



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 2021.

The year 2021 continue to be extremely challenging, most of us were locked down in our homes without much physical interaction with friends and family. Vaccination drive across the globe provided some relief in the latter part of the year, travelling was possible to see our dear ones. Big thank you! to all hospital personnel's, essential service providers and voluntaries for making efforts to keep the well-being of all of us.

We are still not fully out of pandemic, currently the fifth wave in Switzerland keeping us all on our toes. You are requested to please continue to follow all necessary precautions recommended by the local and federal government to keep your loved ones and others safe.

Membership

The IAG Executive Committee would like to THANK all the members of the association for their continuous engagement, support, and trust during these difficult times. In 2021, the annual membership increased by roughly 30% and reached the same level as in the 2019.

COVID-19 Donations

During April 2020, the Covid-19 surge has left our nation and loved ones grappling with medical oxygen and other essentials to save lives. Various agencies, individuals and associations stood side by side with India as this is a crisis was of historic disproportion and everyone's support and assistance was needed. IAG Executive Committee made a clarion call to the Indian diaspora living in and around Geneva to come together and donate to the public charitable trust under the name of Prime Minister's Citizen Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situations (PM CARES) Fund. **IAG members contributed a total of CHF 7610 for the noble cause.** On behalf of the IAG executive committee, we thank IAG members for their contribution to the call.

Events

Despite most of the year, we all were confined to lockdown, nevertheless, the engagement and participation of our members and friends of India living in and around Geneva are well appreciated both in the virtual and physical events. During 2021, we had planned 21 events listed below, 8 events were held in person, 11 was virtual events, and 2 events were cancelled/postponed.

The highlight of this year was two-folded, the first on 12th March 2021, Government of India initiated to celebrate “**Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**” to commemorate 75 years of progressive India and the glorious history of its people, culture, and achievements. 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 India’s 75th anniversary of Independence. Secondly, the fourth edition of **Namaste Geneva – Celebration of Diwali, Eid, Gurburab and Christmas** event was well attended and applauded. We thank our members and friends of India for their active participation.

Following is the list of events the IAG Executive Committee held during 2021:

No.	Event Details	Date
1	Flag Hosting ceremony on Republic Day	26 January
2	Annual General Meeting	06 February
3	Curtain Raiser and Inaugural Event India@75**	31 March
4	Cancelled - Holi, Ugadi, Baisakhi & Easter	03 April
5	Meet & Greet with Consul-General Mr. A Sunil Achaya	18 April
6	Space Programme of India@75**	22 April
7	India@75 Dance Traditions A Microcosm of India's Cultural Heritage**	01 June
8	COVID-19 Fund and Upcoming Event with WHO Specialists	06 June
9	India@75: Wellness for Wellbeing of the Humanity with Sadhguru**	11 June
10	International Yoga Day**	20 June
11	India@75 Celebrations: “Role and Contribution of Indian Diaspora in Development of Science and Technology in India” **	15 July
12	Global Diaspora Helps Heal India**	17 July
13	India@75 Celebration: Compassionate discussion on Mental Health	01 August
14	75th Independence Day Celebration	15 August
15	India@75 Celebration: Panel Discussion on "Achievements of India@75"	15 August
16	Celebration of Gandhi Jayanti International Day of Non-Violence**	02 October
17	India@75 Celebration: Talk by Kriya Meditation Master Kambiz Naficy	11 October
18	India@75: Navratri Celebrations 2021	16 October
19	India@75: Namaste Geneva 2021 - Celebration of Diwali, Eid, Gurburab and Christmas	13 November
20	India@75: Celebration with Poets and Authors**	11 December
21	Postponed - Sitar Evening with Ustad Ikhlq Hussain Khan	11 December

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

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.

Shri. A. Sunil Achaya is the newly appointed Consul-General of India in Geneva. Switzerland, he succeeds Shri. Shaibal Roy Choudhary as of March 2021.

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 very pleased to share with you that IAG Executive Committee continues to have regular communication, and support **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav** events. 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 4000 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.

Recently in January 2022, we have received Grant-in-aid of Rs 2,20,000 from the Indian Embassy in Bern in view to promote Indian culture and fostering friendly relations with Switzerland.

On the behalf of the Indian Association Executive Committee, I would like to thank you for your continuous support and for strengthening the link with the Indian diaspora living in and around Geneva.

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 33,115	CHF 32,528	CHF 587

THANK YOU

On the behalf of my colleagues in the Executive Committee, I would like to thank all members and their families, friends 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 2022!

Yours sincerely,



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President

Indian Association Geneva