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Drawing from its Tamil roots meaning 'enlightenment' and Malayalam's connotation of 'awakening,' Unarvu, like a multifaceted gem, illuminates your path to becoming a Chartered Accountant. This name reflects the core essence of our newsletter, tailored specifically for CA students.

As minds hungry for knowledge converge, Unarvu serves as the beacon illuminating their journey towards professional excellence. We chose this name to symbolize the awakening of intellect, the cultivation of wisdom, and the pursuit of mastery in the field of Chartered Accountancy.

Through insightful articles, exam tips, and industry updates, Unarvu empowers you to navigate the challenges and embrace the triumphs of your CA journey. With each issue, Unarvu endeavours to empower aspiring CAs with the insights, guidance, and inspiration they need to navigate the complexities of their academic and professional endeavours, fostering a community where minds enlighten, and aspirations flourish.

So, let's ignite the mosaic of hidden narratives and sparks of curiosity within, from the whispers of history to the dreams of tomorrow with Unarvu, a testament to our shared humanity.

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BRANCH CHAIRPERSON'S ADDRESS



Dear Future Chartered Accountants,

Greetings!

I am very happy to write to you as the **Chairperson** of this esteemed institution. **CA Julie G Varghese**, a dynamic and charismatic person is in charge of the **Students Team**. She has already been the head of **SICASA** during 2022-23, a leader who is enriched with experience and wisdom.

We as **Committee** shall try our level best for **knowledge enhancement and overall development** of the student community. We also plan to **revamp and restructure** the teaching classes at the Branch and once again reiterate that, **quality and imparting knowledge** is our vision.

We will conduct more **educational programmes** and **cultural events** during the year for the welfare of students as a whole.

You all are free to reach the **Committee members** at any point of time for any **suggestions** or **feedback** on any of the Branch Activities involving students.

We value your opinions and inputs, and we are always ready to listen from you.

Arise, Awake and Stop Not till the Goal is reached.

Jai Hind. Jai ICAI.

CA REMA SARMA N CHAIRPERSON

SICASA CHAIRPERSON'S ADDRESS

Beloved Students,



I am delighted to address you as the Chairperson of SICASA

Thiruvananthapuram for the term 2024-25. It is an honour and a privilege to lead such a dynamic community of budding Chartered Accountants.

March month marks a significant occasion worldwide, as we celebrate International Women's Day. This day serves as a reminder of the invaluable contributions of women to society, both professionally and personally. Let us take this opportunity to recognize and appreciate the remarkable women in our lives and within the accounting profession.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the CA firms that have generously allowed their article assistants to serve as members of the SICASA committee.

I also want to express my sincere appreciation to the volunteer students who have stepped forward to lend their time and energy to support the workings of SICASA. Your dedication and enthusiasm are the driving force behind our initiatives, and I encourage you to continue contributing your time and skills towards our collective success.

As we embark on this journey together, let us uphold the values of integrity, professionalism, and community service that define our profession. I look forward to working closely with each and every one of you to achieve our shared objectives and to make this term a memorable and fruitful one.

With warm regards,

CA JULIE G VARGHESE CHAIRPERSON - SICASA 9633211663

<u>SICASA VICE CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE</u>



Hi All,

As you have made your way till here let me tell you something.

I'm thrilled to write this as the Vice Chairman of SICASA Thiruvananthapuram and I'm filled with a sense of excitement and anticipation for the journey that lies ahead. Each one of us has embarked on a remarkable chapter of our lives - a chapter filled with new experiences, challenges, and opportunities.

First and foremost, I want to extend a warm welcome to all the new students joining us. You are now part of a vibrant community that thrives on diversity, creativity, and innovation. Embrace this opportunity to learn, grow, and forge meaningful connections with your peers and mentors.

To the returning students, welcome back! Your presence enriches our community and serves as a source of inspiration for those just starting their journey. Let's continue to support and uplift each other as we navigate the highs and lows of academic life.

As students, we are not merely passive recipients of knowledge; we are active participants in shaping our own destinies. Take ownership of your education, pursue your passions, and don't be afraid to step outside your comfort zone. Remember, it's okay to stumble along the way - the important thing is to keep moving forward with resilience and determination.

Furthermore, let's foster a culture of inclusivity and empathy, where every voice is heard and valued. Let's celebrate our differences and embrace the unique perspectives that each of us brings to the table. Together, we can create a more compassionate and understanding community where everyone feels supported and empowered to succeed.

In closing, I want to encourage each and every one of you to dream big, work hard, and never lose sight of your potential. The journey ahead may be challenging, but it's also filled with endless possibilities and opportunities for growth. Let's seize the moment and make the most of our time here.

Thank you, and let's make this year one to remember!

ARJUN S PRABHU VICE CHAIRMAN

SICASA SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone!



Here's to a new chapter that unfolds as we stand on the threshold of a year filled with endless possibilities and a journey that promises nothing short of extraordinary.

Every year, we witness a multitude of students immersing themselves in the dynamic realm of Chartered Accountancy, where they aspire to conquer each step with zest and resilience. While the journey is not without its challenges, it's embraced with hope, knowing that every stumble is a stepping stone to success. This resilience truly reflects the essence of a future Chartered Accountant.

To fortify your path towards your life goals, a new Committee has been formed to guide you in realizing your dreams and taking the next step. With gratitude to our Previous Committee members, we commit to putting forth our best efforts, ensuring that every stride we take aids you in your CA journey.

This year marks a pivotal moment for shaping our better selves. Through a spectrum of academic and social activities, cultural events, and many more exciting endeavours, we are here to assist you on this transformative journey. We can't wait to share these experiences with you as time unfolds.

So, let's embark on this wonderful era together. I encourage each of you to actively engage with the various events, seminars, and networking opportunities we have meticulously planned. Your participation not only enriches your learning experience but also contributes to the vibrant community we are building together.

Here's to the joy of new beginnings and the countless achievements awaiting us on this thrilling expedition. As we set our foot on this adventure with open hearts, boundless curiosity, and a collective spirit, let's propel ourselves toward new horizons.

Let's unleash your potential and embrace your success ahead!

JYOTHIKAA ANIL SECRETARY

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Hi Readers,

The word "Unarvu" translates to "insight" or "enlightenment ", and that's exactly what we strive to deliver in each issue of this newsletter. Whether you're a seasoned scholar or just embarking on your intellectual voyage, we offer something to illuminate your path.

A heartfelt gratitude to our incredible contributors this month. Your expertise serves as a compass, guiding and illuminating the path as we navigate the vast sea of knowledge and helping us uncover new insights and perspectives.

Unarvu eagerly welcomes reader submissions- your thoughts and voices are the spark that ignites understanding in others. Let this be a space where knowledge is shared, connections are made, and success is celebrated.

I encourage you to actively engage and, share your ideas and feedback, and take advantage of the resources available to you. Together, we can create a vibrant community of future chartered accountants who are prepared to excel in their careers and make a positive impact on the profession.

Join us on this intellectual journey with Unarvu. Your feedback is what fuels us please do share your feedback and thoughts!

Happy Reading! 🖤

EDITOR HRIDYA SATHEESH

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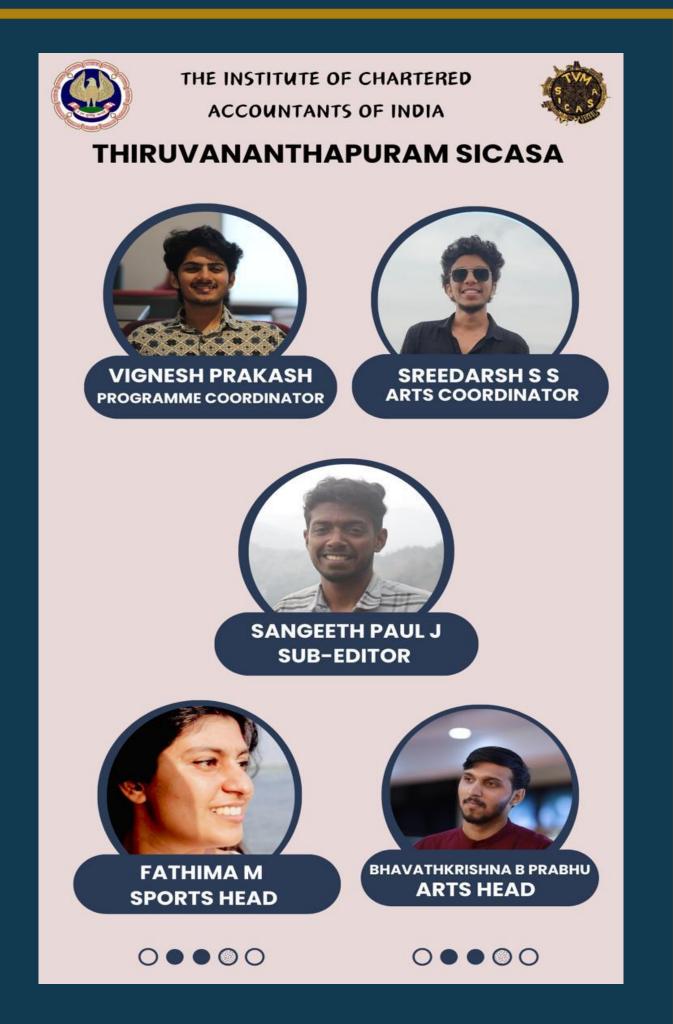
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MEET Our Team

COMMITTEE 2024-25







<u>CA CORNER</u>



THE MONEY TRAP

Though life is so short, transient, and uncertain many of us are caught up in a money trap and acquire wealth beyond all our needs and normal requirements. During this process, we have no time left with us to think about anything else or go deeper into ourselves in search of truth and the treasure lying deep within ourselves. Not only that, in our eagerness to become rich, we become so cruel, insensitive, dishonest, and utterly selfish making our life on earth meaningless. Moreover, many of the so-called rich are not in a position to use even a small percentage of their earnings and wealth in their lifetime.

They die with the satisfaction that their children will inherit it and will have a wonderful life unlike them. But with death, all our relationships come to an end. Relationship with a particular individual whether wife, children, or relatives is just a memory. When death takes place, all relationships come to an end. I have listened to many after-death experiences on YouTube and what they say in common is that after death they are in a state of ecstasy with no physical body; nor do they carry their memory with them.

Our education system should be revamped in such a way that at a very young age, the child becomes curious about the unknown phenomenon engulfing us and unifying mankind and that should be our priority concern when we are physically present on this planet. J. Krishnamurthi, the greatest mystic ever born on this planet says that beyond the broken consciousness of each individual and the group consciousness of humanity, there exists a universal intelligence, love, and compassion pervading this universe. This infinite and timeless energy of love, compassion, and intelligence is capable of solving all human problems provided we can establish access to it by transforming our mindset.

CA JOSE ZACHARIAH

MOTIVATIONAL AREA

Exams may seem daunting, but with the appropriate mindset and approach, they can be conquered. To stay motivated and focused during your exam preparation, here are some strategies to consider.

First and foremost, it's important to remember the reason why you started, whether it's to pursue your dream career, achieve academic success, or simply demonstrate your worth. Keep in mind the long-term benefits of putting in the effort now and allow that to propel you forward.

Visualize your success. Take some time each day to imagine yourself acing the exam, feeling confident and proud of your accomplishments. Visualizing success can help boost your confidence and keep you motivated to work hard. Break your study sessions into manageable chunks. Trying to cram everything in at once can quickly lead to burnout and overwhelm. Instead, create a study schedule that allows you to cover all the material while also giving yourself regular breaks to rest and recharge.

Visualize your success. Make an effort each day to imagine yourself successfully passing the exam, feeling self-assured and satisfied with your achievements. Visualizing success is a way to boost your confidence and keep you motivated to work hard. Divide your study sessions into manageable parts. It's possible to quickly experience burnout and overwhelm if you try to cram everything in at once. Make sure to have a study schedule that allows you to cover everything while also taking breaks to rest and recharge. Set achievable objectives for every study session. Break down the material into smaller parts and prioritize mastering a single concept at a time. Celebrate your progress throughout the process, whether it's comprehending a difficult concept or completing a particularly challenging practice problem. Choose a study environment that suits you. There are those who prefer complete silence, while others thrive in a lively coffee shop. To stay focused and productive, experiment with different study environments.

Make sure to take care of both your physical and mental well-being. Get sufficient sleep, eat wholesome meals, and dedicate time to exercise and relaxation. Staying sharp and focused during your study sessions is possible with the proper care of your body and mind. Asking for help is not a sign of weakness. Whether it's reaching out to a teacher or professor for clarification on a difficult concept or seeking support from friends and family, there's no shame in asking for assistance when you need it.

Stay positive and stay persistent. There will inevitably be challenges and setbacks along the way, but it's important to keep a positive attitude and keep pushing forward. Remember that every obstacle you overcome brings you one step closer to your goals.

Finally, don't forget to reward yourself for your hard work. Plan something fun to look forward to after the exam, whether it's a movie night with friends, a weekend getaway, or simply some well-deserved relaxation time. Celebrate your accomplishments and use them as motivation to keep striving for excellence in the future.

In conclusion, exams can be stressful, but with the right mindset and approach, you can overcome any challenge. Stay motivated, stay focused, and believe in yourself. You've got this!

> - SANGEETH PAUL J SRO0707378

ACADEMICS

CA INTERMEDIATE- PAPER-5- AUDITING & ETHICS



CA REVATHY RAJA



Compliance of Auditing Standards is mandatory under Companies act, 2013.

Objective of the Standards	Engagement and Quality Control Standards
The standards on auditing, review, other assurance, quality control and related services are aimed towards delivery of high-quality audits by improving the quality of practice by professional accountants and ultimately increase public confidence in financial reporting.	The Auditing and Assurance Standards Board of the ICAI has issued 46 Engagement and Quality Control Standards. These standards have been classified as: (i) Standards on Quality Control (SQC)– To be in applied in ensuring quality by firms that performs audits and Reviews of Historical Financial Information, and Other Assurance and Related Services Engagements. SQC requires that the firm should establish a system of quality control designed to provide it with reasonable assurance that the firm and its personnel comply with professional standards, regulatory, legal requirements, and that reports issued by the firm or engagement partner(s) are appropriate in the circumstances. SQC, therefore sets the tone for enhancing the quality of audit. (ii) Standards on Auditing (SAs) – To be applied in the audit of historical financial information.

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While discharging their attest function, it is the duty of the members of the Institute to ensure that the SAs are followed in the audit of financial information covered by their audit reports. If for any reason a member has not been able to perform an audit in accordance with the SAs, his report should draw attention to the material departures therefrom. Auditors are expected to follow SAs in the audits commencing on or after the date specified in the Standard. Further, compliance of SA's are mandatory requirement as per the Companies Act, 2013.		The SAs (as well as other statements on auditing) represent the generally accepted procedure(s) of audit. As such, a member who does not perform his audit in accordance with these statements and fails to disclose the material departures there from, becomes liable to the disciplinary proceedings of the Institute.	

CA Inter – Auditing & Ethics- Chapter wise standards list

<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Standards</u>
1	Standards Overview & SA 200
2	SA 300
3	SA 315, SA 320, SA 330
4	SA 500, SA 501, SA 505, SA 510, SA 520, SA 530, SA 550, SA 610
6	SA 230
7	SA 560, SA 570, SA 580, SA 260, SA 265, SA 450
8	SA 700, SA 701, SA 705, SA 706, SA 710, SA 600, SA 299
11	SA 210, SA 220, SQC-1

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SA 200 -	SA 300 -	SA 500 - 599	SA 600 - 699	SA 700 -
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220	320	505		705
230	330	510		706
260	450	520		710
265		530		
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Other standards for reference - SA 240, SA 250 ,SA 540, SA 620

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EXCEL SHORTCUTS

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1	Ctrl + Shift + &	Places border around selected cells
2	Ctrl + Shift + \$	Applies Currency Formatting
3	Ctrl + Shift + (Unhide Rows
4	Ctrl + Shift +)	Unhide Columns
5	Ctrl + 9	Hides Rows
6	Ctrl + 0	Hides Column
7	Ctrl + Shift +:	Enters the Current Time
8	Ctrl +;	Enters the Current Date
9	Ctrl + Spacebar	Selects the entire column
10	Shift + Spacebar	Selects the entire row

- EDITORS DESK

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Embrace the Journey, for every step forward, No matter how Small, Is a VICTORY towards Your DREAMS "

> - FATHIMA M SRO0687334

ARTS CORNER

POEM (GENERAL THEME)

THE GIRL NEXT ROW

There she was in her place Glancing at the laptop screen Lost in a nether world Threw my usual gaze as I walked past Those hairs reminded me Of all those names I wish to forget She turned back to give me eye contact Along with a chill in spine Was that a hidden smile Or just my desperation taking over That ravishing smile or extra sweet voice When she talks to me Just throws me of my game Not that I am an expert in this Haven't felt like this for sometime Always getting lost in my thoughts Traveling to a dream land Of my creation so regularly Just to loose the grasp of reality As I know this has to end Hoping that it's not in a heartbreak For that is all I could wish for

> - ROHITH KIRAN SRO0714138

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POEM (GENERAL THEME)

BACK THEN

Memories they say, are like sweet box Take one and can't stop from having another

The ones who were with you But now chose not to be The ones who were with you And now you keep them away The ones who were with you both crave to be together but can't be And finally The ones who were with you And you know they will always be with you

They say, memories are like sweet box Take one and can't stop from having another

> -AISWARYAA JAYAKUMAR SR00763004

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POEMS (WOMEN'S DAY THEME)

SHE.....

A word to say Just a word full of hope The diversity that lies.... Limitations....nothing but mere imaginations!! No set paths...no set rules! Unwavering attitude maketh her!! Beacon of ambition...!! For the perfect execution.... Of her role play..... A very Happy Women's Day!

-SREEPRIYA M SRO0550964

FORGOTTEN WHISPERS

When the rain had just shed, And the candlelight waned, Did your gaze wander to the door. As the radio serenaded an ancient tune, Did I find haven in your thoughts.

Did my fragrance linger In the weave of your being? Did you wish for me to be near? Buried amidst unkept promises, A phantom from once a vivid dream.

Like the first bud of a cherry tree, In the sanctum of your heart, did I bloom? When your fingers traced the fading rose, Did my laughter echo through the rooms. Or were my whispered nothings forgotten, Nothing more than a fleeting dance? Am I, but a phantom From once a vivid dream?

> - LAYA ANN SHARON SRO0775085

SHORT STORY

Garden of Support

In the heart of Elmridge, a small town nestled between rolling hills and whispering trees, there existed a forgotten plot of land. This plot, hidden away from the bustling streets, became the unlikely setting for a story of resilience, friendship, and growth.

A group of friends, each with their unique stories and struggles, noticed the neglected space and saw an opportunity for something beautiful. With shovels in hand and determination in their hearts, they decided to transform this overlooked piece of land into a sanctuary for women seeking support - a place they lovingly named "The Garden of Support."

The women gathered on a crisp spring morning, armed with seeds of hope and dreams of renewal. Each woman carefully selected a flower that resonated with her journey - a sunflower for strength, a daisy for simplicity, a rose for resilience. Planting these seeds became a symbolic act, a shared commitment to growth and solidarity.

As the seasons unfolded, so did the bonds among the women. They met regularly in the garden, not just to tend to the flowers but to share the stories that had shaped them. In the shade of an old oak tree, they exchanged advice, offered encouragement, and shared laughter. The garden became a refuge, a safe space where they could be themselves, free from judgment.

The act of nurturing the garden, once a neglected space, became a metaphor for the women's own journeys. The flowers flourished, mirroring the strength and beauty that emerged from their collective experiences. What started as a simple endeavor transformed into a powerful testament to unity and support.

As the town embraced the Garden of Support, it became a symbol of resilience, a symbol of connection in the heart of Elmridge. The once-forgotten plot had bloomed into a vibrant haven, not just for the flowers but for the women who found solace, strength, and sisterhood within its blossoming embrace.

In the heart of Elmridge, the Garden of Support stood as a living testament to the transformative power of connection, proving that sometimes, the simplest seeds of friendship and understanding could cultivate a garden of profound community and empowerment

> - ARAVIND SRO0746280

A Women's Day Letter

Dear Ma'am,

In the era where it is advised to sort out the whole trajectory of one's life to each inch, where the idea of letting the flow run along its course is out rightly abused, where it is taught to undermine success stories and sweep failures under the rug, I had my person, who has taught me to unlearn the outdated modesty around success and the taboo around occasional hiccups in life. You have been my cheerleader through it all, celebrated every small win and accepted my failures.

This letter can only reflect a teeny tiny speck of love and thankfulness I feel, for a few hundreds of words will definitely fall short for penning my love towards you.

Your love and care inspires me to accomplish things traditionally assumed difficult.

They say love has the power to move mountains. It might have the power to move mountains but the true strength exhibited by love shines upon when despite the harsh weather there remains a person and their love at the other side of the horizon pulling one out of any misery, for this life is only beautiful with you by my side.

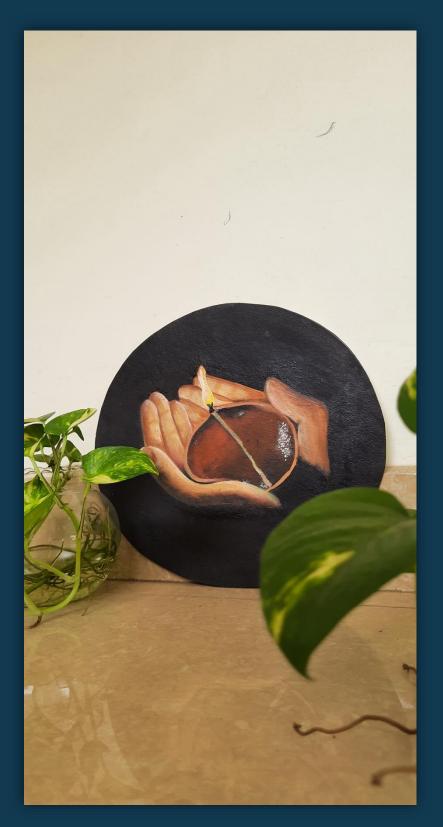
You're the best!!

Lovingly,

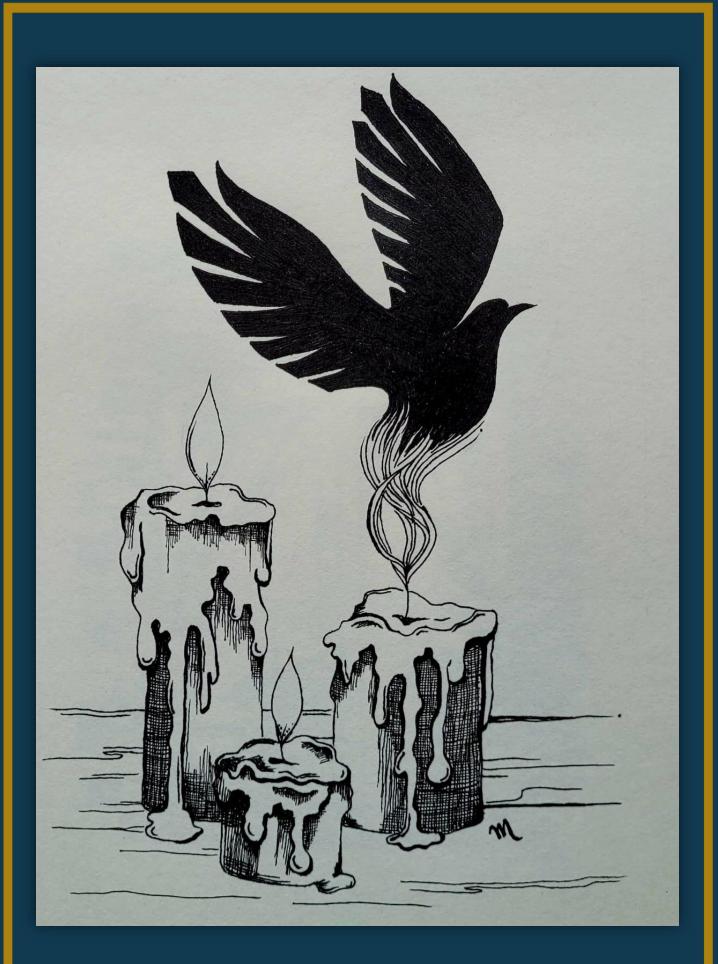
Your Girl.

- APEKSHA A KAMATH SRO0757783

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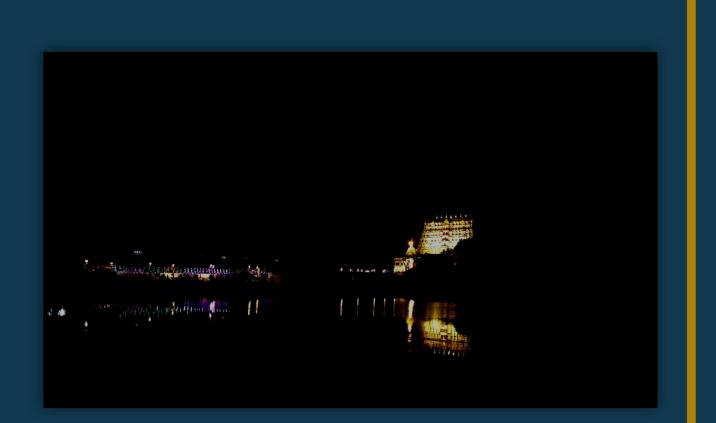
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<u>TROLLS</u>

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> ALVIN JOSE SRO0669134

<u>WINNERS</u>

TAGLINE CONTEST WINNER



CONGRATS to the Winner of our First contest of 2024-25 and whose Tagline made it to the cover page of our e-Newsletter

And since this was our First contest, we take the opportunity to congratulate the person whose Tagline came Second and missed the First place by a mere vote.



"The Unwavering Urge to Descend"

And Thanks to all the participants who took their time to think, and participate in the contest.

Don't worry folks ... More contests are on the way. Stay Tuned.

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