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## GOPIO INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 2024

Global Organization of People of Indian Origin (GOPIO) is holding the GOPIO-2024 Convention on April 26-28, 2024, at Royal Albert Palace, Fords, New Jersey, USA.

**Convention Theme:** 'Opportunities for Diaspora Indians in India's Big Manifest Future.'

Nine conference sessions are being planned on April 27th

1. Diaspora Youth and Young Achievers and the role they can play in India's Future.

2. Diaspora Women and their Growing Contributions in Various Sectors.

3. Technologies and AI and other Innovations. How Diaspora Indians are Leading Research and Innovations?

4. GOPIO Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Worldwide Networking of India's Diaspora Businesses and SMEs.

5. Medical and Health Issues and how Diaspora Indians can Participate in India's Frontline Role in Pharmaceuticals, Vaccines and Medical Tourism

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- Highlighting Innovation and Success of Diaspora Youth at GOPIO

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- A Water Treatment and Purification Innovator who was Forbes 30 under 30.  
- A Silicon Valley success Story.  
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**Seminar**

1. Youth	4. Health
2. Women	5. Business
3. Science & Technology	6. Supply chain Logistic

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## Editor's Note



Firstly, my apologies for the delayed news bulletin; as the saying goes, better late than never; our office got shifted and along with the move, technical problems were challenging; I spent hours on the phone with the help desk, and finally, most of the systems are up and running, still don't have access to my data storage devices. Congratulations to the convention team for forging ahead

with the preparations, the team under the leadership of Prakash Shah as convention convenor is doing an excellent job.

I am excited to hear that GCCI will be launched during the April convention. The rebranding and trademark registration are a big step forward, solidifying our position. It was pleasing to note that International Women's Day was observed around the globe, first, the Zoom meeting by GOPIO International moderated by Molly Banerjee was highly successful, unfortunately, the time down under did not work out, but our three chapters, GOPIO Gold Coast, GOPIO Queensland and GOPIO Cairns all held separate functions and were all very well organised and attended.

The By-laws review is underway under Pramod Kamdar's chairmanship. Thanks to everyone who contributed. These are much-needed and positive steps. Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the conference in person due to medical reasons. Doctors have restricted my overseas travel. I was so looking forward to attending in person, but I guess I have to listen to the doctors and stay put.

Lastly thanks to everyone for your submissions; please note that the following publication will be on time, so please forward your submission promptly; people complain if the news article is not included in the bulletin, and we can't place what we don't have so please help us in helping you, until next Month.

Happy Reading

—Umesh Chandra OAM  
Executive Vice President

## GOPIO INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 2024

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6. Is India emerging as an alternate market hub for supply chain logistics, and how can US businesses take advantage by partnering with India?

A new track of conference sessions is also planned.

7. Diaspora Indians aging gracefully

8. Diaspora Literature

9. Diaspora Arts and Artists

### Program

Friday, April 26th - Welcome Reception/Inauguration/Dinner at 6 pm

Saturday, April 27th - Conferences starting at 9.30 am followed by Gala Reception and Awards Banquet at 6 pm

Sunday, April 28th - GOPIO General Body Meeting at 9.30 am

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/GopioConv2024>

# GLOBAL ORGANISATIONS OF PEOPLE OF INDIAN ORIGIN (GOPIO)

35th Anniversary Celebration & Global Convention 2024

Royal Albert Palace, New Jersey April 26 - 28th, 2024

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No.	DATE	Event	Single Ticket	After April 1st	Qty.	Total Amount
1	April 26th	Reception & Inauguration	\$75	\$80		
2	April 27th	Breakfast	\$20	\$25		
3	April 27th	Lunch & Conference	\$40	\$50		
4	April 27th	Banquet	\$75	\$80		
5	April 28th	GOPIO Life Member/Charter Delegate Breakfast & Lunch	\$60	\$65		
6		All Event Paid before April 1st	\$250	\$300		

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# GOPIO Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCCI) to be launched at GOPIO International Convention 2024



Friday, March 22nd, starting at 6.00 p.m., a special meeting with networking over refreshments was held at Parikh Worldwide Media, ITV Auditorium, 1655 Oak Tree Road, Edison, New Jersey. The meeting discussed the launching of (GCCCI). The meeting also provided information on the convention.

GOPIO launched the GOPIO International Chamber of Commerce (GICC) in Mumbai, the business capital of India, a few years back, inaugurated by the Maharashtra Governor (see attached). Since we had a conflict with another



global outfit, the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), in using the GICC trademark and name, we are changing the name to GOPIO Chamber of

Commerce and Industry (GCCCI).

We are relaunching it in New Jersey at the GOPIO Convention on April 26-28, 2024. Please see details of the convention below.



Delegates from all over the world are expected to attend.

One primary objective of GCCI is to network 5 million plus small businesses and professional practitioners worldwide. Before the

convention in New Jersey, we are initiating GCCI chapters in the New York area. Although we already have GCCI Life Members, we are building the chapters from the ground level.

In this regard, we invite those

interested in small and medium businesses and professional practitioners to participate in GCCI-Central Jersey. GCCI chapters in every city (and borough) and town are the beginning of such efforts.



# GOPIO International Women's Day, a virtual celebration

**S**aturday, March 16th, from 12 Noon to 1.30 pm (EST, USA and Canada, New York Time), 9.30 pm IST. GOPIO celebrated International Women's Day with a virtual celebration on Zoom with a high-powered panellist from the Indian Diaspora Community on this

year's theme, "Let's Inspire Inclusion."

The Chief Guest was Ambassador Sripriya Ranganathan, Deputy Chief of the Mission and Acting Ambassador of the Embassy of India in Washington, DC. Other speakers were Smt. Ela Gandhi, Mahatma Gandhi's granddaughter, is a former parliamentarian, peace activist, chairperson of Phoenix Settlement Trust and Gandhi Development Trust, and co-



president of Religions for Peace International in South Africa.

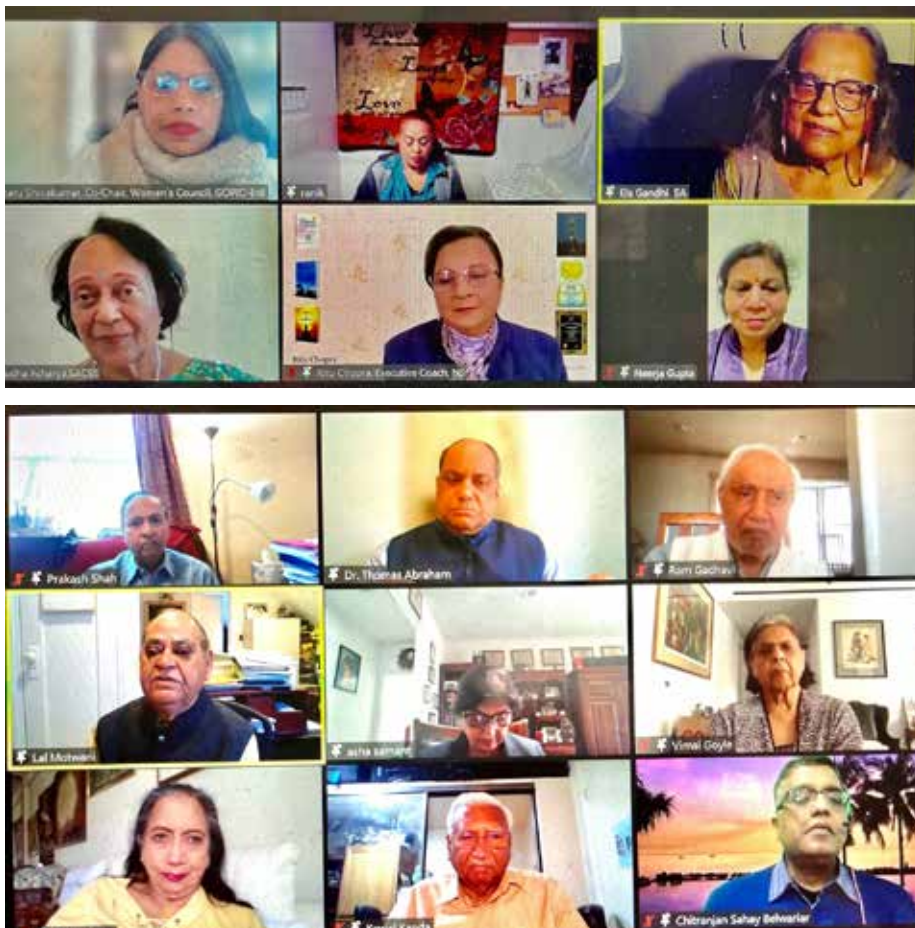
Smt. Dr Neerja Arun Gupta – Vice Chancellor of Gujarat University and Chair of GOPIO Academic Council, Ahmedabad, India

Smt. Sudha Acharya - Founding Co-Convener of GOPIO and currently Executive Director of South Asian Council for Social Services (SACSS), New York, USA

Smt. Ritu Chopra – Founder of Lead My Way, a Not-for-Profit Org, and a passionate advocate of Women & Youth Leadership and Empowerment Initiatives. Mentor and coach for emerging leaders to achieve their 'Personal Mastery', Edison, New Jersey, USA

Smt. Molly Banerjei – Host, Chai with Molly TV Program and Chair of GOPIO Women's Council, Toronto, Canada, moderated the session.

Following the panel discussion, the celebration continued with music on Women's Power (Nari Shakthi) by Singer Pallavi Verma Belwariar, President of GOPIO-Edison, New Jersey, USA.





Global Organization of People of Indian Origin (GOPIO)  
And GOPIO Women's Council



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16 MARCH, 2024



TIME:  
12:00PM - 1:30PM EST  
9:30PM IST



VENUE: **Chief guest**  
ZOOM CALL  
MEETING ID: 709 536 8686

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## Speakers

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Moderator  
Molly Banerjee

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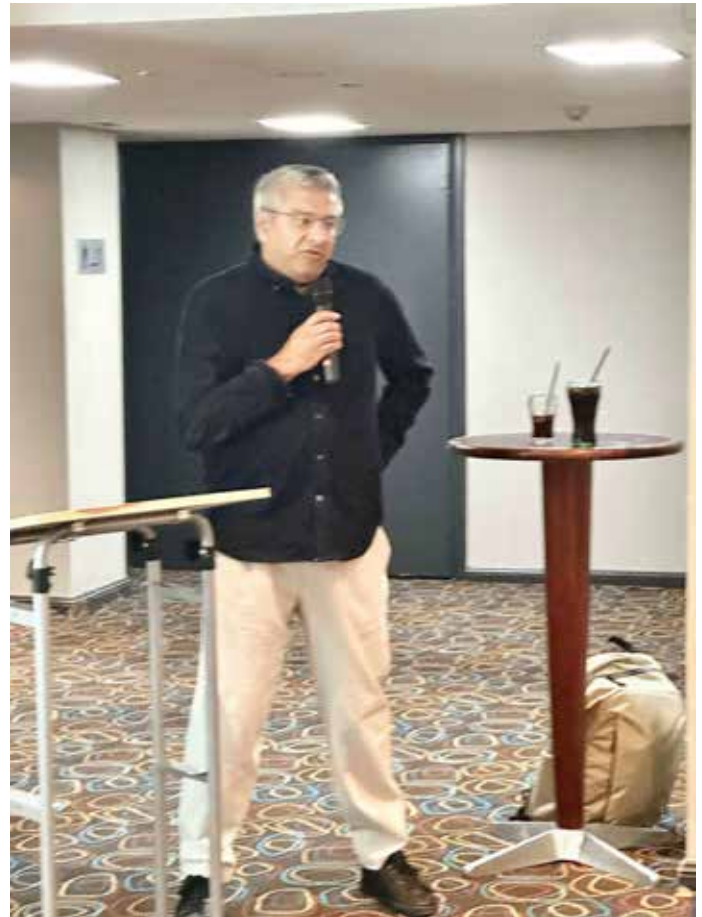


Saruba Rani Kaste



Charu Shivakumar

# GOPIO Canberra with MAC raises community health awareness and well-being via diabetics seminar



**G** OPIO Canberra chapter, in collaboration with MAC, organised a very informative session on

diabetes for community health and well-being. The session was facilitated by principal practitioner Dr Paresh Dawda,

Nurse Liz, a credentialed diabetes educator, and Afnan Parast, an exercise physiologist at Next Practice Deakin.

It was a well-presented workshop with many ways to optimise health and well-being while living with diabetes and what immediate effects exercise has on blood sugar levels. At Next practice, all experts are available for advice and individual customised plans for patients to manage and, at times, reverse diabetes with lifestyle change. We thank Dr Dawda and the team for their time and support to







the community. We thank all audiences for participating and Labor Club Belconnen for their support.

In the coming months, the

GOPIO Canberra chapter will hold a workshop on managing heart health. These health and well-being workshops aim to create awareness for the

diaspora community, help them control the disease initially, and inform them where to seek advice from various professionals.



# WIN News Canberra – President GOPIO Canberra and (MAC) Nishi Puri provide Insights on the Multicultural Festival (19/02/24)

**W**IN News invited the president of GOPIO Canberra and MAC Nishi Puri OAM to give her feedback on the National Multicultural Festival held in Canberra on February 16, 17, and 18, 2024.

Mrs Puri said this was a great way to showcase and promote Australia's rich multicultural heritage by focusing on the culture, food, clothing, and information of people worldwide who have called Australia their home. It is an excellent way to give them a



sense of Belonging. This festival is held annually

in Canberra and organised by the ACT government.



# GOPIO Manhattan commemorates Shaheed Diwas



On March 23rd, 2024, at 11 a.m., at the Consulate General of India, 3 East 64th Street (between 5th and Madison Avenues), New York, NY 10065, GOPIO Manhattan observed Shaheed Diwas, an in-person celebration to pay tribute to the Martyrs. The event included speeches by prominent and distinguished guests, patriotic songs, cultural programs, and music, followed by Lunch.

A great tribute to our martyrs by GOPIO President Pallavi Verma Belwariar, the song creates a tremendous patriotic feeling about the sacrifices made by Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Shaheed Rajguru & Shaheed Sukhdev. With the supreme sacrifices made by martyrs, our motherland became free from colonial clutches. जय हिन्द



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## Shaheed Diwas

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GOPIO MANHATTAN**

*cordially invite you to Shaheed Diwas- an in-person celebration to pay tributes to the Martyrs with speeches by prominent and distinguished guests and with patriotic songs, cultural programs, music followed by Lunch.*

**RSVP: <https://tinyurl.com/shaheed-diwas>**  
**phone: (732) 322-3434**  
**3 E 64th St, New York, NY 10065**  
**Saturday March 23rd at 11 am**  
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 <b>Vishal Nayyar</b> <small>Grandson of Shaheed Sukhdev Ji, Nephew of Shaheed Bhagat Singh</small>	 <b>Kiran Jeet Singh</b> <small>(Lawyer &amp; Agriculturist)</small>	 <b>Prof. Indrajit K. Saha</b> <small>Chairman, Member of The Indian Parliament</small>	 <b>Laxmi S Bajpeyi</b> <small>Ex. Dir. Director General, Government of India (International Services)</small>	 <b>Asha Samant</b> <small>International Coordinator GOPIO International</small>	 <b>Minesh C Patel</b> <small>Member, BVB, New York</small>
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# The GOPIO Triolet North, Mauritius, Celebrated the Consecration of the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya

The Gopio Triolet North, Mauritius, united in a joyous celebration of the Consecration of the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya, India, on the 22nd of January 2024 at its seat. Our members and other Mauritian of the Hindu Community were filled with enthusiasm, marking this event with a shared hunger. Various activities were organised in Mauritius to showcase our collective spirit. Car rallies,



prayers in temples, children's participation in drawing and painting competitions, and their display of talent through rice craft all added to the vibrant atmosphere.

The Mauritius Government, led by Hon. Pravin Jugnauth, the Prime minister, responded to the community's request with understanding and respect, granting a two-hour break on January 22, 2024. This allowed devotees of Lord Ram to fully



engage in prayers, ritualistic ceremonies, and cultural programs held in temples across the country.

A group of 20 musicians from Mauritius even travelled to Ayodhya to perform the Chowtal on January 23, further strengthening the bond between our two nations. This celebration holds a special significance for us, as more than 68% of our population are people of Indian Origin, and the Indian Diaspora has preserved its language, culture, and religion, including the worship of Lord Ram. The deep bilateral relations between India and Mauritius in various fields also contribute to the importance of this event.

The members of Gopio Triolet North had a photo exhibition and recited some verses from the Ramayana Book. Mrs Kritilata Ram, the International Coordinator for Francophone regions, and some members



discussed Lord Ram's life and values. This was followed by lighting oil lamps and Arti for Lord Ram.

Miss Saivani Moothia, a

student and volunteer at our association, participated in the Rice craft. Mrs Kritilata Ram gave an interview to the Indian Express, India.



# Supporting Organizations: Step2StepUp Inc., Gopio LA, Gopio-IE



**S**MAP Foundation and SMAP-LA, founded by Vijay Patel, were supported by Gopio Life Members. Ashok Madan, Life Member, the Gopio International Co-Ordinator, North America, and the President of SMAP-LA, 2024, Kewal Kanda, Life member, Founding President of Gopio-LA Chapter, International Gopio Vice President/Treasurer, and Executive Member of SMAP-LA, and Ms Vasu Pawar, Life Member, Founding President of Gopio-IE Chapter, International Gopio Chair, Youth Council, CEO/Founder of Step2StepUp Inc., and Past President of SMAP-LA, Aparna Hande, Life Member, Past President of Gopio-LA, Executive Member of SMAP-LA, Charu Shiv Kumar, President of Gopio-LA Chapter,



Gopio International, Women council Co-Chair, participated in celebrating 350th Anniversary of the most outstanding leader of Indian History, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj.

The SMAP Foundation Inc. organised Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti at the Auditorium of Jordan High School, Long Beach, on Sunday, February 25, 2024. The festivities started with the traditional Marathi Dhol Tasha performed by young men and women. They were complemented by the beautiful conventional Marathi Lezim Dance performed by women in their stunning traditional



colourful outfits.

Around 800 people gathered inside the Auditorium. SMAP president Ashok Madan gave a welcome speech. Vijay Patil, founder of SMAP Foundation, gave a brief intro of SMAP Foundation and the upcoming convention, celebrating the 350th Rajyabhishek of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj around the world and in Las Angeles on June 21st through June 23, 2024. He summarised the mission of SMAP as 'promoting Unity, Leadership and Community Services, using Indian National Heroes as role models. SMAP organisation intends to publish a hardcover,



coloured, coffee table-size book, which will launch during the celebration of the 350th Anniversary of the Coronation of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in June. People were encouraged to be part of this memorable book by reserving a few pages for their profiles and business advertisements.

After the traditional lamp Lighting and singing of national anthems of the USA and India, Vinaini Jaisinghe emceed the show. Manisha Sathe, Sonali Bhawe, Paulomi Pandit's groups and Monica Pal presented cultural and patriotic dance performances. The keynote speaker, Dr.

Deepinder Singh, spoke about Maharaja Ranjit Singh, a great warrior and a successful ruler due to his love for humanity. He respected all faiths equally. His speech was followed by an English Drama on Maharaja Ranjit Singh, produced by Pradyna Kuwadekar and her organisation, LAFTA.



# CHANGE OF GUARDS AT GOPIO QUEENSLAND INC

**G**OPIO Queensland Inc. successfully organised its AGM on the fourth of March and is pleased to announce the new incoming committee. The returning officer swore in the committee in the presence of Trustees Umesh Chandra OAM and Yousuf Alikhan; the new committee comprises the following members:

**President:** Arpit Singh

**1st Vice President:** Usha Chandra

**2nd Vice President:** Nileshni Balgovind

**Joint Secretary:** Irene Bayldon

**Treasurer:** Rohani Prasad

**Asst. Treasurer:** Rishi Bhardwaj

**Public Relations Officer:** Sidharth Malhotra

**Business Council Chair:** Yousuf Ali Khan

**Youth Council Chair:** Kanish Chhabra

Incoming President Arpit Singh said, "We want to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Maha Sinnathamby, our esteemed patron, and Mrs. Nina Schrinner (lady Mayoress), the



Women's Council Patron, for their continued support. We would also like to thank Umesh Chandra OAM, the Executive Vice President of GOPIO International, and Rakesh Sharma, the immediate Past

President".

The incoming committee has big plans for the year, beginning with the Women's Day celebration, the Annual Girmitt Diwas, the iconic India Day Fair, and Gandhi Jayanti.





# GOPIO Queensland meets His Excellency Mr Gopal Baglay, High Commissioner of India to Australia

**T**eam GOPIO Queensland was honoured to have the privilege of meeting **His Excellency Mr. Gopal Baglay**, the High Commissioner of India to Australia, **Mr. Suneet Mehta**, the Deputy High Commissioner, and **Ms. Sweety Agarwal**, the

Counsellor.

GOPIO Queensland President Arpit Singh Said, “ We are grateful to the Australia India Business Council (AIBC) for the lunch function at Brookwater Golf Club in association with Springfield Land Corporation

and the Federation of Indian Communities of Queensland (FICQ) | Australia for organising the community meet and greet.

We look forward to working with India in Australia (High Commission of India, Canberra) for future initiatives and engagements”.



# GOPIO Queensland celebrated International Women's Day

**G**OPIO Queensland celebrated International Women's Day at Indian Brothers restaurant in Annerley. The theme was "Celebrating Women," and it was indeed a fantastic afternoon!

The three speakers were well chosen to reflect diversity; the first speaker was Pravinitha Singh Pillay (PIO) – principal solicitor of Cornerstone Law Officers, and the second was Lisa Ward -of ECCQ and Third Suman Dua (NRI), principal of Nationwide Migration.

The last session was a panel



discussion moderated by Umesh Chandra OAM, and included Q&A from the floor.

President Arpit Singh said "We would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all our speakers and members who supported us in making this event a memorable experience.

Your generosity contributed to creating a wonderful atmosphere for all the attendees. We have uploaded photos from the event, so you can relive the great memories we created together".





# GOPIO Gold Coast Hosts International Women's Day Hi-Tea



On Saturday, March 9th, GOPIO Gold Coast Inc. hosted a unique High Tea in celebration of International Women's Day. They thanked their esteemed speakers, sponsors, and partners for their invaluable support in making the event successful. Their contributions helped create a truly memorable experience for all

attendees.

They showed their appreciation for the diverse panel speakers for sharing their insights, passion and inspiration: Pam Samra-Chauhan, Dr Kuljit Singh, Saalihah Seedat, Deesha Gorasia

A big thank you also to Ellice De-Giovanni, a brain-changing movement specialist who

led the attendees in a brain training session.

GOPIO Gold Coast appreciates the businesses and individuals who generously donated raffle prizes. Their support made the event more exciting and contributed significantly to the efforts to support women affected by domestic violence and GC Homeless Youth.





## GOPIO Gold Coast presents Santoor performance in Gold Coast



GOPIO Gold Coast presented a Santoor performance by Vinay Desai from the USA, who was accompanied on Tabla by Jay Dabgar of Melbourne. The performance, Mystic Music of the Mountains, was held at Helensvale Cultural Centre on 1 March 2024.

The Australian tour included mesmerising performances in Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney and Gold Coast.

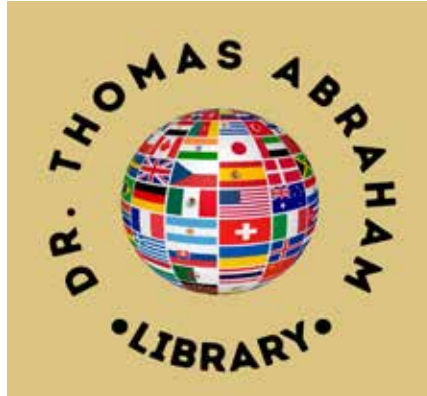
The audience was mesmerised by the performance by Vinay Desai, whom Jay Dabgar ably accompanied on the tabla.

# Dr Thomas Abraham Library is to be opened at the Indian American Kerala Centre

**D**r Thomas Abraham Library at the Indian American Kerala Centre, 1824 Fairfax St., Elmont, NY, will be officially opened on next Saturday, April 6th. The function will include Cocktails and an Inaugural Ceremony, followed by entertainment and dinner. This library will have an Indian collection of books and Indian Diaspora books, as well as a collection of historical documents on the Indian Diaspora and booklets/literature of Indian American & Diaspora community organisations. The library will serve as an Indian Diaspora Research Centre. The library hall will also serve as a state-of-the-art hybrid conference room.

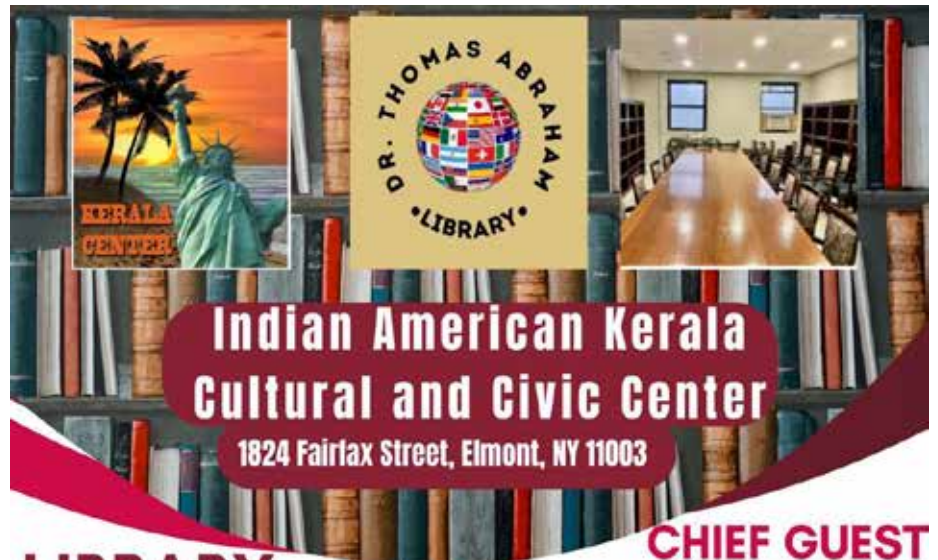
Dr Thomas Abraham is the chairperson of GOPIO International; Dr. Abraham can be given outstanding credits to the NRI/PIO movement in the last four decades. Dr. Abraham coined the word PIO (people of Indian origin) 1989 when he put together the First Convention of People of Indian Origin in New York. The most outstanding achievement of Dr. Abraham is initiating and building several NRI/PIO Indian community institutions as follows:

Federation of Indian Association (FIA) of New York (1977); National Federation of Indian-American Associations (NFIA) (1980); Global Organization of People of



Indian Origin (GOPIO) (1989);

Indian American Kerala Cultural and Civic Center (1993); Jagdish Bhagwati Chair for Indian Political Economy at Columbia University (1992-2000); National Indian American Association for Senior Citizens (NIAASC, 1998); South Asian Council for Social Services (SACSS, 2000) and The Indus Nanotechnology Association (TINA 2011)



## LIBRARY INAUGURATION

**CHIEF GUEST**

KERALA CENTER CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO THE INAUGURATION ON  
**Hon. Binaya Srikanta Pradhan**  
**SATURDAY APRIL 6TH, 2024**  
**05:30 PM** *Consul General of India, New York*



### DR. THOMAS ABRAHAM LIBRARY

THE LIBRARY WILL HAVE AN INDIA COLLECTION OF BOOKS AND INDIAN DIASPORA BOOKS AS WELL AS DR. ABRAHAM'S PERSONAL COLLECTION OF HISTORIC DOCUMENTS ON INDIAN DIASPORA AND BOOKLETS/LITERATURE OF INDIAN AMERICAN & THE DIASPORA COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS. THE LIBRARY WILL SERVE AS AN INDIAN DIASPORA RESEARCH CENTER. THE LIBRARY HALL WILL ALSO SERVE AS A STATE-OF-THE ART HYBRID CONFERENCE ROOM.

PROGRAM: 5.30 PM - NETWORKING COCKTAILS  
 6.15 PM CEREMONY AND FELICITATIONS,  
 FOLLOWED BY ENTERTAINMENT AND DINNER

For more information, contact Kerala Center  
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# BHARAT TRADE EXPO & CULTURAL SHOW

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## BEST OF BHARAT IN REUNION

### ROLE OF GOPIO IN BHARAT AMRIT KAL

#### MAJOR ATTRACTIONS OF THE EVENT

- TRADE FAIR
- FASHION SHOW
- CULTURAL SHOW
- AWARDS CEREMONY
- ORIGINAL INDIAN  
RESTAURANT  
(WITH CHEFS FROM INDIA)



## 17 - 21 JULY 2024

**VENUE :**  
**PARC DES EXPOSITIONS - NORDEV**  
**ST DENIS - ILE DE LA RÉUNION**  
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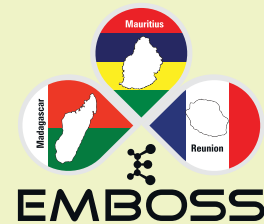
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# BEST OF BHARAT/ MAURITIUS SHOW



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Role Of  
GOPIO  
In

Bharat Amrit Kal

## MAJOR ATTRACTIONS OF THE EVENT

- Trade Fair
- Fashion shows
- Cultural shows
- awards Ceremony
- huge Food Court



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### VENUE

Swami Vivekananda  
International Convention  
Centre Pailles, Mauritius  
(SVICC)  
[www.svicc.mu](http://www.svicc.mu)

### EVENT DATE

10 JULY TO 14 JULY  
2024



**Today, as India has emerged into a fastest growing economy in the world, opportunities that Indian businesses now can tap on global.**

**Investment opportunity**

**Lucrative Global Alliance**

**Manufacturing opportunity**

**Make in India initiative.**

**In this current economic environment, the strengthening of economic integration with various regional economic communities and trade will be the key.**

#### ABOUT THE SHOW

The Mauritius Co-operative Alliance Ltd. (MCAL) and Mauritius Fishermen's Co-operative Federation in association with

The Delhi NCR Chapter of the Global organisation of People of Indian Origin (GOPIO) has initiated the maiden event, "BEST OF INDIA SHOW" to achieve the following objectives.

To Promote the Indian and African Business, especially, MSME Sector & Agriculture across the Globe.

To provide a platform to various Indian States and African countries.

To enhance and promote Indian Culture and Tourism.

To promote 'Brand India' around the world.

To create networking opportunities with local business community.

To promote trade & collaborations of India business including Export and Manufacturing opportunities.

The Maiden event being planned in Mauritius, will provide an opportunity for the Indian Businessmen, specially from the MSME Sector, Exporters and Trading community to showcase their strengths and capabilities to display the quality products from India.

It helps them to establish joint venture in Mauritius in association with MSME sector, Mauritius.

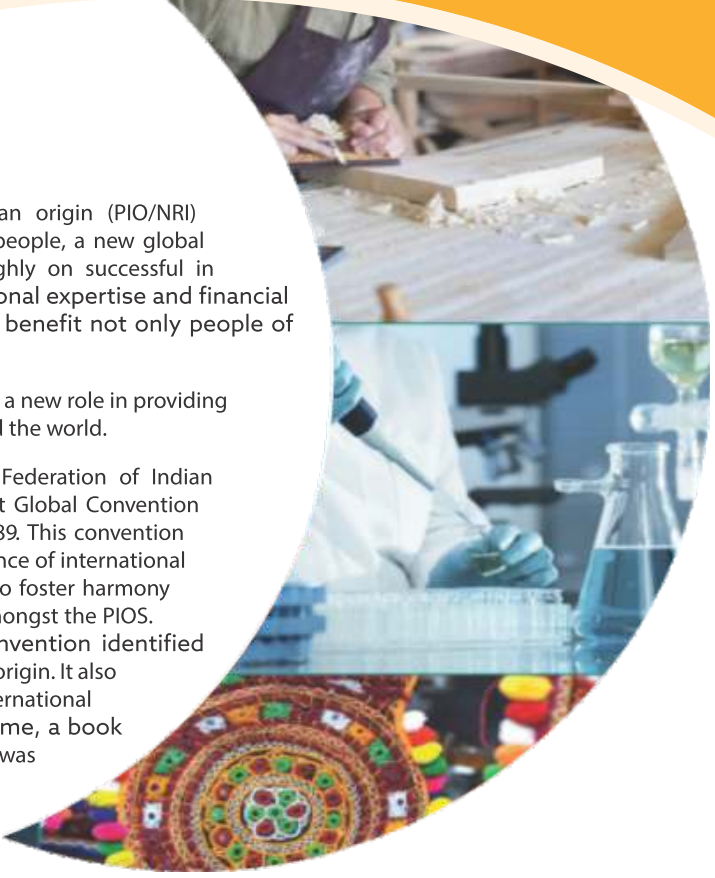


GOPIO

There are around 40 million people of Indian origin (PIO/NRI) living outside India. With each large group of people, a new global community of Indian origin have become highly on successful in business and the profession. Their professional expertise and financial resources are to be pooled together, it will benefit not only people of Indian origin but also their countries.

In addition people of Indian origin could assume a new role in providing help in case of crisis to their communities around the world.

With these objectives in mind, the National Federation of Indian American Association (NFIA) organized the First Global Convention of PIOS in New York on August 28 - Sept. 3, 1989. This convention provided an opportunity for sharing the experience of international Indian communities on a common forum and so foster harmony with a feeling of brotherhood and fellowship amongst the PIOS. Attended by over 3000 delegates, the convention identified and discussed problems facing people of Indian origin. It also provided necessary forum at he national and international level to voice their concerns. For the first time, a book on Migration of Indians Around the World was published at the convention where twenty six resolutions pertaining to the various issues.



BEST OF INDIA SHOW

Will have the following components: A HIGHLY PROFITABLE Mauritius & African market.

Over 200 MSME producers of India putting up various products and services in an exclusive area earmarked for exhibition showcasing technologies and select products on sale and samples for future business bookings.

Select States of India to showcase its investment and industrial opportunities as well as their cultural strengths.

A special business match making segment for businessmen from both the countries to network and explore future business opportunities.

A concurrent Food Festival to be run on all the days with variety of indian cuisines on offer.

Cultural events by participating States of India, High Profile Fashion Show on selective days.

The participants of the event are mostly manufacturers and they are very strong in their respective manufacturing technologies, skills and quality check.



They look for an excellent, peaceful and stable work environment in Mauritius, so there is a possibility of business tie-up/collaboration with the local entrepreneurs and manufacturers in Mauritius by sharing their technological expertise.

The event would be an excellent opportunity for the people of both the countries to set up B to B Meetings.

#### VISITOR PROMOTION ACTIVITIES

The entire Indian origin community in Mauritius will be invited to visit the event along with the Mauritius business community and general public to witness this large showcase of technologies, Indian products, Culture and Food. This will also help the people from both the countries to network and explore future business opportunities.

Business Associations in Mauritius have been contacted and their members will be invited to visit the event.

Publicity through advertisements in newspapers, television and radio in Mauritius and all other available mode of advertisement.

Invitations from offices of Indian High Commission in Mauritius, to its networking and business community in Mauritius.

GOPIO local offices in various cities in Mauritius will help in disseminating information about this special event and invite large number of people to visit the Mde in India Show!

### REGISTRATION / STALL RATES

#### SPECIAL INVITATION

All Council General of Mauritius, and Embassy, Chamber of Commerce & other Trade Association.

#### PAYMENT TERMS

DD/NEFT should be made in Favour of our Facilitation Partner - "Monarch International" payable at "Delhi".

#### FIRST COME FIRST SERVE

Stall Size: 3x3 Mtr. Built-up as per International Grade @ INR 150,000.00 per Stall.

#### ENTRY FEE

50 MUR per Adult subject 1 year to 15 years Children, Senior Citizen above 60 years Free.

#### PARKING

Available much as required.

Millet Products	Healthy Products
Wedding related Products for Brides & Grooms	Gents - Casual and Formal Wear
Real Estate	Leather Products
Ayush & Yoga	Furniture and Office Equipment
Drones	Herbals
Steel, Aluminium & Wooden Furniture	Wide range of Organic Food Products
Fisheries	Ladies Bags
Renewable & Recycling	Cosmetics
E-vehicles	Wooden Furniture's
IT	Neck Ties / Scarves
Automobile Parts & Accessories	Hand Paintings
Infrastructure	Home Decor
FMCG	Bakery Products
Waste Management	Footwear
Electric Devices	Imitation Jewellery
Agro & Pharmaceuticals	Wooden Handicrafts
Solar Energy Equipment	Stone Handicrafts
Infra for Budget Houses	Ladies Ethnic Wear
Electronic Equipments	Kitchen Utensils
Traditional Healthy & Nutrious Foods	Pipes
	Gifts and Souvenirs

#### WHY MAURITIUS

Situated in the 'Golden Triangle' connecting as a, Mauritius and Australia, Mauritius in the converging point of global civilization-a-place where one can feel the cosmopolitan pulse of the world.

GDP per capita: approx USD 9,600

#### VISITOR CATEGORY

- Chain of Hyper Market, Wholesalers, Various Embassies in Mauritius & Indian Ocean, Chamber of Commerce, Importers
- Retail Buyers — Chain of Stores, Foreigners From nearby African Countries (around 1,25,000 expected with large number of Mauritius and its SME)



#### CONTACT US

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Panchsheel Marg, Opposite Hotel Ashok & Samrat Chanakyapuri, New Delhi - 110 003

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# GOPIO TEAM 2023-'24

After the GOPIO election, which was completed in February/March 2023 with the new team sworn in on March 4th, 2023, the GOPIO Executive Council appointed the Secretary, Joint Secretaries and as well as Chair/Co-Chairs of various Committees. The Chairs and Co-Chairs of various GOPIO Councils are being appointed and confirmed now.



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NAME	POSITION
Dr. Thomas Abraham	Chairman
Lal Motwani	President
Umesh Chandra OAM	Executive Vice President
Kewal Kanda	Vice President/Treasurer
Prakash Shah	Global Ambassador
Ram Gadhavi	Secretary
Dr. Asha Samant	Int'l Coordinator-at-large
J. (Nami) Kaur	Int'l Coordinator-at-large
Harmohan Singh Walia	Int'l Coordinator, Oceania
Ved Prakash Goojha	Int'l Coordinator, Europe
Dhiraj Ahuja	Int'l Coordinator, South Asia
Deo Gosine	Int'l Coordinator, Caribbean
Roger Laxman	Int'l Coordinator, Africa
Ashok Madan	Int'l Coordinator, North America
Kritilata Ram	Int'l Coordinator, Francophone
Jay Bhandari	Associate Secretary

NAME	POSITION
Chitranjan Sahai Belwariar	Associate Secretary
Mahavir Arya	Chair, Chapter Review Committee
Pramod Kamdar	Chair, Bylaws Committee
Dr. Neerja Arun Gupta	Chair, Academic Council
Dr. Vimal Goyle	Chair, Health & Wellness Council
Aparna Hande	Co- Chair, Health & Wellness Council
Dr. Parveen Chopra	Chair, Human Rights Council
Parsram Punj	Co-Chair, Human Rights Council
Rohit Vyas	Chair, Media Council
Ashok Motwani	Co-Chair, Media Council
Prof Prasad Yarlagadda	Chair, Science & Technology Council
Dr. Ramesh Pandey	Chair, Seniors Council
Molly Banerjei	Chair, Women Council
Soruba Rani Kuusto	Co-Chair, Women Council
Charu Shivakumar	Co-Chair, Women Council
Vasu Pawar	Chair, Youth Council