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## Organising Chairman's Message

As we look back at the last two decades, we cannot help but be amazed by the tapestry of accomplishments that we, as a society, have woven together. From humble beginnings to this momentous milestone, we have traversed the path of unity, progress, and excellence. Our journey has been one of relentless dedication, unwavering passion, and a shared commitment to the values that define our society.

Throughout these 21 years, we have faced challenges, learned valuable lessons, and celebrated countless triumphs. Together, we have fostered an environment that nurtures talent, encourages innovation, and embraces diversity. GOPIO Singapore has become a tapestry of different voices, backgrounds, and expertise, woven together to create an inspiring mosaic of growth and collaboration.

As the Organizing Chairman of our 21st Anniversary celebrations, I would be remiss not to acknowledge the tremendous efforts of all those who have contributed to our society's success. Our members, whose unwavering dedication has been the bedrock of our achievements, deserve our heartfelt appreciation.

We not only celebrate our past but also look forward to the opportunities that lie ahead. Our commitment to progress and innovation remains steadfast, and we envision a future where our society continues to be a beacon of excellence and a catalyst for positive change in our community and beyond.

This Anniversary ceremony is a testament to our collective spirit and the remarkable synergy that exists within our society. It is a time to reflect on our accomplishments, celebrate our shared values, and reignite our



**Mr Shaick Fakrudeen S. Ali**  
Organising Chairman  
GOPIO 21st Anniversary Celebrations  
GOPIO Singapore

determination to scale new heights of success.

In conclusion, the success of this event would not have been possible without the dedication, hard work, and seamless coordination of our exceptional organizing team. Their unwavering commitment to excellence, innovative ideas, and tireless efforts ensured that every aspect of the event was flawlessly executed. I extend my deepest gratitude to each member of the organizing team for their invaluable contributions.

Once again, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to my organising committee for making this event possible. Let us make this celebration a resounding success, and may our society's journey of unity, progress, and excellence continue to shine brightly in the years to come.

**Mr Shaick Fakrudeen S/O S. Ali**

Organising Chairman  
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## GOPIO Singapore President's Message

With great joy and heartfelt appreciation, I send my warmest greetings to every member of GOPIO Singapore as we commemorate the 21st Anniversary of our beloved society. This momentous occasion signifies another significant milestone in our journey, and it allows us to reflect on the achievements and successes that have brought us here.

Throughout these years, GOPIO Singapore has remained dedicated to fulfilling its mission of promoting the common cultural heritage and legacy of Indians both within Singapore and across the globe. Our efforts have not only strengthened our community's bonds but also enriched the cultural diversity of the world we live in.

The Indian diaspora is a vast and dynamic global community, comprising more than 30 million people spread across all countries and continents. Over the past few decades, this diaspora has experienced significant growth and has made a remarkable impact on the world stage.

The Indian diaspora has a rich pool of talent, and its members have excelled in various fields. Their contributions have enriched societies and economies worldwide. As professionals, they have brought innovation, expertise, and valuable skills to their respective fields, fostering advancements and progress. Their achievements are a testament to the dedication, hard work, and resilience that characterize the Indian diaspora.

GOPIO Singapore has been actively engaged in organizing a diverse range of events in Singapore, contributing to the enrichment of the Indian community, and promoting cultural exchange.

Some of the notable events include:



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- Talks on Business Opportunities, International Business Conferences, and Talks on Health, Legal Education
- Collaboration with other Indian Organizations to Promote Indian Culture
- Organized Sports Activities with Other Organizations
- Business Networking Sessions
- Honouring Deserving Indians with Recognition within the Indian Community

On this momentous occasion, let us renew our commitment to the principles and values that GOPIO stands for. As we move forward, let us continue to embrace diversity, empower each other, and work towards a more prosperous and harmonious future. May our society continue to flourish, and may we continue to make a positive difference in the lives of those we touch. Thank you and warmest regards to everyone celebrating this milestone with us.

**Harikrishnan S/O Muthusamy**  
President, GOPIO Singapore





## Message

Congratulations on GOPIO Singapore's 21st anniversary! This is a milestone, which signifies the dedication, and commitment of the members and leaders of GOPIO Singapore.

It is a time to reflect on your history of growth and celebrate the initiatives and positive impact GOPIO Singapore has had on your members and the community it serves. While this is an occasion for members to come together, rekindle, and strengthen the bonds that make GOPIO Singapore a thriving community, it is also an opportunity to set new goals and aspirations for the future. I hope GOPIO members will continue to make a difference in the community.

Wishing GOPIO Singapore a Happy 21st Anniversary!



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## GOPIO International President's Message

On my part as the Founding President of GOPIO Malaysia, co-Founder of GOPIO International and as the current President of GOPIO International herein extend my warmest and heartfelt congratulations on your 21st Anniversary of the founding of GOPIO Singapore. I still vividly remember our maiden visit prior to the founding of GOPIO Singapore and the numerous national and international events and the various exchanges between our countries

I wish all the best for further successes on this memorable occasions and hope and pray we can march on to greater dimensions in our respective countries in contributing to the needs and aspirations of P.I.O across the world

Keep it up, GOPIO Singapore



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## GOPIO Mauritius President's Message

It gives GOPIO (Mauritius) immense pleasure and honour to be associated with GOPIO Singapore in the publication of a Souvenir Magazine on the occasion of 21st Anniversary celebration of GOPIO Singapore.

In today's fast-moving world where everybody has a lot of personal and family commitment and find difficulties to have enough time to fulfil their commitment, besides all, GOPIO Singapore is celebrating its 21 years of selfless service to the community. 21 years of existence for a self-financing NGO is a great achievement. It is possible only when you have a sense of direction and determination to achieve your goal. The President and members of GOPIO Singapore is a vivid example.

GOPIO aims to bring people of Indian Origin from all over the world to promote their social, cultural, economical and professional interests in the view to realise their maximum potential in the service of global peace. The concept of "Vasudhav Kutumbakam" (the world is one family) has guided the setting up of GOPIO to bring together 30 million people of Indian Origin under one roof and work together with the recognition, support and blessings of "Bharat Mata" (Govt of Republic of India).

Since its creation, GOPIO movement has achieved a lot of success. GOPIO Singapore has contributed immensely to improve the condition and position of PIO's of the world.

On the occasion of the 21st Anniversary Celebration, we congratulate the President and members of GOPIO Singapore for the works in the upliftment of not only the PIO's community



**Chundraprakash Vinay Dussoye**

President  
GOPIO - Mauritius

but humanity at large.

We wish GOPIO Singapore all success in its future endeavours. Unity is our strength.

**Chundraprakash Vinay Dussoye**

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## GOPIO Malaysia President's Message

On behalf of GOPIO Malaysia, we extend our gratitude for the contributions made by GOPIO Singapore, under your exceptional leadership, towards the betterment of society and community well-being, not only within Singapore but also on an international scale. The impact created by GOPIO Singapore through its active participation and contributions to numerous GOPIO activities is commendable.

We are pleased to acknowledge the significant presence of GOPIO Singapore in various noteworthy events, including the International Youth Conference in Malaysia, the International Conference on Cholas in Chennai, India, and the PIO Day & PIO International Festival 2023 in Kuala Lumpur. These instances serve as strong testaments to the dedication and impact generated by your chapter.

It brings us great satisfaction to witness the close collaboration between our neighbouring chapters, as we work harmoniously, connected as a family. This bond is unbreakable and reinforces our commitment to jointly achieve our objectives. As GOPIO Singapore positions itself to assume a more prominent role within GOPIO International, engaging the PIO Diaspora community on a global scale becomes crucial, aligning with the pressing demands of our time.

Now that the pandemic is behind us, the anniversary celebration serves as a testament to the sheer determination and unwavering commitment of the GOPIO Singapore committee members in elevating the Singapore chapter to new heights. In anticipation of future challenges, we recognise the multitude of



**S. Gunasekaren**  
President  
GOPIO - Malaysia

activities that lie ahead in our collective effort to foster a vibrant PIO community.

The commemoration of the 21st anniversary is not only a significant milestone for Singaporeans but also holds relevance for the entire PIO community globally. This celebration serves as a catalyst, motivating other chapters to organise more activities and events to honour their own successes.

Once again, GOPIO Malaysia extends its best wishes to you, the esteemed President, the dedicated Committee members, the diligent organising team, and all the well-wishers who contributed to the resounding success and memorable nature of the event.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment and remarkable contributions.

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## Message from GOPIO France

On this auspicious occasion of the celebration of the 21st anniversary of GOPIO Singapore, we heartily compliment and send our warmest wishes from France to the members and followers of GOPIO Singapore.

We congratulate you all on reaching a significant milestone - the 21st anniversary of GOPIO Singapore! This occasion calls for a celebration of your remarkable journey in fostering the welfare and interests of the Indian diaspora in Singapore. Throughout the years, your dedication and tireless efforts have left an indelible mark on the community.

On this joyous anniversary, it's good to note that GOPIO Singapore has accomplished collectively a lot and has been instrumental in empowering the Indian diaspora, promoting cultural understanding, and advocating for the rights and well-being of the community. Your commitment to fostering unity, diversity, and progress has been truly commendable.

GOPIO Singapore has played a pivotal role in connecting individuals, bridging cultures, and nurturing talent within the community. Your initiatives, events, and programs have created platforms for networking, professional development, and cultural exchange.

Through your unwavering support, countless individuals have found guidance, opportunities, and a sense of belonging.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to all the members, volunteers, and leaders who have dedicated their time and expertise to make GOPIO Singapore, under the leadership of my friend Harikrishnan Muthusamy a thriving organization. Your passion, enthusiasm, and unwavering commitment have been the driving force behind your success.

The bond between France and Singapore has strengthened since the actual Ambassador of India in France, His Excellency Shri Jawed Ashraf, was in office in Singapore before coming to France. He has always highlighted to me the



**Mehendra POINOOSAWMY**

Global Indian Organisation (GIO) VP Europe  
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great fabulous events which were organized by the Indian Community in Singapore.

Global Indian Organisation - GIO France congratulates you on this remarkable milestone. May the 21st anniversary celebrations of GOPIO Singapore be filled with joy, inspiration, and a renewed commitment to serving the community and to move to the promising future that lies ahead!

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## GOPIO Myanmar President's Message

Dear President Harikrishnan Muthusamy,

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my warmest wishes and heartfelt congratulations to GOPIO Singapore on its momentous 21st anniversary. As the President of GOPIO Myanmar, I recognize and appreciate the remarkable contributions your organization has made to the Indian diaspora in Singapore.

Over the past two decades, GOPIO Singapore has been a beacon of unity, cultural preservation, and community support. Your unwavering dedication to empowering individuals and addressing the needs of the Indian community has been truly commendable. Through your tireless efforts, you have fostered a sense of belonging and provided vital assistance to countless individuals and families.

Under your exceptional leadership, GOPIO Singapore has played a pivotal role in strengthening the bond between Singapore and India. Your organization has been instrumental in promoting cultural exchange, facilitating business opportunities, and creating a platform for networking and collaboration. By championing the rights and interests of the Indian diaspora, you have fostered greater understanding, cooperation, and mutual respect between the two nations.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the outstanding work done by GOPIO Singapore in organizing events, seminars, and workshops that celebrate Indian culture and traditions. Your initiatives have not only preserved the rich heritage of the Indian community but have also promoted cross-cultural understanding and appreciation among



**Ravindra Jain**

President, GOPIO - Myanmar

the diverse population of Singapore.

As you commemorate this significant milestone, I wish you continued success in all your future endeavors. May GOPIO Singapore continue to thrive and inspire individuals to reach their full potential, while fostering harmony and inclusivity within the community.

Congratulations once again on this remarkable achievement, and here's to many more years of excellence and impactful service by GOPIO Singapore.

Warm Regards,

**Ravindra Jain**

President  
GOPIO - Myanmar





## GOPIO Australia President's Message

Congratulations to GOPIO Singapore on celebrating this milestone, Happy twenty-first anniversary!

GOPIO Singapore has played a vital in connecting the Indian diaspora with India. GOPIO Singapore has participated in many international conventions and has attended numerous dialogues with India functions in conjunction with PBD. GOPIO Singapore actively takes part in the activities of GOPIO International. As an active participant, GOPIO Singapore contributes positively to the deliberations of GOPIO International meetings.

On a personal note, I have enjoyed a very cordial relationship with GOPIO Singapore. On many occasions, on my way to India, I would stop over in Singapore, and the Chapter would organise a get-together for me. That relationship is heartfelt and very close. During International Conventions, GOPIO Singapore always invited me to join their group, as I was the sole attendee from down under.

GOPIO Singapore has been an exemplary chapter, setting high standards for other chapters. GOPIO Singapore observes and celebrates many significant Indian festivals and events.

Being the strategic hub and major shipping port, Singapore is easily accessible from all corners of the globe. Hence, GOPIO Singapore is well-placed to be a central hub for all GOPIO Chapters. With strong leadership and continued growth, the Chapter has, over the last 21 years, sustained its position as a leading



**Umesh Chandra OAM**  
President  
GOPIO – Australia

Indian Organization in Singapore.

President Harikrishnan Muthusamy and his current committee must be congratulated for organising this milestone celebration. GOPIO Singapore's support to our Chapter, GOPIO Australia, being inaugurated, is appreciated, and always remembered.

I am looking forward to working together on all aspects of India's diaspora concerns, whether economic, cultural, or philanthropic.

**Umesh Chandra OAM**  
President  
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## GOPIO Sri Lanka President's Message

Dear Singapore GOPIO, GOPIO of Sri Lanka is delighted to extend our heartiest congratulations to your chapter for completing 21 years of glorious services to the PIO Community of Singapore. It is an incredible achievement to have reached this milestone, and we are proud of all that you have accomplished. Your sincere dedication, innovation, and commitment to promote the common interests of the People of Indian origin in Singapore and elsewhere in the region is highly commendable and we are honoured to be able celebrate this milestone with you.

We take this opportunity to applaud your efforts and wish you all the best for continued success in your future endeavours.

### **Kumar Nadesan**

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# GOPIO - Unveiling the Vanguard, Igniting Paths and Inspiring Futures

## GOPIO - Unveiling the Vanguard, Igniting Paths and Inspiring Futures

The Indian diaspora represents a vast and dynamic global community, comprising individuals of Indian origin who have migrated and settled in different parts of the world. With a rich and diverse heritage, the Indian diaspora has made significant contributions to the social, cultural, economic, and political fabric of their host countries. This introduction provides an overview of the Indian diaspora, highlighting its historical roots, scale, and significance in shaping both the countries of settlement and India itself.

The Indian diaspora has deep historical roots that can be traced back to centuries. From ancient times, Indian traders, scholars, and adventurers embarked on voyages, establishing connections with various regions of the world. These early interactions laid the foundation for Indian communities to take root in distant lands. During the colonial era, large-scale migrations of Indians occurred, primarily as indentured laborers to British colonies such as Mauritius, Fiji, Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago, and South Africa. The Indian diaspora also spread to Southeast Asia, the Middle East, Europe, North America, and other parts of the world through subsequent waves of migration.

Today, the Indian diaspora is one of the largest and most influential diasporic communities globally. Estimates suggest that over 30 million people of Indian origin reside outside India, forming a vibrant and interconnected network across the globe. The Indian diaspora's sheer size and diversity contribute to its significance, as it encompasses individuals from various linguistic, religious, and cultural backgrounds.

The Indian diaspora has made remarkable cultural and economic contributions to their

host countries. They have fostered the rich tapestry of Indian culture by establishing religious institutions, community organizations, and cultural centers that celebrate festivals, organize cultural events, and promote Indian arts, music, dance, and cuisine. Indian cultural practices, such as yoga and meditation, have gained global popularity through the efforts of the diaspora.

Economically, the Indian diaspora has excelled in diverse fields, including entrepreneurship, information technology, finance, healthcare, academia, and the arts. They have created businesses, generated employment opportunities, and contributed to the economic growth of both their host countries and India through remittances, investments, and trade partnerships.

The Indian diaspora maintains strong ties with India, fostering transnational connections that benefit both their host countries and the homeland. They engage in philanthropic activities, invest in India's booming economy, and participate in initiatives aimed at promoting cultural exchange and educational opportunities. Additionally, the Indian diaspora serves as a bridge between India and their host countries, facilitating trade, diplomacy, and knowledge sharing.

While the Indian diaspora has achieved remarkable success and recognition, they face unique challenges associated with their diasporic identity. These challenges include preserving their Indian cultural heritage, navigating the complexities of dual identities, addressing issues of discrimination and integration, and balancing the demands of their host societies with a sense of belonging to India.



Hence, eminent people of Indian origin who are well settled in their new locations assumed a new role in providing assistance during crises to their communities worldwide. With the aim of creating a stable platform for people of Indian origin across the globe, the National Federation of Indian American Associations organized a global convention for people of Indian origin in New York in 1989. This convention provided an opportunity to share the experiences of expatriate Indian communities on a common platform. Over 3,000 delegates attended the convention, during which the issues faced by the Indian community were identified and

discussed. The convention also served as an international platform to voice the pressing concerns of the expatriate community, particularly those of Indian origin.

As a commemoration of the event, a book on the relocation of Indians was published, and twenty-six resolutions addressing various issues and interests of the Indian community were adopted. This marked the formation of GOPIO - the "Global Organization of People of Indian Origin." Since then, GOPIO has established numerous chapters worldwide. Presently, GOPIO has a worldwide presence with over 40 chapters.



GOPIO Singapore founding members 2002 (Photo taken from GOPIO Magazine 2005)

GOPIO Singapore was inaugurated in 2001 and has been a registered society under the Registrar of Societies since March 2002. GOPIO is recognized by the United Nations as a Non-Governmental Organization and is known as a secular, non-religious, and non-political global organization.

GOPIO - SINGAPORE aims to unite people of Indian origin in Singapore and around the world to promote their interests professionally, culturally, and socially, with the objective of realizing their maximum potential in the pursuit of global peace, prosperity, happiness, and compassion.

We achieve this by:

- Providing a platform for people of Indian origin (PIO) in Singapore and worldwide to network for mutual development and advancement.
- Promoting the common cultural

heritage and legacy of Indians in Singapore and abroad.

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GOPIO International Youth Conference

## Community Engagement



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GOPIO Singapore has organized numerous activities and events that have served as valuable opportunities to unite and strengthen the Indian community.

These events include business seminars and conferences, cultural unity celebrations, health and medical forums, and youth engagement programs. These activities have provided platforms for fostering solidarity, promoting understanding, and embracing diversity within our Indian community.

As we collaborate to design events and gatherings that cater to the interests and needs

of the Indian community, we reinforce the essence of unity amidst diversity, strengthening the fabric of our society. By prioritizing cultural engagement and supporting initiatives that empower the Indian community, we create an environment where all individuals feel valued and welcomed, fostering a brighter, more harmonious future for our society.

### **Chandramohan Maruthan**

First Vice President  
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## GOPIO Singapore Women's Wing

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Our primary focus is to foster a supportive network where women can come together, share their experiences, and learn from one another. We believe in the power of networking and its ability to create meaningful connections that can lead to personal and professional growth. Through informative dialogues, we aim to provide valuable insights and knowledge on various topics relevant to women's lives. These dialogues will cover a wide range of subjects, including entrepreneurship, leadership, health and wellness, personal development, and much more.

We are excited about the potential of our Women's Wing and the positive impact it can



have on our community. We encourage all like-minded individuals to join us in this journey of growth, empowerment, and mutual support.

If you are interested in being a part of GOPIO Women's Wing, we welcome you with open arms. For details of membership, please visit our website – [www.gopio.org.sg](http://www.gopio.org.sg)



Left to Right (In left Picture above)

Ms Usha Govin, Ms Vanitha Ramasamy, Ms Shamini Loganathan, Ms Lavania Rosie, Ms Komathi Jayakumar, Ms Uma Gaithri, Ms Chandrika Rajaram, Ms May Brianna, Ms Rathna Rachel, Ms Jenthy Naidu, Ms Yemala Devi, Ms Sneha Menon

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## **“PHILANTHROPIST AWARD”**

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## **Mohamed Abdul Jaleel Muthumaraikayar**

Mr Mohamed Abdul Jaleel Muthumaraikayar Shaik Mohamed's family moved to Singapore in the 1960s. Through sheer hard work and perseverance Mr Jaleel rose to become a well-known industrialist and philanthropist who established a string of businesses and became the Chief Executive Officer of all his companies.

Mr Jaleel's family was so poor that his mother and four sisters were forced to return to India in the 60s. Mr Jaleel dropped out of school to help his father out at his small convenience store and took on odd jobs such as car washing and cleaning toilets. For 14 years both father and son were at rock bottom that they did not even have a place to stay.

The turning point in Mr Jaleel's life came when he met Mr Low Sum, who was head of a construction firm, Sum Cheong Piling. Mr Low appointed Mr Jaleel as the night watchman to keep an eye on the machinery which were left at the construction site at Armenian Street for the construction of the Sub-Station. Mr Jaleel was paid \$120 per month. Besides accumulating knowledge in the construction industry, Mr Jaleel earned the trust of Mr Low Sum too. He moved on to cleaning drains and servicing cranes and equipment piling and accumulated experience as well as knowledge in this area. This was when Mr Jaleel established Mini Environment Services (MES) in 1977 and engaged Malaysian workers to clean roads. His first contract was to clean the clutter in the drains at construction sites. For this, he recruited manpower from India and Bangladesh.

Mr Jaleel took up sub-contracting projects and built dormitories for the workers, bought vehicles to ferry them to the construction sites

and back, organised food packages and medical services for all his workers. MES provided accommodations for over 20,000 workers in Singapore in the late 70s and undertook housing projects for overseas workers in the Middle East.

Besides the construction of dormitories and warehouses, Mr Jaleel was also looking into logistics and catering businesses. MES offers real estate management services and comprehensive integrated property and facilities management for investors and corporations. He attributes his success to hard working, dedicated and trustworthy staff. For the past 18 years, his six children and two sons-in-law have each been taking care of the office as well as the construction sites.

Having made a name for himself in the corporate world, Mr Jaleel has also made a name for himself as a philanthropist. He has made sizeable donations to The Straits Times School Pocket Money Fund, the Singapore Indian Development Association (SINDA), Community Chest, President's Challenge, Yellow Ribbon and many other organisations in Singapore. In 2010 he established the S. M. Jaleel Endowment Foundation through which he has been helping single parents, financially poor students, medical expenses for the needy and the physically challenged people. He also volunteers and acts as an adviser and mentor to various organisations. For these efforts, Mr Jaleel received the tabla! Community Champion Award in 2013.

In recognition of his magnanimity and social standing, in 2005 and again in 2010, Mr Abdul Jaleel was awarded the PBM and BBM respectively by the Government of Singapore.



# GOPIO Singapore

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**Mr. Atul Temurnikar**

Co-Founder & Chairman, Global Indian Foundation (Singapore)  
Co-founder & Chairman, Global Schools Foundation (GSF) Singapore

Mr. Atul Temurnikar is a prominent member of the education industry in South East Asia, Middle East and India. He serves as a founding Trustee and Chairman of Singapore-based charitable foundation GLOBAL INDIAN FOUNDATION (GIF) & GLOBAL SCHOOLS FOUNDATION (GSF), a not-for-profit organisation.

Mr Temurnikar is a strong advocate of accessible, high-quality education that transcends socio-economic boundaries. He has an extensive record of community service in Singapore, Japan and Malaysia. He has spearheaded social and educational initiatives in several countries, some of which he developed and launched in collaboration with governments.

For his efforts, Mr Temurnikar has been appreciated by Singapore authorities for Community-based projects and assistance during Covid-19 pandemic.

#### **Achievements**

Mr Temurnikar's accolades include:

- The Walter L. Hurd Executive Medal, awarded by the Walter Hurd Foundation USA for demonstrating exceptional adherence to quality within and outside an organisation.
- Status of Distinguished Fellow from the Institute of Directors, India. The Award of recognition for SINDA in 2006 by Prime Minister of Singapore, Mr Lee Hsien Loong, for outstanding efforts in social services for the underprivileged in Singapore.

A qualified engineer, Mr Temurnikar graduated from Visvesvaraya National Institute of Technology in Nagpur, India before completing a Masters in Management from the University of East London. He ventured into the education sector after a 14-year corporate stint with highly reputable global organizations such as IBM and HCL Technologies



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# International Day of Non-Violence

The International Day of Non-Violence is observed on October 2nd each year. It is a commemorative day established by the United Nations to promote the principles of non-violence through education and public awareness. This day marks the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the leader of India's independence movement and a prominent advocate for non-violence as a means of achieving social and political change.

Mahatma Gandhi, also known as the "Father of the Nation" in India, believed in non-violent resistance and peaceful methods of protest. His philosophy of non-

violence, called Satyagraha, influenced many civil rights leaders and social justice movements around the world. Gandhi's non-violent approach played a significant role in India's struggle for independence from British colonial rule.

The International Day of Non-Violence aims to spread Gandhi's message of non-violence, tolerance, and understanding, and to raise awareness about the importance of peaceful resolutions to conflicts. It serves as a reminder that non-violence can be a powerful force for positive change in the world and that violence is not the only solution to conflicts.

## *Non-violence Our Only Hope*

by  
**MR TUSHAR A. GANDHI**  
Founder of the Mahatma Gandhi Foundation

### ABSTRACT

The Orient has been the nursery of the philosophy of non-violence. Buddha and Mahaveera established the tenets of non-violence and Mohandas K. Gandhi, Mahatma, Bapu, as we call him defined its application as a method of change and as passive resistance. 'Non-violence is the weapon of the brave not a shield for cowards.' Those who were not courageous enough to put their faith in the efficacy of non-violence and are ready to make the ultimate sacrifice to reaffirm their faith and belief should rather openly embrace violence. Bapu's non-violence was never dogmatic. He believed that the true adherent of non-violence adopted this ideology as a way of life - as a natural life practice because they were convinced of its efficacy and did not see it merely as an imitation or an attempt to please someone else. This talk draws on several significant incidents in the life of Bapu which demonstrate his complex views on duty, violence and non-violence. One of these incidents comes from his travels in Bihar and the other relates to his views on dealing with insurgency in Kashmir. In several other instances Bapu had also counselled violence but he refused to personally ever flinch from the path of nonviolence and lead his life as the laboratory of the application of non-violence."

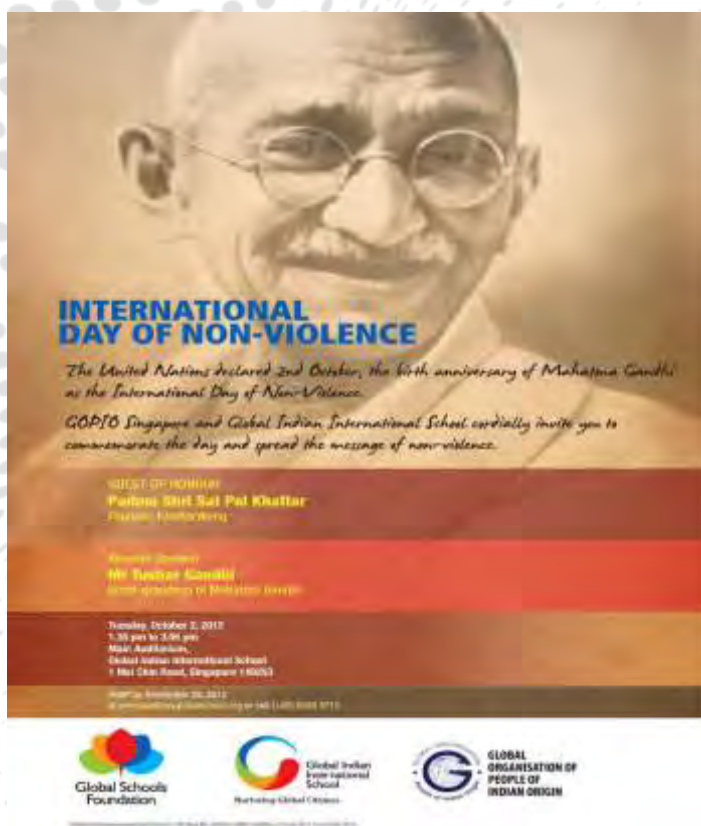
On this day, various events and activities are organized worldwide, including seminars, workshops, peace marches, exhibitions, and cultural programs. These activities promote non-violence in all aspects of life, from personal relationships to international conflicts. The day also serves as an opportunity to recognize and honor individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to

promoting non-violence and peace.

The International Day of Non-Violence emphasizes the universal relevance and applicability of non-violence as a principle for creating a more just and peaceful world. It encourages individuals, communities, and nations to embrace non-violent approaches in their interactions and strive for peaceful coexistence.







GOPIO Singapore has been actively supporting and observing the UN International Day of Non-Violence since the year 2009. We firmly believe in the principles of non-violence and peace as advocated by the United Nations, and we have consistently strived to promote these values within our community.

Our, late Senior Member, Mr Ameerali Jumabhoy led GOPIO Singapore organize various events, initiatives to raise awareness about non-violence and its significance. These activities have included seminars, workshops, public discussions, peace rallies, and educational programs aimed at engaging individuals of all ages and backgrounds. We have collaborated with many local Indian Organisations, Global Indian International School, Singapore Management University and NUS to organised various events.

In 2012, we had the privilege of inviting Mr. Tushar Arun Gandhi, the great-grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, to our UN International Day of Non-violence event. Mr. Tushar is an Indian social activist renowned for his tireless efforts in promoting non-violence, peace, and social justice. Dedicated to upholding the values and principles of his great-grandfather, he has actively engaged in

various social causes, advocating for non-violence, communal harmony, and the empowerment of marginalized communities. During his visit, he graciously accepted our invitation to speak at NUS and the Global Indian School, addressing students on the principles of non-violence.

In 2018, we had the honour of inviting Ms. Ela Gandhi, the granddaughter of Mahatma Gandhi and a prominent figure in the fields of peace, social justice, and activism, to join us. Following in the footsteps of her legendary grandfather, she has dedicated her life to promoting non-violence, equality, and harmony in society. Through her tireless efforts, Ela Gandhi has made significant contributions to the global peace movement, leaving an indelible mark on the world. During her three-day visit, she was invited to speak at the Indian Heritage Centre, Singapore Management University, and Global Indian International School about her efforts to spread the principles of Gandhi. We are proud to share that her endeavours were met with positive responses from our participants and the wider community.

By participating in the UN International Day of Non-Violence, our goal is to foster a culture of peace, empathy, and understanding within our society. We firmly believe that promoting non-violence is crucial for the well-being and harmony of our community, aligning with our core values of compassion, respect, and inclusivity. The inspiring support and engagement we have witnessed over the years continue to motivate us in our mission to promote non-violence and work towards a more peaceful world.

### Ms Vasandam Raju

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# Pravasi Bharatiya Divas

Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD), also known as the Non-Resident Indian (NRI) Day or Overseas Indian Day, is a significant event celebrated in India to honor the achievements and contributions of the Indian diaspora around the world. "Pravasi Bharatiya" translates to "Overseas Indian" in English.

The Pravasi Bharatiya Divas was first organized on 9th January 2003 by the Government of India to commemorate the return of Mahatma Gandhi from South Africa to India on 9th January 1915. Since then, it has been celebrated annually on or around 9th January. The event provides a platform for interaction and engagement between the Indian diaspora and the Indian government.

Pravasi Bharatiya Divas aims to strengthen the bonds between the Indian diaspora and their home country and foster a sense of connection and unity. It serves as a forum for discussing various issues concerning the Indian diaspora, such as their contributions to the development of India, challenges they face, and opportunities

for collaboration.

During the event, the Indian government recognizes and awards individuals of Indian origin who have made exceptional contributions in their respective fields or have achieved significant success internationally. Distinguished guests, including prominent members of the Indian diaspora, government officials, and business leaders, participate in various discussions, cultural programs, exhibitions, and networking sessions.

The Pravasi Bharatiya Divas celebrations also serve as a platform for the Indian government to communicate policies and initiatives aimed at engaging and supporting the Indian diaspora. It encourages them to participate in the country's development and contribute their skills, knowledge, and resources. Furthermore, the partnership between the Indian government and the Indian diaspora for cultural preservation and promotion has been highly successful.

## Main PBD in India







Since 2015, the format of the PBD (Pravasi Bharatiya Divas) has been revised to celebrate it once every two years. During the intervening period, theme based PBD Conferences are held, which involve the participation of overseas diaspora experts, policymakers, and stakeholders.



### Theme Based PBD (Regional PBD)

GOPIO Chapters diligently ensure that delegates are sent to PBD every year, and this also applies to GOPIO Singapore members who attend the event annually. During the PBD, GOPIO organizes a PIO Dialogue session with the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). This session serves as a platform for GOPIO chapters to contribute ideas, share concerns, and discuss issues with MEA, all with the aim of improving the well-being of the Indian diaspora.



Overall, Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is an important occasion to celebrate and acknowledge the accomplishments of the Indian diaspora while fostering stronger ties between India and its global Indian community.

**Anand Mitra**

Hon Secretary

GOPIO - Singapore



# Business Renaissance: Navigating the Future

In an ever-evolving business landscape, staying ahead of the curve and fostering innovative strategies is essential for success. As part of GOPIO Singapore's objective we are committed to promoting knowledge sharing and networking, we recently organized a series of engaging business conference and talks locally and globally partnering with our overseas GOPIO Chapters. These talks brought together industry leaders, entrepreneurs, and experts who shared their insights, experiences, and best practices. These sessions provided the participants with thought-provoking discussions and valuable takeaways

GOPIO Singapore Business conferences:

On October 2021, GOPIO Singapore had conducted GOPIO International Business Conference 2021, with the theme "Business Dynamic with Covid". The following industrial expert shared their knowledge and expertise.

a) Mr Chadran Subramaniam (India) founder & Director of Cyberfort Digisec Solution Pvt Ltd presented on Cyber security

b) Mr Suresh Naidu Sadasivam (Malaysia), Senior Blockchain Consultant presented on BlockChain

c) Dr Rajindre Tewari, (Netherland), Managing Director % CEO of Mahler Fund Management B.V presented on Investment in Europe

d) Mr R Narayanamohan (Singapore), Chartered Accountant, presented on Bitcoin

e) Nr Jim Varghese AM, (Australia), Chairman and owner of The Leadership Company Qld Pty Ltd, presented on Investment in Australia

f) Mr Shankaran Ramamurthy (India), Entrepreneur, presented on Supply Chain



The poster for the GOPIO International Business Conference 2021 features a background image of a man in a suit looking at a screen. The text is arranged in a structured layout with various logos and information boxes.

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**Organiser:**  
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**Theme:**  
**Business Dynamics with Covid**

**DAY / DATE:**  
**Saturday**  
**9th October 2021**

**Time:**  
**4.00 PM to 9.00 PM**  
(Reg starts @ 3.30pm)  
(Singapore Time (GMT+8))

**DATE:** 9th OCT 2021

**TIME:** 03:30PM

**Venue:**

**Meeting ID:**  
**889 1289 9048**

**QR Code**

On 18 December 2022, GOPIO Singapore organised another International Business conference to build confidence among the current and potential business community.

With the theme “Invest Worldwide with confidence”, the following industrial expert presented and shared their knowledge and expertism.

a) Mr R Thinakarn (Singapore), Former Nominated Member of Parliament and Managing Director of Jay Gee Group of Companies, presented on Investment in Singapore

b) Mr Vonothan Tulisinathzan (Malaysia), Deputy Director of Malaysian Investment Development Authority, presented on Investment in Malaysia

c) Mr Mehen Poinoosawmy (Europe), IT Engineer – Project Manager, presented on Investment in Europe

d) Mr Hassan Aljabry (Tanzania), Founder / CEO of Tanz Trust Ltd, presented on Investment in Africa.

Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, GOPIO Singapore has successfully organized both the business conferences virtually, thanks to the support of the management and the community.

The poster features a background image of a speaker at a podium with an audience in the foreground. A large yellow stylized 'G' shape is overlaid on the left side. The GOPIO logo is in the top left. The main title 'GOPIO International BUSINESS CONFERENCE 2022' is in the center. Below it, a blue box contains the organizer and theme. A red box at the bottom contains the date, time, QR code, and meeting details.

  
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BUSINESS COUNCIL  
(GIBC)**

**GOPIO International  
BUSINESS  
CONFERENCE  
2022**

**Organiser :**  
**GOPIO Singapore Chapter**

**Theme :**  
**Invest Worldwide with Confidence**

**DAY / DATE :**  
**Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

**Time :**  
**4.00 PM to 8.00 PM**  
(Reg starts @ 3.30pm)  
(Singapore Time (GMT + 8))



**Meeting ID : 811 6512 7881**  
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In addition to organizing international business conferences, GOPIO Singapore has also focused on sharing business opportunities in Singapore. It has engaged renowned speakers who are experts in their respective fields of practice.

On May 14, 2022, during the Business talk conducted by GOPIO Singapore, Mr. Farihullah, a senior officer with Singapore Customs and a certified Polygraph Examiner, presented on the topic of international trade and Regulatory requirements in Singapore. Mr. Farihullah, who holds an MBA from the University of Leicester and has been with Singapore Customs for over 25 years, enriched the audience with his extensive knowledge on conducting business within Singapore and with Singapore.

His presentation covered various aspects of international trade as well as the regulatory requirements in Singapore, which are fundamental for any international business venture. The topics covered by Mr. Farihullah included:

1. Import and Export procedures.
2. Understanding of relevant trade documents
3. Applications of relevant taxes
4. Harmonised system
5. One trade platform
6. Avoidance of International Trade Risk

The second talk in the series, titled "Government Incentives & Grants for Businesses," was conducted by the esteemed speaker Dr. Chinnu Palanivelu. Dr. Chinnu is a highly accomplished Chartered Accountant with certifications from Singapore, England, Wales, and Australia.

In addition to his extensive qualifications, he holds prestigious designations such as FCCA (Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants), CMA (Certified Management Accountant), CFE (Certified Fraud Examiner), and various other accreditations.

With his expert knowledge, Dr. Chinnu provided clear and concise insights on Government Grants & Incentives for Businesses, covering the following topics during the talk.

1. General objectives of government incentives and incentive principles
2. Incentives offered by various government agencies
3. Claiming for government incentives
4. Incentive application process and how to go about it
5. Common issues that delay application approval and claim disbursement.
6. Where to get help for government grant
7. Fraudulent practices in incentive applications
8. Update on the FY 2023 budget on the government grant

In his unique manner, Dr. Chinnu skillfully addressed questions and clarifications, while also offering participants the opportunity to engage and interact with him during the session.



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**Day / Date :**  
**Saturday**  
**14th May 2022**

**Spore Time :**  
**4.00 PM - 5.30 PM**

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**VENUE**  
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S'PORE TIME : 4.00 PM - 5.30 PM

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**Farihullah Abdul Wahab Safiullah**  
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Mr Farihullah has a MBA, UK, and is a holder of WSO Advanced Certificate in Training and Assessment (ACTA) qualification.

Mr Farihullah is seasoned trainer conducting extensive training in trade and customs procedures and requirements for more than 25 years under the Singapore Customs.

He is presently an Investigation Officer and Polygraph Examiner with the Singapore Customs. His noble desire is to share his vast knowledge and experience in international trade procedures, import and export practices with a wide audience to be applicable.

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**Day / Date :**  
**Saturday**  
**11th Mar 2023**

**Time :**  
**5:00 to 6:30 PM**  
(Singapore Time (GMT + 8))

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Besides, he has many accreditations under his name for his contribution to the community.

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- Fraudulent practices in incentive applications
- Update on the FY 2023 budget on the government grant

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The business conferences and talks provided a platform for insightful discussions on digital transformation, sustainability, and diversity and inclusion. By addressing these critical topics, attendees gained valuable knowledge and strategies to navigate the ever-changing business landscape

successfully. As we look ahead to the future, innovation, collaboration, and a commitment to sustainable and inclusive practices will be key drivers of success. We remain dedicated to organizing such engaging events that bring industry leaders and experts together to inspire and shape the business world of tomorrow.

## Farihullah Abdul Wahab Safiullah

Business Talk Sub Committee Lead

GOPIO - Singapore



# Health is Wealth – GOPIO Health Talk Series

The definition of health in the WHO Constitution says that health “is a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being, not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.”

Singapore as a nation is concerned about the well-being of their citizens and came up with the national initiative called Healthier SG focusing on preventive health. Singaporeans can take proactive steps to manage their health, prevent the onset of chronic diseases and have strong support to lead healthier lifestyles. The key aspects of this initiative is to provide all rounded support to lead healthier lifestyles and see better health outcomes. Also, Empowerment to take charge of your own health.

GOPIO Singapore which plays an important role as a community organisation wanted to create this awareness not only to the Indian community but to the community at large and hence came up with the Health Talk series programme.

Health talks play a pivotal role in promoting knowledge, awareness, and proactive engagement in maintaining personal well-being. These informative sessions provide a platform for experts in various fields of healthcare to share valuable insights, practical tips, and evidence-based information with the audience. Health talks cover a wide range of topics, including nutrition, physical fitness, mental health, disease prevention, and lifestyle

modifications. They aim to empower individuals to make informed decisions about their health, adopt healthy habits, and take proactive steps towards achieving overall wellness.

Health talks also serve as a platform for fostering a sense of community and promoting peer support. Attendees have the opportunity to connect with others who may share similar health concerns, allowing for the exchange of experiences, advice, and encouragement. These interactions create a supportive network that can aid individuals in implementing and sustaining positive changes in their lives.

GOPIO has conducted numerous Health Talks, covering a wide range of distinct topics. Here are some key highlights:

## **Peak Your Immunity by Dr Saravanan Naturopath**

The naturopath's health talk on peaking immunity shed light on the importance of adopting holistic approaches to support and strengthen our immune system. By focusing on nutrition, gut health, stress management, quality sleep, and incorporating herbal remedies and natural supplements when appropriate, individuals can optimize their immune health. It is crucial to remember that a resilient immune system is a result of consistent lifestyle choices and habits. By implementing the valuable insights shared during the health talk, individuals can take proactive steps toward a stronger immune system and improved overall well-being.



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# PEAK YOUR IMMUNITY

## Dr Saravanan Naturopath

ND, CH, D.MLD, D.NUTRITION, TCTC  
NATUROPATHIC, PHYSICIAN & PSYCHOTHERAPIST



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**ABOUT THE SPEAKER**

Saravanan was recognised and awarded as wellness ambassador for holistic care in 2012. In 2019, he was awarded outstanding entrepreneur award by SICI for his outstanding contributions in business and the economy of Singapore Health care industry. He was recognised as "Gerona Warrior" during the Pandemic period. CEO of Andrew B Parkers Pte Ltd. Was president of GSTI(Guild of International Speakers and Trainers).

## DIET AND IMMUNITY

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# YOUR PRECIOUS EYES

**Day / Date**  
**Sunday**  
**18th Sep 2022**

**Time**  
**5 PM TO 8:30 PM**

**Dr Ajeet Madhav Wagle**  
Medical Director and  
Senior Consultant Ophthalmologist



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**DATE:**  
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**Dr Ajeet Madhav Wagle** is Medical Director and Senior Consultant Ophthalmologist at International Eye Cataract Retina Centre at Farrer Park Medical Centre and Mount Elizabeth Medical Centre.

Dr Ajeet specializes in the management of retinal diseases such as diabetic eye disease, age-related macular degeneration (AMD) and retinal vascular occlusions. He has vast surgical experience in modern micro-incision cataract surgery, minimally invasive glaucoma surgery and complex retinal surgery.

With a keen interest in research, Dr Ajeet has published many papers in peer-reviewed local and international scientific journals and has a book and two book chapters to his credit. He has been conferred many awards, including Best Outgoing Student (Gold Medal) by the Medical Research Foundation (India), and the Health Services Excellence (Silver) Award at Alexandra Hospital, National Healthcare Group, Singapore.

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# GOPIO SINGAPORE MEDICAL TALK

**Day / Date**  
**Sunday, 26th Mar 2023**

**Time**  
**6:00 to 7:30 PM**  
(Singapore Time (GMT + 8))

## CURING BONE AND JOINT PAIN - HOLISTIC APPROACH

People from different walks of life with varying ages expect to have untended A&E activities of daily living as well as sporting activities, with increasing internet related activities. They require a constant level of address to body-related injuries as well as activity-related pain in the joints and bones of patients. The treatment of bone and joint pain will require a holistic approach to facilitate optimal clinical recovery.

The purpose of this talk will be to address the pathophysiology of joint pain as well as the different modalities that are available for treating these conditions. Various treatment options are inclusive of medication, physiotherapy, dietary therapy, home-based exercises and in severe conditions to consider surgical intervention. A detailed discussion would be done on the different facets of treatment including the applications of arthroscopy, modern technology in further alleviating the patient's joint pain.

**Dr S S Sathappan**  
Senior Medical Director  
International Eye Cataract Retina Centre  
Medical Director and Senior Consultant  
Singapore General Hospital (SGH)  
Senior Joint Specialty Consultant



**Dr S S Sathappan** is an orthopaedic surgeon at SGH and Joint Specialty Clinic. He is based in Farrer Park Medical Centre. Following completion of his medical studies in UK in 2004, he commenced his specialist training in Singapore and completed his subspecialty training in hospital for joint diseases in New York. He has been a Specialist in New York Long Island Hospital since 2005 and continues to be a visiting Consultant since 2005. His subspecialty interest is in arthroscopic joint reconstructive surgery in hip and knee as well as other commonly affecting sports conditions in the knee, elbow and shoulder. He has extensive experience in performing hip and knee joint replacement as well as sports surgery. He will attend to computer-guided arthroscopic surgery as well as using arthroscopic techniques in complex procedures including Hip and knee surgery.

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**DATE : 26th MAR 2023**  
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# GOPIO SINGAPORE HEALTH TALK

**Day / Date**  
**Sunday, 16th Jul 2023**

**Time**  
**6:00 to 7:30 PM**  
(Singapore Time (GMT + 8))

## Exercising your way to a Healthier Heart

**Key points covered in the talk:**

- Importance of exercise in prevention of heart problems.
- Understanding what type of exercises help with having a healthier heart.
- Knowing the right "dosage" of exercise.

**Ms Pradha Rajoo**  
Senior Clinical Nurse Consultant (SCNC)



Ms Pradha Rajoo is an A&P recognised physiotherapist with over 17 years of working experience. Having worked in New York Long Island Hospital for 12 years and the last 5 years for 5.5 years, she has a strong interest in helping people in need and their joint pain in doing so.

One of her biggest achievements would be working with the Surgical ICU team in T201 to prevent the early mobilisation program. This helped to reduce deconditioning of patients in the ICU. This project was so successful that it was implemented in the other ICUs. Apart from working in the ICU, medical / respiratory / surgical wards, Pradha has conducted cardiac rehabilitation, pulmonary rehabilitation and vascular rehabilitation and weight management classes. Along with her experience, her soft and empathetic nature makes her the most trusted and patient.

Over the many years in public healthcare, she has been a clinical educator to many students and coached many junior and senior physiotherapists. Given her approachable nature and all rounded experience, she always had excellent feedback from her students and peers.

Pradha is always keen to keep up to date with latest evidence and practice in physiotherapy. Given her experience and passion for physiotherapy, she has been invited to multiple conferences to present on physiotherapy related topics.

Her motto is, "We should not merely exist, we should live our lives to the fullest." Hence, she believes in helping her patients to achieve their best potential so that they can live their lives to the fullest.

**Venue**  
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**DATE : 16th JUL 2023**  
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## **YOUR Precious Eyes**

Dr Ajeet's health talk on "Your Precious Eyes" shed light on the importance of proactive eye care and the measures we can take to protect our vision. By prioritizing regular eye examinations, wearing UV-protective sunglasses, managing digital eye strain, adopting a nutritious diet, and practicing eye safety, individuals can maintain optimal eye health and preserve their precious gift of sight. Dr Ajeet's valuable insights remind us of the importance of cherishing and caring for our eyes, ensuring a lifetime of clear vision and vibrant experiences.

## **Curing Bone and Joint Pain**

The talk addressed in detail the pathophysiology of joint pain as well as the different modalities that are available for treating these conditions. Various treatment options are inclusive of medication, physiotherapy, dietary lifestyle, home-based exercises and in severe conditions to consider surgical intervention. A detailed discussion was done on the different facets of treatment including the applications of artificial intelligence in modern technology in further alleviating the patients' symptoms.

## **Exercising Your Way to a Healthier Heart**

The physiotherapist's health talk on exercising for a healthier heart shed light on the profound impact of physical activity on cardiovascular well-being. Attendees gained insights into the benefits of aerobic exercises, strength training, and customizing exercise programs based on individual needs. By incorporating regular exercise, individuals can lower the risk of heart disease, strengthen the heart muscle, improve circulation, and enhance overall cardiovascular fitness. The talk served as a reminder that exercising your way to a healthier heart is

within reach, empowering individuals to take charge of their heart health through the transformative power of exercise.

In conclusion, our health is our most valuable asset, and it is within our power to make choices that support our well-being. By adopting a proactive approach to our health, we can enhance our quality of life and reduce the risk of developing chronic diseases. Remember, small changes can make a big difference. Prioritize regular exercise, maintain a balanced diet, get enough sleep, manage stress, and seek medical advice when needed. Let us embrace a holistic approach to health, where we address not only our physical needs but also our emotional, social, and spiritual well-being. Together, let's make health a lifelong journey, empowering ourselves and others to live vibrant, fulfilling lives.

## **Mr. Tam Shanmugam**

Health Talk Sub Committee Lead  
GOPIO - Singapore

# Education opportunities for the Indian Diaspora

The first Indians arrived in Singapore more than 200 years ago in 1819 when Sir Thomas Stamford Raffles, a British East India Company officer, set foot on the island. These 120 Indian sepoys laid the foundation for nearly 350,000 Indians who now call Singapore home and comprise 9% of its local population. Singapore is also the most visited country anywhere in the world by Indian tourists.

Singapore's leading universities play a critical role in advancing the India-Singapore partnership. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has been instrumental in launching several Singaporean satellites in collaboration with a leading Singapore university. Further, Singapore universities are home to the finest global talent and infrastructure in key intellectual disciplines shaping the Fourth Industrial Revolution and sustainability. They are advancing the Singapore-India partnership in areas of strategic importance by providing education, research, and industry opportunities to Indian students in international relations, security and diplomacy, education, media, design and communications, climate change, sustainability, smart cities and urbanisation, green mobility and autonomous vehicles, healthcare, artificial and augmented intelligence, cybersecurity, robotics, green finance, leadership, strategy, and entrepreneurship. Known for its world-class education, strict anti-drug policy, and proximity to India, Singapore is the leading destination for Indian students. Globally reputed for their vibrant international community, research output, and innovation—some of Singapore's universities rank among the top 20 in the world and are considered the best in Asia. National University of Singapore, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore Management University, Singapore University of Technology and Design, Singapore Institute

of Technology, and Singapore University of Social Sciences are popular among Indian students. Indian universities such as IIT Bombay, IIT Madras, IISc Bangalore, IIM Ahmedabad, and IIM Bangalore have active partnerships with universities in Singapore. Today, Indian students in universities across Singapore are actively involved in research in their respective academic disciplines and work closely with faculty on research internships.

Singapore offers several education opportunities for Indian students, making it an attractive destination for international students seeking high-quality education. Some of the key education opportunities in Singapore for Indians include:

Singapore is home to some prestigious public universities, such as the National University of Singapore (NUS), Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore Management University (SMU), and Singapore University of Technology and Design (SUTD). These universities offer a wide range of undergraduate and postgraduate programs in various fields. There are also private universities and institutions in Singapore that offer diverse programs catering to different educational needs. Most universities in Singapore offer programs in English, making it convenient for Indian students to study in the country. Singapore has a vibrant research community and offers research opportunities for students interested in pursuing advanced degrees or engaging in research projects.

There are several scholarships available for Indian students who wish to study in Singapore. These scholarships are offered by various organizations, universities, and the Singaporean government. Here are some popular scholarships for Indians in Singapore:

**Science & Technology (S&T) Undergraduate Scholarship:** This scholarship offered by the





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He has authored several books on purpose including “You know the glory, not the story”, “Engineering to Ikigai”, and “An atheist gets the Gita”. He is the founding President of Indian Scholars' Association Singapore which represents Indian alumni of Singaporean Institutes of Higher Learning including NTU, NUS, SMU, and SUTD. He is also the youngest ever President of IIM Bangalore Alumni Association Singapore.

National University of Singapore (NUS) and Nanyang Technological University (NTU) to support outstanding undergraduate students pursuing studies in science and technology-related fields.

**Nanyang Scholarship:** Offered by Nanyang Technological University (NTU), this scholarship is available to outstanding undergraduate students, including Indian citizens, pursuing full-time undergraduate programs at the university. It covers tuition fees, living allowances, and other allowances.

**Singapore International Graduate Award (SINGA):** This scholarship is offered by the Agency for Science, Technology, and Research (A\*STAR), Nanyang Technological University (NTU), National University of Singapore (NUS), and the Singapore University of Technology and Design (SUTD). It is awarded to outstanding international students pursuing a Ph.D. in science and engineering disciplines. The scholarship covers tuition fees, monthly stipend, and other benefits.

**NTU India Connect Fellowship:** The program aims to strengthen academic and research collaborations between NTU and various Indian institutions, including universities, research centers, and industries. The fellowship allows Bachelor, Master, and PhD students from top Indian universities such as IIT Madras, IISc Bangalore, IIM Bangalore, AIIMS Delhi, FTII Pune to undergo 2.5-month summer or 5-month semester-long research experience at Nanyang Technological University.

NRIs and OCI card holders in Singapore have the opportunity to pursue education at the prestigious Indian Institutions. Some universities and colleges in India require NRIs to take entrance exams like the SAT, ACT, or other specific entrance tests for certain courses. NRI students usually apply through a separate application process designed for international students. The application may be submitted online or through specific authorized channels.

**IITs:** For most undergraduate engineering programs at IITs, NRI students must appear for

the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) Advanced. JEE Advanced is a highly competitive entrance exam conducted in India for admissions to the IITs.

IIMs: Several IIMs may have a limited number of seats reserved for international students, NRIs and OCIs. Admission is usually on the basis of GMAT score, interview, and other criteria

AIIMS: For undergraduate medical courses (MBBS) at AIIMS, NRI students are required to appear for the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA). NEET scores are used for admission to AIIMS MBBS. NRI and OCI candidates may apply in Foreign Nationals category. About 8-10 students are offered admission in this category.

Other Engineering Colleges: The Direct Admission of Students Abroad (DASA) scheme allows foreign nationals, including NRIs, to apply for undergraduate engineering programs at National Institutes of Technology (NITs), Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs), and other premier institutions in India. IITs are not part of the DASA scheme.

Other Medical Colleges: For undergraduate medical courses (MBBS), NRI and OCI students are required to appear for the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA). NEET scores are used for admission to medical colleges in India. The fee structure for NRI students is usually higher than that for Indian students.

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# Chronicle of GOPIO Singapore

As we commemorate the incredible milestone of our society's 21st anniversary, it is a momentous occasion to reflect on the diverse range of events we have organized over the years. With a commitment to empowerment, education, and community engagement, our society has played a vital role in shaping the lives of our members. Join us as we revisit the impactful events we have organized on various topics, spanning from cultural celebrations to business conferences, health talks to yoga sessions, community and youth engagement, and even ministerial visits from India.

## Pravasi Bharati Divas: Celebrating the Indian Diaspora

GOPIO Singapore has long recognized the significance of honouring and empowering the Indian diaspora. Pravasi Bharati Divas, an annual celebration, has been a cornerstone event, bringing together Indian expatriates, community leaders, and dignitaries. Through cultural performances, panel discussions, and networking opportunities, this event has celebrated the achievements and contributions of the Indian diaspora while fostering a sense of unity and cultural pride.



Pravasi Bharati Divas 2007



Mini Pravasi Bharati Divas – Singapore 2018





GOPIO members at Pravasi Bharati Divas 2023



Signing of MOU with Government Ashtang Ayurvedic college during Pravasi Bharati Divas 2023



Pravasi Bharati Divas 2019 at Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh - India



Pravasi Bharati Divas 2019 at Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh - India



## Business Conferences and Talks: Nurturing Entrepreneurial Excellence

Our society has been at the forefront of fostering business excellence and innovation through our annual business conferences and informative talks. These events have provided a platform for industry leaders, entrepreneurs, and aspiring

professionals to share knowledge, exchange ideas, and explore new opportunities. From keynote speeches by renowned business figures to interactive panel discussions and workshops, our conferences have empowered attendees with insights and strategies to thrive in the dynamic business landscape.

### GOPIO International Conventions 2005 – Singapore





## GOPIO International Conventions 2005 – Singapore



## GOPIO International Conventions 2007 - Malaysia





## GOPIO International Conventions 2019- Malaysia





## GOPIO Business Networking Sessions



## GOPIO PIO Fest 2023 – KL Malaysia





## GOPIO members at GOPIO PIO Fest 2023 – KL Malaysia



## Collaboration with our Community Partners – Signing of MOUs



Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry



Malwa Cultural Organisation



Kannada Sangha



Kamala Club



Vyasa Yoga Singapore



## Health and Medical Talks: Promoting Holistic Well-being

Understanding the importance of holistic well-being, our society has organized health and medical talks aimed at raising awareness and promoting preventive care. Renowned healthcare professionals have shared valuable

insights on a range of topics, including mental health, disease prevention, nutrition, and stress management. These talks have equipped our members with the knowledge and tools necessary to make informed decisions about their health and lead healthier lives.

### Health and Medical Talks





## Youth Engagement:

### Nurturing the Leaders of Tomorrow

Recognizing the importance of engaging and empowering the youth, our society has organized a wide range of events tailored to their interests and needs. From leadership development programs and mentorship

opportunities to career guidance workshops and cultural exchanges, we have sought to inspire and equip the youth with the skills and knowledge necessary to become future leaders and change-makers.

### GOPIO Youth International Conference 2019 in Johor Bahru – Malaysia





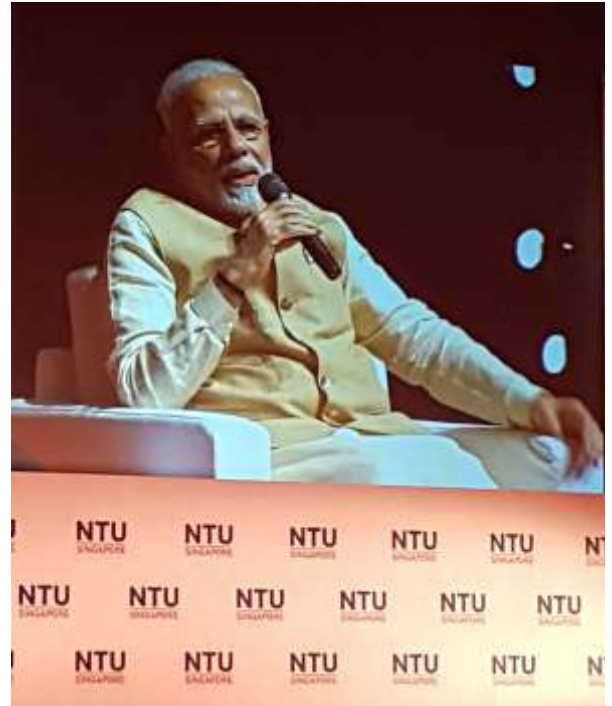
## GOPIO Youth International Conference 2019 in Johor Bahru – Malaysia





## Indian Ministerial Visits: Strengthening Bilateral Relations

Our society has been honoured to host esteemed Indian ministers on their visits here. These visits have provided a platform for meaningful discussions, cultural exchanges, and collaborations between our members and the visiting dignitaries. Such interactions have not only strengthened bilateral relations but have also served as a source of inspiration and guidance for our members.



PM of India Narendra Modi at NTU 2018



Indian Minister Shri Venkaiah Naidu visit 2015



Late Minister Swaraj visit to Singapore 2012



Late Minister Sushma Swaraj and Datuk Samy Velu at Mini PBD 2018



## Community Engagement: Making a Difference Together

Community engagement has been a core pillar of our society's endeavours. Through various initiatives, including volunteer programs, social outreach campaigns, and collaborations with local organizations, we have actively worked

towards making a positive impact on our community. Whether through educational workshops, charitable endeavors, or environmental initiatives, our society has fostered a culture of service and compassion, bringing about tangible change in the lives of those in need.

### UN International Day of Non-Violence and Gandhi Jayanthi Celebrations over the years





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## Sports Activities:





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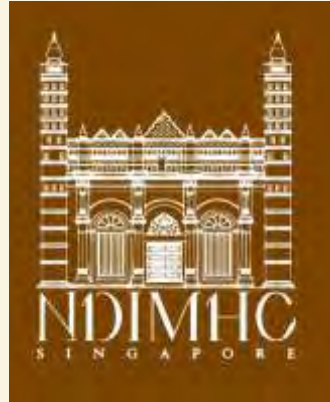
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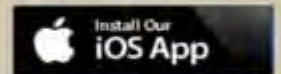
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## Consultancy

RCSS is dedicated to providing the best consultancy services by undertaking a wide range of businesses, including engineering, construction, retail, and more. As a result, we are able to perform project management, organizational redesign, and application program development. We offer the necessary training and support to solve challenges and provide any other incidental or supportive backup required to achieve success in respective businesses.

## Retail, F&B

Through its subsidiary, RC Surebite Supplies Sdn Bhd, RCSS has ventured into the retail and F&B industry with its very own flagship chain of convenience stores, 123 Express Mart. 123 Express Mart is one of the nation's fastest-growing convenience store and mini-market chains, aiming to provide customers with all their daily necessities, including groceries, household supplies, and much more!



## Digital Marketing

To expand our business into the realms of People, Business, and the Digital world, we have Ai Touch, our full-service Digital Media company and marketing agency based in Johor Bahru, Malaysia. Established since 2017, we have been passionate about marketing and delivering tangible results for our clients. We find inspiration in devising and executing marketing strategies that propel our clients forward and earn their trust. Operating from a place of experience, we are committed to creating sustainable and long-term marketing success.

## Construction

We possess extensive resources and skill sets required to achieve excellent results, particularly in the numerous construction and engineering projects we have undertaken over the years. Collaborating with large corporations, we have successfully delivered customized solutions and attained outstanding outcomes. Our expertise spans across infrastructure and commercial projects. Furthermore, our construction team handles the architectural scope, engineering, and design aspects of various other business activities we engage in.







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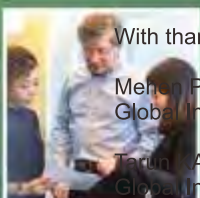
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