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Note from Founder Chair

WEN Spirit

Sheela Kochouseph

Hi my WEN friends!

A very bright and prosperous new financial year wishes to all of you. The month of April was indeed a golden month for Wenites. The WENDERLAND expo was far far beyond our expectations and we realised the impact of WEN among the common people. Every guest was happy and surprised to see how we did it so seamlessly. I congratulate each one of you who contributed your part to make it successful!

Each event also builds up the bonding among members. Every event we celebrate is like a wedding in the family!

The kind of warmth and togetherness is one of its kind in WEN, and as I always insist, it's teamwork that matters- All of us work for WEN, but none of us claim, "I did that. You did that!" Etc

It's always the US!!

Always hold on to this unique spirit of WEN — it's what sets us apart and makes us truly special. That shared energy is what keeps us united and distinguishes us from other organisations!

All the best to you

Warm regards

Sheela Kochouseph



President's Note

Raising the bar

Laila Sudeesh

Dear Friends

Welcome to the second edition of our bulletin!

This past season has been one of growth, inspiration, and meaningful connection across our chapters. We're excited to share some of the highlights and progress that have shaped our journey together.

A key step forward has been streamlining our chapter Annual General Meetings (AGMs) to the months of April and May. This move brings consistency, smoother transitions, and improved coordination across our network.

We also launched "WeN Inspire", our online series aimed at providing enriching learning opportunities to our members. With this platform, we continue our commitment to empower, educate, and connect—wherever we are.

Our chapters have truly raised the bar with their creativity and enthusiasm. Unique events like Wenderland, the first-ever night flea market, and the diverse, well-curated programs showcased at each AGM offered so many valuable takeaways. Every visit to a chapter filled us with sheer contentment and pride in what we're building together.

As we reflect, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to all previous committee members whose dedication laid the foundation for our continued success. We warmly welcome the new committees and look forward to many more milestones ahead.

This bulletin is a celebration of our collective spirit, and we hope it inspires all of us to continue growing, collaborating, and leading with purpose.

Warm regards,

Laila Sudeesh

President, WEN foundation



Secretary's Announcement

Reflecting the Vibrancy & Vision of WEN

Dear WEN Members,

As we reflect on the journey so far, it's heartening to see how far we've come together as a community of empowered women, united by purpose and passion. WEN has stood as a beacon of strength, solidarity and sisterhood. This year, we've taken remarkable strides—from the inspiring energy at the Jain Summit to the prestigious Kaumudy Award that recognized our impact across Kerala. Each milestone is a reminder of the incredible power of collaboration and what women can achieve when we lift each other up.

WENinspires continues to be a cherished platform of powerful voices and leadership that sparks fresh thinking and collective motivation. These online sessions are held on alternate Saturdays, and the speakers are thoughtfully curated by individual chapters in collaboration with the WEN Foundation, showcasing our talent, expertise, and shared vision across the network. Our Chapter AGMs reflected the vibrancy and vision of each region, including the promising start of our Coimbatore Chapter, which marked a new chapter of expansion and collaboration.

The Foundation and Kochi Chapter led with flair, especially with the grand success of WENderLand—a celebration of creativity, commerce, and connection. Women's Day 2025 was yet another highlight, reminding us of the strength in unity and the joy in celebrating womanhood. As we move forward, let's continue to collaborate, support, and grow together. Here's to building an even stronger, more inspiring network in the days to come!

Dr. Mumtaz Khalid Ismail

Secretary

From the Editors Desk



Dr. Anu Suraj

As we reflect on the past quarter, we're thrilled to highlight the incredible activities and achievements of our WEN chapters, from impactful AGMs to inspiring foundation events. Our WENinspire series of online talks has been a resounding success, sparking meaningful conversations and connections. And, of course, who could forget the fun-filled WENderland Night Market? We also engaged in a thought-provoking Women's Day panel discussion, exploring themes of empowerment and equality. And, our team enjoyed a fun-filled outbound trip, strengthening bonds and fostering camaraderie.

We're also proud to have participated in the Jain Summit, fostering collaboration and growth. Additionally, we were honored to participate in the Kerala Kaumudy's "Power of Women" book release event at the Women Conclave 2025, celebrating the resilience and determination of 114 remarkable women. As we look forward to the next quarter, we're excited to announce new events and initiatives that promise to empower, educate, and entertain. Stay tuned for more updates.

Warm regards,
Anu Suraj

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WENinspire Series

As WEN has spread its wings across various chapters inside and outside Kerala with more than 1000 members and counting, we are excited to announce the launch of WENINSPIRES, a series of online talks that focuses on growth - both in our businesses and personal lives.

These sessions will mostly be held online on Saturday afternoons, and we are happy that it will be co-hosted by our sister chapters.

This ensures we get to learn from inspiring speakers, both inhouse and external from across the country. Members also get an opportunity to meet and network briefly online in the pre and post sessions through these.



UPCOMING CHAPTER:

Meet and Greet at Coimbatore



Empowering Chapters, Enriching lives

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Bringing the leaders Together

WEN Foundation was proud to participate in the Jain Summit and Conclave earlier this year, an event that brought together thought leaders and innovators to share insights and drive positive change. Four of our office-bearers took the stage as speakers, sharing their expertise and experiences with the audience.

Additionally, several committee members and WEN members attended the summit, engaging with the themes and networking with like-minded individuals. This participation not only showcased WEN's commitment to collaboration and growth but also provided valuable opportunities for learning and connection.



POWER OF WOMEN

We are thrilled to announce that WEN was featured at the Kerala Kaumudy's "Power of Women" book release event, held in conjunction with the Women Conclave 2025. This inspiring book celebrates the stories of 114 amazing women who have demonstrated remarkable resilience and determination.

At the conclave, WEN office-bearers participated and were recognized for their contributions to empowering women. The event was a testament to the power of female resilience and the impact

that women can have when they come together to support and uplift each other.

We are honored to have been a part of this celebration and look forward to continuing our work in promoting women's empowerment and recognition.





Unleashing Synergy: **WEN Outbound**

The WEN on Wheels and treasure hunt event was impeccably curated, offering a perfect blend of fun, teamwork, and intellectual challenges even by WEN Foundation and WEN Kochi. The treasure hunt clues were cleverly designed, requiring creative problem-solving and collaboration.

The curation team can flaunt about the seamless execution of the entire event, which included the treasure hunt, thought-provoking panel discussion, a relaxing boat ride, and entertaining activities like antakshari and dance performances, and to unwind, there was India's longest swimming pool waiting for the adventurous WENites at Rhythm Resort, kumarakom.

This meticulously planned event was a testament to the power of collaboration, creativity, and camaraderie among women entrepreneurs. As we continue to support and empower each other, we are reminded of the transformative impact that WEN has on our lives and businesses. Let us keep shining, learning, and growing together!



A Tapestry of Inspiration- WenVision



The WenVision Women's Day Programme at PVR, Forum Mall, was a resplendent gathering of over 100 Wennites, converging to celebrate the unbridled strength, visionary leadership, and profound impact of women. This extraordinary event, majestically supported by Arabian Jewellers, MG, RCM Hospital, Cochin International, and Loanitol, stood as a testament to the transformative power of women empowering women.

The evening's festivities were woven with an inspiring fireside chat between Dr. Mallika Tharakan and Sajitha Rasheed, illuminating their groundbreaking work. This was followed by a panel discussion, expertly moderated by Sophia Mathew, featuring the trailblazing Mariam Hafeez, Anoodha Kunnath, and Nimisha Srinivas, who shared their



experiences navigating the complexities of change and driving positive impact in their respective spheres.

The reveal of WENderland, a vibrant midnight market curated by women, was a highlight of the evening. This showcase of unbridled creativity, entrepreneurial spirit, and community cohesion was a true celebration of women's empowerment.

The event concluded with meaningful networking, a poignant group photograph, and a first-day, first-show screening of Pariwar, making it a truly unforgettable celebration of women's empowerment. The evening was a testament to the indomitable strength, unwavering resilience, and unrelenting determination of women, serving as a powerful reminder of the importance of community and support in achieving our goals.



A Midnight Oasis of Ingenuity- WENderland



The WENderland event, held on 5th and 6th April was a groundbreaking celebration of women's empowerment and entrepreneurship in Kerala. As the state's first-ever midnight market curated by women, it was a resounding success, attracting a diverse crowd of shoppers, foodies, and music enthusiasts.

A Night to Remember

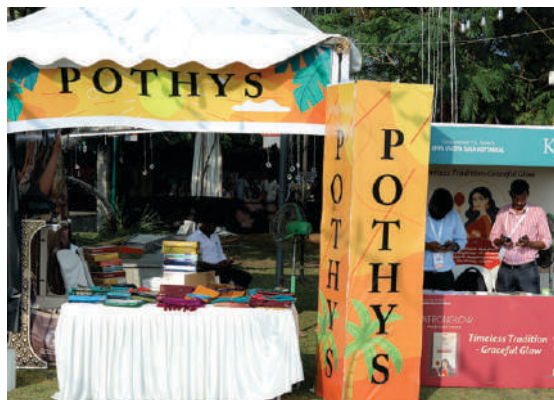
The event, which kicked off at 4 pm and continued until 12 am, was a masterclass in entertainment, lifestyle, music, food, and fashion. With around 45 stalls showcasing a wide range of products and services, visitors were spoiled for choice. The highlight of the evening was undoubtedly the live music performances by renowned bands like Old Town Kochi, Prospera, and Red FM's band, which kept the crowd enthralled.





A Celebration of Women

The event was inaugurated by Shri Hibi Eden, MP, and featured a range of activities, including laughter therapy with balloons, face painting, caricatures, and a live kitchen serving delectable food. The silent disco, a first in Kochi, added a unique twist to the evening's festivities. Our in-house MCs, Mary George, Renu, Sony, and Rakhee Vijay, kept the energy levels high, while Sruthy Sivadas delivered a mesmerizing live performance.





Empowering Women Entrepreneurs



As the title sponsor, CMR Builders played a pivotal role in making this event a success. The WENderland market was a testament to the power of women entrepreneurs in Kerala, showcasing their creativity, innovation, and determination. The event was a celebration of women's empowerment, providing a platform for women to come together, network, and support each other.



A New Benchmark in Women's Empowerment

The WENderland event has set a new benchmark in women's empowerment in Kerala, and we are proud to have been a part of it. We look forward to continuing to support and celebrate the achievements of women entrepreneurs in the state.



KOTTAYAM CHAPTER

MOVING FORWARD: AGM



A new dawn, a new day, but the vision remains the same, "Empowered Women Empower women" to secure their feet on the ground firmly, grow higher and touch the sky. The AGM conducted at Kottayam Cesar Palace was attended by members of the Chapter and Foundation. After the Presidential address by Ms Chinu Mathew, the Annual Report was presented by Dr Sheeja Abel and the Treasurers report was presented by Ms Reeba Varughese.

There was new member induction after which the new committee was announced and Ms Reeba Varughese took the charge of the Chapter Chairperson.

WEN KOTTAYAM CHAPTER then introduced the Committee of 2025-2026 to carry the torch forward.





KOTTAYAM CHAPTER

WEN WISTERIA

On March 21st, the Kottayam chapter of Women's Entrepreneurial Network (WEN) marked International Women's Day with a spectacular celebration, WEN WISTERIA, at Caesar Palace. The venue was transformed into a stunning setting, adorned in the theme colors of purple, white, and green, creating a visually breathtaking atmosphere. Members and guests alike paid tribute to the theme by dressing in these vibrant hues, adding to the festive spirit.

The event featured five stalls showcasing a diverse range of products, including delicious food, exquisite jewelry, and stylish fashion attire. The program was inaugurated by Deputy Collector Jinu Punnoose and Milan Designs CEO, Mrs. Sherly Regimon, setting the tone for an evening of inspiration and connection.



The evening was filled with excitement, including the induction of 11 new members into the WEN family. The Super Star awards were presented to five exceptional staff members, nominated by member business owners, in recognition of their outstanding contributions.

A thought-provoking panel discussion on "Accelerating Action for Gender Equality" was conducted with esteemed panelists Rosey Mathew, Reshmi Edathanal, Sherly Regimon, and Cincy Parel. The discussion was followed by a delightful lunch, providing opportunities for networking and connection. The WEN WISTERIA celebration was a resounding success, marking a memorable International Women's Day with a spirit of empowerment, entrepreneurship, and community.





The Women Empowerment Network (WEN) Thrissur Chapter held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on April 9, 2025, at Joys Palace, Thrissur. The event brought together members and guests for a day of reflection, celebration, and planning for the future.

The AGM featured inspiring addresses from key leaders, including Manju Thomas, Sheela Kochouseph, Laila Sudeesh, Sulthana Fathima, and Kitty Sanil. The event also included the presentation of reports, announcement of award winners, and introduction of the new committee, led by President Rajee Sharma.

The new committee took their oath, led by Maria Abraham, and was felicitated by Pushpy Murikken. Seema Anil expressed gratitude to all attendees and contributors for making the AGM a success.

The event concluded with a cultural program, new committee briefing, and networking lunch. The Thrissur AGM 2025 marked a significant milestone in WEN's journey, celebrating achievements and setting a collaborative agenda for the future. We're excited to see the impact of our collective efforts in empowering women in our community.



THRISSUR CHAPTER

Galentine's Day

Thrissur WEN hosted a vibrant celebration at Luciya Palace to mark both Galentine's Day and International Women's Day. The event brought together women from various backgrounds for a lively networking session, allowing attendees to connect, share experiences, and foster new relationships. This was followed by an inspiring presidential address, an oath-taking ceremony for new members, and a session on emotional intelligence led by Mr. Joseph George. The event also featured a joyful cake cutting ceremony to celebrate January, February, and March birthdays, a speech by representatives from SBI highlighting their support for our initiatives, and a showcase of individual achievements on the "WEN Wall of Achievement."

The event concluded with music from our DJ and a delicious spread of food, creating a lively atmosphere for dancing and celebration. Attendees left feeling inspired, connected, and empowered, with a renewed sense of community and commitment to uplifting one another. The celebration was a resounding success, reinforcing our mission to foster connection, learning, and empowerment among women. We look forward to hosting more events that promote these values and celebrate the diverse talents and successes within our community.



THRISSUR CHAPTER

An evening of elegance & connection



The Women's Entrepreneurial Network (WEN) hosted a majestic evening of celebration and connection at the WEN Shaahi Iftaar event on March 22nd, 2025, at the Mothimahal Residency in Thrissur. The event brought together members from diverse backgrounds and industries to commemorate entrepreneurship, community, and camaraderie. The evening featured a range of activities, including a networking session, presidential address, oath, welcome of new members, open house session, cultural performance, best dressed fashion show, and a celebration of 150 members with a cake cutting ceremony and group photo.



Highlights of the Event

- **Networking Session:** Members and guests mingled and connected, fostering new relationships and business opportunities.
- **Presidential Address:** Sana, the president of WEN, delivered a thought-provoking address highlighting the importance of women's empowerment and entrepreneurship.
- **Cultural Performance:** Members showcased the rich cultural heritage and traditions of the community.
- **Best Dressed Fashion Show:** Kitty hosted a stylish and elegant fashion show featuring members' outfits.
- **150 Members Celebration:** A unique and creative presentation marked this milestone, with three members forming the number 150 on stage.
- **Vote of Thanks:** Mili expressed heartfelt gratitude to all attendees, sponsors, and organizers.
- **Dinner and Games:** The evening concluded with a relaxed and entertaining atmosphere, providing opportunities for members to unwind and socialize.



The WEN Shaahi Iftaar event was a resounding success, bringing together members from diverse backgrounds and industries to celebrate entrepreneurship, connection, and community. The evening was filled with memorable moments, new connections, and a renewed sense of purpose.

CALICUT CHAPTER



Cherishing the AGM moments

The Calicut Chapter of WEN concluded the year 2024-25 with 142 members. Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) marked a significant milestone, with Chairperson Sandhya Varma stepping down. We honored our executive members and buddy captains, recognizing their outstanding contributions. The ever-rolling trophies were awarded to four buddy teams: Sahayogini (The Ultimate Synergy Award), Meraki (Excellence in Action Award), Aura (Game-Changer Event Innovation Award), and Starlets (Trailblazer in Creativity Award). The new team, led by Chairperson Sophy Lukose, took charge, and we conducted our first online executive meeting on April 1, assigning roles to committee members. Looking ahead, we're working on the WEN Calicut Calendar and launching a "Cherished WEN Memories" contest in April.



CALICUT CHAPTER

ONLINE Dhamaka

When Calicut had come up with an idea of an online contest called WEN cherished moments. Members were asked to share their cherished moment in WEN picture with a write up. Contest was from 7th April to 17th April. Many members had eagerly participated and the Buddy Team Coordinators of the Executive Committee had watchfully taken care of the entries coming in and the executive committee had decided Three prize winners from the entries.

New Buddy Teams were formed by the Buddy team co ordinators and the Membership Renewal drive was carried by the Membership Renewal Committee members Mini and Mufeen. The Social Media Committee has been keen in promoting wen Calicut Insta page with the WEN AGM pictures and the WEN cherished moment contest pics and winners.



IISR panel - A collaboration



We're thrilled to announce that our Calicut Chapter members were featured as esteemed panelists at the Indian Institute of Spices Research (IISR) in Calicut! Secretary Sophy Lukose, Treasurer CS Sarumathy BL FCS IP, Ex-Committee Member Jooni, and Past Chairs Uthara and Mini Sivashankaran shared their valuable insights and expertise in a dynamic panel discussion. This opportunity highlights the exceptional talent and leadership within our WEN community!



TRIVANDRUM CHAPTER



Marching Ahead: AGM

The Trivandrum Chapter successfully conducted its inaugural Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 22nd March 2025.

The event commenced with a prayer led by Ms. Binsa Bijukumar, followed by the oath-taking ceremony conducted by Ms. Aruna Harish. The outgoing Chapter Chair, Ms. Anupama Ramachandran, addressed the gathering, after which Ms. Laila Sudeesh, President of the WEN Foundation, shared her thoughts with the attendees.

The Treasurer's Report and Secretary's Report were presented by Ms. Sherone A. Paul and Ms. Susan Villoth, respectively.

Ms. Minu Mathew, appointed as Election Commissioner by the WEN Foundation, oversaw the election proceedings. She announced the names of the continuing committee members and the newly selected members who joined through the self-nomination process. Following

this, the committee unanimously elected Ms. Resmi Maxim as the Chapter Chair for the 2025–2026 term.

The oath for the newly appointed committee was administered by Ms. Diwia Thomas. The incoming Chapter Chair, Ms. Resmi Maxim, then addressed the audience, followed by brief introductions from the other new committee members.

As part of the day's proceedings, two new members were officially inducted into the chapter, with Ms. Pushpy Murikken performing the badge-pinning ceremony.



The formal AGM proceedings concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Ms. Soumya Santheep.

Post the official session, prizes were awarded to the winners of the Member Collaboration Challenge:

- First Place: Ms. Aruna Harish
- Second Place: Ms. Manjima Ravikumar
- Third Place: Ms. Lakshmi Balasubramanyam

To wrap up the evening, Dr. Trishna led the group in a meditation session, and the event concluded with the breaking of fast and an Iftar dinner.



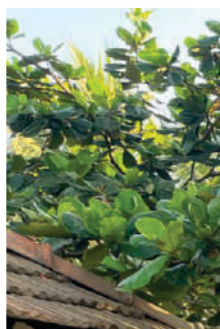
TRIVANDRUM CHAPTER

WEN Trivandrum: An Empowering Gathering

The WEN Trivandrum Chapter came together for a rejuvenating morning by the sea on February 23rd, embracing the essence of holistic success. At St. Andrews Beach and The Great Chatsby, members nourished their minds, bodies, and souls through activities focused on nutrition, health, and healing.

This gathering was a testament to the power of women uplifting each other, fostering a sense of community and connection. As we continue to support and empower one another, we embody the spirit of holistic success

Here's to many more moments of growth, connection, and celebration!





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