

PATIENCE & PERSEVERANCE JULY 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.

Indus International M.O.A. 1967

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INDUS INTERNATIONAL

NEWSLETTER JULY 2022 MONTH AT A GLANCE

Friday 1st Performing Arts

Monday 4th Executive Meeting

Tuesday 5th Health & Ecology 🛗 🕔

Thursday 7th Art

Tuesday 12th Handicraft (

Wednesday 13th Cooking Swapshop 🛗

Tuesday 19th EGM &

Philosophy and Religion

Thursday 21st Book Discussion

Tuesday 26th Current Events

Wednesday 27th History Culture and Tours iii

Thursday 28th Music

Change of date:

Change of time: (

Guests allowed:

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENTS

With the coming of the Monsoon and the return of normalcy in the city we look forward to getting together with our Indus friends again. We hope to see our members taking full advantage of this, bringing us back to our good old days of sipping coffee and chatter before the meetings.

There's much in store for the next few months. Our enthusiastic chairladies have lined up very interesting meetings, many of them in person and a few on Zoom.

As a precautionary measure, masking for in person meetings is requested.

We thank the outgoing Chairladies for organizing some fantastic meetings in June to start off the year in style and motivating us to invite diverse speakers in the coming months.

The Disbursement and Membership Committees have been formed. We look forward to working with our new committee members and thank all of them.

Our trusted and efficient Communications team remains the same and we look forward to their continued support.

In the spirit of togetherness, we welcomed all our new members with an ice breaker over tea, giving them a taste of the friendship, fellowship, fun and laughter that we all share.

Our meticulous travel committee is working hard as always to put together a great holiday. In order to avoid FOMO and disappointment, do get in touch with them for more fun details on the destinations. NEEDLESS to say, Indus trips are a great opportunity to make new everlasting friends and strengthen existing friendships.

We have enthusiastically planned various special events in the coming months and look forward to your suggestions & participation in each. Please do get in touch with either one of us.

Enjoy this season and see you soon!

Sheena Kataria

Nalini Shewakramani

EXTRA ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that an Extra Ordinary General Meeting of Indus International will be held virtually over Zoom on 19th July 2022 at 10:15am. The meeting is being called to pass the below proposed Resolutions.

To consider and if thought fit, to pass with or without modifications, the following Resolutions:

"RESOLVED that the Audited Balance Sheet as on 31 st March 2022 and the Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 st March 2022 presented before the EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING on the 19 th of July 2022 are hereby received and adopted."

"RESOLVED that Indus International Audited and signed accounts, IT orders plus returns filed with Charity Commissioner for all past years should be scanned and kept in soft copy."

"Further RESOLVED from 1st April 2022 accounts shall be maintained in digital format as advised by the current Auditor, Mukesh Sheth of "SHETH & ASSOCIATES"

"RESOLVED to scan and store soft copies of Executive Meeting Minutes up to FY 2015 and keep only physical records for 10 years."

Explanatory Statement

The Accounts of Indus International could not be approved at the Annual General Meeting held on 21 st April 2022 as the audit had not been completed, on account of delay of TDS certificate from the banks, therefore under Article 66(2) of the Rules and Regulations of the Memorandum of Association of Indus International the meeting is being called to pass these Resolutions.

All ACCOUNTS as per income tax mandate must be maintained for 7 years in physical hard copy preceding the current year only; up to FY 2015 vouchers bills etc prior to 2014 be totally trashed.

Sheena Kataria President Nalini (Kaya) Shewakramani President

NOTICE BOARD

NEWSLETTER:

Monthly newsletters will be sent by email and whatsapp to all members. Hard copy of the newsletter by post will **NOT** be sent. Do update your email address with the Membership Treasurers. You may contact Madhavi Shah on 9892950153 if you have not joined the Indus Notice Board.

DATABASE CHANGES FOR JULY 2022

New Members

Shazia Andhyarujina

A-94British

Flat 7, Revills 45 Cuffe Parade Mumbai 400005

Landline: 22153050 **Mobile**: 9820097568

Email: shaziarahuja@gmail.com

CONDOLENCES

Deepest condolences to Nisha Aggarwal for the sudden demise of her mother.

Deepest condolences to the family of our very senior member Doreen Krishna who passed away.

Deepest condolences to Gayatri Bewoor on the demise of her brother.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our warmest congratulations to Bina Kejriwal on becoming a grandmother to her first grandson.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE (2022- 2023)

Presidents: Sheena Kataria, Nalini (Kaya) Shewakramani

Past Presidents: Radhika Kaji, Ravit Kedem

Membership Treasurers: Maya Merchant, Ana Panadikar

Members: Surbhi Tanna, Vidya Srinivas, Anahita Havaldar

NOTICE BOARD....

DISBURSEMENT COMMITTEE (2022-2023)

Presidents: Sheena Kataria, Nalini (Kaya) Shewakramani

Treasurers: Nisha Aggarwal, Amisha Himatsingka

Members: Dolat Kotwal, Rehana Datoobhoy, Rachel Bhot,

Lyla Mehta

COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

Minoti Jain, Farzana Khanna, Madhavi Shah, Nazneen Dubash, Rumah Wahal, Jaya Chawla.

TRAVEL

The Indus trip to **Kashmir/Kangra** in late September has started to fill up. Those of you who wish to join the trippers please let the travel committee have your preferences no later than **5**th **July 2022**.

Anu Toshniwal Dina Desai Indira Kilachand 98200 68100 9820231010 9820057219

FELLOWSHIP

In- person Fellowship is scheduled on Thursday, 22nd September and will focus on the Indian Festival of Navratri. Please contact the Vice Presidents, Priya Mehta or Marietta Barreto if you would like to participate/contribute in anyway.

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Participation Helpmate

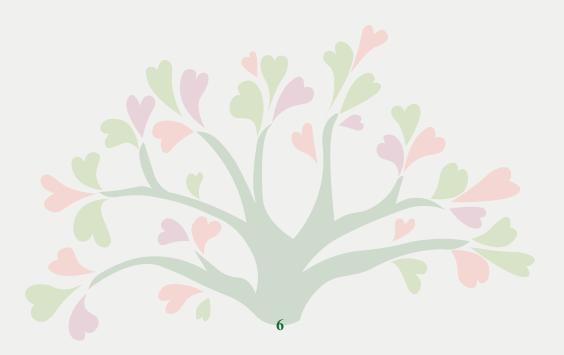
<u>Call or whatsapp</u> our two Participation helpmates who will help all members with Participation opportunities.

Cherry Mehta: 98204 09267 Varsha Sethi: 93237 81942

Senior Member Helpmate

A special reminder to our senior members, that this year we have appointed two long standing and well appreciated members **Rekha Shah & Jinx Akerkar** whom you can address with any issue related to Indus activities, share your ideas and suggestions.

We would also like to see senior members at our meetings to attend for at least a minimum of 6 times per year.



Birthdays for July

Wishing all our members Best Wishes on their special day "Alles Gute Zum Gebuststag"



Joy of Giving

Birthdays are a special occasion.

Make a difference and spread the Joy of Giving,

Celebrate by donating to Indus International and support the cause undertaken of your choice.

Contact: Sheena Kataria or Kaya Shewakramani



Annual Fee and Membership Renewal Form

Please send your renewal fee of Rs. 3,500/- before 31st July 2022.

The following are the TWO payment options:

Option 1: Cheque payment - Please send a crossed cheque made payable to Indus International and hand over to the Treasurers:

Nisha Aggarwal or Amisha Himatsingka

Option 2: Online transfer - Renewal through a payment gateway link. You can pay with Instamojo, just use this link - https://imjo.in/AxkgEN

After you click the link in the "Purpose of Payment" write your full name and membership number and complete the online transfer.

Membership Renewal Google Form

Please click on the link below. It will open up the Membership Renewal Google form.

Kindly fill it and press the submit button. https://forms.gle/7XksvwFKLA4wgTwC9

WELFARE — APPEALS FROM CHARITIES

Listed below are the Charities who have appealed to Indus International for their worthy causes.

Please donate generously to support these organistions which are trying to survive in the post pandemic economy.

All cheques to be made in favour of Indus International.

Please include the following:

- PAN Card copy.
- Letter of Donation stating purpose of the donation, payment details, etc.
- Indus will give a receipt and copy of its 80G certificate to the donor.
- 1) **WOMEN'S GRADUATE UNION** Award scholarships to students from the lower income group after selecting a deserving candidate for their chosen field of education. Request Rs.1,50,000 will support 10 students. (Rs. 15000/- per student)
- 2) **PASSAGES** gives financial assistance to Women undergoing Radiation & Chemotherapy to lesser privileged Cancer patients through the Passages "ILLNESS TO WELLNESS" programme within Mumbai city. (www.epassages.org)
 Request Rs. 2,00,000 will support 20 patients this year.
- 3) YASHAM's school program for the underprivileged children supplements formal school Education. Focus on proficiency in English, basic mathematical skills and value systems.

 Request of Rs. 2,40,000 to support 20 children for one year.
- 4) WOMEN'S INDIA TRUST (WIT) provides better educational facilities and conducive living environment to nursing students at Panvel, Raigad.

Request for improving education facilities & equipment required for the Nursing school - Rs.1,81,600/-

WELFARE — APPEALS FROM CHARITIES......

5) KHERWADI SOCIAL WELFARE ASSOCIATION (KSWA) - Smokeless Chulhas addresses rural womens health as well as the environment. We request support to provide women of the Gond tribe in Gadchiroli with Smokeless Chulha, a donation of Rs. 12,00,000/- will address 600 women. The cost of one painted smokeless chulha made of bricks with concretised top and plastered with mud is Rs. 2000/-

Request for donation of Rs. 12,00,000/ for 600 chulhas.

6) CENTRE FOR TRANSFORMING INDIA-

Bicycle project initiated to make the commute easy and reduce the drop out rate of girls in Alibaug schools .Each bicycle cost is Rs.5000/-

Request a donation of Rs.1,00,000/ to help 20 girl students to complete their education.

7) <u>CUDDLES</u> - a nonprofit foundation focused on providing food and nutrition to underprivileged children battling cancer in government cancer hospitals. Cuddles Foundation was born to fight childhood cancer due to impact of the lack of nutrition to kids suffering with cancer.

Request for 648 beneficiaries annually at Rs. 3400/-per ration basket. Monthly requirement is 54 ration baskets to support.

8) KHERWADI SOCIAL WELFARE ASSOCIATION (KSWA)-Backyard Poultry -This project addresses rural women's nutrition needs and their livelihoods by support to provide tribal women in Gadchiroli with training and start - up poultry units. Request for Rs. 21,00,000/- the cost Rs. 7,000/- per household, (total number of households is 300)

PERFORMING ARTS

Friday 1st 11.00 a.m - 12:15 p.m

In-person meetings:

Residence of: Annu Toshniwal

Lalit Kunj, 6th floor,

70, Pochkhanawala Road, Worli, Mumbai 400 030.

Limit - 30 members

GULZAR ISHQ - with Renuu Gupta

Renuu is a content writer, editor and an artist who narrates beyond the beaten path. She curates and presents programs on lives and works of eminent Indian personalities and litterateurs, for example, "Zindagi Gulzar Hai" on Gulzar, "Main Tainu Pher Milangi" and "Chhitthiye" on Amrita Pritam, "Jashn-e-Sahir" on Sahir Ludhianvi, "The Irreverent Sardar" on Khushwant Singh, "Mera Rangde Basanti Chola" on Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Princess-Goddess on Draupadi, and many more, both live and through her YouTube channel.

Today she brings to us, **Gulzar Ishq**, acquainting us with the genius of Gulzar, the people who shaped him, shared his life and, inspired him through his magical world of words set to music. Let us discover the true poet and writer beyond Bollywood.

After a hiatus of two years, ladies, let us celebrate the gift of life in person and rekindle the spirit of Indus through poetry and music.

Gopi Vaid

Neeru Mehra

For registrations call Gauri Marwah 98339 89941 on Monday 27th June between 10:00am-12:00pm and 5:00pm -7:00pm

Any cancellations before 48 hours.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Monday 4th 11:00 a.m - 12:15 p.m

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 July meeting latest by 10th July 2022 to both.

Priya Mehta priya.n.mehta@gmail.com Marietta Barreto mariettabarreto@hotmail.com

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 emails given below.

mayamerchant@hotmail.com ana.d.panandiker@gmail.com

Priya Mehta **Marietta Barreto**

HEALTH & ECOLOGY

Tuesday 5th July 4:00 p.m - 5:15 p.m

Please note change of date and time

Zoom Meeting: Zoom ID will be posted

on WhatsApp and emailed one day prior to the meeting.

Guests welcome

Changing Nutrition Needs of Women

For women, nutrition needs change through the life cycle. From teenage years to reproductive years of pregnancy and nursing, to reaching menopause and enjoying the years beyond while aging gracefully. The latter years are when most women are free of responsibilities and are ready to enjoy life. It is very important that during this phase one takes care of health, so that one can enjoy the middle age and beyond. Nutrition is a very important component in maintaining good health. It is a science but with self-styled experts it has become pseudoscience with more questions than answers.

Niti Desai is going to throw light on nutrition needs in mid-life and clear lot of myths. Niti is a celebrity nutritionist practicing in south Mumbai. She has worked with Femina Miss India and with many well- known families including Bollywood celebrities and our Olympic champions Mary Kom and Gagan Narang.

Namrata Singhania

Neeta Merchant



Thursday 7th

11:00 a.m - 12:15 p.m

In Person Meeting:

Venue:

JADE

001, Ground Floor, Mewar Apartments, 40A, Peddar Road, Mumbai 400026.

Limit: 35 members

JADE FASHION ART WITH A HEART

JADE is not merely a couture label. It was created to revive Indian ancient arts, in turn empowering craftsmen across India. Be it Leheriya or Miniature Art, Goand artists from Odisha or silversmiths from Jaipur, Jade constantly works with them to keep our Indian culture and heritage alive. They aim to give back to the artisans their creativity and dignity as together they find modern expressions to ancient techniques.

To further this vision and holistically address social and economical issues, Jade laid the foundation for the Chanakya School of Craft. This is a non profit organisation that preserves our culture, enables multi-dimensional learning and provides equal opportunities to the backbone of our community-the women.

Monica and Karishma of Jade walk you through their interesting journey.

Rashna Doongaji

Kanchan Khubchandani

For registrations please call Rekha Chabria 9820159594 on Wednesday 29^{th} June between 11:00 a.m and 12:00 noon or $4:00\,p.m-5:00\,p.m$

HANDICRAFTS

Tuesday 12th 4:00 p.m - 5:00 p.m

Please note change of time

Zoom Meeting: Zoom ID will be posted on

WhatsApp and emailed

one day prior to the meeting.

Guests welcome

A JOURNEY TO MEXICO - TRADITIONAL CRAFTS OF OAXACA

The Mexican state of Oaxaca is home to over 70 pottery communities, each with their own styles and techniques. Overwhelmingly, traditional methods still prevail in the region with forms and techniques largely unchanged.

Working with artisans and designers from across the region, **Raffaella Goffredi** is an advocate for traditional Oaxacan crafts. Raffaella will share with us the stories behind some of these remarkable craft communities, their techniques and how these communities are not only surviving in a modern world, but are models of sustainable and ethical craft practices.

Raffaella, a former Design Specialist at Christie's, established London-based online business Revolution of Forms in 2020, to promote handmade design and craft. Revolution of Forms has been featured in such publications as Elle Decoration, The Financial Times and exhibited at London Craft Week.

Shabana Abdulkarim

Helen Craggs

COOKING SWAPSHOP

Wednesday 13th

11.00 a.m - 12.15 p.m

Please note change of date

In person meeting:

Venue: Sunita Nahar

51/52 Infinity Tower,

15, Narayan Dhabolkar Road,

Mumbai - 400 006.

Limit: 30 members

"ALL YOU KNEAD IS LOVE!!"

The Dough Show an artisanal bakery offers a unique range of homemade breads that are great for breakfast spreads, luncheons and teas and even as dinner bites.

Everything at The Dough Show is made to order using highest quality natural and freshest ingredients. All their breads are eggless!

Divya Khanna, the proud owner of this artisanal bakery is a self-taught baker with professional training in food preservation. Today she will be demonstrating the technique of making Korean Buns etc.

The Dough Show prides itself on its unique packaging and gifting hampers.

For registrations, please call Isha Kedia on 9820180662 on Monday, 4th July between 10.00 a.m - 11.30 a.m.

Bina Kejriwal

Anju Siraj

PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION

Tuesday 19th 11:00 a.m - 12:15 p.m

ZOOM meeting: Zoom ID will be posted on

WhatsApp and emailed

one day prior to the meeting.

Guests Welcome

LAW OF ATTRACTION

Who isn't excited by the thought of having the power to manifest anything that they desire? And who isn't bitterly disappointed when their efforts to manifest yield no fruit?

Though the Law of Attraction is often considered as something 'spiritual', it is, in fact based upon very scientific principles, which, if understood and followed, yields fruit every single time. Manifestation is not at all 'magical'; it involves taking personal responsibility to learn about and follow scientific principles that the Universe is based upon.

Let us begin the first step of this journey with **Ellaeenah JadeFire**, an energy intuit and a teacher of the principles of esoteric science, as she shares with us the basic principles of the law of attraction so that we have the power within us to create the reality of our choosing.

Dipika Shroff

Neelu Kapur

BOOK DISCUSSION

Thursday 21st

11:00 a.m - 12:15 p.m

In-person meeting:

Residence of

Sangeeta Katariya 24 St. James Court, 5th Floor, Marine Drive, Mumbai 400020.

Limit: 30 members

YUGANTA: THE END OF AN EPOCH BY IRAWATI KARVE

Irawati Karve's Yuganta: The End of an Epoch is a critique of the Mahabharata – it is not a retelling of the story, but offers a different perspective on it. Through a collection of critical essays on some of the main characters of the Mahabharata, the author provides an insightful and thought-provoking analysis of the society of that time as well as of the stories of the epic.

Our very own member, **Persis Vatcha**, will discuss with us, Irawati Karve's views and analysis of the characters of this great Indian Epic.

For registrations, please call Saju Thadani on 9821402051 on Monday 11th July 9:30 a.m - 11:00 a.m OR Wednesday 13th July 3:30 p.m - 5:30 p.m

Lubaina Suares

Sharmeen Maskati

Book for August: Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens Book for September: Colaba The Diamond at the Tip of Mumbai by Shabnam Minwalla

CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday 26th 11 a.m - 12.15 p.m

Zoom Meeting Zoom ID will be posted

on WhatsApp and emailed one day prior to the meeting.

Guests welcome

MUSIC EDUCATION AS A KEY 21ST CENTURY SKILL

Carrying forward the rich legacy of violin maestro, Dr. L Subramaniam and Bollywood playback singer, Kavita Krisnamurti Subramaniam, singer-songwriter, Dr. Bindu Subramaniam and violinist, Dr. Ambi Subramaniam have helmed Subramaniam Academy of Performing Arts (SaPa) since 2011. SaPa firmly believes in the power of music in transforming lives; they offer live and self-paced courses, masterclasses and short courses in Indian and global music - vocal, instrumental, songwriting, music production, and composition.

Music education has come a long way from being considered an add-on subject. Join **Dr. Bindu Subramaniam** and **Dr. Ambi Subramaniam** from Bangalore as they talk about some important musical developments around the globe - the growing role of music in building key 21st century skills, the focus on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) education with Arts subjects, particularly music, gaining centerstage, and India's new National Education Policy 2020, which also lays special emphasis on the role of arts and music in complementing the traditional lines of study.

Anjali Mathur

Selma Kriegner

HISTORY, CULTURE & TOURS

Wednesday 27th

11:15 a.m - 12:15 p.m

Please note the change of date.

In Person Meeting:

Residence of:

Aditi Thakker,

The Imperial, 4902 South Tower, Tardeo, Mumbai – 400 034

Limit: 30 members

COAT OF ARMS

First introduced in Europe in the late 18th century as a symbol of social status, it was used as a means of identification in battles and sport events and gradually became an emblem of royal and noble families. These emblems were later embroidered on the coats of bearers and hence termed "Coat of Arms". They are also know as crest, emblems and monograms.

They reveal history, social and cultural status, flora and fauna and religious beliefs of the royal family and were used on palace gates, cars and items of daily use like crockery, watches, playing cards and uniform of servants.

Mr. Anuj Pakvasa has had a liking to history and geography since his childhood. His father being an eminent postage stamp collector and many time national and international gold medalist inspired him to collect a piece of history. Mr Pakvasa started collecting coins of princely states around the year 1980. Some coins have state Coat of Arms minted and that interested him so he also started collecting these in metal as well as letterheads.

He is the proud owner of letters signed by Maharajas which is very rare. In this meeting he will exhibit this collection.

Varsha Sheth Sheetal Patel

For registrations, please call Sejal Modi on 9833263464 between 4:00 p.m -7:00 p.m on Monday 11th July, Tuesday 12th July and Wednesday 13th July.

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MUSIC

Thursday 28th 11:00 a.m - 12:15 p.m

In person meeting:

Residence of: Medha Chinai

B31, Mayfair Gardens, (behind WIAA Club)

Little Gibbs Road, Malabar Hill,

Mumbai 400006.

There are 8-10 steps to the lift

level.

Limit: 35 members

Charge: INR 200/-

TIP TIP BARSA PAANI

Monsoon has been the source of inspiration for poets and musicians since eons. When it rains, the love of the sky for Earth cascades down and refreshes it, washing away all the pain and negativity bringing new hope and positivity.

Indian music has a special place for monsoon ragas expressing emotions through Geet, Ghazal, Bhajans and Kajari.

Jharna Vyas, as her name signifies, is a stream of mellifluous and enchanting melody and music. Having various music degrees, scholarships, awards, scoring A+ in her music therapy exam and fluent in many languages, Jharna has performed in India and abroad. She is going to captivate us with her monsoon magic.

For registrations, please call Pushpa Dadlani on 9769336347 on Tuesday 14th July or Thursday 16th July between 10 a.m to 12 p.m

Ranjana Mahadevia

Hemal Udani

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