

  
indus  
INTERNATIONAL  
2023-2024



APRIL 2024

## **OBJECTIVES OF INDUS**

To provide a cultural opportunity for English speaking Indian and Non-Indian women to meet together for joint participation in activities of mutual interest, to promote understanding between countries and to provide a forum for the development of fellowship.

Indus International M.O.A. 1967

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## April at a Glance

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DATE	ACTIVITY	SPEAKER	VENUE
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> <b>Note: Change of date</b>	Executive meeting		<b>ZOOM</b>
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> <b>Note: Change of date</b>	Art & Handicrafts	Vanita Bhandari	<b>Vanita Bhandari</b> 7 Kamal Mahal Carmichael Road
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Philosophy & Religion	Persis Vatcha	<b>Parnika Khanna</b> 4 A Woodlands Pedder Road
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Annual General Meeting		<b>Blue Sea Banquets</b> Worli Sea face



## From the Desk of the Presidents

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Our year as Presidents has flown by and we are truly grateful to our Board members and Executive Committee members who have planned outstanding meetings and events and have supported us throughout the year.

There are also so many committee members who work endlessly behind the scenes and assist us to maintain the Indus ethos of friendship and fellowship. Sincere thanks to our Advisory, Nominating, WhatsApp & Computer, Social Media, Database, Disbursement, Ad-hoc and Travel committees, as well as all our members who worked tirelessly at our various annual events. There are just too many to name individually, but it is only because of each and every one of these members that our year has been so very fulfilling and successful. Their tremendous effort and faultless planning have made the year exceptional and so easy for us both.

We will meet once more at the Annual General Meeting where we will welcome and handover to the new Board and Executive Members for 2024-25. We wish them a great year filled with achievements and memorable experiences.

**Hema (Tinu) Shanghvi**

**Pervin Poonawala**



# Indus International Proposed Board 2024–2025

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On behalf of the Nominating Committee, it is my pleasure to present the Indus International Proposed Board for 2024-25

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Sarita Agarwal  
Chairperson, Nominating Committee



## Final Disbursement 2023 - 2024

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*...the education of even a small child therefore does not aim at preparing him for school, but for life .....Maria Montessori*

After ninety years of nurturing children's minds, the iconic Montessori nursery school Casa Montessori at Marine Drive is closing. This was established in 1934 by the aunt of our member **Nazneen Dubash**. For the last several decades, Nazneen has run this nursery school with great empathy and professionalism and has moulded the minds of countless young children. She has now decided to retire.

She might have had other options but her decision to embrace philanthropy & generosity stands out as an inspiration to us all. As the establishment had to shut, Nazneen chose to donate every single item in her Montessori to charitable institutions, as per the wishes of her aunt.

This included tables, benches, chairs, stools, cupboards, an entire stage unit, shelving racks, coat stands, bulletin boards, black boards, white boards, educational charts and toys, posters, board games & puzzles, books, a huge selection of various teaching aids, utility materials, cc tvs., etc.

Nazneen kindly donated all of this to us at Indus International, and together we identified several non-profit organisations. We distributed the items to those we were confident would benefit from them. We will be following up to ensure this.

These are the main beneficiaries:

- Aseema
- CORP (community outreach program)
- Seva Sadan
- Manav
- The Bai B S Bengalee School
- The Women Graduates Union

In addition, various other NGOs were given educational teaching items.

**On behalf of everyone at Indus International we wish to sincerely thank Nazneen Dubash for her kindness & generosity.**

**Her contribution holds immense significance and will make a lasting difference to so many underprivileged children in our Mumbai community.**

## Final Disbursement 2023-24

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Organisation	Project	Amount
Manav	Mental Illness	Rs 1,00,000
Pragati Prashishtan	Hearing impaired tribal children	Rs 1,00,000
Prayas	Rehabilitation & training of ex-prisoners	Rs 1,00,000
Cancare	Cancer surgery & treatment (Dr Sultan Pradhan's foundation)	Rs.1,00,000
Palcare	Palliative care for cancer patients	Rs 1,00,000
All Saints Home	Old age home for women	Rs 1,00,000
Wecan	Work with disadvantaged children in shanties	Rs 1,00,000
Annam	Nutritious food parcel distribution to underprivileged children	Rs 1,00,000



### NEWSLETTERS

Monthly newsletters will be sent by Email and WhatsApp. Please contact the Vice Presidents if you have not received your newsletter.

### ZOOM MEETING RULES

- 1) No entries post 11:25 am.
- 2) All Cameras on at 11:10 am and at the end of the meeting at 12:15 pm. A screenshot will be taken. Only those members on that screenshot will be given attendance.

### CONDOLENCES

Our deepest condolences to Padma Vazirani on the sad demise of her husband.

Our deepest condolences to Rina Kapadia on the sad demise of her father.





# Database Changes For April 2024

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## Change of Status

Mona Mahadevia	ME-8	Senior
Panna Vinay Shah	S-16	Resigned
Marie-Amelie Bulchandani	MN-4	Non-Resident
Penelope Shrivastav	SF-8	Non-Resident



## Executive Meeting

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Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April  
Note change of date

11:00 am - 12:15 pm

ZOOM

Ladies, please email a copy of the blurb for your June meeting, latest by 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2024, to both:

Armaity Sumariwalla      [armaitys@gmail.com](mailto:armaitys@gmail.com)

Vidya Srinivas      [vidyacadambe@gmail.com](mailto:vidyacadambe@gmail.com)

We do not require a hard copy of the blurb.

Please email your attendance sheet for each month to the Membership Treasurers, immediately after your meeting, on the emails given below.

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Christina Mirani:      [chris.mirani@gmail.com](mailto:chris.mirani@gmail.com)

**Armaity Sumariwalla**

**Vidya Srinivas**



Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April

11:00 am to 12:15 pm

Residence of:

**Vanita Bhandari**

7 Kamal Mahal, 4th floor  
17 Carmichael Road  
(Next to Usha Kiran,  
Behind Jaslok Hospital)  
Mumbai 400026

**Limit: 30 members**

### GARA EMBROIDERY - THEN AND NOW

Indus member **Vanita Bhandari** is a fashion entrepreneur who is working on the revival of hand embroidery. She took over her mother's home-grown embroidery business. Coming from a mixed marriage – a Parsi mother and a Punjabi father - she opened a store in her mother's name and created a brand- **Pegara**.

At her home, you will see, touch and feel antique Garas, jackets and kors (borders) and observe first-hand the intricate fine embroidery executed in different stitches. She will also take us through the history of traditional Garas and talk about their adaptations in modern times.

To register, please send a WhatsApp message to Vidya Srinivas on +91 98699 18348 on 5<sup>th</sup> April, by 5:00 pm

**Perna Kewalramani**



**Juliana Ballard**

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April

11:00 am - 12:15 pm

Residence of:

**Parnika Khanna**  
4A Woodlands  
Pedder Rd  
(Opposite Vama)  
Mumbai 400026

Guests Welcome

### GREEK MYTHOLOGY

What is a myth? The function of a myth will be discussed in today's talk. We will learn about gods, goddesses, demi-gods, the creation of man and the relationship of man and Gods today.

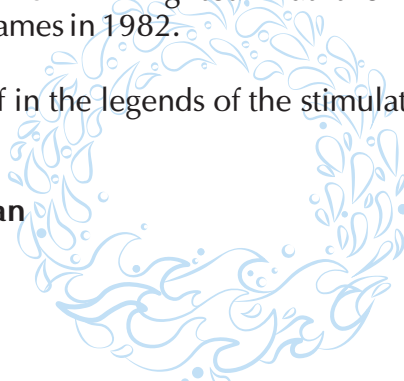
Our speaker, Indus member **Persis Vatcha** will discuss the stories of Zeus and Hera, The Trojan War, The Fall of Troy, The Labours of Hercules. We will delve into the love stories of Hero and Leander, Baucis and Philemon, Pyramus and Thisbe, Narcissus, Phaeton, Aeneas, Bellerophon and Orpheus. Come to listen and laugh at how life can throw you a curved ball!

Persis has done her BA in History and her MA in Ancient Asian Cultures, winning the first prize from the University of Bombay. She has been awarded the Chhatrapati Shivaji Award, Arjuna Award and Gaurav Puraskar for her excellence in swimming. She was captain of the Indian ladies' swimming team at the Asian Games and Commonwealth Games in 1982.

Come lose yourself in the legends of the stimulating and exciting Greek myths.

**Dr. Jeannie Madan**

**Benu Parkash**



## Annual General Meeting

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Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April                      11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Venue:                                      **Blue Sea Banquets**  
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Mumbai 400 030

Registration and submitting of Membership Renewal forms and fees will begin at **10:30 am**.

The Membership Renewal form is on the next page, followed by the Participation form. Members are requested to print, fill and submit the forms at the Annual General Meeting.

Forms will also be sent by WhatsApp and email to all the members.

At the Annual General Meeting, members may pay by cash or cheque – payable to Indus International.

The option to pay the membership renewal fee by cash will only be available at the Annual General Meeting.

You can also pay the membership renewal fee via the Google link.

The link for the membership renewal fee payment will be shared via WhatsApp and email.



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## NEW MEMBERSHIP / MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM 2024 – 2025

1. PLEASE FILL ALL ENTRIES & RETURN FORM TO THE TREASURER BEFORE 31/07/2024.
2. PAYMENT CAN BE MADE AT THE AGM OR THROUGH THE LINK SHARED ON THE INDUS NOTICE BOARD OR TO THE TREASURERS.
3. CHEQUES SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO INDUS INTERNATIONAL.
4. AT THE AGM, OR THEREAFTER, FEES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT THE RENEWAL FORM.
5. MEMBERS 70 YEARS OF AGE AND ABOVE MAY OPT FOR THE 'SENIOR MEMBER' STATUS

### COMPLETE INFORMATION

NAME:  
MEMBERSHIP No:  
NATIONALITY:  
STATUS:  
ADDRESS:  
DATE OF BIRTH:  
CITY & PIN CODE:  
PHONE NUMBERS:  
MOBILE No:  
EMAIL:  
NEXT OF KIN NAME:  
NEXT OF KIN MOBILE:  
NEXT OF KIN EMAIL:

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### FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

RECEIVED FROM:  
MEMBERSHIP No:  
PAID Rs. 3,500/- (MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FEES)  
CHEQUE No:  
BANK:  
DATE:  
FOR TREASURER:

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### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

RECEIVED FROM:  
MEMBERSHIP No:  
PAID Rs 3500/-  
IN WORDS: THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDREND ONLY  
CHEQUE No:  
BANK:  
DATE:  
FOR TREASURER:



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## MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION FORM 2024 – 2025

**PLEASE FILL ALL ENTRIES & RETURN FORM, ALONG WITH MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FEES, AT THE AGM OR TO THE TREASURER BEFORE 31/07/2024.**

NAME:

MEMBERSHIP No:

**1. CAN YOU HOST A MEETING?** YES  NO  FOR HOW MANY PEOPLE?

**2. DO YOU HAVE OR CAN YOU VOLUNTEER A HOME/HALL WHERE INDUS CAN HOST LARGE EVENTS SUCH AS A FELLOWSHIP?**  
YES  NO  FOR HOW MANY PEOPLE?

**3. DO YOU HAVE A PIANO THAT CAN BE USED FOR MEETINGS OR SPECIAL EVENTS?** YES  NO

**4. WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A CHAIRLADY FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES?**

ART & HANDICRAFTS     HEALTH & ECOLOGY     PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION

BOOK DISCUSSION     HISTORY, CULTURE & TOURS

COOKING SWAPSHOP     MUSIC     PERFORMING ARTS

CURRENTS EVENTS

**5. HOW ELSE CAN YOU HELP INDUS THRIVE?**

CAN YOU ARRANGE FOR SPEAKERS? YES  NO

CAN YOU HELP ORGANIZE EVENTS? YES  NO

CAN YOU HELP WITH REGISTERING? YES  NO

CAN YOU HELP WITH TECHNICAL SUPPORT? YES  NO

CAN YOU HELP COLLECT MEMBERS' DETAILS? YES  NO

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN A BOARD MEMBER OR A CHAIRLADY? YES  NO

IF YES, WHAT POSITION:

YEAR:



# Indus International Annual General Meeting Agenda

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Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Venue:

Blue Sea Banquets

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## AGENDA

- To read and adopt the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on 21st April 2023.
- To read and adopt the Secretary's Report.
- To read and adopt the Treasurer's Report.
- To receive and pass the Audited Statement of Accounts and Audit Report for the year 2023-24.
- To appoint Auditor Mukesh Sheth of Sheth & Associates for the financial year 2024-25.
- To read and adopt the Membership Treasurer's Report
- To pass and adopt Resolutions, if any.
- Address by the Advisory Committee.
- Remarks of the Outgoing Presidents.
- To propose the Nomination Slate and elect the Office Bearers for 2024-25.
- To introduce the new Activity Chairpersons for the year 2024-25.
- Address by the Incoming Presidents.
- Any Other Business
- Indus Song

**Any item to be brought up under "Any Other Business" at the AGM should be intimated to the Secretaries on or before Friday 5th April 2024, 5:00 pm.**

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