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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.

The Global Organization of People of Indian Origin (GOPIO) celebrated its 35th Anniversary on April 26-28, 2024, at its Convention 2024 at Royal Albert Palace, Fords, New Jersey, USA. The convention focused on India's present and future and what role the Diaspora Indians can play in helping to realise this desirable future.

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GOPIO Convention 2024 being inaugurated with the lighting of the lamp by Ambassador Samuel Hinds, Deputy Consul General Dr Varun Jeph and GOPIO Officials



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Editor's Note



Welcome to our convention's special news bulletin. Let me begin by congratulating the convention team for delivering a brilliant convention. The team worked hard to provide the convention on time and within the budget. With Prakash Shah at the helm under the guidance of Captain Lalji, propelled by Thomas's powerhouse engine, the ship safely reached its destination. Secondly, I want to reassure you all that despite not being able to attend in person due to a medical condition, I am on the road to recovery. I have been discharged from the hospital and am now attending the hospital clinic three days a week. My working week has been drastically cut down to two full days a week, but I am doing my best to manage. Such is life, and we need to work around these issues the best we can.

Our June issue will still be released on the 20th, so we are inviting all chapters, area coordinators and life members to send their submissions by the 15th of June for inclusion in the June issue.

Congratulations also on the successful relaunch of GCCI, another positive step forward; the challenge is to keep the momentum and engage in meaningful and purposeful activities that are aligned with the aims and objectives. This launch is very timely as India's economic growth is accelerating at unprecedented rates, and opportunities are plentiful. However, doing business in India has always been a challenge for the diaspora community. Certain norms and consumer behaviour are best understood by local partnerships. If handled tactfully, this platform would flourish. International trade delegations to various states would be beneficial, and the States would gladly accommodate such requests.

The financial market has been speculating about how it would react to a BJP win with a lower majority. Stability in the financial sector is essential for investor confidence in an otherwise volatile market; over the coming months, it will become abundantly clear where we are headed.

Getting back to our News bulletin, please forward your articles as soon as possible. Please send articles separate from the photos and do not embed them in the Word document; we can still use them, but it is unnecessary work. The point is the quality of the images; often, we receive very low-quality photos, and we try to fix them as much as we can without making them look unrealistic. High-quality JPEG files work best for us.

Looking forward to receiving your submissions, and once again, congratulations to our convention team; hopefully, you will enjoy reading this special bulletin.

Until the next Issue- happy reading

—Umesh Chandra OAM

Editor in chief

GOPIO International News Bulletin

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The theme was 'Opportunities for Diaspora Indians in India's Big Manifest Future.' The convention ended with the General Body passing four resolutions, including one demanding entire dual nationality for Overseas Indian Citizens (OCI) card holders. The General Body also reelected Dr. Thomas Abraham as Chairman of GOPIO International.

The chief guest, Guyana's Ambassador to the USA, His Excellency Samuel Hinds, who earlier served as Guyana's Prime Minister and President, played a pivotal role in the convention, demonstrating the high esteem in which GOPIO is held. India's Deputy Consul General in New York, Dr. Varun Jeph, delivered a compelling keynote address, setting the tone for the event. The inaugural session started with a warm welcome by Convention Convener Prakash Shah, who also serves as GOPIO's Global Ambassador. GOPIO President Lal Motwani said that since the new team was elected last year, the organisation has been brought with more activities and restarting its newsletter GOPIO News, a testament to the



New York City Deputy Commissioner Dilip Chauhan presented a citation from Mayor Eric Adams. From l. to r.: Convener Prakash Shah, Chairman Dr Thomas Abraham, Chauhan, Ambassador Samuel Hinds and President Lal Motwani

dedication and hard work of the GOPIO team.

The convention was inaugurated with a grand lamp-lighting ceremony on April 26th, a symbolic start to the event. This was followed by a soulful universal prayer song by GOPIO-Edison President Pallavi Belwariar and an enchanting invocation dance in Kathak style by Mitali Nirgude-Kaganeb, adding a vibrant cultural touch to the event. The significance of the event was further highlighted when New York City Mayor Eric Adams issued

a citation honouring the Global Organization of People of Indian Origin (GOPIO) on the occasion of its convention and for its contribution to improving life in New York City. The proclamation was presented by Deputy Commissioner for International Affairs Dilip Chauhan, who complimented GOPIO for its outstanding work for the benefit of the Indian Diaspora worldwide.

Ambassador Hinds fondly shared Guyana's close relationship with India and GOPIO, especially since the late

Dr Cheddi Jagan attended the first GOPIO Convention in New York and later inaugurated the Second Global Convention held in New Delhi 1992 as President of Guyana. Again, in 1999, Guyana President Bharrat Jagdeo inaugurated the GOPIO Convention in New York.

Ambassador Hinds said, "President Jagan had high regard for GOPIO and was always seeking to support GOPIO." Dr. Jagan played a significant role in Guyana's progress. "With oil discovery, Guyana will prosper rapidly," Ambassador Hinds added.

In his keynote address, Dr. Jeph articulated the tremendous progress India has made in many arenas. India is currently the fifth-largest economy in the world and will soon become the third-largest economy.

Dr. Jeph provided impressive statistics on India's growth, success, and potential and said that India, with 65% of youth, has bright prospects.

Dr. Jeph said, "Indian Americans are playing a pivotal role in the US economy with start-ups and other business ventures; while being just over 1% of the population, your contribution to the economy is over 6%."

"To the USA, we send brilliance and intelligence of the highest number of foreign students, creating a formidable future," Dr. Jeph added.

Dr. Jeph complimented GOPIO's initiatives to network and help new students from India and said that the Consulate would continue cooperating.

In his remarks, the GOPIO



Dignitaries and GOPIO officials at the inauguration, from l. to r.: Indian Deputy Consul |General Varun Jeph, Ambassador Samuel Hinds, Dr. Thomas Abraham, Lal Motwani and Prakash Shah



Panel on GOPIO Chamber of Commerce and Networking Worldwide Diaspora Businesses, From l. to r.: Session Chair and Moderator Prakash Shah, Falguni Pandya, Bhavik Shah, Dr. Vithal Dhaduk Sunil Hali and Braj Aggarwal

chairman said that since its inception in 1989, GOPIO has taken up issues of civil rights and human rights violations of the Indian Diaspora around the world and that Indian Diaspora communities have achieved political mainstream in many countries with a significant Diaspora population.

Dr. Abraham said, "The 35 million-strong Indian Diaspora community is the fastest-growing Diaspora community worldwide, spread into 180 countries. We are remitting over 100 billion dollars annually, which has helped

India reach a foreign reserve of over \$650 billion, and this flow will continue at the same level or more soon."

On Saturday, April 27th, the convention hosted nine conference sessions, including one on how the Indian Diaspora can participate in India's big manifest and some on Diaspora life and social segments.

The first session on "GOPIO Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Worldwide Networking of the Diaspora Businesses" was chaired by Convener Prakash Shah,

President of First Growth Mortgage and Realty LLC. Speakers were Dr Vithal Dhaduk, who developed and sold Pharmaceutical Companies; Braj Aggarwal, President of Braj Aggarwal CPA PC, New York; Sunil Hali, Chairman of Radio Zindagi, Indian Eye, NDTV USA, New Jersey; Hotel & Realty Veteran Bhavik Shah and Falguni Pandya of Namaste Global.

During the Women's Panel session titled "Diaspora Women Making A Difference," GOPIO women shared their personal stories of contributions to their adopted homelands. Rooted in Motherland India, five women, Soruba Rani Kuusto, Dr Vimal Goyle, Dr Rini Johar, Beena Kothari, and Suman Kapoor of New Zealand, represented the diversity in GOPIO membership. Guided and mentored by the panel Chair and Facilitator J. Nami Kaur, who is GOPIO's International Coordinator-at-Large, they presented their vision for Diaspora engagement in India's Manifest Future.

The session on "Medical and Health Issues and How Diaspora Indians Can Participate in India's Frontline Role in Pharmaceuticals, Vaccines and Other Health Areas" was chaired and moderated by Dr. Asha Samant, GOPIO's International Coordinator-at-Large, Co-Convener GOPIO Convention-2024 and Associate Professor at Rutgers School of Dental Medicine (UMDNJ), Livingston, New Jersey. Speakers were Dr Anil Diwan, President and Executive



Conference Panel Women – Session Chair Nami Kaur is moderating the session. Panellists from l. to r.: Soruba Rani Kuusto, Rini Johar, Beena Kop0thari, Dr Vimal Goyle, Ritu Chopra and Suman Kapoor



Speakers at Medical, Health and Pharma Opportunities with India – From l. to r.: Chair and Moderator Dr Asha Samant, Dr Anil Diwan, Dr J.M. Daptardar, Dr Rakesh Grover, Hari Singh Panaser and Dr Anurag Pande

Chairman of NanoVirisides, Inc., Shelton, CT, who spoke on "New Frontiers in Drug Development;" Rakesh Grover, President and CEO, Carnegie Pharmaceuticals, LLC, Delran, NJ; Dr Anurag Pande, Vice President, Scientific Affairs, Sabinsa Corporation, East Windsor, NJ; Dr Jaya Daptardar, Chief Compliance Officer of Bridges Health Care and CEO of Active Ayurveda and Yoga LLC, as well as President of GOPIO-CT, Fairfield, CT and Hari Singh Panaser, Chairman, Global Indian Trade and Culture USA; VP, Coolsoft LLC and Global Business Consultant, Birla Soft, Monroe, NJ.

Dr. Diwan said, "NanoViricides Platform

Technology has invented nanomedicine technologies poised to revolutionise the treatment of viral infections." Carnegie Pharmaceuticals' CE Rakesh Grover has said that his company develops, manufactures and distributes products for Orphan diseases where no generic products are available. Their vision is to improve current marketed products for cancer and cardiovascular disease to have lower side effects by reducing the dosage. Dr. Anurag Pande said that Sabinsa's founder, Dr. Muhammed Majeed, modernised the herbal medicine industry by bringing the concept of standardisation. Today, Sabinsa markets over

120 botanical extracts from Indian fields. Sabinsa initiated a reforestation program, the first of its kind, to address sustainable sourcing of Pterocarpus.

The Panel on the Emergence of India as a Global Powerhouse, organised by The Indus Entrepreneur - NJ Chapter (tie.org), focused on the growth of the Digital Economy, Supply Chain and Manufacturing. The session moderator, Professor Suresh Kumar, President of TiE NJ, made a robust bull case, regaining its spot among the top three global economies by 2047 and even moving up to the top 2 by 2075. He said that political stability, mass employment generation through manufacturing growth, and the right geopolitical alliances over the next decade will be vital to sustaining India's recent success. The other panellists included Anjan Lahari, CEO of Navikenz and ex-CEO of Birlasoft, who cautioned against overconfidence and complacency; Neha Shah, CEO of GEP - who emphasised the importance of digital supply chains; Naveen Puri, Founder of InnoPharma - who stressed in training the workforce and keeping them flexible in developing new skills as needed; and Sanyukta Kulkarni, Manager of Route Development (Indian subcontinent), DB Schenker Inc. who spoke on "Growth of Logistic Operations in India."

There was a session on Diaspora Youth and Young Achievers, their role in India's Future, and how GOPIO can



Panel on Digital Infrastructure, Supply Chain Logistics and AI - From l. to r.: Navneet Puri, Sanyukta Kulkarni, Chair and Moderator Dr. Suresh Kumar, Neha Shah, GOPIO Chairman Dr. Thomas Abraham and Anjan Lahari



Young professional achievers were recognised after their session. From l. to r.: Session Chair and Moderator Vasu Pawar, Ravi Kurani, Falu Shah, Monica Arora, Neil Nayyar, Kunal Devmane and GOPIO Chairman Dr. Thomas Abraham. Not visible in the photo are Session Co-chair Bhavya Gupta and Bhavik Shah

facilitate their participation. It was put together and chaired by Ms Vasu Pawar, CEO/ Founder of Step2StepUp Inc. and co-chaired by Bhavya Gupta, Founder and Managing Partner of ACE Consultants, New Jersey. Kunal Devmane delivered the keynote address from Mumbai, India, who was

a keynote speaker at G20-India and author of Buffering to Streaming; Sutro Founder and CEO Ravi Kurani; Investment Management Expert Monica Arora; Grammy Award Winner and Audience Specialist Falguni Shah; Creative Music Genius Neil Nayyar; and Hotel & Realty Veteran Bhavik Shah.

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The session on "Technologies and AI, and other Innovations: How Diaspora Indians are leading Research and Innovations" was chaired by GOPIO Chairman Dr. Thomas Abraham, a Nanotechnologist and President of Innovative Research and Products in Stamford, CT. Prof. Rajasekhar Vangapaty, Academic Advisor to Fashion Institute of Technology, moderated



Speakers at the Conference Session on Technologies and AI, from l. to r. Prof Raj Vangapaty, Dr. Jatin Mehta, Convention Convener Prakash Shah, Prof. Siddhartha Dala, Dr. Thomas Abraham, Kathirvel Kumararaja, Abraham Pannikottu and Dr. Kris Mani

it. Prof. Siddhartha Dalal, Professor of Professional Practice in Applied Analytics at Columbia University, New York, delivered the keynote address. Other speakers were Kathirvel Kumararaja, President, Founder and CEO, DevJee, Inc., New York, NY, who spoke on "Bridging Traditional Wisdom and Modern Healthcare: Opportunities for Diaspora Indians in India's Health Innovation Economy;" Abraham Pannikottu, CEO, American Engineering Group, Akron, Ohio, "India's

Opportunities and Challenges of AI in Défense Sector on Overseas Small Business Partnerships;" Dr. Kris Mani, President, NSR Technologies, Basking Ridge, NJ, who spoke on "Nanotechnology and Other Technologies;" Dr. Jatin V. Mehta, CEO, MetaSense Digital Marketing, Philadelphia, PA, "Mastering SEO & Marketing with AI."

There was a GOPIO Academic Council Roundtable coordinated by GOPIO Edison President Pallavi Belwariar, chaired by the Academic



Photo left: Participants at the GOPIO Academic Council Roundtable, Right: Ambassador Hinds speaking at the session. Sitting area Session Coordinator Pallavi Belwariar, GOPIO Chairman Dr. Thomas Abraham and GOPIO Academic Council Chair Dr. Neerja Arun Gupta

Council Chair, Dr. Neerja Arun Gupta, Vice Chancellor Gujarat University. GOPIO Chairman Dr Thomas Abraham and Guyana Ambassador Samuel Hinds attended it. The Council discussed academics' role in manifesting future India, Student Start-Ups with the GOPIO Chamber of Commerce and future studies abroad programs for NRI and PIO students. It also brainstormed on showcasing India to the Diaspora and starting virtual and offline programs. Lastly, it resolved to create a Global Network for Academics.

A non-business session on 'Diaspora Languages and Literature' was put together by GOPIO General Secretary Ram Gadhavi, which drew scholars from various Indian language backgrounds to explore the intricate relationship between diaspora experiences, literature, and language preservation. Scholars including Dr Babu Suthar (Gujarati), Anoop Bhargav (Hindi), Ashok Vidwans (Marathi), Dr Vasu Ranganathan (Tamil), Raju Thomas (Malayalam), and Dilip Chakraborty (Bengali) discussed diaspora writers and the status of their respective languages.

The discussions centred around three key issues raised by Dr Babu Suthar during the session's summarisation. Firstly, there was an engaging debate regarding using the term 'diaspora' versus 'transnationalism'. Dr. Suthar highlighted the ongoing scholarly discourse surrounding these concepts, with some advocating for the



Panel Discussion on Diaspora Languages and Literature – From l. to r.: Ashok Vidwans, Raju Thomas, Anoop Bhargava, Dr. Babu Suthar, Dr. Vasu Ranganathan and Dilip Chakraborty



Panel Discussion on “Diaspora Indians, Aging Gracefully.” From l. to r. Bharat Rana, Anand Patel, Sudha Acharya, Mukund Mehta and Suman Kapoor

term 'transnationalism' over 'diaspora'. While both terms carry nuanced connotations, Suthar urged fellow writers and scholars to consider their implications within the context of literature and cultural representation.

Secondly, the session addressed the challenge of maintaining Indian languages within the United States. Scholars presented contrasting perspectives; some argued that the socio-cultural differences in the diasporic context make language preservation nearly impossible, while others emphasised the importance of teaching Indian languages to future generations to preserve cultural heritage and foster a

sense of identity.

Lastly, the discussion explored the role of language as a link to cultural identity and expression. Suthar shared a personal anecdote about his struggle to articulate his thoughts and emotions in Gujarati following the traumatic events of 2002. He underscored how language serves as a conduit for connecting individuals to their cultural roots and facilitating shared experiences within diasporic communities.

The audience, deeply engaged by the dialogue, voiced their concerns about preserving Indian languages and culture in foreign lands. Many supported the scholars' sentiments and echoed the



Audience at the Convention

importance of safeguarding linguistic diversity and cultural heritage.

After the session, Session Organizer Rambhai Gadhavi extended heartfelt thanks to all the participants for their invaluable contributions to the enriching discourse.

A second non-business

session on “Diaspora Indians Aging Gracefully” was put together by Bharat Rana, President of the Federation of Indian Senior Association of North America (FISANA) and President of GOPIO-North Jersey. The speakers were Mukund Mehta, President of India Home, Inc. and President,

Indo-American Senior Citizen Center of New York, Queens, NY; Sudha Acharya, GOPIO Founding Co-Convener and Executive Director, South Asian Council for Social Services (SACSS), Flushing, New York; Anand Patel, Businessman and Philanthropist and Owner of Numerous Dunkin’ Donuts



Community Service Awardees with Ambassador Samuel Hinds and GOPIO officials. From l. to r.: Dr Thomas Abraaham, Chitranjan Belwariar, Nami Kaur, Prakash Shah, Kewal Kanda, Gujrat University Vice Chancellor Dr Neerja Arun Gupta, H President Balaji Jilla, Ambassador Hinds, Lal Motwani, Eye Specialist Dr V.K. Raju, Community Motivator Lion Hina Trivedi, Miss India World Pageant CEO Dharmatma Saran, Rajul Shah, SACSS Executive Director Sudha Acharya and Board Member Dr Swarna Shah, Dr Asha Samant and Jay Bhandari



Media Recognition, from l. to r.: Prakash Shah, Dr Thomas Abraham, Prof. Indrajit Saluja of Indian Panorama, Dr Sudhir Parikh of ITV/News India/Desi Talk, Ambassador Hinds, Dr H.R. Shah of TV Asia and Lal Motwani

Chain franchises, currently serving as Board of Director of FISANA, Past President of FISANA and Currently Member of FIA Trustees; and Suman Kapoor, Hospitality Entrepreneur, GOPIO Waikato, New Zealand.

Convener Prakash Shah said, "We had the most successful Convention at a time that we consider pivotal for India and India's 38 million-strong Diaspora. We are dealing with an Outbreak, but this time, it isn't an Outbreak of a COVID-like disease but an Outbreak of Optimism!"

"We are very confident that with the infrastructure base having been built, India will rapidly evolve into becoming a net defence exporter and a multifaceted manufacturing hub in pharmaceuticals, automobiles, smartphones, semiconductors and aircraft,

among many others, including continuing the high growth in the service sector," Shah continued.

All these conference sessions brought exciting and valuable knowledge and mastery of Indians in their specialised fields. The speakers and audience appreciated GOPIO's vision and mission in planning such conference topics. Convention attendees agreed that India, with its third-largest Start-Up-Ecosystem and having already achieved 125 Unicorns, is the best investment opportunity in the world and, therefore, especially attractive to the Diaspora Indians.

At the Finale Awards banquet, four individuals and two organisations were honoured with community service awards: Dr Neerja A. Gupta, who is the first woman Chancellor of Gujarat

University, Ahmedabad, India; Dr. V.K. Raju M.D. who has been providing excellent service in eradicating childhood blindness; Dharmatma Saran who has been named as the cultural ambassador of India to the world for promoting networking of young women achievers through his annual Miss India Worldwide Pageant and Lion Hina Trivedi of Chicago as a great community builder. Two organisations are also recognised, Heart and Hand for the Handicapped (HHH), for its excellent service to physically and mentally challenged children and the South Asian Council for Social Services (SACSS) for its outstanding services to communities in the New York Area.

Others recognised by GOPIO include Dr Vithal Dhaduk, Pharmaceutical Business in



Recognition to media for their services to the community and GOPIO. From l. to r. Dr Thomas Abraham, Prakash Shah, Rajeev Bhambri of New India Abroad, Ambassador Samuel Hinds, Deputy Consul General Dr Varun Jeph, Sunil Tristar of Pravasi Channel and India Life, Lal Motwani, George Joseph of Emalayalee, and Sunil Hali of The Indian Eye and Radio Zindagi

the USA. Developed and sold pharma companies; Sabinsa Vice President Anurag Pande, Businesswoman Poonam Khubani; AAHOA Past Chairman Bharat Patel; TV Asia Chairman and CEO Dr H.R. Shah, Parikh Worldwide Media Chairman Dr Sudhir Parikh, Indian Eye/Radio Zindagi CEO Sunil Hali, New India Abroad Publisher Rajeev Bhambri; Indian Panorama Editor and Publisher Prof. Indrajit Saluja, Emalayalee and India Life Editor George Joseph, Universal News Network editor Ajay Ghosh and Pravasi Channel producer Sunil Tristar. GOPIO Convention Co-Conveners Dr Asha Samant and businessman Kenny Desai were also recognised at the convention.

Many people worldwide and various parts of the USA



Entertainers at the Convention: From l. to r.: Avinash Mistry, Ustad Kamal Sabri, Dan Nainan, Falu Shah and Pallavi Belwariar



GOPIO General Body Meeting Attendees with Edison Mayor Sam Joshi



GOPIO General Body Meeting delegates holding First Day Covers cancelled by the US Postal Service at the First Global Convention of People of Indian Origin.

attended the Convention. The entertainment included a Comedy Hour by the Internationally Acclaimed Comedian Dan Nainan on the first day. It concluded with a superb performance by Sarangi and Ghazals by Ustad Kamal Sabri, a seventh-generation Maestro who Avinash Mistry accompanied on the Tabla. Grammy Award winner Falu Shah and GOPIO-Edison President Pallavi Belwariar also rendered some songs.

The GOPIO General Body meeting on April 28th passed important resolutions, many of which are designed to accomplish and accelerate the Diaspora Participation in India's high growth in its 'Suvarna Kaal'. This resolution to the government of India includes granting entire dual nationality to OCI card holders, making OCI at par with Indian citizens

doing business in India, and providing Aadhar cards to NRIs who are citizens of India. A fourth resolution urged the Biden Administration and US Congress to pass legislation to eliminate the backlog of Indians waiting for permanent residence in the USA.

Since he was out of town, Edison Town Mayor Sam Joshi joined the convention at its concluding GOPIO General Body session and offered all his help for GOPIO to move forward in Edison and nearby areas. GOPIO, in turn, told Mayor Joshi that it would initiate some programs for needy people, including supporting soup kitchens in Edison.

The General Body also unanimously elected Dr Thomas Abraham as Chairman of GOPIO International for the remainder of the term.

In the afternoon, GOPIO

organised a memorable trip for outside delegates to the recently consecrated Akshardham Temple in Robbinsville, New Jersey. GOPIO, the 4 Ps, the premier, pioneer, popular and purposeful organisation of the Global Indian Diaspora, was founded in the world's financial centre – New York, in 1989 as a non-political and secular organisation. Since then, GOPIO has blossomed like a banyan tree with Diaspora on all continents with Life Members and chapters in 35 countries. GOPIO is regarded as the most influential and productive organisation dealing with and taking up issues concerning the global Indian Diaspora to various authorities and governments. The government of India closely follows GOPIO and seriously takes its suggestions.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO INDIAN DIASPORA STUDENTS

UG & PG Admissions Open for International Students at Dr B.R. Ambedkar University Delhi (India), Application Deadline - 15th June

Dr B.R. Ambedkar University Delhi (AUD) has opened UG & PG admissions for the academic session 2024-25 for international students.

To facilitate the admission process, there is an online portal where prospective international students can access all the necessary information and submit their applications. Interested students can apply here: <https://audfsradmission.samarth.edu.in> / <<https://audfsradmission.samarth.edu.in/>> or visit university website for more information here: <https://aud.delhi.gov.in/admission/Foreign-Student> <<https://aud.delhi.gov.in/admission/Foreign-Student>>

May also see the enclosed poster and Bulletin of Information highlighting information on admissions and various academic programmes.

The last date for Admissions is
15th June 2024

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
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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