



Indian Association, Geneva

Dear Member,

The Executive Committee of the Indian Association Geneva (IAG) is pleased to present to you its annual report for the year 2023.

Membership

The IAG Executive Committee would like to **THANK** all the members of the Indian Association Geneva for their continuous engagement, support, and trust. In 2023, the annual membership marginally increased by 11% compared to 2022 reaching to 293 memberships.

Events

The engagement and active participation of IAG members and friends of India residing in and around Geneva have been highly valued all through the year 2023. The IAG Executive Committee held 24 events during the year 2023, dedicated to promoting our cherished Indian heritage and culture values.

Here are some of the notable memorable moments from the past year. It was a truly historic year as we had the unique opportunity to meet not just one, but two **Grammy Award Winners**: the iconic Indian music composer, singer, songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, and philanthropist, **A.R. Rahman**, and the renowned music composer and environmentalist, **Ricky Kej**. Adding to the extraordinary experiences, the screening of the movie "**Kantara**" and the presence of **Rishab Shetty**, a notable writer, director, and actor, made for another memorable firsthand encounter for the Indian diaspora. This marked a unique occurrence in Geneva, as such events had not taken place before. Furthermore, a mesmerizing evening unfolded with the presence of the **Grammy-nominated flute maestro Shashak Subramanyam**, creating yet another unforgettable event for the community. We were fortunate to host **Sri Sri Sri Jayendra Puri MahaSwamiji**, who delivered a discourse on "**Right Life**". The wisdom shared by his holiness was both inspiring and fulfilling, enriching our collective experience.

Lastly, "**Rang Barse**" – **Celebration of Holi, Ugadi, Baisakhi, Eid & Easter**, featuring performances by local talent, was a memorable event that received applause from attendees for their outstanding performances. IAG Executive Committee extends gratitude to our members and friends of India for their active participation.

Indian Association is extremely proud to be **associated with the Permanent Mission of India and Consular office of India** in Geneva to bring enriched series of events for IAG members, Indian diaspora, and friends of India on Culture, Science, literature, Technology and Wellbeing to celebrate "**Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**".

Following is the list of events the IAG Executive Committee held during 2023:

No.	Event Details	Date
1	17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention 2023**	08/01/2023
2	India@75 - Celebration of Pravasi Bhartiya Diwas and Vishwa Hindi Diwas**	10/01/2023
3	Screening of an Indian documentary**	19/01/2023
4	Flag Unfurling ceremony on Republic Day 26th January 2023	26/01/2023
5	Annual General Meeting (AGM) Monday 13 February 2023	13/02/2023
6	International Women's Day celebrations on 8th March 2023**	08/03/2023
7	Sustainability Enablement through Technology**	16/03/2023
8	Movie Screening - Kantara**	17/03/2023
9	Screening of 'Interactions' - 22 March 2023**	22/03/2023
10	Holi, Ugadi, Baisakhi, Eid & Easter Celebration	29/04/2023
11	Invitation to the 100th episode of Mann Ki Baat**	30/04/2023
12	India@75 - International Day of Yoga**	21/06/2023
13	India@75 - Discourse on "Accelerating Progress on SDGs and Human Rights"***	23/06/2023
14	India@75 - Evening with Ricky Kej**	09/07/2023
15	Flag hoisting Ceremony on 15th August 2023	15/08/2023
16	Webinar - NRI's Investment Dilemma: Key Challenges and Effective Solutions	03/09/2023
17	Discourse on 'Right Life' with Sri Sri Sri Jayendra Puri Mahaswamiji	29/09/2023
18	India@75 - International Day of Non-Violence**	02/10/2023
19	India@75 - Interaction with A.R. Rahman**	09/10/2023
20	India@75: Navratri Celebrations 2023	14/10/2023
21	A Musical Evening with an ICCR troupe led by flute maestro Shashank Subramanyam**	13/11/2023
22	"Indo Spanish Fiesta: A Musical Evening from India and Spain"	26/11/2023
23	Discourse on "Indian Constitution: Democracy and Human Rights"***	29/11/2023
24	Namaste Geneva 2023 - Celebration of Diwali, Eid, GURPURAB and Christmas	02/12/2023

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Contribution from Permanent Mission of India, Consulate General in Geneva, Embassy of India in Bern and Sponsors

Permanent Mission of India, Consulate General in Geneva and Indian Embassy in Bern continue to strengthen its role with Indian Association Geneva, Indian diaspora, and friends of India in and around Geneva area.

IAG Executive Committee is fully engaged with H.E. Shri. Indra Mani Pandey, Ambassador Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations and other International Organisation and Consul-General Shri. A. Sunil Achaya. We are working together to reach out Indian diaspora in and around Geneva more than ever in the past. Further, we are delighted to share that we have received a contribution from Consul-General Shri. A. Sunil Achaya of CHF 6360 to promote a culture of India and to bring Indian diaspora together.

IAG committee extends its sincere gratitude for an excellent relationship, involvement, and support on continuous basis, we look forward to working together with the Permanent Mission of India, Consulate General office in Geneva and the Indian Embassy in Bern.

Boundary Holding, Bollywood Movies, Jena Logistics Consulting, Hinduja Foundation, Les Jardin de Malyar and Madhura were IAG Sponsors for the year 2023, warm thanks and appreciation for your generous contribution. We hope to count on your continuous support in the future as you have done for us in the past.

Member Mobile App

This is to remind again our members that IAG has put in place since 2017 digital member management infrastructure with an aim to provide a seamless experience where an application can take care of reservations and payments for an event in advance with a single click. Later in 2018, we have launched a **new Member App**.

The new app can be downloaded from the Apple store **“Wild Apricot” for members**. The new app allows

- **check, modify and maintain** their **profiles** up to date, no more manual errors
- **consult Membership directory** at their fingertips.
- **send Email** or **Call** to other members.
- **book events** and **pay online**, straight through process helps minimize food wastage and eliminate queues at the venue.

We thank all our members for their continuous support and undergoing digital transformation.

Financial Report

A synopsis of the Financial Report is provided below. We had an excess of income over expenditure. For further information please refer to the audited statement.

Income	Expenditure	Excess of Income
CHF 42,093	CHF 40,582	CHF 1,511

THANK YOU

On the behalf of my colleagues in the Executive Committee, I would like to thank all volunteers, members and their families, friends of India living in Geneva and around for their continuous support to promote our culture and heritage. My colleagues in the Executive Committee deserve special thanks for their hard work, commitment, and dedication to corporate and work together.

Yours sincerely,



Dr. Maneesh Wadhwa

President
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