



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 2018.

The engagement and participation of our members made the second year of the two-year mandate of the IAG Executive Committee extremely successful. During 2018, the membership strength was stable, big THANK YOU for believing in us.

Events

The positive results of the previous year encouraged us to continue to organize programmes over a course of the year that were popular with the IAG Membership. It was quite busy for the committee, we organised or supported 16 events – more than the number of months in a year. All events were well received and highly applauded by Indian diaspora and friends of India. Following is the list of events IAG committee organised during 2018:

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| 1. Flag Hosting ceremony on Republic Day | 26 January |
| 2. Annual General Meeting | 03 February |
| 3. Holi, Ugadi, Baisakhi & Easter | 10 March |
| 4. Talk by Kriya Meditation Master Kambiz Naficy | 12 March |
| 5. Aalap – Musical Tribute to Legend Dr. M.S. Subbulakshmi** | 07 April |
| 6. Bollywood Night | 28 April |
| 7. International Yoga Day** | 23 June |
| 8. Yoga and Meditation Talk by Dr. Kumar | 29 June |
| 9. Bhangra Class** | 03 July |
| 10. Independence Day | 15 August |
| 11. Namaste Geneva | 08 September |
| 12. Children's Day | 15 September |
| 13. Bollywood Gala Night | 22 September |
| 14. Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti | 02 October |
| 15. Festival of India in Switzerland** | 05 October |
| 16. Navratri Celebrations | 06 October |
| 17. JALA – The Dance of Water** | 12 October |
| 18. Diwali, Eid, Gurpurab and Christmas Celebrations | 10 November |

**supported events

The highlight of this year was three-fold, firstly IAG Committee introduced a **new series of talks by eminent persons** (reference 4 and 8 in the event list above) on the theme of ***Values and Modernity*** to

inspire and provide tools to deal with modern life challenges. Secondly, IAG committee either supported or sponsored 4 events promoting Indian heritage and cultural tradition. Lastly, **Bollywood Gala Night** event was a great success, live singing by Archana and Amit was immensely appreciated by members.

Second edition of **Namaste Geneva** in collaboration with **Permanent Mission of India** under the leadership of H.E. Rajiv Kumar Chander, Ambassador and Permanent Representative to UN showcasing the rich cultural tradition of India and achievements of modern India was well attended and applauded.

Kerala Flood Relief

On 9 August 2018, severe floods affected the south Indian state of Kerala, due to unusually high rainfall during the monsoon season. It was the worst flood in Kerala in nearly a century. Many lives were lost, hundreds of homes were destroyed and many more were damaged. For the first time in history, 27 dams in the State had to be opened. Never-before the State witnessed a calamity of this scale. To fight against flood and help the affected rebuild their lives. IAG Committee collected 1820 CHF, big thank you to our members and friends of India for your contribution and support. IAG committee made a decision to contribute 780 CHF for good cause, total amount 2600 CHF has been transferred to **Chief Minister's Distress Relief Fund**.

Contribution from Permanent Mission of India and Grant-in-aid

IAG committee is extremely happy to announce that we have received for second year contribution from H.E. Rajiv Kumar Chander, Ambassador and Permanent Representative to UN of 6597.79 CHF for 2018 to promote culture of India and bring community together. Additionally, IAG committee got favourable response from Indian Embassy in Bern, Switzerland in October 2018 regarding Grant-in-aid which was discontinued since 2014. For the year 2018-2019, we have received a grant of Rs. 2 lakhs.

With this gesture, both Permanent Mission of India and Indian Embassy in Bern has strengthened its role with Indian association, Indian diaspora and friends of India in and around Geneva region. We look forward to working together and thank you for an excellent relationship, involvement and support on continuous basis.

Sponsorship

Big thanks to our following sponsors for their continuous support, with their support we are able to publish our Membership directory and able to upgrade our IT infrastructure:

- **Platinum Sponsor:** Hinduja Bank
- **Gold Sponsor** : Madhura Marche and Restaurant Jardin de Malyar (France)
- **Silver Sponsor** : Jean Logistics Consulting and SWICA
- **Bronze Sponsor** : Bollywood Dance School, Premed and Indian Shop

Members can proactively support IAG committee to seek advertisement from companies, small and middle size establishment, restaurants, airlines, educational and creative institutes like to reach our community through advertising in our annual directory, please contact IAG committee for further information.

Mobile App

On 1 March 2017, IAG modernize IT infrastructure with an aim to provide seamless experience where an application can take care of reservations and payments for an event in advance with a single click. During

2018, we have launched new Member App. The new app can be download from 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 minimizing food wastage and eliminating 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 thanks to the success of our programmes, contribution from Permanent Mission of India and support from various sponsors

| Income | Expenditure | Excess of Income |
|---------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| CHF 40,479 | CHF 35,888 | CHF 4,591 |

THANK YOU

Last but not least, I would like to thank members and their families who have helped us carry out the various programmes and activities. My colleagues in the Executive Committee deserve special thanks for their hard work, dedication and willingness to cooperate and work together and their families for supporting them.

Yours sincerely,



Dr. Maneesh Wadhwa

President – Indian Association Geneva