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To the Esteemed Members and Supporters of the Indo-American Press Club (IAPC),

Dear Members, Well-Wishers, and Sponsors,

With immense pride and honor, I address you as the Indo-American Press Club (IAPC) Chairman. Since it was officially inaugurated on November 15, 2014, at the Hilton Hotel and Convention Center in New Jersey, the IAPC has become a powerful and unifying voice for media professionals, corporate leaders, and the Indian American community. That historic event, attended by nearly 200 distinguished guests, marked the beginning of a remarkable journey that has led us to where we stand today—strong, vibrant, and deeply rooted in the principles of journalistic excellence.

Reflecting on this incredible journey, I proudly announce that we are preparing to celebrate a significant milestone—the 10th Annual International Media Conference, scheduled from May 3rd to 5th, 2025. This event is not just a reflection of

our past achievements but also a testament to our unwavering commitment to the values that drive our profession—integrity, courage, and the relentless pursuit of truth.

This annual conference has been a cornerstone of our organization, bringing together Indo-American journalists of diverse backgrounds, opinions, and perspectives. It serves as a platform to exchange ideas, discuss emerging challenges, and strengthen the bond that unites us as a vibrant and growing journalistic community. Each year, our souvenir publication captures the essence of our collective efforts, highlighting the dedication and talent that define IAPC.

I want to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to all those who have contributed to the creation of this year's souvenir. Thanks to the contributors, editors, and designers whose creativity and hard work have brought this project to life. Your dedication is truly commendable and inspires us all.

As we progress, let us remain committed to our mission of informing, educating, and empowering society. Our role as journalists becomes even more vital in a world increasingly divided by conflict, poverty, and complex challenges. Together, we can continue to positively impact and uphold the values that guide us.

Finally, I sincerely thank each of you for your unwavering support and dedication to this noble profession. Let this souvenir serve as a reminder of our shared vision and inspire us to reach even greater heights in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Indranill Basu-Ray M

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Dear Esteemed Members of the Indo-American Press Club,

As a proud immigrant who arrived in this great nation at the age of 16, I am deeply grateful for the opportunities America has given me. Today, as the Chairman of the Republican Party of Texas, I want to express my sincere admiration for the vital role you play in uplifting and amplifying the voices of Indian-origin journalists and storytellers.

Your work is more than just reporting—it is a bridge that connects cultures, a force that strengthens our community, and a beacon that ensures our stories are heard with clarity and truth. Through your dedication to journalistic excellence, you not only inform and inspire but also foster greater understanding and unity.

Your passion and commitment shape the way Indian Americans are seen and heard across North America. It is through your efforts that our contributions, challenges, and triumphs gain the recognition they deserve. For this, I salute you.

Let us continue forward together, upholding the values that define us, embracing the opportunities ahead, and leaving a meaningful legacy for generations to come. The future is bright, and with your leadership in media, our voices will only grow stronger.

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MESSAGE

from Founder Chairman



Indo-American Press Club: A Decade of Excellence and Progress

Founded in 2013, the Indo-American Press Club (IAPC) was established with a clear vision—to bring together individuals working in or associated with the North American media landscape. Over the past decade, IAPC has grown into a structured, professional, and inclusive organization dedicated to fostering ethical journalism, collaboration, and unity among media professionals.

As we continue this journey, it is imperative to periodically review and refine our by-laws. Change is inevitable, and adapting to evolving media landscapes ensures that our guiding principles remain effective and relevant in practice.

At this significant milestone, we recognize the efforts of those who have played a crucial role in uniting media professionals across North America. Since its inception, IAPC has been rooted in the principle of "Informed Action Promotes Change," with an expanded vision under the "International Association of Press Confederation." This commitment to inclusivity and professionalism has shaped IAPC into a transparent and dynamic organization—one that provides media professionals with a platform to voice their perspectives and make meaningful contributions.

Looking ahead, IAPC remains steadfast in its mission to empower, support, and uplift media professionals across North America. We invite like-minded individuals to be part of this noble initiative, where integrity, professionalism, and collaboration define our collective growth.

As the Founder Chairman of IAPC, I welcome constructive feedback that strengthens our organization. At the same time, I encourage all members to uphold the core values and discipline that have been the foundation of IAPC's success. Together, we can continue to expand our impact and shape a stronger future for the media community.

With gratitude,

Ginsmon Zacharia

Founder Chairman, IAPC



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MESSAGE FROM FORMER CHAIRMAN



As I look back on the journey with IAPC, my heart is filled with immense gratitude and pride. It has been an extraordinary experience to be part of an organization that has grown steadily, fostering a vibrant community of media professionals across the world.

Over the past 12 years, IAPC has built a strong foundation, expanding to 12 chapters and creating a trusted platform for collaboration and excellence. Together, we celebrated many milestones — from hosting impactful conferences to awarding scholarships that invested in the future of young talents. Each achievement was made possible by the unwavering commitment, passion, and professionalism of our members.

I am humbled by the support and generosity shown by so many individuals, and I carry with me the many lessons and friendships formed along the way. Our initiatives, especially the International Media Conference, have not only connected us globally but have strengthened the spirit of unity that IAPC stands for.

As I reflect on this incredible journey, as a past Chairman I am filled with optimism for what lies ahead. Challenges will always exist, but IAPC's strength lies in its ability to rise above them, fueled by the dedication of its members and the shared vision for a brighter future.

It has been an honor to serve, and although my chapter as Chairman has concluded, my belief in IAPC's potential remains steadfast. I wish the organization continued success, new heights of excellence, and lasting impact for generations to come.

With warm regards and best wishes for the 10th International Media

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FROM THE DESK OF

Chief Editor

Every media conference repeats the same slogan: Journalists are society's whistleblowers. There should be a healthy socio-economic environment where freedom of expression and free speech are recognized and given space.

Happy 12th anniversary to IAPC! This milestone inspires us to reflect on our journeys together, celebrating the power of unity and the meaningful connections we've built. Let's continue to grow closer and create more wonderful memories together!



A responsible journalist and media person collects information, verifies it, and presents it in a way that does not harm, disrespect, or cause any unfortunate repercussions. They act as reliable and verified sources of information. From a geopolitical perspective, many events happen each day worldwide, bringing conclusive changes. Rising geopolitical tensions, sanctions, and financial shifts fuel the reshaping of the media industry itself.

Meanwhile, many directives are being announced to protect citizens' rights by the existing rules while achieving the right balance between regulation and innovation. Journalists and writers must be vigilant and proactive in this growing mainstream and social media competition. Every journalist's duty and privilege is to stand for truth, justice, and unbiased fairness.

As a creamy layer of media professionals, we at Indo-American Press Club, with austerity lingering and missions defined by staid convention and cautious optimism, bring together reporters, writers, columnists, anchors, and videographers under one umbrella to protect their rights and privileges.

At this juncture, IAPC is celebrating its 11th anniversary, and the 10th International Media Conference will be held during the first week of May 2025. We are excited to welcome delegates from various countries and share their thrilling media experiences.

We thank all our sponsors, advertisers, well-wishers, and beloved IAPC members from various chapters who supported us in hosting this event and releasing a keepsake Souvenir highlighting the steadfast progress of this largest press club in North America with global connections.

Once again, I thank the Board of Directors for entrusting me with compiling IAPC Souvenir for eleven years.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and Conference Organizing Committee, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of you to the International Media Conference 2025.

Dr. Mathew Joys,

Chief Editor

On behalf of the IAPC Souvenir Editorial Board

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President's Message

Dear fellow journalists and members of Indo American Press Club,

It is with great pride and enthusiasm that I address you today as the President of Indo American Press Club. We stand at the crossroads of an exciting era in media, one where the power of storytelling, transparency, and innovation have never been more crucial.

At IAPC, we are committed to delivering high-quality, reliable, and insightful content to keep you informed, engaged, and inspired. Our mission goes beyond just reporting the news—it's about creating an informed community where diverse voices are heard, and meaningful dialogue is encouraged.

As we continue to adapt to the ever-evolving media landscape, we remain focused on the values that have always defined us: integrity, objectivity, and a relentless dedication to truth. Whether through breaking news, in-depth analysis, or thought-provoking commentary, our team works tirelessly to provide content that resonates with our audience and challenges the status quo.

This journey is only possible with your continued support, and we thank you for trusting us as your go-to source for news and information. We are excited to continue this journey together, shaping the future of media and fostering a more informed world.

Thank you for being part of the IAPC family.

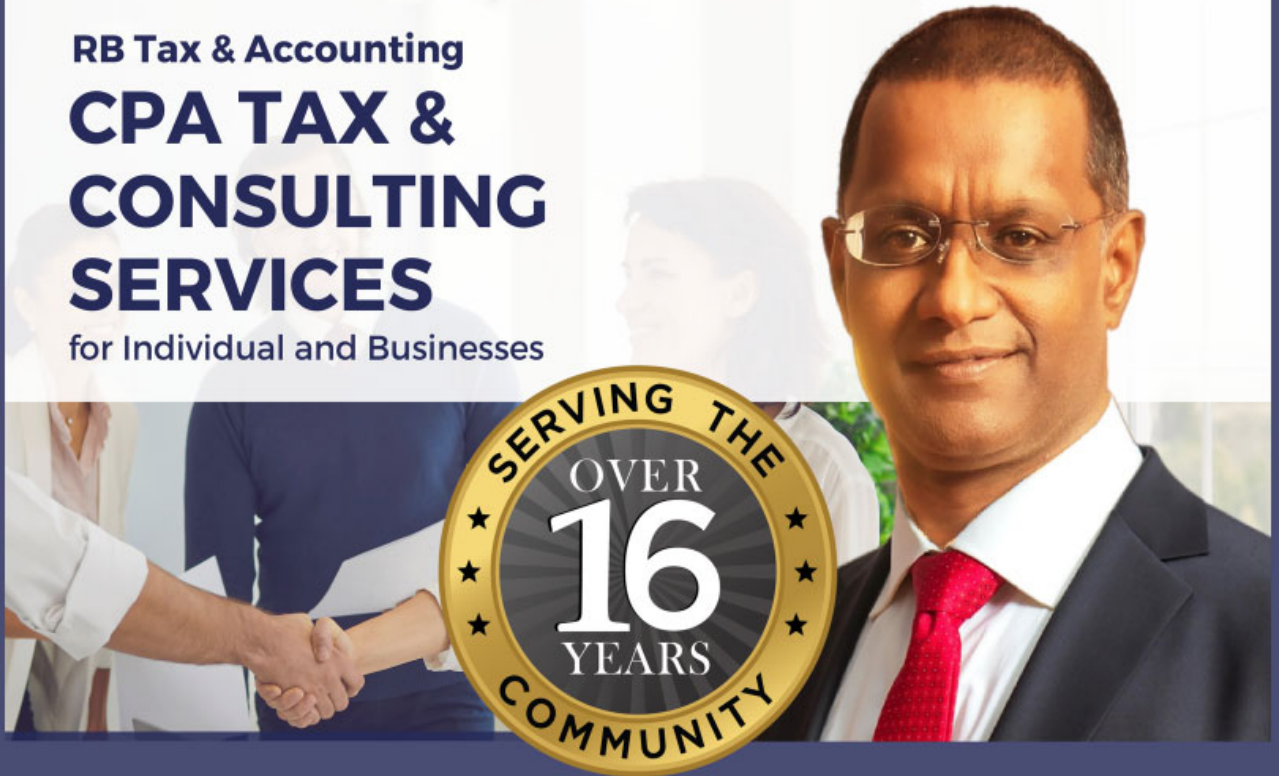
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GENERAL SECRETARY'S MESSAGE



It is with immense gratitude and pride that I pen this message for the Souvenir commemorating the 10th International Media Conference (IMC) and the 12th Anniversary of the Indo American Press Club (IAPC). This milestone is not merely a celebration of time passed, but a testament to the enduring vision, unity, and resilience of our members across the globe.

Since its inception in November 2014, IAPC has been a beacon for ethnic media professionals, a forum for fostering journalistic excellence, and a family that champions integrity and collaboration. What began as a modest effort in New Jersey has now flourished into an international movement, connecting voices, perspectives, and aspirations of media professionals from all walks of life.

Looking back at our journey, I am humbled by the collective resolve that carried us through our formative struggles and triumphs. Each International Media Conference has served as a platform not just to share knowledge but to cultivate relationships, expand horizons, and elevate standards. The 10th edition of IMC is a significant landmark - symbolizing our growth, our commitment, and our shared dream to shape a better future for journalism.

Our strength has never solely rested in numbers or titles, but in the unyielding spirit of our members who continue to serve with passion and integrity. I commend the leadership of our past and present Chairmen, the unwavering dedication of our chapter leaders, and the creative force of our editorial and media teams. Together, we have nurtured a space where ideas bloom, ethics stand tall, and voices are empowered.

As we now step into the next chapter, our focus must be forward-thinking. The world of media is transforming at an unprecedented pace. Let us invest in grooming the next generation of journalists, fortifying our training programs, and advocating for the cause of free and responsible press globally. The establishment of youth wings, expanded outreach, and our ongoing projects - including cross-border collaborations—are steps in this direction.

On this joyous occasion, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to every IAPC member, sponsor, well-wisher, and especially the organizing committee of IMC 2025. Your tireless efforts have made this conference a grand success. Let us continue to walk together, hand in hand, driven by right passion, right compassion, and right diction - pillars that define our identity.

May IAPC continue to be a sanctuary for truth, a platform for excellence, and a family for all who believe in the power of media to inspire change.

With gratitude and warm regards,

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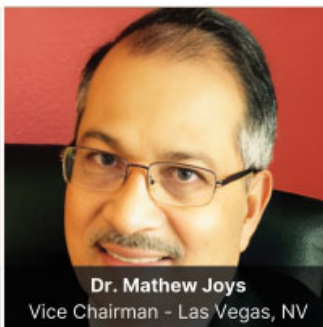
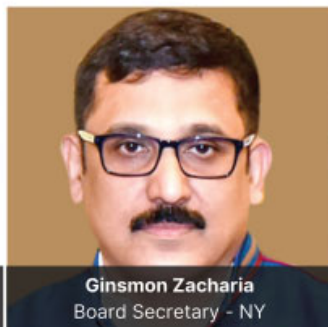


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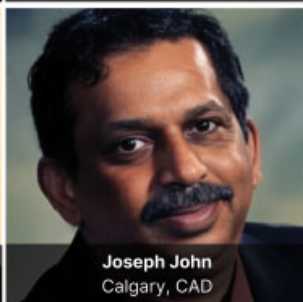
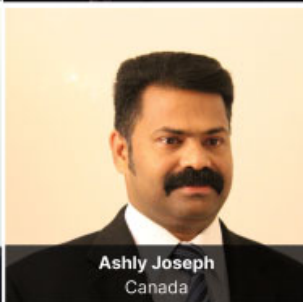
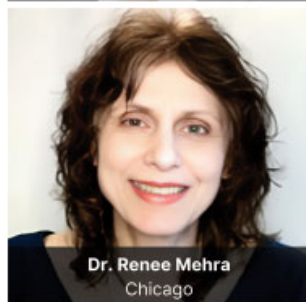
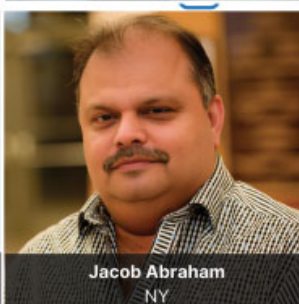
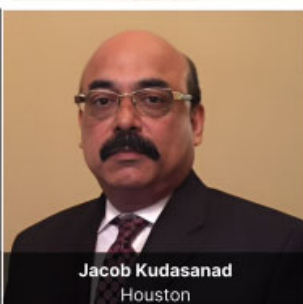


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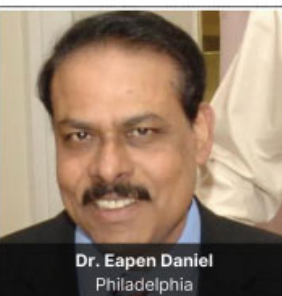
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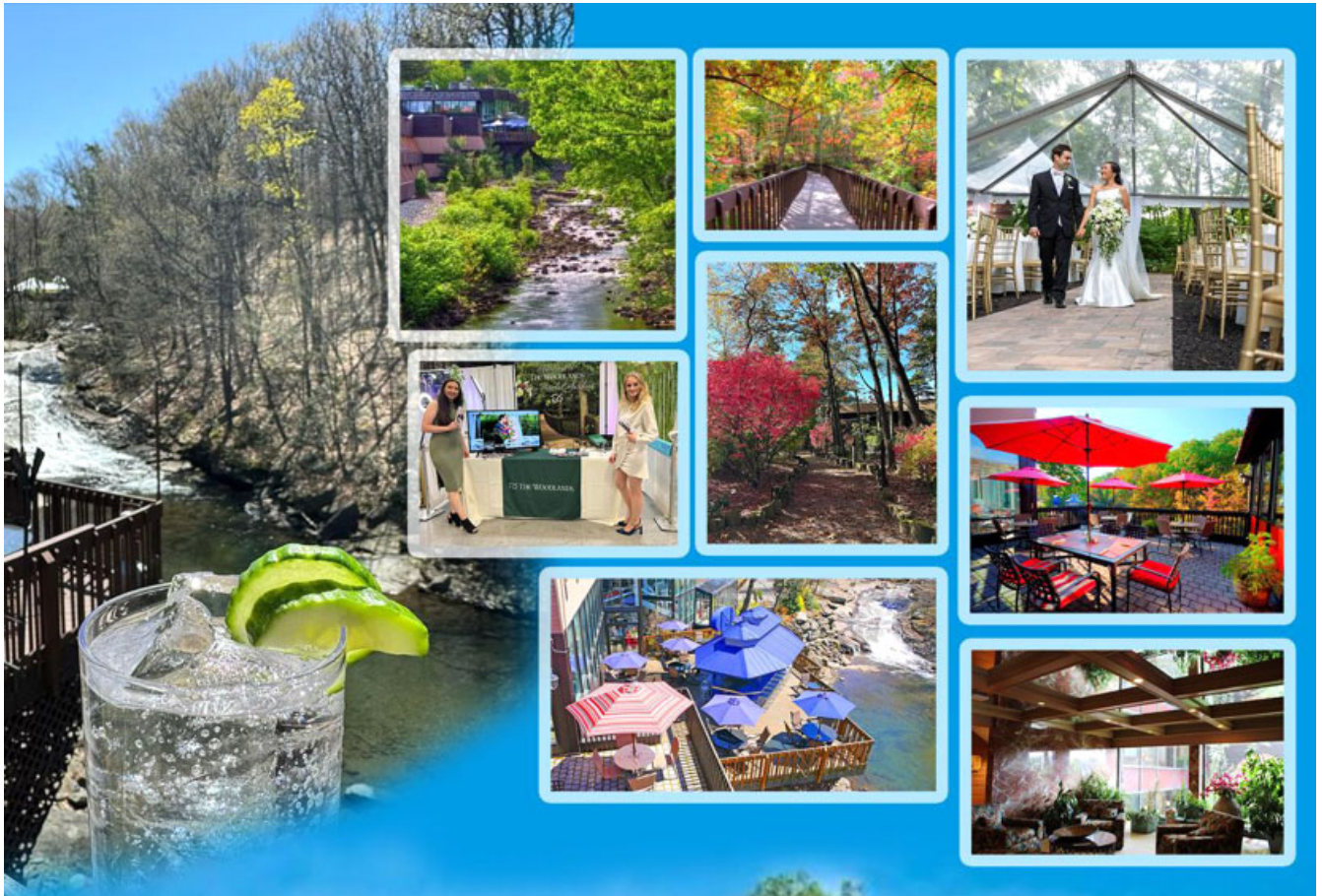
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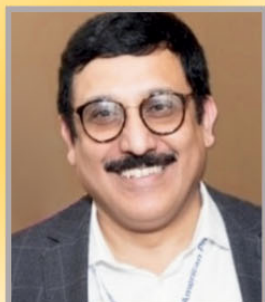
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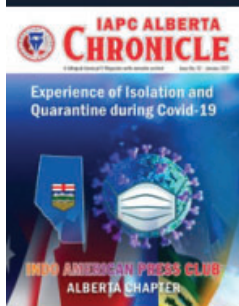
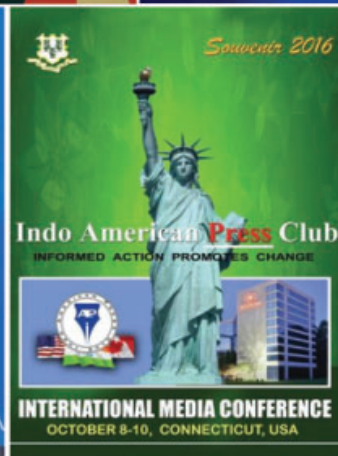
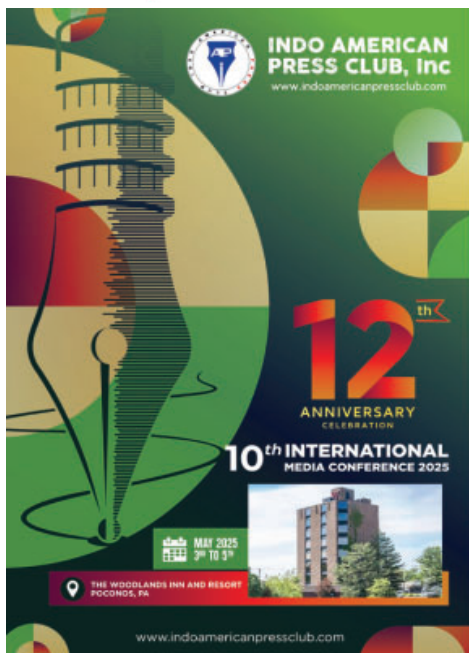
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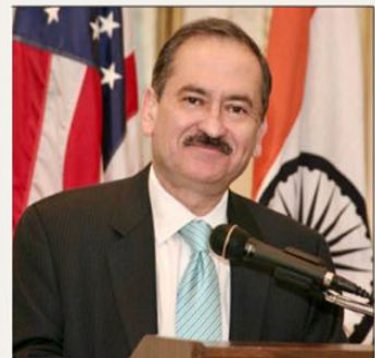
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**Prakash A. Shah.**

Prakash Shah, Chairman and Chief Executive of First Growth Mortgage and Realty Group, is the current President of the Global Organization for the People of Indian Origin (GOPIO) International. He is a Founding Life Member of GOPIO, Asian American Hotel Owner's Association (AAHOA), National Federation of Indian Association and the New York City based India Chamber of Commerce of America, which he led for 15 Years, He is a former Chairman of New Jersey Development Authority and President Clinton's Appointee to the Board of \$108 Million Southern Africa Fund for 12 Countries of Southern Africa and Chair of the Board's Investment Committee,

Prakash Shah served as the Chairman of New Jersey Development Authority under Governors Florio and Whitman. Mr. Shah was the Global Ambassador of GOPIO and later on, he was the Convener of the GOPIO Convention 2024 in New Jersey.

Mr. Shah, a well-respected leader in the Indian diaspora community, has more than 45 years of experience in the areas of mortgage banking, international investment banking, venture capital, financial management, computer systems and management sciences. Prior to founding First Growth, a financial company, Mr. Shah was concurrently Managing Director of Asian Oceanic Group (a merchant banking group based in New York, Hong Kong and Singapore). Mr. Shah was Vice President of American Express Bank Ltd. and was responsible for the strategic planning and management information systems departments.

Mr. Shah was elected as a Hillary Clinton Delegate to the Democratic National Convention. Mr. Shah received a B.S.M.E. degree from the University of Baroda (India) in 1967, an M.S. degree in Management Sciences from Stevens Institute of Technology in 1969, and in 1971, completed course work for a Ph.D. at New York University. Mr. Shah holds Real Estate and Title Insurance Producer Licenses and is a Certified Hotel Administrator (CHA) and Certified Hotel Owner (CHO).

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Dr. Vemuri S Murthy, MD, MS, FAHA, FICS.

Dr. Vemuri S. Murthy is an alumnus of Guntur Medical College and All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, India (General Surgery). A former Chicago Anesthesiologist (and Department Chairman) for over thirty years, he is currently an Associate Professor (Adjunct) in the Department of Emergency Medicine at the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Chicago, Illinois, USA.

Dr. Murthy introduced the resuscitation training model for Indian Medical Colleges at Dr.NTR University of Health Sciences in 2012. He has been affiliated with the American Heart Association (AHA) for over thirty years in various capacities, such as Member of the International Committee, National Faculty and Advisor to AHA International Training Centers in India.

Dr. Murthy is a visiting professor at various Indian medical institutes, such as the All India Institute of Medical Sciences. He chaired many Resuscitation and Emergency Medical Care Conferences in India, AHA ReSS sessions program in the USA, lectured at acclaimed US Medical Universities and authored resuscitation-related Journal articles and Cardiology book chapters. He is the co-investigator of a ground-breaking Cardiac Arrest Registry in India, "Warangal Area Cardiac Arrest Registry".

Dr. Murthy founded Chicago Medical Society's Community CPR Project SMILE (Saving More Illinois Lives through Education) in 2011. As an Advisor to the Odisha State Government (Health and Family Welfare), he initiated India's first State Governmental community CPR training project in Odisha in 2023. He also founded the first Indo-US Community Health and CPR Training Center at the National India Hub, Schaumburg, Illinois, USA (2024).

Dr. Murthy, a past President of the Chicago Medical Society and Indian American Medical Association (Illinois), has received several prestigious national and international awards including two Lifetime Achievement Awards and a Medal of US Congress as "Global Champion of Resuscitation" for his professional and community service contributions in the USA and India. He has been contributing to Indo-US News media articles and videos raising awareness of Heart disease and Cardiac Arrests among Indians and Indian diaspora for over two decades.

Dr. Murthy, who has great appreciation and admiration for the Media, dedicates the Award to his deceased brother VVR Sharma, who was a renowned foreign correspondent for the Times of India.

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Dr. Satheesh Kathula.

Dr. Satheesh Kathula, a board-certified hematologist and oncologist from Dayton, Ohio, practicing Medicine for over two decades, is the President of the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI).

Dr. Kathula is a clinical professor of medicine at Wright State University-Boonshoft School of Medicine, Dayton, Ohio, and is a Diplomat of the American Board of Lifestyle Medicine. He has authored several papers and articles in medical journals and has authored a book, describing his journey as an immigrant physician. The book is being released today at our Conference.



Dr. Kathula has dedicated his career to treating patients and actively supporting various nonprofit organizations. He strongly believes that acquiring new knowledge is crucial for professionals, especially physicians, with a changing healthcare environment. Recently, Dr. Kathula acquired a certificate from Stanford University in Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare. He graduated in May 2024 from Harvard University completing a “Global Healthcare Leaders Program.”

Dr. Kathula was the President and founding member of the Association of Indian Physicians from Ohio, President of the Miami Valley Association of Physicians of Indian Origin as well as the President of the ATMGUSA (Association of Telugu Medical Graduates in USA). In addition, he has worked with the Ohio State Medical Association on various issues. He has been actively involved in community service locally, nationally, and internationally for the last two decades. He was awarded ‘Man of the Year - 2018’ by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Not satisfied with his personal and professional achievements, Dr. Kathula has been active in the Indian community. With the objective of enabling Physicians of Indian Origin to give back to their motherland, India, he organized the Global Healthcare Summit in New Delhi, India in October this year.

Dr Kathula’s love for his motherland has manifested in him setting up humanitarian and medical projects in India. The most important of them is establishing a state-of-the-art pharmacy college in Warangal in Telangana, where he grew up. Named the Pathfinder Institute of Pharmacy and Educational Research (PIPER), the non-profit with Dr Kathula as the Chairman, provides quality education and has already graduated over 1,000 students who are now working in different parts of India and abroad. He conducted several medical camps close to his native place and donated a defibrillator, water purification plant, and library to his native place.

In 2024, Dr. Kathula was honored with the Inspirational Award given by Raising Awareness of Youth with Autism (RAYWA) Foundation for his contributions to the country, particularly in the field of healthcare, and his

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Sam Maddula.

Sam Maddula, Founder & CEO of Bank's Apothecary Specialty Pharmacy, is an esteemed leader, entrepreneur, and committed philanthropist. His life transformed dramatically when his parents discovered an Eye Camp set up by the Eye Foundation of America (EFA) in 1987 in Andhra Pradesh. This camp enabled him to overcome legal blindness and poverty, changing his life trajectory from darkness to light.

After earning his doctorate in pharmaceutical studies from Rutgers University, Maddula founded a specialty pharmacy in 2010, focusing on mental health and substance disorders. His leadership propelled Bank's Apothecary Specialty Pharmacy to generate \$350 million in annual revenue, becoming the largest independently held behavioral health specialty pharmacy with operations in 16 states.

With over 15 years of experience driving growth and innovation in healthcare and specialty pharmacy, Maddula's expertise spans business, medicine, and philanthropy. His ventures aim to improve lives through healthcare innovation and support both for-profit and non-profit initiatives. He established the Maddula Foundation, contributing significantly to healthcare and educational initiatives for underserved communities.

Maddula serves on the Executive Advisory Council Board at the University of Washington School of Pharmacy, the Board of Directors at Liguori Academy, and the Eye Foundation of America. He is a renowned speaker on healthcare, philanthropy, and leadership, with two decades of experience as a pharmacist, clinician, and CEO. Maddula mentors aspiring pharmacists and continues to advocate for a more equitable society through various non-profits and civic organizations.

A passionate philanthropist, Maddula has contributed significantly to the Eye Foundation of America and mentors the next generation of leaders. His commitment to giving back is evident in his active involvement in community service and advocacy for societal change.

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**Madhavan B. Nair.**

Madhavan B. Nair (MBN) is a Chartered Financial Consultant and esteemed community leader, renowned for his dedication to public service, cultural involvement, and philanthropy. Based in New Jersey, he has long committed himself to advancing the well-being of the Indian-American community through various leadership roles and grassroots initiatives.

Professionally, Mr. Nair is the Principal and owner of MBN Insurance & Financial Services Inc., where he has built a strong reputation for trust, integrity, and service. His entrepreneurial career provided a solid foundation for his broader involvement in community development.

Mr. Nair is the Founder and Patron of the North American Malayalee Association of Malayalees (NAMAM), established in 2010 with the objectives of supporting and uplifting Indian culture and heritage among Indian immigrants in the USA. From 2018 to 2020, he served as President of FOKANA (Federation of Kerala Associations in North America), extending his leadership both across North America and internationally. Under his stewardship, FOKANA's relief efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic and the Kerala floods received widespread appreciation.

In 2017, Mr. Nair established the MBN Foundation as the principal vehicle for his philanthropy. Upon retiring from full-time business in 2025, he dedicated himself entirely to advancing its mission. Today, the Foundation is devoted to nurturing student skill development and championing cancer-prevention initiatives—addressing urgent needs in education and healthcare to deliver lasting impact.

In 2023, Mr. Nair published two essay collections—'Sunlit Signs' (in English) and 'Veyil Kaazhchakal' (in Malayalam)—in which he reflects on political developments, pivotal historical events, and pressing global affairs.

Leveraging his professional achievements and unwavering commitment to social causes, Mr. Nair has firmly established himself as a distinguished and influential leader within both the Indian American community and the larger society.

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Anju Vallabhaneni

Anju Vallabhaneni is a highly committed leader with extensive expertise in global delivery and a deep passion for community service. He is the National President of ITServe Alliance, a non-profit association representing over 2,500 IT companies across the United States.

Anju's impressive academic background includes an Engineering degree and an MBA. His career spans more than 25 years, during which he has served as President and CEO of several companies in North America, Latin America, and India.

His leadership and strategic vision have been instrumental in managing businesses with revenues ranging from \$5 million to over \$100 million.

In 2002, Anju founded United Software Group (USG), a company that has seen tremendous growth under his guidance. Over the past two decades, USG has expanded to employ over 2,000 professionals worldwide. The company's success has been recognized on a national scale; Inc. 5000 listed USG among America's Fastest-Growing Private Companies, and it was ranked #107 in the US-Midwest region in 2024.

Anju's dedication extends beyond his professional achievements. He is deeply involved in philanthropic efforts, actively supporting over ten non-profit organizations. His commitment to giving back to the community highlights his belief in the importance of social responsibility.

Beyond his professional and philanthropic endeavors, Anju is also a seasoned athlete. He has completed more than 25 marathons, demonstrating his discipline, perseverance, and dedication in both his personal and professional life.

Anju is also a seasoned athlete, having completed over 25 marathons. Anju Vallabhaneni's multifaceted career and contributions make him a deserving recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award 2025, a testament to his enduring impact on the IT industry and his unwavering commitment to community service and personal excellence.

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Rohit Vyas

Rohit Vyas is an acclaimed documentary filmmaker and a veteran international broadcast journalist whose distinguished career spans over four decades across television, print, and documentary media. As the former News Director, Senior Vice President, and Principal Nightly News Anchor at TV ASIA (USA), he played a pivotal role in shaping the voice of one of the most influential South Asian networks in North America.

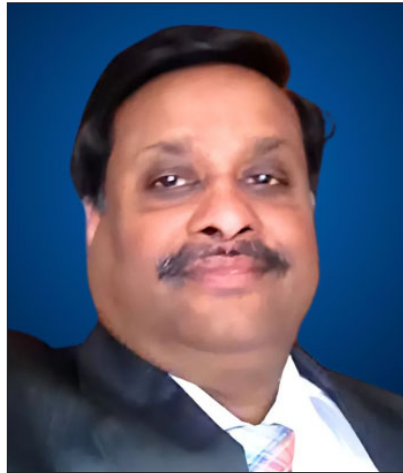
Prior to that, he served as News Director and Principal Anchor for Vision of Asia News, CH 47, delivering trusted news to the New York Tri-State area. In addition to his editorial leadership, Rohit Vyas serves as Chief Advisor to ITV Gold (USA), continuing to guide the network's journalistic and programming strategy.

His editorial footprint extends to print journalism, where he was the Editor of several publications, including the International Observer, a newsweekly dedicated to United Nations affairs and global diplomacy. A respected figure in international media circles, he is a long-standing member of the United Nations Correspondents Association (for over 40 years) and a former member of the White House Traveling Media Delegation, covering pivotal moments and global summits alongside world leaders.

His commitment to public service and journalistic integrity earned him a place on the Asian American Pacific Advisory Council under New Jersey Governor Christine Whitman. His contributions have been honored by the New Jersey State Assembly, the Nassau County Executive of Long Island, New York, and numerous civic and professional organizations nationwide, celebrating his legacy of impactful journalism and unwavering service to the community.

An objective storyteller at heart, Rohit Vyas continues to create thought-provoking documentaries that shed light on diaspora narratives, international affairs, and pressing global issues.

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Dr. Indranil Basu Ray | MBBS, MD(Med), DNB (Card), DSc, FACP, FACC is a Cardiologist trained in one of the newer subspecialties called Interventional Cardiac Electrophysiology. Dr. Basu-Ray was a faculty guide at the Massachusetts Institute of

Technology (MIT's) LinQ program in Boston. He is a cardiac electrophysiologist on staff and the present director of cardiovascular research at the Memphis Veterans Medical Center in Memphis, TN, USA. He is also an Adjunct Professor at The School of Public Health, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN, USA.

Dr. Basu-Ray is the Editor of a popular book on Cardiology with over forty authors contributing to it from all over the world. He is the founder and President of the American Academy for Yoga in Medicine, an organization of physicians, scientists, and researchers who work on scientific validation of yoga as an integrative therapy. He is the Editor-in-Chief of the world's first reference book written by over 75 physicians and researchers worldwide called "The Principle and Practice of Yoga in Cardiovascular Diseases," published by Springer Nature. Dr. Basu Ray has delivered invited lectures worldwide on the role of Yoga and meditation in preventing and treating cardiovascular diseases. He was awarded a Doctorate in Science (Honoris Causa) by the world's largest and oldest Yoga University- SVYASA, in Bengaluru, India. He has appeared on multiple television channels in this country and abroad, discussing Yoga as disease prevention. He writes blogs for numerous Indian and US Newspapers.

Ginsmon Zacharia Board Secretary, New York



Ginsmon P. Zachariah, founding chairman and a permanent member of the IAPC Board of Directors, is the managing director of the Global Reporter Channel. A noted journalist who has made innovations in the field of visual media, he is also the chair-

man of Jai Hind News, a Malayalam newspaper with editions in the United States and Canada. He is the editor-in-chief of Aksharam magazine, a leading Malayalam magazine in the United States, and President and CEO of the English language magazine Asian Era. Ginsmon, who was the manager of The South Asian Times, a leading English language newspaper in America, started his journalism career 16 years ago by taking charge of the European edition of the Deepika, a Malayalam daily. As the US director of Jai Hind TV, he hosted the first reality show with candidates from all the states in US. The reality show, attended by hundreds of Malayalees, was telecast in around 250 episodes, helped many amateur singers to showcase their talent to the world, and was hailed as a historic first for the Malayalees in North America.

Dr. Mathew Joys Vice Chairman, Las Vegas



Well-known writer and columnist in North America, Dr. Mathew Joys, was one of the early members of the IAPC. He has worked in the finance department of the central government in India and has been the director of the

Rotaract Club and the national general secretary of the Employees Federation. He also served as executive vice president and secretary to the board of directors of IAPC. Author of 'Entey Priyey', a collection of love poems based on the Bible and the Ten Commandments, the anthology 'American Aadukal', and the book "The Citizen Journalist". He spends his time as the executive editor of the Jai Hind, a New York-based newspaper, as well as the associate editor of the Express Herald, and as a member of the editorial board of Nerkazhcha weekly. He is also the Cabinet Member and Media Chairperson of the Global Indian Council (GIC) Inc.

Kamlesh Mehta New York



Kamlesh Mehta, founder of Forsyth Media Group, the most popular Indo-American English media group in North America, is a member of a prominent Jain family in Rajasthan and started out with a diamond business in Bombay in 1985. Mehta immigrated to New York in 1986, with the intention of expanding his business, where he started trading in gemstones and diamonds. Mehta entered the media business in 2008, and his weekly newspaper, 'The South Asian Times' for the Indian community, has won several awards. He is also the publisher of Forsyth Media Group's 'The Asian Era'. In January 2010, he was appointed director of business and economic development by the Nassau County administration, where he served for five years. In 2009, he became president of the Rotary Club of Hicksville South, NY. In 2015-16, he had the opportunity to become governor of RI District 7255. He has been honored as a leading Rotary donor and has worked for many religious organizations and social causes. He is the founder of the Rajasthan Association of North America and organized the first Indian Day Parade in Hicksville, which started in 2012. Mehta is also the recipient of many lifetime achievement awards and certificates of recognition from various community organizations.

Ajay Ghosh Connecticut



Ajay Ghosh, the Chief Editor of The Universal News Network (www.theunn.com), graduated with a Master's Degree in Journalism from Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI in 1998. Before coming to the United States, Ajay was the Chief Editor of The Voice Delhi and contributed articles to several national publications in India. In the United States, starting his journalistic career as a reporter in 1999 for India Post, he worked as the New York Bureau Chief of Indian Reporter and World News and was the New York Bureau Chief of India Tribune published from Chicago. Ajay served as the Executive Editor of NRI Today and was the Bureau Chief of The Indian Express, North American Editions. He was the founding Editor of The Asian Era. Since 2012, Ajay has been serving as the Media Coordinator of the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI). In 2023, he was appointed as the Consultant for Public Relations Content for ITServe Alliance, the largest association of IT Solutions and services organizations in the United States. Ajay is the founder President of the Indo-American Press Club.

Having a Master's Degree in Social Work from Delhi University, Ajay served as an Adjunct Faculty at Fordham Graduate School of Social Work from 2006 to 2016. He was an Adjunct Professor at Bridgeport University, where he taught Psychology. In 2019, he was part of a nearly 200-member expedition to Antarctica, the 7th Continent on Earth. Ajay was honored with the Excellence in Reporting Award by the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin for several years. In 2018, Ajay was honored with the Excellence in Journalism Award by NAMAM. In 2023, he received the prestigious Excellence in Journalism Award by The Kerala Center in New York.

Meena Chittilapilly

Dallas, TX



Meena Chittilapilly is a well-known socio-cultural media activist from Dallas, Texas. She held the National Vice-Chairperson position of the Indo-American Press Club (IAPC) from

2022-2024 and the President position of the IAPC Dallas chapter from 2019-2021. Meena, who has been an anchorperson, interviewer, and newsreader on Doordarshan, Asianet USA, and Jai Hind TV, is currently working for Flowers TV USA.

Holding a Master's in Business Administration (MBA) and another Master's in Analytical Economics, Meena has worked in the field of education as a school director and a teacher for many years and is currently working as a project manager at Quantiphi, an international IT company. She was also active as the Marketing and Branding Chairperson (2019), Arts Chairperson (2020-2022), Board of Directors (2022-2024) of Malayalee Engineers of North Texas (MEANT), and the President of the Dallas Badminton Club (2010-2011). Moreover, she has been running the Swarajathi School of Music and Dance since 2001 and is an active organizer and media personality who has been making her mark in the professional theater industry. During her college years, she was the Arts Club Secretary and Union Councilor of All-Saints College, Thiruvananthapuram from 1990-1992.

CG Daniel Houston, TX



CG Daniel is a well-known writer and amateur photographer with a large following, especially on social media. He is an environmentalist and a cynophile. He has participated in television panel discussions about American and Indian politics. He is the founder, president, and CEO of the Deepalaya Foundation Inc., USA, a non-profit charitable organization. He has served the IAPC at various levels, including as chapter president, national vice-president, and general secretary.

Parveen Chopra New York



Past President of IAPC, Parveen Chopra has recently founded the premier wellness and spirituality web

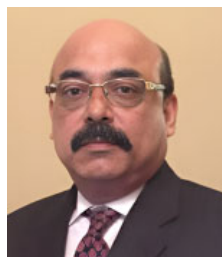
magazine, ALotusInTheMud.com, from New York. A journalism professional of three decades standing, he was earlier editor of The South Asian Times weekly newspaper, and 'One World Under God' interfaith journal. With a postgraduate degree in mass communication from Panjab University in Chandigarh, he worked for India Today magazine and founded a spiritual and personal growth magazine named Life Positive from New Delhi. He is a trained teacher of Transcendental Meditation and yoga.

Dr. P V Baiju Edmonton, Canada



A well-known Canadian author and columnist. P.V. Baiju, is a noted journalist who has presented the issues of Canadian Malayalees to the world through his columns.

Jacob Kudasanad Houston, TX



Jacob Kudassanad (Kuruville), the founding Vice President of the Houston chapter of Indo American Press Club, is a long-standing member of the organization. Through his time in IAPC, he has also been able to serve as the National Secretary

in 2018 and National Executive Vice President in 2019.

He began his journalistic activities in his college days, where he got the chance to be the Alleppy district representative for All Kerala Sahitya Sangam. He also served as the editor for his college's magazine, as well as various other local magazines. During his time as editor, he was able to harness his creativity and publish many short stories and poems in printed media. More recently, he has contributed to news publications for the Malayalam News Media.

Since immigrating to the US in 1985, Jacob has been an active and committed member of various cultural and religious organizations. He joined the World Malayalee Council in 1995 and has held several positions, including President, Chairman,

and Secretary, at the American Region and Houston Province levels. Additionally, he served as the General Secretary of the Malayalee Association of Greater Houston in 2000. His dedication has persisted throughout the years, as he serves as the Vice President - Admin in the American Region. He was able to serve as the Houston Bureau Coordinator for Reporter TV USA.

Finally, he is the current World Malayalee Council Chairman (America Region) and has been a member of St. Thomas Orthodox Cathedral Houston's Golden Jubilee Souvenir Committee Chair. He was blessed with the opportunity to serve in multiple capacities. He hopes to continue to be a contributing member of the Indo-American community in the coming years.

Reji Philip Philadelphia



Reji Phillip, a reporter for the Global Reporter channel, is a well-known journalist. He holds a master's degree in journalism and manages the creative department in several visual and online media.

Jacob Abraham New York



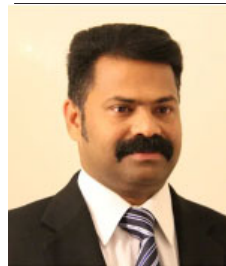
Jacob Abraham is the CEO of Hedge Events and the publisher of Hedge News. With a keen eye for detail and a strategic mindset, Jacob has successfully led Hedge Events to become a premier event management company known for its innovative and high-quality events. His leadership has also elevated Hedge News, a prominent publication that offers in-depth analysis and insights into the financial world. Jacob's expertise and dedication have made him a respected figure in the industry, continually pushing the boundaries of excellence in event management and financial journalism.

Dr. Renee Mehra Chicago



Dr. Renee Mehra has been working in the media since 1990. Renee is the host of the show 'Renee Report', which provides media coverage on politics, health, human interest stories, fashion, film, theater, and current affairs. She has been the president of Reenbow Media, an advertising, broadcasting, and public relations company since 2010. She acted as associate director of external affairs department NYC health, hospitals/Queens from 2014 to 2017. After earning a BA in broadcast journalism from the University of New York, and an MA in political management and public relations from the George Washington University, she received her doctorate from Walden University.

Ashly Joseph Canada



As the editor-in-chief of Jai Hind News, a popular Malayalam newspaper in North America, Ashly Joseph served as a member of the board of directors of the IAPC. He began his journalistic career in 2003 as a reporter for the 'Malayalee Manas', a Florida-based newspaper, and was the editor-in-chief of 'Yatra', a 2006 magazine aimed at new immigrants. From 2007 to 2009 he was the managing editor of 'Aksharam', a leading Malayalam magazine in the United States. Ashley's numerous articles on social, political, and literary issues have already been published in print and online media. Ashly is an executive member of the Edmonton Catholic Association and is the founder of several associations and clubs. He came to the United States in 1999 and is known among the Malayalees as a great organizer. Ashley, who now works for the Canadian postal department, was the coordinator of the International Volleyball Tournament in Niagara. A graduate of Botany from Nirmala College, Muvattupuzha, Ashley was active in politics and society during his studies before he graduated with a degree in hotel management and moved to the United States.

Joseph John Calgary, Canada



Joseph John is a Calgary-based freelance reporter and a Canadian Freelance Guild (CFG) member. He is known for his selfless contributions as a volunteer reporter. He serves as a director board member of the Indo-American Press Club. He has previously been president of the Malayalee Cultural Association of Calgary, a community with over 8,000 members.

Joseph's dedication to the Malayalam language and culture is unwavering. He is the founder and organizer of 'Kavya Sandhya,' a platform that tirelessly promotes literary and cultural activities for the children from Kerala. His role as the Canada co-ordinator for the Malayalam Mission (an initiative by the Government of Kerala) further exemplifies his commitment.

Professionally, Joseph works as a cathodic protection specialist, a role that involves ensuring the integrity of metal structures by preventing corrosion. His expertise in this field has been recognized, and he has previously served as the secretary for the National Association of Corrosion Engineers (Association of Materials Protection and Performance) for the Calgary Chapter of the U.S. & Canada Northern Area.

As a writer, Joseph publishes under the pen name J.J. Adoor. He has authored two books in the Malayalam language: "Thura" and "Padmasreeyum Swathanthryavum."

Korason Varghese New York



Previously served as the General Secretary and Executive VP of IAPC. Columnist, Cartoonist and interviewer. Regional Director, Y's Men's Club of US and UN Representative. Served as the International PRO of the

worldwide Service Organization. Published Two books and recieved several Media Awards and recognitions.

Joji Kavanal New York



Joji Kavanal is the treasurer of the Malankara Archdiocese of North America and one of the founding directors of the Indo-American Press Club. He also served as the director of Jaihind TV USA from 2010 to 2013. He was chief editor of Malankara Deepam annual publication of

the Malankara Archdiocese

He practiced law in the Kerala high court and is also a treasurer of the Kerala High Court Advocates Association. His extensive experience and dedication have significantly contributed to his leadership roles within the diaspora community, bridging cultural and professional ties between India and North America.

Anil Augustine Atlanta



Anil Augustine is an Atlanta, GA resident, professionally a Public Relations (PR) management consultant in the International Trade, Media, and Human Resource domains. Currently, he serves as the Managing Director

of an enterprise advisory firm www.AuguDEST.com, which assists global entrepreneurs, in reaching expertise in bilateral global trade, Media, PR & HR avenues. He is the joint promoter at the marketplace aggregator - Rural Agricultural Development Technology and Research. Anil serves on the Henry County, GA School System's Advisory Council Board Since 2016 and the Eagle's Landing Middle School as President of the PTO Board since 2019. As a Public Relations Officio, Anil is involved with Global Indian Council, a diaspora advocacy institution and World Malayalee Council, the global fraternity of Kerala diaspora. He serves on the Executive Board of the Federation of Malayalee Associations in Americas (FOMAA) immigration advocacy initiative - L.i.F.e, FOMAA Legal Immigration Federation, Anil served as the National Vice-president of IAPC and enthusiastically contributed to the International Media Convention in 2018 as

the IAPC Atlanta Chapter Advisory Board member.



Dr. Eapen Daniel
Philadelphia

Dr. Eapen Daniel, a distinguished academic and community leader, resides in Pennsylvania, near the Philadelphia area. He graduated

with a degree in Botany from Mar Thoma College in 1973 and later earned an M.Sc. from S.B. College, Changanacherry, securing a university rank. He began his career as a Botany professor at Mar Thoma College (Kerala University), where he taught until 1982.

After moving to the United States, Dr. Daniel pursued graduate studies at Texas Tech University and worked at the Texas Health Sciences Center until 1986. He then relocated to

Pennsylvania, where he studied and worked at the University of Pennsylvania, earning his Doctorate. He continues to contribute to the university in the field of Genomics Integration.

Beyond academia, Dr. Daniel has been an influential figure in civic and religious circles in the Philadelphia Tri-State area for over 30 years. He has served as the President of PAMPA, a leading Malayalee association, and currently leads the Indian Overseas Congress (IOC) PA Chapter. His dedication to the Mar Thoma Church is notable, having served as Chief Editor of The Mar Thoma Messenger for 12 years and as a long-time youth activity coordinator and senior advisor for various church organizations.

Dr. Daniel's contributions have been recognized with numerous achievement awards from civic and religious organizations, underscoring his lifelong commitment to community service and leadership.

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Azad Jayan started TV journalism as a trainee reporter in Manorama News in 2006 and worked in Manorama News for 6 years as a reporter in Thiruvananthapuram and Delhi bureaus and as a producer in the main desk.

Mainly dealt with were Supreme Court news, right-wing politics, and cinema beats. In addition to reporting many human interest stories, many prominent figures have been interviewed. He has also directed several television live shows and documentaries. MC tops the list of Indian media in Canada. He is the Director of News and the Editor-in-Chief of Kan Malayali newspaper. He holds a BA in English and an Advanced Diploma in Mass Communication and Video Production from Mahatma Gandhi University.

James Kureekattil Executive Vice President (Detroit)



Mr. James is a famous writer, who has previously worked as Vice President of IAPC. Known not only in the US but also among Malayalees around the world, James Kurikattil is a regular presence in workshops and seminars that emphasize sci-

entific independent thinking.

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Shan Justus, the General Secretary of the Indo-



American Press Club (IAPC), is a distinguished Technology Leader currently serving as a Software Engineering Manager at H-E-B in San Antonio, Texas. He leads the Health and Wellness/ Pharmacy Information Technology team, playing a vital role in advancing digital solutions within the healthcare sector.

Shan Justus began his professional journey as an IT specialist in India before relocating to San Antonio in April 2010. Today, he lives in the city with his wife, Savija, and their two sons, Juan and Johan.

A strong advocate for digital innovation, Shan Justus is deeply passionate about using technology to drive progress and empower communities. Beyond his corporate role, he devotes significant time to advising and supporting community groups, non-profits, religious organizations, and startups across the globe - including in India, the UAE, the USA, Australia, and the UK - to strengthen their technological capabilities and streamline operations.

In addition to his leadership and community work, Shan Justus is an ardent supporter of independent journalism and digital media. He actively supports online media platforms such as TheUNN Corporation (www.theunn.com) and Indica News (www.indicanews.com), contributing to their mission of delivering credible, community-centered news to the global Indian diaspora.

As General Secretary of IAPC, Justus exemplifies the club's mission to promote excellence in journalism, empower media professionals, and build

bridges between communities through technology and responsible storytelling.

Sunny George Treasurer (New York)

Sunny George is an IT professional with twenty-five years



of experience in information technology and consulting services. He is president and CEO of SGTC LLC and manager of Hedge Media, providing IT consulting services to other organizations. Oversaw Bloomberg's and Reuters' real-time market data service for IT asset management and trading floor operations. Mr. George currently serves as the Treasurer of the Malayali Association of Long Island and is active in organizations such as the Salem Marthomma Church of Eastern Long Island. Mr. Sunny George is an influencer in social media, implementing state-of-the-art technology and media solutions in collaboration with various organizations.

Sunil Manjanikara

New York



Sunil Manjanikara works as Program In Chief at Global Reporter Channel. Sunil, who was the program director of Jaihind TV USA, excelled in photography and videography. He has produced several TV programs and was instrumental in launching the visual media initiative of the American Malankara Atibhadrasan of the Syrian Orthodox Church. He has also worked as the Public Relations Officer of Malankara Atibhadrasan from 2017 to 2019. For Jaihind TV, Sunil organized a reality show for the first time in all the states of America, which became a historic event. About two hundred and fifty episodes of the reality show, in which thousands of Malayalis participated, were aired. Many singers have been able to present their talent to the world through this program.

Shiby Roy

Houston, TX



Shibi Roy Athura, President of the IAPC Houston Chapter, is a person who has excelled both in the field of service and media. In spite of her nursing job, Shibi managed to play the role of a passionate radio jockey and make it a success.

He is the founder and CEO of Mallu Cafe Radio and a radio personality. Shibi is notable for its efforts to spread goodness and

love through the medium of radio. Mallu Cafe Radio promotes physical and mental health programs. Shibi Roy, the elected 2020-2021 Women's Representative of the Malayali Association of Greater Houston, is the Chairperson of the Women's Forum of the American Malayali organization FOMA.

Tozin Abraham

New York



Mr. Tozin Abraham is a broadcast professional with a rich background in computer engineering and broadcast engineering. Tozin started his career in 1994 as a computer engineer. From 1996 to 2002, he worked as Director, Producer and Chief News Officer of Kerala Television in New York. Serving as Transmission Manager at a multi-channel broadcasting company in New York, Tosin leads the seamless transmission of content across multiple channels. He worked as a transmission engineer at ABC News and later as a broadcast engineer at Fox News. Mr. Tosin Abraham is a person who always strives to push the boundaries of technology and storytelling, excel in every role he undertakes and come up with innovative ideas.

Patricia Umasankar

Dallas, TX



Patricia Umashankar is a freelance journalist with six years of experience as a Personal Assistant to the Chief Reporter of a leading American newspaper. Currently working as a freelancer for a radio station, Patricia is passionate about presenting a wide variety of topics with depth, accuracy and insights. Organizational skills and attention to detail have enabled Patricia Umakar to easily establish herself in this fast-paced media world. Patricia Umashakar's role in engaging audiences with accurate and lively reporting and making meaningful contributions to the media sector is no small feat.

Prof. Joy Pallattumadom

Dallas, TX



Joy Pallattumadom was Prof. of Zoology in St. Stephen's

College, Uzhavoor and a former Member of the Board of Studies, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam. He started his social orientation serving as the Chairman of the College Union of St. Thomas College of Education, Pala in 1980-81, and throughout his academic career, he worked with many professional organizations and NGOs in India and abroad in the leadership role. He compiled and published four academic books and was the Co-Editor of two environmental magazines during 1990-2004. He was a Member of the Pastoral Council of the Syro Malabar Catholic Diocese of Chicago (2019-21).

Now, residing in Dallas, Prof. Joy is currently serving as the Global Vice President of Global Indian Council (GIC) and also as the President of the Pravasi Malayali Federation (PMF) North America Region. As the Director of the Malayalam Fraternity of Dallas, he continues to conduct Malayalam Language Courses for the Pravasi students. He also served IAPC Dallas Chapter as its Vice President (2015-19) and represented it at the IAPC National Executive Committee. He is the recipient of Bhasha Mithra Award (2022) from the World Malayali Council (WMC).

Nisha Jude

New York



Nisha Jude is a social media influencer who discusses many topics among North American Malayalis. Mrs. Nisha Judd is a person who boldly shares and responds to socially relevant issues through her social media platform. From 2020-2022, Kairali TV was associated with America. Nisha was reporting from America for Doordarshan Kerala during the covid period. Nisha works in the health sector and lives in New York with her family.

James Chacko

Houston, TX



Mr. James Chacko, a permanent resident of Texas, is a well-known personality in the socio-political arena. Has published short stories and several articles. He is a writer for leading American media such as Jai Hind News and E Malayalee. He has served in various positions

in leading American organizations such as Michigan Literary Association, Oruma, LANA, Malayalee Association of Greater Houston and Rotary Club. He is currently the General Secretary of Riverstone Malayali Association.

Thrissur Jacob

New York



Mr. Thrissur Jacob is a personality who has been present in the media field for more than a decade and a half as a television producer, reporter and news editor. He is noted as a presenter, writer, debater, political analyst, crisis management expert and counselor. Jahhind News, the most popular newspaper among North American Malayalis, has been operating for more than fifteen years. Thrissur Jacob, who maintains distinct views on musical taste and artistic moral values, is a person who puts forward the idea that a society should be formed based on practical human values beyond superficialities.

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Jomon Joy

Connecticut

Jomon Joy, who works as a freelancer, is a columnist in leading Malayalam media in America.



Milly Philip

Philadelphia



Milly Philip, President of the Philadelphia IAPC Chapter, serves as the World Malayali Council Women's Forum Americas Region General Secretary and the Malayali Association of Greater Philadelphia's Women's Forum Chairperson. Millie has held many positions including MAP (Malay Association of Greater Philadelphia) Women's Forum Chairperson, WMC PA Province Women's Forum Chairperson. He is also currently the program coordinator for the Orthodox Sunday School. Millie Phillippe has literally dedicated her life to justice and charity. In 1995 he was the MG University Youth Festival Coordinator. She has worked as an anchor and reporter for Asianet, Manorama News, Doordarshan and Global Reporter. Currently



working as a Learning Support Assistant, Millie lives in Pennsylvania.

Noble Augustine Canada



Noble Augustine is a dedicated English teacher by profession with a passion for the field of education and linguistics. Noble Mathew is the Editorial Director at Samiksha, a Canadian multicultural family magazine. Mr. Noble has been instrumental in shaping the diverse content of Samiksha. His multifaceted roles reflect his unwavering dedication to education, social service and cultural enrichment. In addition to teaching, the Knights of Columbus serve as district deputies in Alberta and the Northwest Territories. She is a member of the Parish Council of Saint Mother Teresa Syro Malabar Church in Calgary.

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Mr. Gigi Kurian is the chairman of several organizations in America. Mr. Gigi Kuryan, director of Kerala News Online, has a strong presence among the American Malayalees. Sri Gigi Kurien is also a well-known composer.

Rijesh Peter Canada



Rijesh Peter started his career as a creative graphic professional in New Delhi. He currently serves as the Editor-in-Chief of the IAPC Chronicle, an e-magazine published from Calgary for the Indo-American Press Club. He is the editor of Souvenir published by St. Mother Teresa Syro Malabar Catholic Church, Calgary, Canada. He is also an active participant in programs organized by various associations in Calgary, Canada.

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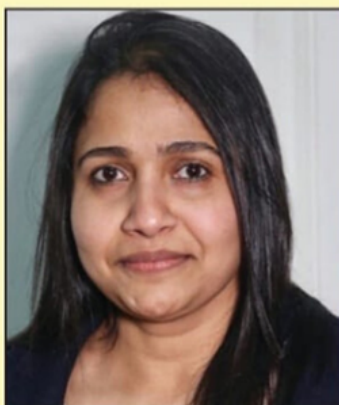


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We, the people of Indian origin constitute over 1 % of the total population in the United States. However, the achievements and the impact we have made in this adopted land of ours is remarkable. Indian Americans are doing an outstanding job working in important positions across the nation. In public administration, academics, healthcare, technology, business and media, several of them hold important positions. Many are in US Congress and the White House, helping shape the national agenda. Our homeland India is known to have a vibrant, active and free media, which plays a very vital role in the functioning and growth of the largest democracy in the world. And we recognize that as members of the media we have an important role to play in our adopted land.

We are aware of our call to be a source of effective communication around the world. We as members of the media realize that we have a role to play in shaping our world to be a just and equitable place where everyone enjoys freedom and liberty. We as individuals and corporations that represent the media world, consisting of print, visual, electronic and online, realize that we have

a greater role to play. We have been working in this field for decades and often stand alone in a large media world. As individual members of the media, our voice is often drowned in the very large world of multi-media. We lack a collective voice to raise our voice, to pool our talents together and work as a cohesive group to reflect and respond to the happenings in a fast-paced world accurately and adequately. The Indo- American Press Club (IAPC), formed to fill this vacuum, is committed to strive to be a common platform to raise the voice



IAPC was launched in 2014 with Ginsmon Zacharia as Founding Chairman

and explore the possibilities of helping shape the world to be a world that is fair, just and equitable for today and future generations. IAPC is committed to working towards maintaining the dignity we as media persons deserve. IAPC has emerged with the purpose to foster closer bond, cooperation among an extensive national network of journalists with professionalism and commitment towards community.

IAPC members are committed to working towards enhancing the standard and working conditions for journalists, while striving to work towards greater co-operation among journalists working across the nation, and thus "be the voice of the community of journalists." IAPC is committed to offer educational opportunities for its members in India and abroad with a view to enhance their skills and proficiency in this modern and digitalized world, which help journalists to seek and find opportunities in mainstream media, thus enhancing their own voice. IAPC was formed with the lofty goal of realizing a long-felt need to bring together the media groups and the Indian American media persons across the United States under one umbrella to work together and support one another, and thus giving them a powerful voice in the media world and the larger society.

IAPC members are dedicated to fulfill the vision of enhancing their own journalistic skills while striving to help fellow journalists and future generations to work towards the common cause of enhancing the well-being and efficiency of all peoples of the world.

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Indo-American Press Club believe that the Indo-American journalists nationwide should bind themselves together in an effort to increase employment in the media, to increase the number of Indian Americans in management positions, to encourage and edu-

cate young Indian Americans interested in pursuing a journalism career, to monitor and sensitize all media to social justice, to enact and establish these objectives for the governance of our members. Indo-American Press Club is a syndicate of print and electronic media journalists of Indian origin working in the United States. IAPC has been formed with the objective of enhancing the standard and working conditions of journalists. We strive to work towards greater co-operation among journalists working across the nation. IAPC is committed to offering educational opportunities for its members with a view to enhance their skills and proficiency in this modern world. IAPC is committed to serving the larger humanity by encouraging young people to consider journalism and offering training and support.

IAPC is committed to promoting unbiased and accurate news coverage of all events with fairness and objectivity. We will serve as a hub from which partnership and non partnership organisations, including the mainstream media, can take content with a view for publication. We will adhere to the code of conduct for journalists and the organizations they represent in accordance with high professional standards. We will work towards preserving the freedom of the Press by adjudicating the just concerns against and by the press for violation of ethics and freedom of the press. Will work towards enabling our member organizations maintain their independence and impartiality. By maintaining high standards, we will be able to offer accreditation to media outlets and journalists of Indian origin. We will be the standard bearers of media ethics and accuracy. By joining hands with member organizations, help and support marketing efforts with private and public undertakings including the Governments of the US and India. Will promote effective journalism and honor those adhering to highest standards of journalism by honoring media persons and organizations with annual awards. Will recognize and honor eminent Indians in media in North America.

FOOTPRINTS OF IAPC

Indo American Press Club (IAPC) is the fast growing syndicate of print and electronic media journalists and other media related professionals of Indian origin working in USA, Canada and Europe. We are committed to enhance the working conditions of our journalists, exchanging ideas and in offering educational and training opportunities to our members, aspiring young journalists and media professionals around the globe. We also honor media people for their excellence, and for bringing positive change through their dedicated service in the community. We envision collective effort and advocacy activities in the public sphere through our 12 chapters.

As a group of media persons scattered in US states and other countries, the last 5 years saw us survive and thrive with steely resolve and planned steps. Now is the time for further growth, adding new members and chapters, even as we the demands of aspiring media professionals from other destinations too.

The progress can be discerned in the chapter level workshops and seminars of regional significance; but the cream of the crop is the annual International Media Conferences being held in different cities in October, always over the Columbus Day weekend. These conferences bring together world renowned media experts and journalists, who share their knowledge and expertise to keep the delegates up to date on trends and strategies.

Birth and Growth over 10 years

2014: On November 15 we made the historic leap at Hilton Hotel and Convention Center in New Jersey by launching IAPC and holding the first National Media Conference with an array of distinguished guests from the media industry. Some of the prominent guests who inspired the gathering included Daryl Hawk (world famous photojournalist and author of several award winning books), Sunil Hali (publisher of Indian Express - North American edition), Meera Nair (famous writer and author of award winning book "Maya saves the Day"), Lalit K. Jha (Washington DC correspondent of Press Trust of India), S. Mitra Kalita (Idea Editor at Quartz and Wall



The beginning and first meeting for IAPC at New York
Sitting- Raju Chiramannil, Ginsmon Zacharia, Dr. Ajay Ghosh, Mathew Moolacheril
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2014



IAPC was launched and held its first annual media conference in New Jersey in 2014 with Ajay Ghosh (left) as President.

Street Journal), Dr. Vivek Murthy (Nominated US Surgeon General by President Barack Obama.) Seminars on Risk Management for Journalists (Easo Jacob, Houston), Art of Photo Documentary (Daryl Hawk), Art of Photography (Paresh Gandhi) were the inspiring sessions of this conference. The founder Chairman Ginsmon Zacharia, first President Ajay Ghosh and General Secretary Vineetha Nair deserve the highest recognition for laying a strong foundation of IAPC.

The Indo-American Press Club (IAPC) was officially inaugurated at the Homewood Suites of Hilton, East Rutherford, New Jersey on Saturday, November 15th, 2014 with the lighting of the traditional lamp by Suneel Hali, Founder and Publisher of Cinemaya Media, Inc., Lalit K. Jha, Chief US Correspondent of Press Trust of India (PTI), sponsors, community and corporate leaders and the members of the IAPC Executive Committee, National Directors, and the Board of Trustees.

Attended by nearly 200 media persons, corporate and community leaders and sponsors, the elegantly organized event marked the historic beginning of the Indo-American Press Club, that has been formed with the objective of being the voice of those who are working in the media world and strive to be the conscience of the larger society.

In his inspiring inaugural address, Suneel Hali emphasized the key role being played by the media, which drew him to give up his well-paying corporate job by listening to his inner voice and start Cinemaya Media, which encompasses visual, print, audio, and electronic media. "Journalists are extraordinary people dedicating their lives to an extraordinary mission to serve the humanity, and to be the conscience of the society," Hali reminded the audience.

Stressing the importance of the media and the role the Indo-American Press Club is expected to play, Lalit Jha, in his keynote address said, "We are the watchdog of the society. Whenever there is an issue – we are the first one to report about it – be it a visa issue, or some road accident, or innovation or matter of pride of our society. Yes, we are the voice for the community"

In his presidential address, Ajay Ghosh, President of the Indo-American Press Club, described the reasons and objectives for forming IAPC. "After many months of planning and strategizing, IAPC was formed with the lofty ideal of providing a common platform to journalists of Indian origin living in the United States, while fostering closer bonds and cooperation among an extensive network of journalists across the nation."

2015



At the 2015 media conference in Long Island, the Sadhbhavana Award was presented to philanthropist and jewelry chain owner Bobby Chemmannoor.

2016



A highlight of the 3rd International Media Conference in Connecticut in October 2016 was the 'Presidential Debate'. Representing the GOP was Dr AD Amar, and Peter Jacob spoke for the Democrats. The debate was moderated by Prof Indrajit Singh Saluja and envisioned by then President Parveen Chopra.

Reflecting on the many individuals behind and the process of forming IAPC, Ginsmon Zacharia, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, said in his address, that the Indo-American Press Club has been formed with the objective of enhancing the standard and working conditions for journalists, while striving to work towards greater co-operation among journalists working across the nation, and thus be the voice of the community of journalists. “Fr Johnson Punchakonam, Executive Vice President of IAPC allured to reasons for the formation of IAPC.

In her welcome address, Vineetha Nair, Executive Secretary of IAPC, who has been coordinating the weekly teleconferences leading up the inaugural event, said, “The Indo American Press Club is a forum by and for media professionals and freelancers, working, or associating with print, broadcast and online media outlets in North America. We lacked an effective platform to associate and network, to share our success, our concerns, our challenges, a platform that would give us a unique sense of belonging and continuity. IAPC was formed out of this need.”

Earlier, the day began with an introductory session led by Jilly Samuel, Vice President of IAPC. During the General Body Meeting, IAPC delegates charted out the path they wanted IAPC to take in the next one year. During the seminar that followed, Easo Jacob, a National Director of IAPC from Texas, enlightened the delegates, with his presentation of the numerous Risk Factors and Precautions Journalists need to be aware of while carrying out media related works by individuals and corporations in the media world.

During the hands on workshop on “The Art of Photo Documentary” Daryl Hawk, a world-renowned photo-journalist and author, discussed with an enthusiastic audience about his style, philosophy, and various techniques he uses as a professional when photographing subject matter. Equipment, lighting on location, environmental portraits, and travel tips for photographers were other aspects that were covered. .

The emcees for the day, Mini Nair and Roshi George eloquently spelt out the importance and the need for forming this dynamic group of next generation of journalists. Prominent among those who felicitated IAPC and its leadership included, Dinesh Goswami, Vice President of Indus-America Bank, Chirag Shah, Director of



DALLAS CHAPTER SEMINAR ON
IMPACT OF SOCIAL MEDIA



IAPC officials, dignitaries and guests at the lamp lighting ceremony of the 4th media conference held in Philadelphia in October 2017.



IMC 2018 in Atlanta was inaugurated by Sri. P. Sreeramakrishnan, Speaker Kerala Assembly.

Government Affairs, Senior Journalist Jose Thayyil, INOC National Chairman George Abraham, Asian American Hotel Owners Association (AAHOA), Dr. Jose Kanattu, Madhavan B Nair, NAMAM President, Dias Damodaran, Freedia Entertainment, Dr. Gopinathan Nair, CEO of Santhigram Ayurveda, Joy Chemmachel, FOKANA and FOMAA Representatives, George Kutty, Roy Ennasseril, John Paul, and Felix Simon.

Others who had supported and sent in their best wishes to IAPC included, Dr. Seema Jain, Dr. Sanjay Jain and Dr. Thomas Alapatt of the American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin of New Jersey, FOKANA President John P John, as well as Kanchana and Jack Poola of Long Island, New York. Andy Bhatia, a leading Public Relations Officer.

Suma Nair, a popular singer from the Garden State, entertained the audience with her melodious voice singing popular numbers in both Hindi and Malayalam. The vote of thanks was proposed by Rajasree Pinto, the Treasurer of IAPC. The inaugural ceremony solemnly concluded with a sumptuous dinner.

2015: This was the prime year of IAPC's jumpstart with Chapters formed in New York, Houston, Toronto and Vancouver. Several chapter level meetings and national teleconferences nourished the bonds between chapters and national committee.

International Media Conference 2015 was held at Clarion Hotel and Convention Center, New York from October 9-12 with large participation of delegates and distinguished guests. Hon'ble minister from Kerala Sri.V.K. Ebrahimkunju was the chief guest. Our prestigious awards for social activists were presented: Dayabai -- Sathkarma Award and Bobby Chemmanur -- Sathbhavana Award for their meritorious services to the society. Many leading journalists from Malayalam media diaspora challenged the delegates with debates and seminars. A workshop on video documentary was held by Simon Kurian and Geethanjali Kurian, and seminars led by George Kallivayalil (Associate Editor and New Delhi Bureau Chief, Deepika), Ajithkumar (President, Press Club Trivandrum), Vibhuti Sharma (UN Public Relations).

2016: Early this year we inducted new Office bearers at Chapter and National levels. The National Executive Committee with Parveen Chopra as President, Dr. Mathew Joys as Executive Vice President, Korason Varghese as General Secretary took oath of office at Tyson Center, New York. A seminars on Rising Real Estate Prices was held by the Vancouver Chapter, and on Social Media Credibility by the Dallas Chapter. The International Media Conference 2016 held at Hilton Convention Center, Stafford in Connecticut, was inaugurated by Manoj K. Mohapatra IAS, Deputy Consul General NY and the VIP at the closing session was state legislator Dr. Prasad Srinivasan. A highlight was presidential debate in this election year -- between Prof Aamr (for Donald Trump) and Peter Jacob (for Hillary Clinton). Among the distinguished guests were N.V. Nikeshkumar (CMD, Reporter TV), J. Alexander IAS (Ex minister) and journalists from all Malayalam media. Sathkarma award was to be given to Theruvoram Murugan, a well known philanthropist and social activist working for street people.

2017: A new Board of Directors and National Executive Committee were inducted at a function in New York. Dr. Babu Stephen, a prominent media and business magnate based in Washington DC, became Chairman

and Vineetha Nair the Vice Chair. Executive Committee had Prof. Indrajit Saluja as President, Korason Varghese, Executive Vice President, and Eapen George, General Secretary. Since 2017 with the distinguished leadership of Chairman Dr. Babu Stephen we are diversifying our resources for service to the public. Launching a Retirement Home 'WE CARE' near Trivandrum in Kerala illustrates our broader outlook, thereby

bridging our mission with the 'Friends of IAPC' in India. With 100% investment by Babu, it is proposed to be run under the IAPC banner. This project intends to house aged parents of NRI's, promising the best care with in-house doctors and caretakers. Our chapters in Alberta, Canada, Atlanta and Philadelphia were reconstituted.

IMC 2017, the fourth media conference with international delegates, was held at Radisson Convention Center, Philadelphia. Distinguished guests included Hon'ble Kerala Legislative Speaker Sri. P.Sreeramakrishnan, Com. M.A. Baby (CPM Politburo Member) and several journalists from the Malayalam media.

2018: The National Executive Committee was inducted at a grand event held at the Indian Consulate Banquet Hall in NY with Renee Mehrra, President, Thomas Mathew (Anil), General Secretary. and Ashley Joseph (Toronto) as Executive Vice President. Chairman Dr. Babu Stephen and Founding Chairman Ginsmon Zacharia visited various chapters to discuss their activities and plans.

An informative seminar and workshop on Journalism was organized by the Houston Chapter. IAPC has been maintaining good rapport with various Press Clubs, and the enormous support accorded by Kottayam and Trivandrum Press Clubs is acknowledged. IMC 2018 was initially kicked off by Board Secretary Dr. Mathew Joys at Kottayam Press Club and IAPC donated two laptops for the School of Journalism run by Kottayam Press Club. International Media Conference 2018 was held Oct 5-8 at Airport Marriott Convention Center, Atlanta with more than 250 delegates and prominent journalists. It was inaugurated by Sri. P. Sreeramakrishnan, Speaker Kerala Assembly. Workshops on Visa for foreign journalists by Attorney Onkar Sharma, Seminar on Aadhar and PAN Card led by Attorney Abu T Mathew (Kerala High Court) were highly informative.

Women's Forum for the first time organized a seminar on issues like women's role in media, women empowerment, led by Patti Tripathi (TV anchor), EM Radha (Social Activist), Sangeetha Dua (TV Houston). Dr. George Varghese and Dr. Saly Varughese (Georgia University) conducted a class on Current Politics and New Media. A seminar on

Malayalam literature in Cyber Age was led by Dr. Mathew Joys, Sudheer Karamana (visual media and cine artist), Saji Dominic, Korason Varghese, and James Koodal. A seminar on Morality in Malayalam Media provoked heated discussion among R. Ajithkumar (CEO Mangalan TV), G Shekharan Nair (Mathrubhumi), S.R. Shakthidharan (Kerala Press Academy), V S Rajesh (Kerala Kaumudi), Shyam K.B (Global Reporter Channel), Lalu Joseph (Editor Neraryan), Sarosh P Abraham (St.Mary's group Edn Society), PM Manoj (Deshabhimani) and brought to light many old sensational issues in the industry. As at every IAPC conference, Essay Competition and Photography Contests were held. Besides, 30 students

of exemplary talents and leadership were awarded \$500 each. Many prominent journalists and community leaders including P.P. Cherian, Thangamani Aravindan, Sunny Mattamana, Dr. Jay Sampath, Rajan Cheeran



NJ and Mahadev Desai were recognized for their service with awards and mementos.

2019 is as so important as the 6th Year of our growth, and the summary of our eventful growth graph indicates some moments as follows:

► The Board of Directors continues with IAPC Founder Chairman Mr. Ginsmon Zacharia as the Interim Chairman on completion of two year term by Chairman Dr. Babu Stephen. New Directors Mr. Onkar Sharma (Managing Attorney and Columnist) and Mr. Kamlesh C Mehta (Chairman & Publisher of The South Asian Times Newspaper) are bringing their leadership qualities to the newly constituted Board.

GINSMON P ZACHARIA - Founder and Chairman of IAPC

Ginsmon Zacharia is the Chief Operating Officer of The South Asian Times weekly English newspaper. He is the Managing Director of Global Reporter, the international division of Reporter TV channel in India. He is the Chairman of Malayalam Tabloid News Paper 'Jaihind Vartha', publisher and chief editor 'Aksharam Magazine' and President and CEO of 'The Asian Era' English Magazine.

► Members of Board of Directors- 2019:

Chairman	:	Mr. Ginsmon P Zacharia (New York)
Vice Chairman	:	Mr. Onkar Sharma (Washington DC)
BoD Secretary	:	Dr. Thomas Mathew Joys (Las Vegas)
Incorporated Director	:	Dr. Ajay Ghosh (Connecticut)
Directors	:	Mr. Kamlesh C Mehta (New York), Ms. Vineetha Nair (New Jersey), Mr. Korason Varghese (New York), Mr. Parveen Chopra (New York), Mr. Thoams Mathew (New York), Mr. Cyriac Scaria (San Antonia), Dr. P V Baiju (Alberta)

► New Executive Committee under the Presidency of Sunil Koozhampala with Executive Vice President Jacob Kudassanad and General Secretary Mathewkutty Easow was geared up to move fast, with the grand induction ceremony held at the Auditorium of Antun'sby Minar at Hicksville NY 11801 on Sunday, March 31st2019, jointly with the New York and Philadelphia Chapters. The Honorable Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Permanent Mission of Japan to United Nations in Charge of Economic Affairs His Excellency Dr. Toshiya Hoshino was the Chief Gest of the day. Mr. Deepak Mishra, Minister at the Permanent Mission of India to the UN and Mr. Devadasan Nair, Consul Community Affairs, Consulate General of India were the Guest of Honors. The Induction Ceremony was colorful with the presence of prominent leaders and Media Professionals from the city.

► SUNIL JOSEPH KOOZHAMPALA, New York, is the President of the National Executive Committee 2019. Professionally he is an entrepreneur having versatile stakes in media, hospitality and investment advisory industry sectors in the USA and Costa Rica. His successful career spanned as the Managing Director of the oldest Malayalam daily Rashtra Deepika credits Sunil, an unparallel, historical recon being immensely instrumental in successfully sustaining Deepika, the esteemed Indian media icon, during its catastrophic days of challenges. During the '80s, as a successful publisher he was instrumental in launching the US operations of Shanker's Weekly, Delhi and led the publication of the weekly - Children's World. Sunil contributed to this initiative as its Chief Editor as well. Sunil, a goodwill philanthropist, and committed

community advocate will certainly bring in fresh leadership perspectives and credits to the organization.

► JACOB KUDASSANAD (JACOB KURUVILLA) of Houston, TX is the Executive Vice President for 2019. He is a born media and community leader with prominent community presence. Previously Jacob shouldered the roles of IAPC Houston chapter, as General Secretary, Malayalee Association of Greater Houston as General Secretary, World Malayalee Council in different responsible capacities since 1997 and is currently serving as the Chairman of the Houston Province. As a literary enthusiast, he contributes to the contemporary radio, visual, print and portal avenues. His social activities began early by the founding member of Starlight Arts and Sports Club, which later affiliated with All India Radio Balalokham Program. While in college, he was delegated the opportunity to be the Alleppey District representative for All Kerala Sahithya Sangam. Currently, he is an active partner and correspondent for contributing news contents to the TV Channel "Global Reporter", telecasted for the local Malayalam News Media.

► Other members of the 2019 National Executive Committee :

(1) Vice Presidents : Mr. Murali J Nair (Philadelphia) ; Ms. Sangeetha Dua (Houston); Mr. Thampanoor Mohan (Canada); Mr. Joji Kavanal (New Jersey)

(2) Secretaries : Mr. Biju Chacko (New York) ; Mr. Roy Thomas (Houston) ; Mr. Anil Augustine (Atlanta) ; Mr. Binu Gopalakrishnan (Dallas)

(3) Treasurer : Mr. Reji Philip (Philadelphia)

(4) Joint-Treasurer : Mr. Babu Chacko (Houston)

(5) Ex-Officio : Ms. Renee Mehrara (New York)

(6) National Coordinators : Mr. Sabu Kurian (Atlanta) ; Mr. Arun Hari (Virginia)

(7) P R O's : Ms. Roopsy Narula (New Jersey) ; Ms. Teresa Tom (New York)

► IAPC New York Chapter Committee included George Kottaram (President), Eapen George (General Secretary), Hema Virani (Vice President), Shaji Ennasseril (Joint Secretary) and John K George (Treasurer). Advisory Board of the NY Chapter was headed by Darshan Singh Bagga (Chairman) and members Saji Thomas, Sabu Markose, Suresh Thomas, George Thomas, Mathew Thomas and Innocent Ulahannan.

► IAPC PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER was inducted with Santhosh Abraham (President), Varughese Kurian (Vice President), Jinu J Mathew (Secretary), Saju Varghese (Joint Secretary) and K. S. Abraham (Treasurer). The Chapter Advisory Board Members are Kora P Cherian, Mathew George, Milly Philip, Thomas Chandy and Shalu Punnose.

► The Oath taking ceremony was administered by IAPC Chairman Ginsmon P Zacharia, followed by the Presidential address by Mr. Sunil Joseph Koozhampala. Our Honorees were Mr. Devadasan Nair (Consul Community Affairs, Consulate General of India, NY), Smt. Kanchana Poola (Lifetime Achievement Award), Dr. Neeta Jain (Community Leader), Mr. Ven Parameswaran (Prominent Writer and Critic), Guruji Dileepkumar Thankappan (Renowned Yogacharya), Mr. Mohan Nannapaneni (Co-founder of Team Aid for Community Support), Mr. Ashok Vyas (Bharatiya Gaurav Awardee, Media Professional), Mr. Varkey Abraham (Business Entrepreneur). With the Vote of thanks by National Secretary Biju Chacko, followed by Dinner and cultural program the induction ceremony of the National Committee, Office Bearers of the New York and Philadelphia Chapters ended in grand style.

► IAPC HOUSTON CHAPTER Office Bearers were inducted on 17th March 2019 at Stafford Center, Houston, with Mr. James Koodal as the President, Mr. Suresh Ramakrishnan – Vice President, Mr. Andrews Jacob- Secretary, Mr. Simon Valacheril- Treasurer, Reni Kavalayil- Joint Secretary. The Advisory Board for the Chapter included Mr. Easo Jacob, Dr. Chandra Mittal, Mr. Joseph Ponnolil, Mr. Joji Joseph and Mr. C G

Daniel. The grand event was held in presence of then Chairman Dr. Babu Stephen, Honorable Mayor Mr. Leonard Scarcella, Honorable City Councilman Mr. Ken Mathew, Mr. Sasidharan Nair (FOMAA Founder Chairman), Mr. Renjith Pillai (FOKANA Regional Vice President), Mr. S. K. Cherian (World Malayalee Council Global VP), Ms. Akamma Kallel (IA Nurses Association President), and so many other distinguished guests. Various leaders of Socio-media fields were recognized and presented with mementos. The event concluded with the vote of thanks by Secretary Andrew Jacob followed by various cultural activities and sumptuous dinner.

▶▶ IAPC DALLAS CHAPTER inducted its new Office bearers Ms. Meena Nibu (President), Mr. Raju Tharakan (Vice President), Mr. Sam Mathai (Secretary), Mr. Joji Alexander (Joint Secretary) and Wilson Tharakan (Treasurer). The advisory Board Members are Mr. P. C. Mathew, Ms. Anupama Venkatesh, Prof. Joy Pallattumadom, Ms. Aleykutty Francis, and Mr. Frixmon Michael.

▶▶ IAPC ATLANTA CHAPTER - Induction ceremony of the Office Bearers of the Chapter was held on Sunday May 5, 2019 at Atlanta Hilton Hotel in a colorful manner. National General Secretary Mr. Mathewkutty Easow Introduced the new Office bearers and the Founder Chairman Mr. Ginsmon P Zacharia administered the Oath taking ceremony of President Ms. Mini Sudhir Nair and the team. Other team members are Vice President – Mr. Lukose Tharian, Secretary – Mr. Jomy George, Treasurer – Mr. Joseph Varghese, Advisory Board Chairman Mr. Antony Thaliath, Members – Mr. Alex Thomas, Mr. Harmeet Singh, Mr. Lada Bedi and Mr. Prakash Joseph. The General Ceremony was attended and lead by the Elected officials from the City and County. The Induction Ceremony was inaugurated by the Honorable Chief Judge of the Superior Court of Gwinnett Mr. George Hutchinson. The Mayor of the City of Snellville Ms. Barbara Bender, The Consul General of India in Atlanta Ms. Swati Kulkarni, Chairman of Gandhi Foundation Mr. Subhash Razdan and Community Leader Mr. Narendar G. Reddy were the Guest of Honors for the Induction Ceremony.

▶▶ With a standing organization, IAPC has a new phase and new adaptation. The new focus of the organization for the upcoming years is the professional grooming of the members for which many workshops and Seminar sessions are in pipeline. The Debate on Indian Parliament Elections, 2019 held at Houston was appreciated by the media and the entire community with tremendous support and participation. Ms. Anupama Venkatesh, the News Anchor of Global Reporter News Channel was the moderator of then Election Debate.

▶▶ IAPC has a deep commitment to serve its members with educational opportunities and those who seek journalistic opportunities as a serious profession. We are progressing with our efforts to commence Online Journalism Course to encourage aspiring journalists, in collaboration with the School of Journalism and Kottayam Press Club.

▶▶ Each year we pool in talents across the globe in a contained setting to focus on our mission and to share our experiences. We associate with other press clubs and social clubs in India thereby developing a cohesive effort in the networking of media personnel and bringing all NRI journalists to the mainstream media platform.

▶▶ The social commitment of IAPC is shown in helping the flood victims of Kerala by raising a reasonable fund to construct a house for a poor family who lost their house is in progress and will be handed over shortly.

IAPC NEWS-WIRE SERVICE: The new and innovative venture of this Press Club under active consideration is to start a platform for providing the news contents for media fraternity. Mr. Kamlesh C Mehta, the National Director of IAPC and the Chairman & Publisher of the Newspaper “The South Asian Times”, has put forward the idea of framing a platform to provide News Contents from different corners of USA, Canada and other parts of the world. This is a commercial venture of IAPC enabling the members to contribute their journalistic work at this News-Wire Platform for which such contributors shall be compensated with the

revenue earned in this regard. “The South Asian Times” will advance the initial investment to create an appropriate website in a most advanced technology, suitable for the News-Wire Service Agency with built-in e-commerce facility. The initial work for this venture is in pipeline and inauguration of the platform is proposed to conduct at the International Media Conference scheduled at Houston on October 11-14, 2019.

» Much to the delight, for those who are keen, various activities are being planned by all our chapters during the coming days. The most important of all these activities will be IAPC’s prestigious 6th International Media Conference (IMC-2019) scheduled for October 11-14, 2019 at Hotel DoubleTree by Hilton, Greenway Plaza, Houston. The Registration kickoff of the 6th IMC-2019 & IAPC CONCLAVE 2019 was inaugurated by Prof. M. N. Karasseryon August 11, 2019 at Houston. The active participation of the members of IAPC for the IMC-2019 is very much encouraging.

2020

» The Indo American Press Club continues to look ahead with optimism and hope amidst the pandemic. Despite the chaos of the last several months, that has affected us all globally, the collective commitment and resolve of all our members has been unwavering. This makes it even more important that we come together to support those who are reporting and working on the frontline in the fields of journalism and media. The strength of our organization is in the interaction and commitment of its members, sponsors and supporters. We value each and every one of you and thank you for your on-going commitment to journalistic advancement and integrity

In February 2020, the IAPC Board of Directors approved the following individuals for Board of Director positions and for the National Executive committee for 2020-2021.

A virtual Induction ceremony was held on June 28th, 2020 led by Dr. Joseph M. Chalil - Chairman, Dr. Thomas Mathew Joys - Vice Chairman, Mr. Kamlesh Mehta -Director, Dr. Ajay Ghosh - Director, Mr. Parveen Chopra - Director, Mr. MathewkuttyEasow - Board Secretary, Dr. P.V. Baiju - Director, Mr. Thomas Mathew (Anil) - Director, Mr. Ginsmon P. Zacharia - Founder Director, Mr. Korason Varghese - Director, Ms. Mini Nair - Director, Mr. Thampanoor Mohan - Director.

The National Executive Committee led by Dr. S. S. Lal, Annie Koshy, C.G. Daniel, James Kureekattil, Prakash Joseph, Sunil Manjanikkara, Biju Chacko, Reji Philip, Innocent Ulahannan, Andrews Jacob, Raj Dingra, Annie Anuvelil, Dr. Neethu Thomas, BaijuPakalomattom, RoopsiNarula, O.K. Thyagarajan, Theresa Tom, Shiby Roy along with local Chapters, were administered the oath of office.

In the presence of dynamic media leaders at the virtual ceremony, Dr. Joseph Chalil assumed charge as the Chairman, while Dr. S.S. Lal took on the role of President of the IAPC.

Chairman Dr. Joseph Chalil recognized Dr. S.S. Lal for his many years of service as a health expert, columnist and guest speaker on various visual media. He praised his leadership and efforts to move the club forward, especially in the areas of governance.

President Dr. S.S. Lal reported that his term would continue with dedication and sincerity to uphold the club's mission and pillars through which it operates - and to focus on efforts to keep the club relevant, financially stable, as well as retain and grow membership.

Indo-American Press Club's 9th International Media Conference Held In Stamford, CT, 2023

Media Seminars, Workshops, Motivational Sessions, Awards Gala Dinner, Musical/Cultural Events Program by Hedge Group with renowned artist from India and the United States, and Networking were the key highlights of the 9th annual International Media Conference organized by the Indo-American Press Club (IAPC) at the Hilton Stamford Convention Center in Stamford, CT from October 7th to 9th, 2023.

The theme for this year's conference was "Bridging Borders: Media's Role in a Globalized World," a topic that holds immense significance in today's interconnected and rapidly changing world. Dozens of media persons from the United States, Canada and India participated at the power packed conference which included workshops and panel discussions on social media influencing and defamation laws and a motivational talk by a corporate trainer on 'Emotional Intelligence: How to become a Success Magnet.'

Prof. Sujata Gadkar-Wilcox, in her keynote address said, "This is a particular honor for me because I feel connected to this community and this work for two reasons. First, as the child of Indian immigrants, I see the world through a kind of duality of cultures. Culturally, my values reflect a South Asian immigrant household that recognizes the role of education in breaking down barriers, the role of communities in uplifting the individual, and the centrality of family in the background of every personal and professional opportunity. My values also reflect a commitment to democracy, equality, and justice that come from my lifelong engagement with the United States Constitution."

Prof. Gadkar-Wilcox reminded the media per-

sons that "Journalists provide the foundations of that democratic culture, by enabling facts to be presented, truths to be told, and vulnerabilities to be exposed. And you bring a particularly unique voice to this work, as I have learned that I bring to public life, because you live in this duality as well. You understand both global and local perspectives and you bring that intersectionality to life in your stories. Thank you for all that you do to help strengthen our democracy."

According to Prof. Gadkar-Wilcox, "Journalism provides us an opportunity to strengthen human rights by strengthening our democracy. Journalism educates, it helps people relate to one another, and brings together those who may be different, but who can advocate for a common cause. Thank you for helping us all maintain that commitment to democracy and human rights! And thank you for educating the public!"

Sujata Gadkar-Wilcox is Chair of the Department of Justice and Law, and Associate Professor of Legal Studies at Quinnipiac University. She is also Executive Director of the Oxford Consortium for Human Rights and a Fulbright-Nehru Scholar. Sujata was recently appointed by Governor Ned Lamont to serve as a Commissioner on the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities in Connecticut (CHRO).

In his inaugural address, Kamlesh Mehta, Chairman of IAPC said, "It is an absolute honor to stand before you as the Chairman of this prestigious organization. I am deeply humbled by the opportunity to address this gathering of media professionals, journalists, and distinguished guests. The Indo-American Press Club has always been at the forefront of promoting cultural exchange, fostering dialogue, and encouraging collaboration between India and the United States. This conference embodies our com-



mitment to these ideals.”

Mr. Mehta said, “In the spirit of our conference's theme, let us pledge to continue building bridges, not walls. Let us commit to facilitating open and honest dialogues that transcend boundaries and promote mutual respect. Let us strive for a world where information is a force for unity, not division. I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all the speakers, panelists, and participants who have traveled from near and far to share their insights and expertise during this conference. Your contributions will undoubtedly enrich our discussions and contribute to the growth of the Indo-American Press Club as a platform for constructive dialogue.”

The inaugural ceremony began with a welcome speech by IAPC General Secretary C G Daniel and was followed by the lighting of the lamp by IAPC leaders and local Chapter leaders. Ginsmon Zachariah, founder chairman of IAPOC administered the oath of office to about a dozen new members, who joined IAPC as its new members.

The inaugural event on the first day ended with concluding message - Exec Vice President, Meena Chittilappilly and the Vote of Thanks proposed by IAPC Treasurer, Joji Kavanal.

The IAPC Souvenir under the leadership of Dr. Mathew Joys was released and the prizes to writing and essay contest winners were announced.

In her keynote address during the Awards Gala, Meera Gandhi spoke about “The Role Of Media In A Polarized World” drew the attention of the audience to the fact that “Most news organizations today aspire to a goal of delivering quality information that can promote healthy dialogue among members of the communities some succeed better than others, but it's more challenging to do this in a society today, in the midst of partisan, polarization, culture wars, foreign campaigns using technology platforms to divide, there is a shortage of moderate voices among political leaders, and no shortage of activists exploiting, extreme and divisive rhetoric “



Ms. Gandhi suggested 3 strategies to reach polarized audiences: “1. affirm a common sense of humanity deeply understand we are one consciousness, and one human connected by breath. This will affect your reporting; 2. story framing have conversations within your news rooms before putting out stories so that better framing could have power to deliver more truthful information to polarized audiences; and, 3. Do richer interiors. Avoid divisive, nuances and softer textures should be used to discuss potential problems in a non-divisive manner.”

She reminded the media persons that “The future of millions of people are in your hands you the press, the journalists, the media outlets, the O TP platforms - you have a very serious responsibility —do not handed over to demagogues and self interest people. We are an amazing race let's stay connected, undivided, happy and informed. You the journalist here today can make this happen. I salute all your efforts!”

Ginsmon Zachariah, Founder Chairman of IAPC said, “IAPC members are dedicated to fulfilling the vision of enhancing their own journalistic skills, while striving to help fellow journalists and future generations work towards the common cause of enhancing the well-being and efficiency of all peoples of the world.”

In his welcome address, Ajay Ghosh, Board Secretary, IAPC said, “IAPC was formed to bring together media groups and the Indian media fraternity, across North America, under one umbrella, to work together, support one another, and provide a unified voice to the mainstream media world and the larger community.”

Among the distinguished guests who attended and graced the Conference included, Ms. Nimmy Metha, Advocate A. Jayashankar, PP James, Editor in Charge at 24 News, V. Aravind, Assistant Executive Editor at 24 News.

An IAPC souvenir 2023 was released during the Conference. Its editorial team led by Dr. Mathew Joys, a well-known writer and Columnist in North America, and Shan Justus, a tech expert presented the 1st copy to IAPC Chairman Kamallesh Metha. A





book, "Padmasreeyum Swathanthryavum" by Joseph John from Calgary was also released during the Conference.

Social Media Infleuncer Awards were presented to: Korason Varghese, a columnist with Malayala Manorama, a leading Malayalam News; Dr. Alice Mathew, a professor at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, known as an inspirational professor and a motivational speaker; and Meera Nair, a Cine actress, poet, dancer, writer, and media person. Joseph John Calgary, a freelance journalist and founding member of the Canadian Freelance Guild and CWA Canada was presented with Community Leader Award.

The Essay Competition Prize winner in Senior Category was autham Krishna Saji, 11th grade Midwood High School, NY for his Essay on: PRESS FREEDOM IN DANGER. The winner in the Juniors Category, Sameera Kavanal, 9th grade, Yorktown High School, NY for her essay on: WHY I LIKE/DISLIKE SOCIAL MEDIA. Kaitlyn Dan Thomas, Grade, 5 at the Calvary Christian School, Atlanta was given a Prize of Appreciation.

Able Cherian, a proud supporter of IAPC and coming from Dubai to be part of the Conference was felicitated with a Memento. Also, Regi Philip: Director IAPC, CEO GTE Travels on Stage was feliciated for his suppor to IAPC. Felicitation by community leaders and IAPC members included: A. Jayashankar, Jacob Kudasanad, Sunil Manjanikkara and James Chacko. Azad Jayan from IAPC Niagra Chapter proposed the vote of thanks. The Conferc ne was eloquently emceed by Aditi Vyas.

A lively seminar on "Social Media Influencers: Challenges & Scopes" moderated by Dr. Mathew Joys had Adv. Jayasankar, Korason Varughese, Joseph Jøh? (Calgary), Meera Nair, Dr. Alice Mathew, Nisha Jude, P P James and B Aravind as panelists.

Ashok Arora President NRI International Love All, Ex Secretary SupremeCourt Motivational Speaker Author Law Teacher Human Rights Activist Film Maker Advocate Mediator offered a special pre-

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sentation on Media and Legal Issues. Arora spoke in detail about the defamation case on Rahul Gandhi, and answered questions from the audience. Prof. Anil Bhatnagar, a motivational speaker inspired the audience with his power speech.

The prestigious Lifetime Achievement Awards were conferred during the closing gala on the evening of Sunday the 8th. The honorees who received the awards included:

- VINAY MAHAJAN (Entrepreneurial Excellence). He is the National President of ITServe Alliance Inc., an association of 2200 + SME US IT companies.
- Padma Shri H.R. SHAH (Media & Arts), Chairman & CEO of TV Asia Group.
- MEERA GANDHI (Philanthropist). She is the founder of the Giving Back Foundation and a recipient of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor (2015).
- Dr. SAMPAT SHIVANGI (Community service, medicine). A physician, he is a veteran leader of AAPI, recipient of the PBD Samman Award in 2016 and Ellis Island Medal of Honor 2008.
- SHAJAN SKARIAH (Excellence in Journalism). He is a promoter and editor of the online portal "Marunadan Malayali".
- Dr. RENU ABRAHAM VARUGHESE (Excellence in Elder Care). She is an Associate Professor at the School of Health and Natural Sciences, Mercy University, NY.

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IAPC Dallas Chapter Hosts Webinar on Press Freedom and Journalism in the Digital Age.

Dallas, Texas: The Indo-American Press Club (IAPC) Dallas Chapter recently hosted a webinar that provided insights into the power of the media, freedom of speech in journalism, and the impact of social media on journalism. It was an opportunity to discuss the evolving landscape of journalism, the challenges journalists face, and the critical role of newspapers in a rapidly changing digital world.

Patricia Umashankar moderated the session, while Joji Varghese, President of the IAPC Dallas Chapter, delivered the welcome address and initiated a lively discussion.

Radhakrishnan S. (Manorama School of Communications), Ajeesh Atholi (Jeevan TV), K. P. Sajeevan (Kerala Kaumudi), Dr. Ebby P. Joy (Mathrubhumi) led the discussion on critical issues affecting journalism today. The discussion focused on crucial topics such as:

Press Freedom and Media Literacy: Radhakrishnan S. emphasized the importance of journalism in scrutinizing power structures, stating that the basic principles of journalism lie in accountability, transparency, and factual reporting. The panelists highlighted the need for ethical

reporting in the modern media sector and discussed privacy concerns, government censorship, financial constraints, and job security. K. P. Sajeevan opined that the media should continue to act as the watchdog of society by ensuring unbiased reporting, protecting sources, and preventing manipulation of facts. Ajeesh Atholi expressed concern about the rapid spread of misinformation through social media. The panelists discussed the pros and cons of digital platforms and the need for responsible journalism to counter the growth of fake news, as Dr. Ebby P. Joy emphasized.

The panelists also expressed their views on the need for journalism to educate, inform, and entertain the public while adapting to new digital challenges. A lively Q&A session at the end of the event allowed participants to exchange ideas

with the panelists and discuss ways to uphold journalistic integrity.

Lisamma Xavier (Secretary, IAPC Dallas Chapter) introduced the members of the IAPC Dallas Chapter, and Raju Tharakan congratulated the organizers.

Dr. Matthew Joys (Vice Chairman, IAPC) of the IAPC Central Committee mentioned the upcoming International Media Conference and appreciated IAPC's continued commitment to journalism.

The session concluded with an emphasis on the collective mission of promoting networking, collaboration, and responsible journalism.





The fourth estate Role in a democracy

Journalism has long been regarded as the Fourth Estate, a term that emphasises its critical role in society. In England, the three traditional estates were the King, the House of Lords, and the House of Commons. The press, or media, emerged as the Fourth Estate—a powerful force capable of holding those in power accountable.

In modern India, the three primary estates are the Executive, the Legislature, and the Judiciary. The press continues to be referred to as the Fourth Estate, yet unlike the other three, it enjoys no special privileges under the Indian Constitution. Journalists and media organisations have only the same rights as ordinary citizens. Despite this, journalism remains a powerful tool for democracy—when it is practiced with integrity.

There is an old saying: “News is something which somebody wants to suppress; the rest is advertisement.” This simple statement underscores the fundamental duty of journalists—not to sing praises of those in power, but to hold them accountable.

Joseph Pulitzer, after whom the world’s most prestigious journalism awards are named, described journalists as “muckrakers”—those who dig deep to expose corruption, injustice, and wrongdoing. This means that the press should not align itself with governments, corporate interests, or political establishments. Instead, journalists should act as watchdogs, constantly uncovering hidden truths.

Historically, the media has played a crucial role in exposing powerful figures who engaged in unethical or illegal activities. In the United States, investigative journalism led to the exposure of President Richard Nixon’s Watergate scandal, forcing him to resign.

In India, journalists exposed the corruption of Chief Minister A.R. Antulay, leading to his down-



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fall. These instances highlight how journalism, when practiced fearlessly, strengthens democracy.

However, the present-day Indian media faces a serious crisis. Instead of acting as the watchdog of society, it has largely become complicit in the actions of those in power. Today, many mainstream media houses hesitate to question the government, fearing intimidation, financial loss, or even legal action.

One glaring example of this occurred during the COVID-19 pandemic. When a newspaper in Uttar Pradesh reported on dead bodies floating in the Ganga River—an undeniable sign of the government’s failure in handling the crisis—the newspaper was harassed and silenced. Instead of addressing the issue, the government chose to suppress the truth.

Similarly, at a recent Kumbh Mela, when a stampede led to multiple deaths, the media

largely remained silent. There were no official casualty figures, and even Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is known for frequently offering condolences on social media, did not acknowledge the tragedy. The reason was clear: admitting to the stampede would expose poor crowd management and lack of safety measures at the event.

This pattern of suppressing uncomfortable truths was also seen during the 2016 demonetisation. When the government abruptly banned high-denomination currency notes, millions of ordinary citizens suffered. Businesses collapsed, people stood in long queues for hours, and the economy took a severe hit. Yet, most mainstream media outlets praised the move, hailing it as a “bold decision” rather than questioning its disastrous consequences.

Similarly, when the Prime Minister advised people to clang metal plates to drive away the coronavirus, most news organisations did not challenge the unscientific claim. In fact, the Indian Constitution explicitly states that the government must promote scientific temper among citizens. However, instead of reminding the Prime Minister of this duty, the media largely chose to remain silent.

One of the biggest challenges facing Indian journalism today is the corporate ownership of media houses. Most major newspapers and television channels are owned by industrialists who benefit financially from their close relationships with the government. This financial dependency ensures that these media outlets avoid publishing any stories that could harm their business interests.

As a result, the credibility of the media is declining. In the past, when a news report appeared in a reputed newspaper, people would cite it as proof of truth. Today, the



response to any news claim is often: “Which newspaper or channel reported this?” This skepticism reflects the growing loss of trust in mainstream journalism.

A free and fearless press is essential for democracy. Without independent journalism, those in power can operate without accountability, suppress dissent, and manipulate public opinion. However, the media can thrive only in a real democracy, not in a sham democracy where truth is suppressed.

Despite the challenges, there are still journalists and independent media organisations that continue to speak truth to power. They face harassment, legal threats, and financial struggles, but their work remains critical for preserving democratic values. If the media fails in its duty, democracy itself is at risk.

The question remains: Will Indian journalism reclaim its lost integrity, or will it continue to serve those in power rather than the people? The answer will determine the future of the Fourth Estate—and of democracy itself.

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Islands of Facts in a Sea of Fakes

In today's digital age, information is often tainted by three pervasive prefixes: mis-, dis-, and mal-. The emergence of online media over the past two to three decades has dramatically transformed the information landscape. Initially, experts viewed this as an overflow of information but soon recognized that various forms of misinformation frequently obstruct this flow.

While the media serves primarily to inform, educate, and entertain, the prevalence of misinformation, disinformation, and misinformation tarnishes its credibility. As educators, we emphasize that complete objectivity in journalism is a myth. Reporting and editing are inherently influenced by biases—some based on truths and others on falsehoods. The challenge of distinguishing fact from opinion and identifying credible journalism has become increasingly complex, particularly in an environment rife with misinformation.

The Consequences of Misinformation

A recent incident in Kerala illustrates the dangers

of misinformation.

The Forest Department took legal action against an individual who circulated a fake video claiming to have encountered a tiger in a tea estate in Malappuram district. The footage, an edited version of an old video, was aired by the media despite verification attempts, leading to widespread panic. The individual later admitted the video was fake.



Radhakrishnan S, currently working as the Assistant Director, Manorama School of Communication

This scenario highlights the precarious position journalists find themselves in; often, they rely on a single source without the ability to cross-check with authoritative entities like the Forest Department.

While the urgency to report can be overwhelming, the media must acknowledge when a story is based on limited information before presenting it as fact. Erosion of Trust



The rise of fake news and misinformation has significantly eroded public trust in the media. Social media and online platforms are particularly vulnerable, while print media continues to be viewed as a more credible source, thanks to established methods for verifying facts. Print media's permanence demands higher accountability, making it less prone to errors.

In the rush to deliver news, visual and online media often bypass crucial gatekeeping functions inherent in journalism. Although there are mechanisms for correcting or retracting false information, the speed at which fake news spreads on social media often outpaces these corrections, allowing misinformation to go viral before it can be addressed.

The proliferation of social media in India has transformed the political landscape, but it has also introduced significant challenges that affect democratic processes, such as elections. Political parties now employ cyber armies to disseminate fake news, further eroding trust in governance and fostering skepticism among citizens. This atmosphere of distrust disproportionately affects non-partisan individuals and women, who may withdraw from the political process altogether.

The Pressure on Journalists

Journalists are not immune to the societal mistrust that pervades our current environment. When they align with politically motivated groups, the result can be biased reporting, which threatens democracy. Many media outlets struggle to resist this trend, particularly on social media platforms that often promote sensationalism over Accuracy.

The pressure to combat the spread of fake news has prompted news organizations to establish fact-checking units to ensure accuracy and credibility. This has also led to the rise of independent fact-checking organizations that strive to uphold journalistic integrity.

Despite these efforts, greater transparency and accountability remain critical to fostering credible journalism.

Meanwhile, readers, viewers, and listeners must enhance their media literacy to discern hidden agendas. Politicians, activists, and

Businesses must recognize that blaming the media will not resolve the underlying issues; instead, a collective effort is needed to restore trust and ensure the integrity of information in our society.

In conclusion, charting a course through the turbulent seas of misinformation toward islands of truth demands steadfast vigilance, unwavering accountability, and an uncompromising commitment to veracity from every stakeholder in the information ecosystem. Only then can we preserve these sanctuaries of fact against the relentless tides of misinformation, disinformation, and misinformation.

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Media Freedom In Danger Across The Globe



By Ajay Ghosh

Research shows that once a country begins a descent into authoritarianism, reversing it is extremely difficult, with the free press often being the first target. The “Democracy Report 2025” from the V-Dem Institute reveals more autocracies (91) than democracies (88) worldwide, with liberal democracies (29) being the least common. Since 2005, 27 countries have shifted from democracies to autocracies. In the initial months of Trump's term, this decline has accelerated.

Media is described as the Fourth Estate after the executive, legislature, and judiciary. The media is expected to be the “watchdog” of the other three branches of the government. Promoting the safety of journalists and combatting impunity for those who attack them are central elements of press freedom on all media platforms.

V-Dem's research indicates that a free press is a key bulwark against authoritarian consolidation and suggests the possible stakes in the battle over US press freedom. Anticipatory obedience is evident as critics fear retribution, highlighting the crucial role of a free press in preventing authoritarian consolidation.

Freedom of expression is a fundamental human right and a prerequisite for several

other democratic rights. It is a right, but it implies responsibility and respect for the rights of others.

However, media has been constantly criticized, intimidated and their rights taken away for being the “watchdog.” There are many forces assaulting journalism around the world: misinformation, intimidation, pressures on revenue models, and a growing trend of autocrats attacking press freedoms. Journalists are often attacked, imprisoned, and censored worldwide.

For instance, in the United States, The Washington Post has reduced its opinion section, and ABC News settled a libel suit filed by Trump instead of fighting it. The Associated Press remains excluded from the White House press pool

for not using Trump's term for the Gulf of Mexico. Pro-Trump influencers are pushing traditional media out of the White House and Pentagon. Trump's lawsuits continue, including one against CBS News regarding the editing of a 60 Minutes interview with Kamala Harris, which CBS News denies.

India's record on violations against Journalists has been among the worst in recent times. A nation, said to be the “beacon of hope” and the “largest democracy” in the world dropped eight places to 150 — out of 180 countries — on the World Press Freedom Index compiled by the Paris-based Reporters Without Borders (RSF) for 2022. The index's report notes that “with an average of three or four journalists killed in connection with their work every year, India is one of the

world's most dangerous countries for the media.” In the current year alone, it states, while one journalist has been killed, another 13 are behind bars.

According to UNESCO, on average, every five days, a journalist is killed for bringing information to the public. Attacks on media professionals are often perpetrated in non-conflict situations by organized crime groups, militia, security personnel, and even local

police, making local journalists among the most vulnerable. These attacks include murder, abductions, harassment, intimidation, illegal arrest, and arbitrary detention.

Speaking at a Stanford University event, former US President Barack Obama called the present as “another tumultuous, dangerous moment in history,” where social media platforms are well-designed to destroy democracies. “Disinformation is a threat to our democracy, and will continue to be unless we work together to address it,” he said.

“We've come a long way towards realizing freedom of expression, and other fundamental freedoms. The right to access to information is entrenched in law in over a hundred countries,” said Secretary-General Guterres of the United Nations during the 70th anniversary of the Geneva



Association of UN Correspondents (ACANU). “But despite these advances, in recent years, civic space has been shrinking worldwide at an alarming rate.”

Stating that Journalism and the media are “essential to peace, justice, sustainable development and human rights for all – and to the work of the United Nations,” Guterres noted, paying tribute to reporters who “go to the most dangerous places on earth, to bring us important information, to give a voice to people who are being ignored and abused, and to hold the powerful to account. Your work reminds us that truth never dies, and that our attachment to the fundamental right that is freedom of expressions must also never die... Informing is not a crime.”

Organizations such as the Indo-American Press Club (IAPC), the largest organization representing media professionals of Indian origin in North America, has come to be recognized as a platform to provide education, training, mutual support and solidarity with those who are discriminated or intimidated, and thus being a powerful and united voice against those who deny freedom of expression.

The role of media, especially that of the ethnic media,

is vital to safeguard the interests of the ethnic communities. Deportation of international students who legally entered the US to those who are law abiding citizens with legal residency in the US being deported for no valid reason, the media plays a role as a watchdog

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When I first came to America 35 years ago, it was the moment the Iraq War began. The US-led coalition had landed to liberate Kuwait. Images of Saddam Hussein highlighted the U.S. opposition to the Iraqi leader. The average American had not heard much about the country of Kuwait. The Americans reacted to the invasion as if Kuwait were a country that was part of the US.

World news was not important in the daily lives of Americans; they mostly wanted to know local news and sports. Newspaper pages contained national news articles. International news received brief coverage within the interior pages. There was a debate about the newsworthiness of newspapers at that time. However, newspapers like the New York Times included enough international news, pictures, and analysis, but they were not what people usually read for newspaper reading. About

half of the newspapers were sports news. Coffee and sports are necessary if you go to work.

The Alitalia flight to America arrived in Rome but missed its New York connection, which would only be available the next day. Alitalia booked all the white people on the trip into hotels and closed the counter. They left out ten or twenty people from countries like India and Pakistan and emptied the place. To whom could I complain? I had to watch in anger and helplessness as they removed my Indian passport with a pen instead of touching it with their hands.

Alitalia opened the counter for another flight. The individuals who denied accommodation soon blocked the Alitalia counter. We have outlined our position; your team will manage the rest. The people at the counter did not speak English at all. The police



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soon appeared. I and another Malayali from Chicago were the leaders of the protest. Since the police did not speak English, they brought someone and talked to us loudly. We did not concede because we believed in our strength and felt a sense of pride. Ultimately, they made a secret deal only to accommodate the two protest leaders. We insisted that we could not; we wanted it for everyone. Finally, they gave in.

The group spent hours traveling to a traditional hotel. It was exciting to have a group of people from somewhere with us; although we would never see them again, I do not know if the care and shade that grew in those moments had a racial strength. Among those who gathered with me were students who had come to study in the United States. They were ready when I asked them if they would spend time with us for a while. When we went outside, it was very cold, so we went back inside, drank the alcohol in the fridge, gathered our courage, and went outside again. Then, we were ready to face the cold without jackets. We walked a short distance. We could not believe what was in front of us when we looked up.

The Colosseum in Rome is something I have always wanted to see. I could not believe my eyes. I realized that Paulo Coelho's words, "Whatever you wish for, the whole world will conspire to bring it to you," were true. Built in 80 A.D. under Emperor Vespasian Flavian emperors, the scene of thousands of gladiator combats, contests between men and animals, and mock naval engagements passed in front of me in seconds.

When I arrived in America, another dream came true. President Abraham Lincoln, John F. Kennedy, and Martin Luther King Jr. were figures I remember from my student days. They had given me immense value for this land where they lived and died. But these ideals were not enough to start living here as an ordinary person. Regardless of your skill set, securing your first job often requires a professional introduction or recommendation. Then, learn a trade, and you will have a job opportunity from there. Everyone advised me to quit my accounting job and get a

job in a medical field that was safe and had the potential to make money. So, I tried to study radiology. Initially, I spent weeks collaborating with a technologist to grasp the job responsibilities. I watched them work with various hospital staff. I went to observe the work with a Black man. The Black man asked me to help put an old patient back on the table. When I put him back on the table, the older man let out a big sigh and spread feces all over the place. The Black man shouted at me, who was at a loss, "What are you looking at? There is no one here to clean, so you must start all this yourself; it is part of the job". I will only get admission to the trade school if he tells the school what he thinks of me. I kept my anger towards all the gods and cleaned up the scattered feces. The older man looked at me with a sickly smile. That day, my radiology studies ended.

Over the past 35 years, I have worked in private and government enterprises. I have tried my best to intervene in the basic systems of America and adopt their methods with admiration. In the meantime, I have seen how this country has faced September 11, the Northeast blackout, natural disasters, and epidemics. No matter what happens, American society has faced it with justice and caution, setting an example of recognition to the world and understanding that it is a Land of Opportunity where anyone can rise to any level.

I got the opportunity to work at the Y's Men's Club as part of the YMCA. I currently work as the North Atlantic Regional Director of the American Area. I finally got the opportunity to work as the Public Service Director of the International Organization and the United Nations Representative. In Toledo, Ohio, we visited the church where Judge Paul William Alexander was interred and his headstone installed.

There is more concern than wonder about America today. I struggle to believe that the America I knew would be like this. In the new America, which is 250 years old, trade, taxes, customs, democracy, justice, crime, punishment, opportunity, prison, court, freedom, opinions, and the media all have new meanings and new perspectives.

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