have encompassed talks, walks, workshops for architects & Corporation engineers, making documentary films, cleaning temples tanks, restoring heritage structures as well as bringing out a Heritage Map of Chennai and a guide to the Architectural Heritage of Madras, all of which represent an aspect of the rich and varied tapestry of our culture and heritage.

Intach Chennai Chapter has through these programmes and initiatives been creating awareness about the cultural heritage of the city and its significance and in many ways celebrating the City through the year.

The following are the programmes planned by Intach Chennai Chapter during this year's Madras Week celebrations, some of which have already been conducted earlier this month.

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- **Interactive Forum** for colleges on Heritage based sustainable development was conducted on **August 5th at Measi Academy of Architecture, Royapettah** where faculty and college students participated from different colleges and the experts from various different backgrounds gave talks.
 - **Ms.Shvaa Raawat** from Heritage Education and Communication Service, INTACH Delhi introduced INTACH's initiatives.
 - **Ms. Kavitha**, Additional Commissioner (Tiruppani), from Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Department explained Temple renovations, Tiruppani and Kumbhabhishekam.
 - **Prof.A.G.Krishna Menon**, Architect, Urban Planner and Conservation Consultant discussed the concept of Heritage Cities and the viewpoints of various stakeholders.
 - **Mr.A.Arul** from INTACH Pondicherry elaborated on the successful case studies of Pondicherry.

Faculty and students discussed the importance of Cultural Heritage in today's context and strategies to promote Heritage based urban development. The response was overwhelming with about 150 participants.

- An **exhibition of rare old Maps of Madras** was held at the venue.
- **Listing of Saidapet** area done by students of **Dr.M.G.R Engineering College** was presented and the drawings panels were displayed.

Prizes were distributed for the "**Hiddern Heritage Photo Contest**" conducted by INTACH Chennai Chapter and judged by Mr. Jayanand Govindaraj, Mr.Ramesh Raja and Dr.Chidambaram who are all senior members of Madras Photographic Society. Winners in **College Students category** are:

- I Prize – C. Pinki Tak, Dr.MGR College of Engineering, Department of Architecture
 - II Prize – S.Sindhuja, Dr.MGR College of Engineering, Department of Architecture
 - III Prize – C.Shweta Nandinee, Dr.MGR College of Engineering, Department of Architecture
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- A joint program of **INTACH, Chennai Chapter, INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS, Chennai Centre & CONFLUENCE TEN** was held at the Free Masons Hall the same evening, where **Prof. A.G.Krishna Menon** elaborated on the concept of "**20th Century Heritage**" which needs to be given cognizance in our city as much as elsewhere.
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- An **ESSAY** writing competition was conducted for school children on "**THE ICONS OF CHENNAI**" which included personalities and Institutions that have made contributions to the City in various fields including music, performing arts, social work, medicine, sports etc. both in English and Tamil.

Winners for Essay competition in English are:

- I Prize – Nihala Naiyyira, Sir Mutha School.
- II Prize – K. Vishwa Sree, Chinmaya Vidyalaya, Virugambakkam.
- III Prize – S. Akilesh, Good Earth

Winners for Essay competition in Tamil are:

- I Prize – R.Rathi Devayani, SBOA & Junior College
 - II Prize – Surabhi Gopal, Sishya
 - III Prize – S.Sanjay, Alpha Senior Secondary School.
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- **Role Play** contest with skits in teams from schools, on the Icons of Chennai in English / Tamil was conducted **on August 6, 2016** in AMM Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Kotturpuram, Chennai. The judges were Mrs. Gayathri Giri, Mr.Raman and Mrs. Vallabha Srinivasan.

Winners for Role play are:

- I Prize – K C High
 - II Prize – A.M.M Matriculation
 - III Prize – SBIOA
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The schools with **HERITAGE CLUBS** made a presentation on the heritage activities they conducted in the past year and the agenda planned for the forthcoming period.

Tamil Medium schools and schools that have not yet formed Heritage Clubs are invited to form Heritage Clubs so that they can systematically Integrate Heritage activities through the year.

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- I Prize – Surya Narayanan, PSBB Millenium
 - II Prize – Tejas Kaundinya, Vidya Mandir
 - III Prize – Sandhya Somu, Harishree Vidyalayam
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- **INTACH HERITAGE QUIZ** on national and state and local heritage based questions was conducted by Young Intach with support from Inner Wheel for students from Classes 7 to 10 in teams of two each on **August 10th at Alumni Club of Madras** and after the written round, the Five best teams were selected for the finals and were declared winners out of 200 students from 25 schools from Chennai. They will now compete with other winners of the State, prior to the National Finals. The winners of the Chennai round are:

I Prize – Chinmaya Vidyalaya

II Prize – PSBB, K.K. Nagar

III Prize – Sri Sankara Senior Secondary School, Adyar.

AUGUST 14, 2016

- **HERITAGE WALK** of the **MADRAS HIGH COURT** will be conducted on **August 14, 2016** by **N.L.Rajah and Sujatha Shankar**.

Those who are interested may register by sending a mail to **intachchennai@gmail.com / nlrajah@gmail.com**.

The registered participants must **assemble near Indian Bank in High Court Campus at 8.00 am** with their **photo ID cards for entry into Madras High Court**.

AUGUST 21, 2016

- A joint initiative of **INTACH & KREEDA** is being organized as an "**Open House – Games in Temples from Chennai**" with a display and play session on **Sunday, 21st August 2016** at **AMETHYST**, Royapettah from 10.00 am to 6.00 pm, followed by a **TALK on Traditional Games from Chennai** will be given by **Vinita Sidhartha of Kreeda**.

Open House: 10.00 a.m. To 6.00 p.m.

Talk: 6.30 p.m.

Venue: Amethyst

AUGUST 24, 2016

- **Talk** by **DR.CRISPIN BRANFOOT**, an expert in South Asian Art & Archaeology from SOAS, University of London is arranged in a joint program of INTACH, ABS (Association of British Scholars) and British Council on **August 24th at British Council** on '**British architectural photographers and the heritage of Madras Presidency 1855-1905**'.

Time: 4.00 p.m.

Venue: British Council

AUGUST 27, 2016

- **Heritage walk** will be conducted by **Pradeep Chakravarthy** on **August 27th at Marundeswarar Temple**, Thiruvannamiyur to understand how religion and politics mingled for mutual benefit in the 6th to 9th centuries. After the walk, games on two game boards carved on the floor of this temple are to be played with guidance from Kreedha who has been involved in documenting Graffiti Games.

Time: 7.00 a.m. to 7.45 a.m.

Registrations to pradeepchakravarthy75@gmail.com on or before August 20th, 2016.

AUGUST 28, 2016

- **Heritage walk** will be conducted by **Pradeep Chakravarthy** on **Stones that speak – A tour of the sculptures** in the Government Museum, Chennai on **August 28th**, and the talk will focus on select stone sculptures and appropriate short Bharathiyar songs will be sung by the children of the Madras Youth Choir.

Time: 1030 a.m – 1130 a.m

Meeting place - The seated Buddha just outside the entrance to the stone sculptures gallery (Tickets have to be purchased near the gates of the museum)

Registrations to pradeepchakravarthy75@gmail.com on or before August 20th, 2016.

AUGUST 28, 2016

- A **film "THE STORY OF MADRAS...Chennai – First City of Modern India"** made by INTACH with narration by Mr.S.Muthiah, Chronicler of Madras and released earlier by the Prince of Arcot will be screened at TAG Centre.

Note: For Invitees only.

Anyday in AUGUST 2016

- The **film "THE STORY OF MADRAS...Chennai – First City of Modern India"** made by INTACH with narration by Mr.S.Muthiah, Chronicler of Madras has been collected by many schools.

They are requested to organize screenings during this month for their students in their respective schools and invite students of neighbouring schools.



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