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2025-2026



FINDING COMMON GROUND

DECEMBER 2025

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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December at a Glance

DATE	ACTIVITY	SPEAKER	VENUE
Monday 1st	Executive Meeting		Dorothy (Dottie) Wagle The Imperial North Tower, 33rd Floor Flat 3307 Balkrishna Nakashe Marg Janata Nagar, Tardeo Mumbai, 400 034
Tuesday 9th	Art and Handicrafts	Neeta Dharnidharka	Varsha Sethi 207 Samudra Mahal Dr. Annie Besant Road Worli Mumbai 400 018
Thursday 11th	Performing Arts	Meher Acharia Dar and Avantika Akerkar	Aneeta Malhotra Shanazeen Building, 1st Floor Kharegat Colony 4, Babulnath Road (Opp Prem Puri Ashram) Mumbai 400 007
Friday 12th	Christmas Coffee Morning		Phiroza Muncherjee Adenwalla Baug Opp. Matru Mandir Income Tax Building J. Dadajee Road, Tardeo Mumbai 400 007 Landmark - Between Bhatia Hospital & Nana Chowk Circle

From The Desk of The Presidents

Time is really flying by and we are already in the month of December!

The festive holiday season is around the corner and we have our own Christmas Coffee Morning coming up in a few days. Once again, our hostess Phiroza Muncherjee will open up her gracious home to us for another morning filled with Christmas spirit and camaraderie.

As always, we will also be supporting some NGOs in the meaningful and socially impactful work that they do; so do plan to shop for Christmas gifts and help to promote these worthy causes.

Please check the poster in this newsletter and sign up for the event.

Later in the month, you will be spending the holidays with your family and friends. Compliments of the season and we wish you all much joy, peace, love and friendship!

Armaity Sumariwalla

Gülçin Körpe

Notice Board

Condolences

Our heartfelt condolences to Reema Pahuja on the passing of her brother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time.

Attendance

Gentle reminder: Indus membership requires attendance at 10 meetings per year (online meetings count toward the total). It is highly recommended to attend at least 7 meetings by December 10th to stay on track.

Save the Date

Please mark your calendar: the annual Indus picnic will be on Thursday, January 22nd.

Mobile Phones

Please note that many mobile phones have been going off during meetings. Kindly ensure your mobile phone is on Silent or Do Not Disturb for the duration of our meetings.

Newsletter

Monthly newsletters will be sent by email and WhatsApp to all members. A hard copy of the newsletter will NOT be sent by post. Do update your email address with the Membership Officers.



CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

December 12th, 11:00am - 12:45 pm
Residence of: Phiroza Muncherjee
Adenwala Baug, Tardeo
Space Limited,
Registration Required

Do you hear what we have here?
It's not a song high above the trees
It's our Indus Choir singing in the breeze
Eating and drinking as much as you please
Come mingle and jingle in the fun
**Join us for a morning of laughter and good cheer
It's the most wonderful time of the year!!**

WhatsApp RSVP Dec 3rd-5th 9:00am - 5:00pm
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Notice Board

Whom to Contact on the Board if...

- You notice an error in the directory – **Membership Officers**
- You do not receive your newsletter – **Secretaries**
- You have an idea for a fellowship meeting, the picnic or the Quiz – **Vice Presidents**
- You would like to assist with a fellowship meeting, the picnic or the quiz – **Vice Presidents**
- You would like to offer your home for a meeting – **Vice Presidents**
- You have changed your address, phone number, or email ID – **Membership Officers** (membershipindus@gmail.com)
- You wish to change your status – **Membership Officers**
- You have a foreign friend who wants to become a member – **Membership Officers**
- You will be unable to attend meetings for an extended period of time – **Membership Officers**
- You need a new name badge – **Membership Officers**
- You have an idea for a speaker for a meeting – **the relevant Activity Chairladies**

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General Tips for all Members

Attendance

- The Indus year begins on 1st April and ends on 31st March
- 10 meetings must be attended in a year
- 7 meetings should be attended before the end of December
- Please only sign yourself in. If guests are allowed, then sign in your guest
- Arrival after 11:15 am will not be eligible for attendance
- Departure before the speaker has finished, or before the chairlady closes the meeting, will also count as non-attendance
- For in-person meetings, wear your badge at all times. This also applies to Chairladies and hostesses as there are a lot of new members who do not know who you are

Ways to Earn a Participation Point

- Being a hostess for a meeting
- Arranging a speaker or demonstration
- Registering names for a meeting
- Introducing or thanking a speaker in the absence of the Chairlady
- Helping a Board Member with computer work or collection of payment
- Helping Chairladies at meetings
- Helping with or hosting one of our many events – Annual Event, Fellowship, Christmas Coffee Morning, AGM, Quiz, Picnic or any other special event
- Acting, dancing, working back-stage, speaking, demonstrating, baking for any special event, taking part in the quiz, etc.
- Giving a donation to Indus International

You need three (3) participation points during the year.

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Indus Etiquette

We have restarted in-person meetings; so let's remember that the spirit of Indus is about new friendships!

Indus thrives when our members are active and participate. Please ensure that you complete 10 attendance points and 3 participation points during the year, from 1st April to 31st March. 7 attendances should be completed by December.

A few gentle reminders

For meetings at members' homes (in-person meetings)

1. Please wear your badge at the meeting to make it easier to mingle.
2. If you can host a meeting at your home, please inform the Vice Presidents or any member of the Board.
3. Since wearing a mask is no longer mandatory, please be responsible and avoid attending a meeting if you are unwell.
4. **Only tea, coffee, a cold drink and biscuits should be served by the hostess.** Being a hostess should be easy and the focus should be on the speaker!
5. Please ensure that your cell phones are in silent mode or switched off during meetings.
6. Meetings begin at 11:15 am and end at 12:15 pm. **Your attendance will not be counted if you come in after 11:15 am or leave before 12:15 pm.**
7. Under no circumstances should Indus be used as a forum for publicity. It is strictly forbidden to use the directory to build e-mails or phone listings to advertise.

For Zoom Meetings

1. All members should enter their names on the screen in the following order: **Membership Number, Surname, First name.**
2. Keep your videos on at all times, unless advised otherwise by the Chairlady.
3. Do not unmute yourself for the entire duration of the meeting.
4. Be presentable while attending a zoom meeting.
5. Please maintain some decorum even during online meetings.
 - Some members were seen eating or lying back and some even dozing!
 - Some were seen attending meetings in their night clothes.
6. If you have to do anything other than listen to the speaker, kindly turn your video off.
7. Zoom meetings begin at 11:15 am and end at 12:15 pm. **Your attendance will not be counted if you come in after 11:15 am or leave before 12:15 pm.**

Executive Meeting

Monday 1st December

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Residence:



Dorothy (Dottie) Wagle
The Imperial
North Tower, 33rd Floor
Flat 3307
Balkrishna Nakashe Marg
Janata Nagar, Tardeo
Mumbai, 400 034

Chairladies, please email a copy of the blurb for your January meeting, latest by 10th December 2025, to both:

Ranjana Mahadevia - ranjanamahadevia@gmail.com

Kristin Mehta - kristin.donaldson3@gmail.com

We do not require a hard copy of the blurb.

After your event, please take a clear, straight, and easy-to-read photo or scan of your attendance sheets and upload it to the INDUS Attendance WhatsApp group.

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Ranjana Mahadevia

Kristin Mehta

Art & Handicrafts

Tuesday 9th December

11:00 am - 12:15 pm

Residence:

Varsha Sethi

207 Samudra Mahal
Dr. Annie Besant Road
Worli Mumbai 400 018



HAND PAINTED COLLECTIBLES

Over a 40 year career as a successful businesswoman, wife, mother and grandmother, **Neeta Dharnidharka** always sustained her passion for art. A serial learner, lockdown prompted her to turn her passion into skill. After several pivots and projects she created a collection of hand painted clothes, inspired by Indian and international masters.

Despite not having any formal training, her intricate handiwork was sold out at her first exhibition. She never attributes this to innate ability - "Talent isn't just about natural ability, but the discipline, patience, and the ability to love and embrace the process."

What started as a lockdown hobby for fabric painting eventually produced a series of artwork that captivated art and fashion enthusiasts. Join us to learn about Neeta's journey and process through which she nurtured her talent for fine art and fabric painting.

Reema Pahuja

Maria Bharwani

Performing Arts

Thursday 11th December
Note: Afternoon Meeting

4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Residence:



Aneeta Malhotra

Shanazeen Building, 1st Floor
Kharegat Colony
4, Babulnath Road
(Opp Prem Puri Ashram)
Mumbai 400 007

(Please note – there are 18 small steps on an internal staircase)

ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE, AND ALL THE MEN AND WOMEN MERELY PLAYERS

Deep down inside all of us is a desire to act. For some, it's a reality. Come and get lost in the theatrical journey with **Meher Acharia Dar** and **Avantika Akerkar** (Indus member) who will conduct a dramatized play reading. We have a feeling audience members will find a little bit of themselves in the characters portrayed.

Meher Acharia Dar has been in the performing space for over two decades. From theatre to TV to film, Meher has essayed roles in award winning films as 'After Glow' and popular TV shows as 'Sarabhai vs Sarabhai.' She has also worked with iconic directors as Alyque Padamsee, Geoffrey Kendel and more. And if you saw ads for Apple, Lays, Vodafone you would have seen Meher.

Avantika Akerkar has also been performing for over two decades. From films as '83' to 'The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel' and TV shows as 'Saare Jahaan Se Accha' and 'Mukhbir', she has worked with both domestic and international actors and directors as Mira Nair, Dame Judi Dench, Naseeruddin Shan and more. Her theatrical journey has taken her all over India and in the US and England.

Come and spend your afternoon with us and get entertained. No tickets necessary!

Nandhini Ashok

Avantika Akerkar

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