



JUNE 2023

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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Mewsletter JUNE 2023 Month at a Glance

DATE	ACTIVITY	SPEAKER	VENUE
Friday 2 nd	Performing Arts	Swati Bhise	Nafisa Khorakiwala Casa Khorakiwala Off Peddar Road
Monday 5 th	Executive Meeting		Tinu Shanghavi 12C, Woodlands, Peddar Road.
Thurday 8 th	Cooking Swapshop	Minh Doutrelant	Sunita Nahar 51/52 Infinity Tower, 15 Narayan Dhabolkar Road, Mumbai 400006.
Friday 9 th	History Culture and Tours	Atul Parekh	Preeti Choksey 9, Geetanjali, 9N, Gamadia Road, Off Peddar Road.
Tuesday 13 th	Art and Handicraft	Ashok Minawala	Danabhai Jewellers, 1A, Ganga Vihar, 55, Marine Drive.
Thursday 15 th	Book Discussion#	Vidya Srinivas	ZOOM
Friday 16 th	Health and Ecology	Bijal Doshi	Bijal Doshi 23-2 Peacock Palace, 69, Bhulabhai Desai Road,
Tuesday 20 th	Philosophy and Religion	Martina Esberger- Chowdhury	ZOOM
Tuesday 27 th	Current Events	Dr. Shailesh Raina	lla Kaji 2807, Imperial North Tower, Tardeo
Thurday 29 th	Music	Shaan & Nikhil Kamath	ZOOM

Guests allowed ## Change of time : (5)

Change of date:

from The Desk Of The Presidents

Yet another Indus year starts, and our aim is to have a fun year filled with friendship, energy and all of us working even more closely together.

We are honoured and privileged that the nominating committee, lead by Phiroza Muncherjee has placed their trust in us and have chosen such dynamic & capable women to support us on our board & executive committee.

We also express our debt of gratitude to Sheena & Kaya who have had an exceptional year & have set the bar pretty high for us.

This year we have decided to use the metaphor water as our logo & the theme 'Stronger Together' and we thank Ayesha Soonawalla, who has conceptionalised and designed this logo.

Just like people, drops of water come in all shapes and sizes and individually they can be wiped out or evaporate. However, when they connect in the right circumstances, they do become a powerful river or ocean - Stronger Together. Our logo also uses the water metaphor to give a nod to our club's name - Indus.

The last few years have seen so many challenges and changes in the world and within Indus....the pandemic did affect our connection to each other & so our focus now is to strengthen the bond between all our members, to work in harmony and motivate each other through our meetings, celebrations, music, food, travelling, raising funds & lots more. To get stronger together!

All this has always been such an integral & vibrant part of Indus & we so look forward to all our members embracing this fully.

Our travel committee – Annu Toshniwal, Indira Kilachand, Dina Desai, Sheena Kataria and Prerna Kewalramani are planning a short domestic trip in November. Please do give your preferences and we look forward to seeing many members join this trip in the true Indus spirit.

And now we are so looking forward to bringing everyone together and serving this organisation to the absolute best of our abilities.

Hema (Tinu) Shanghvi

Pervin Poonawala

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Notice Board

Condolences

Our deepest condolences to Pervin Poonawala on the sad demise of her father.

Our deepest condolences to Ameeta Shah on the sad demise of her mother-in-law.

Congratualations

Heartiest congratulations to:

Mona Mahadevia on the birth of her grand daughter.

Anjali Mariwala on the birth of her grand daughter.

Padam Chadda for the "Sushma Swaraj Award" from the BJP women's group, for the outstanding work carried out by the Shaila Welfare Trust during Covid times.

Samina Khorakiwala for "The FICCI FLO Traiblazer Women Achiever's Award 2023" for outstanding work and innovative ideas.

Bijal Doshi for the "Achievement Award of Excellence" from Women Graduates Union, in recognition of promoting exceptional yoga & breathwork internationally.



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 Treasurers.

Advisory Committee 2022-2023

Nayantara Jain Kamal Mulla Rachel Bhot

Travel

This year, Indus is planning a short trip of 7-8 days in November (after the 15th), within India.

The options suggested by the Presidents and Travel committee are:

- · Lucknow, Allahabad, Ayodhya
- · Mandu, Maheshwar, Ujjain

Please do WhatsApp your preferences by June 15, along with your name, to:

Annu Toshniwal 98200 68100

Sheena Kataria 98202 84890 **Dina Desai** 98202 31010

Indira Kilachand 98200 57219

Prerna Kewalramani

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Annual Fee and Membership Renewal Form

Please send your renewal fee of Rs.3,500/- before 31st July 2023.

The following are the **TWO payment options:**

Option 1: Cheque payment - Please send a crossed cheque made payable to **Indus International**, to the Treasurers, Amisha Himatsingka or Ameeta Shah.

Option 2: Online transfer - Renewal through a payment gateway link.

You can pay with Instamojo, using this link: https://imjo.in/AxkgEN After you click the link, in the "Purpose of Payment" section, 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/QPvD5x5szZgmDb2H8

PLEASE NOTE:

If you need a physical receipt for your renewal fees, please contact the Treasurers after July 31st, 2023.

Whom to Contact on the Board if...

- You notice an error in the directory **Membership Treasurers.**
- You do not recieve 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 –
 Membership Treasurers (membershipindus@gmail.com)
- You wish to change your status Membership Treasurers.
- You have a foreign friend who wants to become a member –
 Membership Treasurers.
- You will be unable to attend meetings for an extended period of time— Membership Treasurers.
- You need a new name badge Membership Treasurers.
- Your receipt for your renewal fee has not arrived by the end of July – Treasurers.
- 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 11:15am 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.
- Attendance at the Fellowship does not earn attendance points.

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, AGM, Quiz, Picnic or any other special event.
- Acting, dancing, working back-stage, speaking, demonstrating, baking for any special events, taking part in the quiz, etc.
- Giving a Donation to Indus International.

You need 2 participation points during the year.

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Indus Etiquette

We are starting a few in person meetings; so let's remember 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 2 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 member's 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 house, 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 a.m. and end at 12.15 p.m. Your attendance will not be counted if you come in after 11.15 a.m. or leave before 12.15 p.m.
- 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: Surname, First name, Indus membership number.
- 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.
- Zoom meetings begin at 11.15 a.m. and end at 12.15 p.m. Your attendance will not be counted if you come in after 11.15 a.m. or leave before 12.15 p.m.

Executive Committee 2023-2024

Monday 5th June 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

In-Person Meeting

Residence of Tinu Shanghvi

12C, Woodlands, 67, Peddar Road Mumbai 400026

Ladies, please email a copy of the blurb for your July meeting latest by 10th June 2023 to both:

Armaity Sumariwalla armaitys@gmail.com

Vidya Srinivas vidyacadambe@gmail.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.

ana.d.panandiker@gmail.com nicola@fusionstudio.eu

Armaity Sumariwalla

Vidya Srinivas



Performing Arts

Friday 2nd June

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

In-person meeting

Residence of: Nafisa Khorakiwala

Casa Khorakiwala 31 E Vakil Lane, Off Peddar Road,

Near Russian Cultural Centre,

Mumbai 400026.

Guests Welcome

Your Movies, thereby empowerment of Women

Swati Bhise has had a career spanning four decades as a visionary arts promoter. She is a Bharatnatayam exponent, a choreographer, writer, producer, director and educator.

She has performed extensively at prestigious venues like the United Nations Assembly and represented the Indian Govt. at various forums.

She is the director, writer, and producer of a period drama film THE WARRIOR QUEEN OF JHANSI - the first Hollywood action film with a female Indian lead. This award winning film was released worldwide in Nov. 2019 to rousing accolades. She has many such projects to her credit.

Swati Bhise has made notable contributions to various platforms of art and culture. Today, she will speak on the empowerment of Asian American women via the medium of dance, film, and multimedia.

Ladies, a speaker not to be missed!

Gopi Vaid Sunita Nahar Neeru Mehra Zia Mehta

Cooking Swapshop

Thursday, 8th June (Please note change of date)

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

In-Person Meeting

Residence of: Sunita Nahar

51/52, Infinity Tower,

15, Narayan Dhabolkar Road,

Mumbai 400006.

Limit: 30 Members

AN ODE TO THE 5 SENSES!

Vietnamese food is insanely delicious and one of the world's most healthy and balanced cuisines.

This morning we have **Minh Doutrelant**, a new member of the Indus family, introducing us to the finer nuances of Vietnamese Cuisine. She is a fashion designer and loves cooking and travelling.

In Vietnam, all food is based on a five pronged philosophy connected to the five elements of wood, fire, earth, metal and water. Each dish includes five fundamental taste senses - spicy, sour, bitter, salty and sweet.

Let's enjoy this gastronomical journey and savour this amalgamation of Chinese, Laos, Cambodian and French influences.

For registration, please call **Anuradha Pittie** on 9821421819 on 3rd June, between 10.00 a.m and 12.00 p.m

Bina Kejriwal Amita Sheth Anju Siraj Medha Chinai

History Culture And Tours

Friday 9th June

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

In person meeting

Residence of: Preeti Choksey

9 Geetanjali,

9N Gamadia Road, Off Peddar Road, Mumbai 400026.

The Spirit of South America

A distance continent, which is on the bucket list of many curious travelers.

Let us take a walk through some of the colourful countries: Argentina, Brazil, Columbia, Chile with **Atul Parekh** known as the unofficial ambassador of these countries...

His passion and curiosity for Travel, Culture, Communities took Atul Parekh to South America in 2011. Ever since then. he keeps going back to explore the depths and corners of this amazing continent.

The culture of South America could be summarized in one line: 'Celebra La Vida'

Look forward to an interesting and interactive discussion Bienvenida en Sud Amerika.

Varsha Sheth Sonica Arya Sheetal Patel Radhika Singhal

Art And Handicrafts

Tuesday 13th June

11: 00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

In Person Meeting

Venue: Danabhai Jewellers

1A, Ganga Vihar, 55, Marine Drive, Mumbai - 400020.

The Hows and Whys of Lab Grown Diamonds

Are lab grown diamond real diamonds? Yes, even the US Federal Trade Commission has certified them as real diamonds. Aside from a minute chemical difference, there is no visible difference. Even a jeweller may not be able to differentiate between natural and lab grown diamonds. That is why buying from a reputable source with certification is so important. All lab grown diamonds can be certified in the same manner as natural ones. The 4Cs remain the same for both. The price is where the fun begins; compared to natural diamonds, the lab grown ones cost only 10% of the price of the former. With the variety, colors and sizes available, jewellery is going to change forever.

Earlier, you only bought something that your pocket could afford. Now you can dream of something and make it a reality.

Ashok Minawala is going to take us on this fascinating journey. He will also show us live examples of diamonds and how they look in fine jewellery.

Rashna Doongaji Helen Craggs Prerna Kewalramani Kanchan Khubchandani Shabana Abdulkarim Juliana Ballard

Book Discussion

Thursday 15th June 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Zoom Meeting: Link will be posted on WhatsApp

and emailed one day prior to the

meeting.

Guests welcome

THE OLD MAN AND THE SEA – A SHORT FILM SCREENING AND DISCUSSION

The Old Man and the Sea is a 1999 paint-on-glass animated short film, directed by Russian animator Aleksandr Petrov, and is based on the 1952 novel of the same name by Ernest Hemingway. While the novel won the Pulitzer Prize, this film won the Oscar for the best animated short film of 1999.

The story is "A beautiful tale, awash in the seasalt and sweat, bait and beer of the Havana coast. It tells a fundamental human truth: in a volatile world, from our first breath to our last wish, through triumphs and pitfalls both trivial and profound, what sustains us, ultimately, is hope."

—The Guardian

We will screen the film and our very own Vidya Srinivas will moderate a discussion on it. We require a panel of 4 participants for the discussion (a participation point will be given). If you are interested, please send a WhatsApp message to Sharmeen Maskati on +919820917091, latest by 5th June, 2023.

The film is available to watch on YouTube https://youtu.be/W5ih1IRIRxI

The audiobook is available to listen to on YouTube https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9b8s_Fqr79g

Lubaina Suares Farah Raina Sharmeen Maskati Ayesha Soonawala

Health And Ecology

Friday 16th June

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

In-person meeting

Residence of Bijal Doshi

23, Peacock Palace,

69, Bhulabhai Desai Road,

Mumbai 400026.

Breathwork Blends for Longevity & for Healing

Bijal Doshi, founder of YogDivine.com, will be demonstrating breathwork for longevity.

Bijal is a Yoga Exponent, National President of WICCI & involved with the Prime-Minister's FitIndia Movement, where she featured with him on CNBC. Her Bollywood Yoga & Breathwork videos have crossed 1.4 million views on YouTube! She's a Singer, Poet, Chef and Stand-up Comedian. She is a trustee of PN Doshi women's college, SPRJ trust and Conwest Jain Hospital.

Get ready to experience the rare & enriching blends of magical healing with mindful breathing techniques, as you also get some insights into some of the hidden dangers of Pranayam.

Neeta Merchant Ritu Joshi Namrata Singhania Bharti Chotirmal

Philosophy & Religion

Tuesday 20th June 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.

Guests welcome

"BRINGING MINDFULNESS TO DAILY LIVING – AN ANCIENT PRACTICE FOR TROUBLED TIMES"

Mindfulness means being attentive in a certain way, consciously, in the present moment and without judging

Mindfulness is a basic quality that every human being possesses. It is a question of learning how to access it. Mindfulness exercises your brain to be consciously aware of what happens as it occurs, allowing you to turn towards experiencing with curiosity and to take in every facet of experience. It cultivates the awareness of your thoughts, feelings and body sensations and their interactions, allowing you to encounter the richness of life, especially in the ordinary, often overlooked aspects of our surroundings.

Martina Esberger-Chowdhury, a certified Mindfulness teacher, is a pharmaceutical chemist and marketer by profession. Her deep interest in Vedanta and Yoga built the base for her training in

Mindfulness and Meditation

Dipika Shroff Jeannie Madan Neelu Kapur Benu Parkash

Current Events

Tuesday 27th June

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Residence of:

Ila Kaji

The Imperial, Aptm 2807,

North Tower,

B.B. Nakashe Marg,

Tardeo, Mumbai 400034.

Guests welcome

"Medical Hot Topics, Robotics and Technology"

Dr. Shailesh Raina, a pioneer in the medical field, will be talking about 3 current topics in terms of medical achievements and professional specialisation. The topics discussed will be:

- 1) Nephron saving surgery and the role of Robotics: In the era of Nephron saving surgery, Robotic surgery has played an important role in kidney saving surgery in cancer patients. New concepts will be discussed.
- 2) COVID and Renal Transplants: What has been discovered about Renal Replacement Therapy during the COVID era?
- 3) The Role of Bladder Pacemakers in bladders affected by neurological diseases.

Dr. Shailesh Raina is the Director of Urology, Renal Transplantation and Robotics at Jaslok Hospital, Visiting Senior Urologist at Breach Candy Hospital, Sir H N Reliance Hospital and Lilavati Hospital and a Member of the Clinical Advisory Board of the Gangwal School of Medical Research and Technology, I.I.T Kanpur.

Anjali Mathur Neelam Narayan Selma Kriegner Barbara Halusa

Music

Thursday 29th June 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Zoom Meeting: Link will be posted on

WhatsApp and emailed

one day prior to the meeting.

Guests welcome

GUPSHUP with SHAAN

Nikhil Kamath, a music composer, having scored music for over 70 films and 100 other albums, will be interviewing Shantanu Mukherjee, popularly known as Shaan, a versatile, talented and prominent playback singer, actor, music director and TV host.

Shaan is a winner of several prestigious awards. He has sung songs in many different languages. Some of his famous songs are Bum Bum Bole, Chand Sifarish and It's The Time to Disco. He looks so young that you will not believe that he is just 50 years old. Born and brought up in amchi Mumbai, the chat will take you through the different paths that he travelled through to reach where he is today.

Together, talking, humming and singing they will share with us their beautiful journey of music. We promise it will be and enlightening and enthralling insight into the beginning and growth of Shaan's journey in the music industry through 30 years.

Ranjana Mahadevia Hemal Udani Seema Singh Harsha Shapaaria

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