



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 2020.

The year 2020 has been extremely challenging, where - sense and meaning of normality has changed in both our personal and profession lives. We all have faced and still undergoing obstacles every day and tackling them one-by-one with lot of courage and giving/receiving inspiration & support to each other. We hope you and your family are keeping healthy and safe.

During 2020 the membership strength dropped down significantly due to COVID-19, around 70% of members paid their membership and we THANK YOU for support during these difficult times.

COVID-19 Donations

A public charitable trust under the name of **Prime Minister's Citizen Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situations (PM CARES)** Fund has been set up. This fund's purpose is to specifically cater to the health and economic ramifications caused by the global pandemic. IAG members contributed a total of CHF 2150 and the IAG Executive Committee matched the amount of contribution. On behalf of the IAG executive committee, we thank IAG members for their contribution to the call.

Events

Most part of the year we all were confined to lockdown, thus the engagement and participation of our members and friends of India was very limited. During 2020 out of 8 planned events listed below only 3 were held in person and one virtual compared to 18 events conducted in 2019 celebrating Indian festivals together with Indian diaspora and friends of India.

Following is the list of events IAG committee planned during 2020:

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| 1. Annual General Meeting | 25 January |
| 2. Flag Hosting ceremony on Republic Day | 26 January |
| 3. Cancelled - Holi, Ugadi, Baisakhi & Easter | 04 April |
| 4. Cancelled – Sitar Concert | 30 May |
| 5. 74 th Independence Day Celebration | 15 August |
| 6. Cancelled – Navratri Celebration | 03 October |
| 7. Cancelled – Diwali, Eid, Gurpurab and Christmas Celebration | 21 November |
| 8. Virtual Meet and Greet with H.E. Ambassador Mr. Indra Mani Pandey | 20 December |

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

Both Permanent Mission of India, 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.

H.E. Ms. Monika Kapil Mohta is the newly appointed Ambassador of India to Switzerland in Bern, she succeeds Ambassador Mr. Sibi George as of August 2020. Whereas H.E. Mr. Indra Mani Pandey, Ambassador Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, he succeeds Mr. Rajiv Kumar Chander as of September 2020.

With the above mentioned two changes, IAG Executive Committee is fully engaged and had a pleasure to meet the newly appointed H.E. Ambassador Mr. Indra Mani Pandey in November in his office in Geneva. We are very pleased to share with you that Ambassador Pandey assured to continue his support and looks forward to working together with Indian diaspora in and around Geneva by listening to the community.

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

Sponsorship

Our long-term sponsors continue to support our association. During 2020, since our sponsors were affected by pandemic thus it was decided by the IAG Executive Committee that as gesture of goodwill for their continuous support, no monetarily contribution to be collected from our 2019 sponsors and to publish their advertisements in our digital version of membership directory. Following is the list of our sponsors:

- **Platinum Sponsor:** Hinduja Bank and Small World Money Transfers
- **Gold Sponsor** : Madhura Marche and Restaurant Jardin de Malyar (France)
- **Silver Sponsor** : Jean Logistics Consulting
- **Bronze Sponsor** : King Curry and BrianOBrain

See our website page: <https://indianassociationgeneva.com/sponsors> for additional details

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.

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 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 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. For further information please refer to the audited statement.

Income	Expenditure	Excess of Income
CHF 19,157	CHF 11,131	CHF 8,026

THANK YOU

On the behalf of my colleagues in the Executive Committee, I would like to thank all members and their families, friend of India living in Geneva and around for their continuous support to promote our culture and heritage.

Wishing you a very happy, healthy, and safe New Year 2021!

Yours sincerely,



Dr. Maneesh Wadhwa

President

Indian Association Geneva