

indus  
INTERNATIONAL



**DECEMBER - 2021**

TOGETHER WE CAN BUILD CASTLES  
2021-2022

## **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.

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## NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2021 MONTH AT A GLANCE

Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Handicrafts & Art <sup>^</sup>
Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cooking@# <sup>^</sup>
Monday	6 <sup>th</sup>	Executive Meeting
Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup>	Music@ <sup>^</sup>
Friday	10 <sup>th</sup>	History, Culture and Tours <sup>^</sup>
Tuesday	14 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Morning

@ Change of date

# Change of time

<sup>^</sup> Guests allowed

## DESK OF THE PRESIDENTS

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Jingle bells, Jingle bells, Jingle all the way. Oh, what fun it is to celebrate together in the true Indus spirit. Last month, it was heartwarming to see so many members at our Diwali and Founders Day celebrations. All who attended felt nostalgic as Past Presidents revived our memory with anecdotes and poems of the yesteryears. A big thank you to Avni Parikh for an amazing dance performance.

Our upcoming **Bingo Night** (November 29<sup>th</sup>) promises to be filled with fun and excitement. We have lots of exciting prizes for winners, some amount of banter and lots of entertainment. A big thank you to Nisha Agrawal for organizing the bingo night event.

This month we continue to create new memories together by celebrating Christmas morning with the Indus Choir and a few more guests. Our Choir has been working tirelessly so that we can sing along with the soulful, Christmas Carols they sing for us (kindly check page number 10 for more detail).



As we look forward to the New Year our Chairladies are planning exciting speakers, the Indus quiz, and several interactive meetings. Please do give your suggestions for speakers and do not forget to fulfill your minimum attendance of 10 meetings and 2 Participations for the year

Happy Festival season to you and your loved ones

**Radhika Kaji**

**Ravit Kedem**



## BIRTHDAYS FOR NOVEMBER / DECEMBER

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### NOVEMBER

Anuradha Pittie	19 <sup>th</sup>	Shibani Gandhi	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Varsha Sethi	21 <sup>st</sup>	Tannaz Commissariat	25 <sup>th</sup>
Pratibha Patel	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Renuka Ramnathkar	26 <sup>th</sup>
Dinoo Parakh	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Barbara Jenzer	28 <sup>th</sup>
Salome Roy Kapur	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Veena Kalra	30 <sup>th</sup>
Rachel Bhot	23 <sup>rd</sup>		

### DECEMBER

Ayesha Soonawalla	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Selma Kriegner	20 <sup>th</sup>
Jyoti Jasani	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Anita Mahtani	21 <sup>st</sup>
Nirmala Gidwani	7 <sup>th</sup>	Rumah Wahal	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Madhavi Shah	8 <sup>th</sup>	Sujata Kapadia	24 <sup>th</sup>
Dilnaar Ahmadullah	15 <sup>th</sup>	Veena Motwani	25 <sup>th</sup>
Umaima Mulla Feroze	15 <sup>th</sup>	Gayatri Bewoor	28 <sup>th</sup>
Anu Kedia	16 <sup>th</sup>	Marge-Tamar Gubbay	28 <sup>th</sup>
Manju Gulati	20 <sup>th</sup>		

# NOTICE BOARD

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## INDUS QUIZ

We are planning an Indus Quiz in January, on the subject of Festivals of the World. The Quiz will be held on Zoom. There will be three teams of two or three members each. Each team will be seated in one location. The rules and guidelines will be given to the participants and a practice run will be held. Welcoming you to take part in this fun-filled event!

Members who are interested may register themselves with Hemal Udani: 98211 19815

Monday - Friday 10-12 noon  
Dec 13-17th  
&  
Jan 3rd-7th.

In case she misses your call. Please leave a message and she will revert.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Our warmest congratulations to our President, Radhika Kaji on becoming a Grandmother



## EXECUTIVE MEETING

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Monday 6<sup>th</sup>

11 am – 12 pm

**ZOOM meeting:**

**Zoom ID will be posted on WhatsApp and emailed one day prior to the meeting.**

Ladies, please email a copy of the blurb for your January meeting latest by 10th December 2021 to both:

Shivani Chadda

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We do not require a hard copy of the blurb.

Please email your attendance sheets from the previous month's meeting to the Membership Treasurers immediately after your meeting on the email given below.

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**Shivani Chadda**

**Rachel Bhot**



# HANDICRAFTS & ART

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Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>

11.15 am – 12.15 pm

**ZOOM meeting:**

**Zoom ID will be posted on WhatsApp and emailed one day prior to the meeting.**

**Guests Welcome**

## DIY CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

We have joined hands to bring you a morning of “Do It Yourself” Christmas decorations. Christmas is all about preparations, decorating your house, preparing cards and gifts or just spending some time with loved ones baking cookies.

Our very own Indus member **Marie Bulchandani** will share her love and talent for the arts and crafts to show you three easy ways of getting this special Christmas feeling by making some decorations yourself during this meeting.

At the end of November, we will share a list of needed materials on WhatsApp, so that you can prepare yourself.

Please join us “making” something lovely for the holidays, and no worries, if you only want to watch or want to try your hands at one or two items this morning.

The idea is to have a fun time together!!

Happy Holidays!

**Anita Gupta**

**Jiloo Billimoria**

**Laila Karan**

**Nicola Gerber**





# COOKING SWAPSHOP

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Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>

3.30pm – 4.30pm

(Please note change of time and date)

**ZOOM meeting:**

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**Guests Welcome**

## HOPPERS - LONDON

Today we have with us our very own Mumbai Mulga (boy), **Karan Gokani**, who is presently making waves in the London Restaurant circuit! A lawyer by profession, but foodie at heart, Karan will share with us his interesting journey from *Cambridge to Curry!*

In October 2015 **Hoppers** opened its doors in Soho and there has been no looking back. Londoners loved the delicious Sri Lankan and South Indian flavours, and in just a few years, the group spans three restaurants, in Soho, Marylebone and Kings Cross and several delivery kitchens across London.

Five years on from the opening of Hoppers Soho, an online and in-store retail platform was created and *Hoppers Cash & Kari* was launched in October 2020. A Sri Lankan 'corner shop' for modern times, the Cash & Kari store brings the flavours and spirit of Hoppers offering meal kits, restaurant-blend curry powders, Sri Lankan spices, ready-to-drink cocktails, and Hoppers' own-brew beers to homes nationwide.

Join us this afternoon as Karan shares with us some delicious recipes and tips, so we can all bring a little bit of Sri Lanka to our tables

**Neelima Patel**

**Rachita Kapur**



## MUSIC

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Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>

11.15 am – 12.15 pm  
(Please note change of date)

**ZOOM meeting:**

**Zoom ID will be posted on WhatsApp and emailed one day prior to the meeting.**

**Guests Welcome**

### **UNRAVELLING THE INNER BEAUTY OF THE GHAZAL**

In recent times poetry (especially Urdu poetry) has seen a resurgence amongst the masses.

True talent will always receive the accolades it deserves. It is with this phenomenon that **Rochana Dahanukar** with her melodious voice and inimitable style commands respect and a large fan following, a Mallika -e-Mausiqui in India and abroad.

She received training from an early age in Hindustani classical music from the late Pandit Satyanarayan Singhji of the Patiala Ghaarana. She received tutelage in Urdu by the late Prof. Shamir Gaya, which has enhanced her rendering of the Ghazal. She is currently receiving training in the Khayal and Thumri Gayaki from Smt. Geeta Prem. She is also a composer. Many of her Ghazal renditions are her own compositions. Rochana is also a voice trainer and has trained quite a few successful artists Viva, Caliche, Neha Bhasin to name a few. We are fortunate to have Rochana sing for us and explain the nuances of the Ghazal.

This is going to be a very soulful musical morning

**Salome Roy Kapur**

**Marietta Barreto**



## HISTORY, CULTURE & TOURS

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Friday 10<sup>th</sup>

11.15 am – 12.15 pm

**ZOOM meeting:**

**Zoom ID will be posted on WhatsApp and emailed one day prior to the meeting.**

**Guests Welcome**

### **A VIRTUAL WALK-THROUGH FRERE TOWN, BOMBAY**

When the walls of Bombay Fort were pulled down in 1862, the Government envisaged the creation of a new town rising on the rubble of the old walls.

Along the areas of Esplanade came up one of the city's most impressive urban development projects. 'NEW TOWN' was to be an area of commerce, business, education, government and private residences on the plots that were carved out.

**Dr Rashna Poncha** will take us on a walk through the Bombay of the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century, brought by the forethought of the Governor Henry Bartle Frere- the New Town or Frere Town as it was later known.

**Soha Parekh**

**Priya Mehta**



## CHRISTMAS MORNING

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Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>

11.15 am – 12.15 pm

**ZOOM meeting:**

**Zoom ID will be posted on WhatsApp and emailed one day prior to the meeting.**

### A TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS

Today we celebrate Christmas in the traditional way. We are fortunate to have with us the Rev. Avinash Rangayya of St. Thomas Cathedral and we will begin the morning with a short address from him. The Indus choir will sing a variety of Christmas carols for us including many old favourites and members are welcome to sing along with gusto. We will also hear from a couple of our members about the traditions and customs surrounding Christmas both in India and Europe.

Do join us for a festive morning before the holidays!

**Shivani Chadda**

**Rachel Bhot**

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