

#### **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 DECEMBER 2022** MONTH AT A GLANCE

Thursday	1st	Art
Friday	2nd	Performing Arts
Monday	5th	Executive Meeting
Friday	9th	History Culture and Tours
Tuesday	13th	Handicraft 🛅
Wednesday	14th	Christmas Coffee Morning

Change of date: m Change of time: **Guests allowed:** 



## DESK OF THE PRESIDENTS

December is here and brings with it cooler winds and celebrations galore!

Last month it was heartwarming to meet with our dear founder member Saroj Prakash and Past Presidents at our Founder's Day lunch. We as the 2022-2023 Board express our gratitude for the Indus legacy and meaningful friendships.

Our Vice Presidents along with our precious Choir are working towards yet another memorable Fellowship. In keeping with the traditional celebrations and in true Indus spirit, an exciting Christmas Market morning is in the offing.... to facilitate your Christmas shopping! Be there for a fun time and to support NGOs Deeds & Mann along with the Festival of Charities Bake Sale.

A gentle reminder to fulfill your minimum attendance of 10 meetings and 2 participations for the year.

We look forward to the New year as our chairladies continue to plan many more exciting meetings, couple of special events, and more opportunities to interact.



Season's greetings and Happy Holidays!

Sheena Kataria

Kaya Shewakramani

### NOTICE BOARD

### CONDOLENCES

Deepest condolences to Hemal Udani on the sad demise of her mother.

Deepest condolences to Rekha Chabbria on the sad demise of her father in law.

#### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Reminder to refrain from using INDUS INTERNATIONAL events/ meetings as a platform for personal celebrations.

Avoid using/sharing INDUS International Directory for sending out personal/promotional messages.

#### **PARTICIPATION**

Members who want to participate, we are constantly looking for hostesses, someone to take calls for meeting registration and many other tasks.

We need members to come forth to help within the Communications team& Archive team. This requires an all year around, behind the scenes commitment to keep the organization's wheels moving year after year.

#### **CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING**

If you would like to participate/contribute in anyway, please contact Santa Vice Presidents Priya Mehta & Marietta Baretto or Elves Ranju Mahadevia & Hemal Udani.

### ANNUAL PICNIC

We have organized a picnic to **KARJAT** at the home of our member Preeti Maria on Thursday 12th January 2023.

Members wishing to join, please call/whats app Priya Mehta - 9819131406 or Marietta Barreto - 9822004421 **Registrations are open.** 

The cost for the picnic is approximately Rs. 1400.00 per person.

#### TRAVEL

The Indus International trip to Khajuraho, Panna & Gwalior (Madhya Pradesh) has been planned for February 2023. (See details inside)

Those of you who wish to join the trippers, kindly what's app your name confirming your participation on this trip no later than  $7^{th}$  December 2022 to

Annu Toshnival 9820068100 Dina Desai 9820231010 Indira Kilachand 9820057219

#### **DISBURSEMENT OF INDUS FUNDS**

Indus International is getting ready to disburse funds. We invite appeals from NGOs having valid 80G certificate. Please email appeals to the Presidents <u>shewakramani@gmail.com</u>, <u>sheena\_kataria@yahoo.com</u> by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023.

#### **INDUS DIRECTORY**

We have a few directories for sale. Those who wish to purchase a hard copy please contact Maya Merchant on 9819296022.

#### SOCIAL MEDIA

Our communications team works hard to update events on social media. Do follow and like their posts. Instagram - indusinternationalmumbai Instagram - festivalofcharities Facebook – indusinternational

## FOUNDER'S DAY – 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022

















We appreciate you for guing us this precious legacy of a lifelong friendship Indus International

### INDUS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

After a thorough due diligence and in-depth comparisons with 4 travel agencies namely Indiana Travel Services, Benereeza, Holidays @ Leisure and Travel X

After taking into consideration the consensus it has been decided to go ahead with the travel agency, Holidays @ Leisure for our trip 'Best of Madhya Pradesh'

The travel Committee has spent a lot of their time deliberating over the best choice of hotels & sight-seeing spots to suit the Indus member's comfort levels.

Please note the travel committee has selected the travel agent and have facilitated this trip to the best of their abilities and may not be held responsible for lapses on the part of the vendors or for any unforeseen incidents during the duration of the trip.

Duration of Holiday: (5 nights)

Departure: Monday 20th February 2022 Return: Saturday 25th February 2022

#### ITINERARY PREPARED FOR THE INDUS LADIES GROUP "BEST OF MADHYA PRADESH" KHAJURAHO (1 NIGHT)/ PANNA (2 NIGHTS)/GWALIOR (2 NIGHTS) - 5 NIGHTS/6 DAYS

#### HOTELS PROPOSED

CITY	HOTEL	ROOM CATEGORY	NO. OF NIGHTS
Khajuraho	The Lalit Temple	Garden View	01
	View 5*		
Panna	Tendu Leaf 4* Plus	Deluxe Hut	02
Gwalior	Hotel Radisson5*	Std Room	02

OR

CITY	HOTEL	ROOM CATEGORY	NO. OF NIGHTS
Gwalior	Hotel Deo Bagh Heritage	Std Room	02
Total no. of nights 05			

Total no. of nights

#### QUOTATION: All rates are in INR PER PERSON - Validity FEB 2023

	With Hotel Raddison 5*	With Hotel Deo Bagh -
		Heritage
Price Bracket	Cost on Twin Share Per	Cost on Twin Share Per
	Person	Person
15 to 19 Pax	INR 1,00,722/- Per Person	INR 91,300/- Per Person
20 to 24 Pax	INR 97,111/- Per Person	INR 87,700/- Per Person
Single Supplement	INR 38,900/- Per Person	INR 29,500/- Per Person

#### GST of 5% extra

NOTE-The cost of flight is not included in the above costing. However the flight we will be taking is Fly Mumbai to Varanasi by SG 201 Dep 0745Hrs/Arrival 1000Hrs. Fly Varanasi to Khajuraho by SG 2932 Dep 1330 Hrs/Arrival 1425 Hrs. Return: Fly Gwalior to Mumbai by 6E 265 Dep 1440Hrs/Arrival 1643 Hrs

#### **QUOTATION INCLUDES:**

- 05 Nights accommodation on twin sharing basis in category of rooms & hotels mentioned above or similar
- Meal plan Full board basis i.e. Starting with Lunch on Day 1 and ending with Lunch on Day 6. All Drinks during lunch and dinner will be on direct payment basis.
- All Entrance fees are included as per Itinerary.
- All sightseeing and transfer using AC 35 Seater coach.
- 02 mineral water bottles per person per day on Complimentary basis in vehicle.
- Services accompanying English speaking guide to travel with the group throughout the tour.
- 03 Jeep Safari at Panna national park.
- Entrance fees.
- Sound and Light show in Khajuraho
- Village Tour in Panna
- Boat ride on Ken River

#### **QUOTATION EXCLUDES:**

- Domestic airfares Mumbai/Varanasi/Khajurao & Gwalior to Mumbai.
- Items of a personal nature such as drinks, laundry, tips & gratuities, still/video camera fees at monuments or any items not specified above.
- Personal insurance against loss of valuables, theft, illness, hospitalizaytion, medications and treatments and emergency helicopter, vehicle or plane charter evacuation charges.
- Items not mentioned in the above cost includes column.
- GST of %% would be charged extra on the entire bill amount.

#### PACKAGE CANCELLATION POLICY:-

- More than 45 days prior to arrival of clients/ groups: Nil Between 44 to 31 days:- 50% cancellation charges.
- Between 30 to 15 days: 75% cancellation charges.
- Less than 14 days: 100% cancellation charges.

#### PAYMENT POLICY:-

50% Land arrangement payment at the time of confirming the trip, and balance payment will be required 30 days prior to date of travel. If we are issuing the tickets, then we will need the full cost of the airfares immediately as we issue the tickets.

#### SPECIAL NOTES:-

- All extras are payable by the client directly.
- Cancellation policy will be as per our proposal. If we manage to get more lenient cancellation fees from the hotels, we will pass on the benefit to you.
- In case of a lockdown due to any reason, the full amount will remain as credit and no refund will be provided, subject to hotels and other vendors agree to give credit and Holidays@Leisure will not be liable to pay back any amount to the guests.
- AFTER THE DEPOSIT PAYMENT IS COLLECTED, IN CASE ANY OF THE LADIES (WHO ARE SHARING ROOMS) HAVE TO CANCEL THEIR TRIP, THE OTHER PERSON SHARING THE ROOM WILL HAVE TO LOOK OUT FOR ANOTHER ROOM PARTNER. IF THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO GET A ROOM PARTNER, THEN THEY WILL HAVE TO PAY THE SINGLE SUPPLEMENT COST AS WELL.
- Covid test is not required for doubly vaccinated passengers for both ways of travel as of today's state wise and airline policies.

Dina Desai

9820231010

Please resend your names by <u>what's app</u> confirming your participation on this trip no later than 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022 to

Annu Toshnival 9820068100 9820057219

#### 14 Dec 11АМ ТО 2РМ

# Christmas Market

Adenwala Baug

Come celebrate the most wonderful time of the year with good music, yummy food and a typical Christmas ambiance! Shop till you drop for Christmas decorations and knick-knacks provided by our NGO's and delicious goodies & festive treats from our Bake Sale!

#### PLEASE REGISTER WITH

SOHA PAREKH:9821073889 26NOV&02DEC 11.30AM-1PM

MALA SAMPAT: 9821041540 05&07DEC 10AM-12PM



### SAVE THE DATE

Indus Picnic

### AT KARJAT THURSDAY 12TH JANUARY 2023

REGISTER BY WHATSAPP WITH PRIYA: 9819131406 Marietta: 9822004421 ART

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2022

In-person Meeting:

Residence of:

Rupande Parekh Kailas Building, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 50, Peddar Road, Mumbai 400 036. (5 Bldgs after Villa Theresa School & 2 Bldgs before HSBC Bank)

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

**NFT-The Future of Art** 

The world is going digital, Art was the last frontier left to be held solely in a physical format, now no more absolutely true. Enter NFT...non-fungible tokens, the Art world has gone digital. NFTs are unique cryptographic tokens that exist on a blockchain and cannot be replicated. Sounds complicated right? Well this is the future and today we attempt to simplify NFT.

Jenny Bhatt who is a visual plus communication designer and now an NFT artist will help you understand her Art journey and foray into NFT. She has been active in this space since 2021 and has NFTs on many platforms like Open Sea and WazirX. Her NFT project is titled MokshaShots. Her work has been auctioned at Christie's multiple times and till date she has held more than 18 solo exhibitions, besides several group exhibitions around the world.

#### Kanchan Khubchandani

Rashna Doongaji

### PERFORMING ARTS

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

11:15 a.m – 12:15 p.m

Zoom meeting

Zoom ID will be posted On WhatsApp and emailed one day prior to the meeting

#### DEEPIKA AMIN – Actor, singer, performer

**Deepika Deshpande Amin**, our own Indus member, is a familiar face in Indian film, theatre, web and TV.

She has acted in critically acclaimed films like Ram Prasad Ki Tehrvi (Netflix) with Naseer & Konkona; the award winning film Gone Kesh (Prime Video) & Rough Book (Prime Video & YouTube) along with popular Bollywood hit films like Sonu ke Titu ki Sweety (Prime Video), FAN with Srk (Apple TV, Google play); Humpty Sharma ki Dulhania (Prime Video) & Tara vs Bilal.(Netflix). Her forthcoming film is Invisible Rain with Shabana Azmi.

Her TV and web work includes Farmaan (Best Actress award), Tashn E Ishq (Zee TV), the highly acclaimed Siyaasat (Prime Video) & the popular webshow What The Folks (YouTube DiceMedia).

Starting her theatre journey in college with Barry John's theatre group TAG in Delhi, she performed many plays with young theatre colleagues like Shahrukh Khan & Manoj Bajpayee. In Mumbai, she has acted in several plays like Tom Stoppard's Every Good Boy Deserves Favour directed by Bruce Guthrie; Wedding Album & Boiled Beans on Toast by Girish Karnad ; Kanyadaan by Vijay Tendulkar; Sammy! by Partap Sharma; August Osage County directed by Lillette Dubey; Pereira's Bakery & Mad About Money written & directed by Mahesh Dattani performed across India, US, UK, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore etc.

Deepika received the Mumbai Fest Naari Shakti Award 2018, the Rex Karamveer Award 2019 and the IHRC award in 2022 for contribution to Performing Arts.

She plays the guitar, sings with our Indus Choir and tries hard to continue training in Indian Classical vocal.

Gopi Vaid

Neeru <mark>Me</mark>hra

### EXECUTIVE MEETING

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December

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 **January** meeting latest by **10th January 2023** to both:

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

## **HISTORY CULTURE AND TOURS**

Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> December

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

**In Person Meeting** 

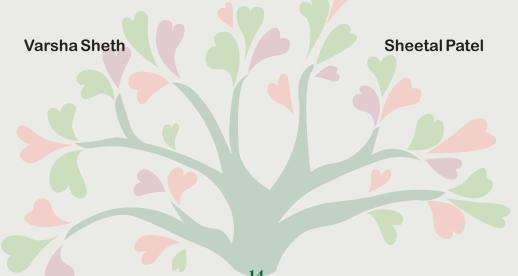
**Residence of:** 

Nayantara Jain Benzer Terraces. 94, Worli Seaface, Mumbai - 400 018

There is a lift at the premises.

A love letter to Mumbai

"Eventually it comes to belonging, you feel a much deeper sense of belonging when you know the streets outside your home." Come meet photographer and filmmaker Sunhil Sippy as he showcases his love letter to Mumbai in his book The Opium of Time via his collection of photos encompassing different aspects of the city we call home



### HANDICRAFT

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

4:00 p.m - 5:00 p.m (Please note change of time)

In-person meeting

Residence of :

Vandana Kanoria Bhagwati Bhavan, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor 31-B Carmichael Road Mumbai 400 026

Guests welcome

'The Fabric of Life - Textiles from the Ladakh Himalayas'

Author and Textile Collector, Dr Monisha Ahmed, is the cofounder of the Ladakh Arts and Media Organisation. Monisha first visited Ladakh in 1987 and during her studies in Social Anthropology at Oxford University decided to dedicate her research to textile weaving in Ladakh. Her doctorate took her to the nomads of eastern Ladakh in Changthang, and her book Living fabric – Weaving among the Nomads of Ladakh Himalaya (2002) received the Textile Society of America's RL Shep award.

Monisha will share with us her work in Ladakh over three decades, beginning with her research into Ladakhi textiles and how textiles are integral to their culture, telling stories of origins, songs and metaphors reflecting attitudes around birth, gender and family. Alongside her research, she restored the 17<sup>th</sup> century Munshi and Gyaoo houses and will briefly describe the process, looking at the adaptive reuse of the buildings as a community arts space.

Shabana Abdulkarim

Helen Craggs

## FELLOWSHIP – CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

11:00am - 2:00pm

In - person Meeting

Residence of:

#### Phiroza Muncherjee

Adenwalla Baug Tardeo Road Between Bhatia Hospital and Nana Chowk Mumbai

Enjoy the last Indus event of the year with a fun packed entertainment by our very own Indus choir.

The morning will be followed by delicious Christmas snacks provided by our members. There will be two

NGO stalls selling Christmas products and a Festival of Charities Bake sale by our very own Indus members.

Dress Code: Come dressed in Christmas colours and in festive mood.

For Registration, please call:

Soha Parekh on 9821073889 on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November & Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 11:30am to 1:00pm

Mala Sampat on 9821041540 on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December & Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 10am – 12:00 noon

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