

**GOPIO 2016 Biennial Convention**

**Theme: “Strengthening Connections between India and Indian Diaspora through Business”**

**PROGRAM OUTLINE**

**Friday, June 24th– World’s Fair Marina (1 World’s Fair Marina, Flushing, New York)**

**12.00 p.m. Welcome Lunch for GOPIO Executive Council Members and Council Chairs**

**1 pm to 5 p.m. -** Workshop for Executive Council Members and Council Chairs/Co-Chairs –**“Strategy Planning Meeting for GOPIO,”** Facilitator – Tarun Kapoor, Kapoor and Kapoor Hospitality Consultants, Inc., San Marino, CA

**5.00 to 6.30 p.m. - GOPIO’s Region and Country Reports – Chair: Inder Singh, Chairman, GOPIO**

**7.00 p.m. to 10 p.m. –Welcome Reception/Dinner and Inauguration – World’s Fair Marina**

**Chief Guest: Ambassador Arun Singh,** Indian Ambassador to the US, Washington, DC

**Honored Guests: Guyana Prime Minister and First Vice President Moses V. Nagamootoo, Congressman Gregory Meeks and Queens Borough President Melinda Katz**

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**Greetings - Inder Singh,** Chairman, GOPIO Intl, Tarzana, CA

**Conference Sessions**

**Saturday, June 25th– New York LaGuardia Marriott Hotel (102—05 Ditmars Blvd., East Elmhurst, New York11369)**

**9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Conference Inaugural Session –** Salon A&B

**Chair: Dr. Thomas Abraham,** Chairman, Conference Committee; Founder President, GOPIO Intl., Stamford, CT, USA

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**Speakers:**

**Raj K. Purohit, MLA**, Chief Whip of BJP, Maharashtra Assembly & Special Advisor to GOPIO, Mumbai India

**Dr. J. Alexander, IAS**, Former Chief Secretary and former Minister Karnataka, GOPIO-Bangalore, India

**Keynote Speaker: Raj Jaswa,** former President of TiE Silicon Valley and director and trustee of TiE International, Serial technology entrepreneur, and currently an Adjunct Professor at several Universities, Co-Founder Selectica and Opti and former CEO and Chairman of Dyyno, Silicon Valley, CA, USA

**Resource Person: Anita Bhat,** Chair, GOPIO Youth Council and Trustee Chair, GOPIO-CT

**10.00 a.m. to 5.15 p.m. Two Tracks Covering the Following Conference Sessions**

**10.00 a.m. to 11.15 a.m. - Session I Make in India – Diaspora role -** Salon A&B

**Moderator: Prakash Shah,** Co-Chair, GOPIO Business Council, Basking Ridge, NJ, USA

**Lead Speaker: Rahul Shukla,** President & CEO, SS White Technologies, Inc, Piscataway, NJ, USA

**Speakers:**

**G. Sreenivasa Rao,** Consul (Trade, Education and Commerce), Consulate General of India, New York, NY, USA

**Chandrakant Salunkhe**, Chairman & CEO, Micro Group of Companies, and Founder & President, SME Chamber of India, Mumbai, India

**Vila Wadhwani, VP**, Adani North America, New Jersey, USA

**Resource Person: Harbachan Singh,** GOPIO Life Member and GOPIO Constitution Committee, New York, NY, USA

**10.00 a.m. to 11.15 a.m. - Session II Major Issues of Indian Diaspora**– Astoria & East Elmhurst Rooms (Lower Level)

**Moderator: Dr. Rajeev Mehta**, Chairman Resolution Committee and GOPIO International Coordinator for North America, Piscataway, NJ, USA

**Lead Speaker: Inder Singh,** Chairman, GOPIO Intl, Tarzana, CA

**Speakers:**

**Sudha Acharya,** Executive Director, South Asian Council for Social Services, Jamaica Estate, NY, USA, “Major Issues Facing New Immigrant Indian Groups in Western Society – The North American Scenario”

**Noel Lal**, Managing Director, South Pacific Engineering and Exec. VP, GOPIO Intl., Sydney, Australia, “Need for Disaster Assistance for NRIs/PIOs”

**Issac John**, Associate Editor, Khaleej Times and GOPIO International Coordinator for Middle East, Dubai, “Issues of Indian Community in the Middle East”

**Sivan Madathil**, Advocate, Kerala High Court & GOPIO Kochi, India, “Human Right s violations of NRIs/PIOs”

**Dr LénaArmoudom**, Orthodontist and GOPIO-Reunion, Reunion Islands, “Aspirations of French Speaking PIOs and Reunion Islanders”

**Resource Person: Ram Gadhavi,** Vice President, GOPIO International, Wayne, NJ, USA

**11.15 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. – Coffee/Tea Break**

**11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. - Session III Indian Diaspora Promoting Medical and Pharmaceutical Industries -** Salon A&B

**Moderator: Viresh Sharma**, President, Laser Systems, GOPIO life Member and Treasurer, GOPIO-CT, Stamford, CT

**Lead Speaker: Dr Santosh Mukherjee**, President, Santech Intl., Advisor on Federal Commission on Energy and Technology and Former CTO, Bell Labs and Inventor of Medical Devices, New Jersey

**Speakers:**

**Dr. Sudhir Parikh**, Padma Sri and Chairman & CEO of over 20 Allergy Practices in NJ&NY and Chairman & CEO of Parikh Media Worldwide, Watchung, NJ, USA

**Chintu Patel**, Chairman and Co-CEO of AMNEAL Pharmaceuticals, Bridgewater, NJ, USA

**Dr. Prabhu Kulkarni**, Consultant to Chemical Industries, MD, Kulkarni Teoranta and President GOPIO Ireland, Dublin, Ireland

**Sunil Mehta**, Founder and Chairman of MooFwd Orion and OrionSystems Integrators, Monmouth Junction, NJ, USA

**Resource Person: Shailesh Naik,** President, Managanaro Engineers; Co-Chair, GOPIO Science and Technology Council, Hawthorne, NY, USA

**11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. - Session IV Diaspora Indian Women Forum – Empowering Diaspora Indian Women**- Astoria & East Elmhurst Rooms (Lower Level)

**Moderator: Sudha Parekh**, Psychotherapist andGOPIO Founding Life Member, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY, USA

**Speakers:**

**Mini Guleria**, Macroscope Market Resourcing, Lake Balboa, CA, USA, "Unity and Strength of Women"

**Annetta Seecharran**, Executive Director, Chhaya, CD, New York, NY, USA

**Dr. Rohini Ramanathan**, President, The 7D's Consulting/Images International and Co-Founder, Asian Indian Women in America (AIWA), Oceanside, BY, USA, “**Power through Self-fulfillment and Exercising of One's Full Potential"**

**Ena Maharaj**, Immediate Past President and currently Public Relations Officer, GOPIO Trinidad, “Build Self-Esteem and confidence as well as Achieve Decision-making Power”

**Molly Banerjei**, Host and Producer, Chai with Molly, Rogers 129 TV (Canada’s Diversity Program)

**Dr. Rini Johar**, Doctor of Homeopathy & Lawyer and President, GOPIO-Redwood City, CA, USA, “Role of Women of Indian Diaspora in Shaping the Future of the World”

**Resource Person: Manju Madan,** GOPIO Los Angeles, Long Beach, CA, USA

**12.45 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. –Lunch**- Salon C

**2.00 a.m. to 3.15 p.m. - Session V Diaspora in Hospitality and Convenience Foods**- Salon A&B

**Moderator: Nitin Shah,** Co-Chair GOPIO Business Council, Chairman & CEO Embassy Bank and Chairman Imperial Hotels Group, Atlanta, GA, USA

**Lead Speaker: Lord Diljit Rana**, House of Lords, London and Andreas House, Belfast, Northern Ireland, UK

**Speakers:**

**H R Shah**, Chairman & CEO, TV Asia Group and Chairman and CEO Krauszers Convenience Store Chain

**Sunil Nayak**, CEO, Hotel Group and President, AIANA & Chalo Gujarat Biennial Mega Convention

**Pravin Khatiwala**, Chairman & CEO Khatiwala Group of Hotels; Khatiwala Vidya Sankul, Surat, India and Atlantic City Hindu/Jain Temple, Pomona, NJ

**Shelly Nichani**, President & CEO, Greenwich Hospitality Group, LLC and President, GOPIO-CT, Stamford, CT, USA

**Ved Sarvotham**, Marketing Consultant, International Money Transfer, Western Union Co., Montvale, NJ, USA, “Money Transfer and Money order as business opportunity for Indian Diaspora who are in Retail Industry”

**Resource Person: Balgopal Veliath,** Kings Group andGOPIO-Kochi, India

**2.00 a.m. to 3.15 p.m. - Session VI Diaspora Writers Form**- Astoria & East Elmhurst Rooms (Lower Level)

**Moderator: Dr. Neerja Arun Gupta**, Principal, Bhavan's Arts and Commerce College; Advisor and Coordinator, Study Abroad Program and Diaspora Study & Syndicate Member, Gujarat University, Ahmedabad, India; and Chairperson, GOPIO Academic Council

**Speakers:**

**Hindi – Anoop Bhargava**- Recipient of Vishwa Hindi Samman Award -2015 at 10th World Hindi Convention, Bhopal, India; Franklin Township, NJ, USA

**English – Lakshman Bulushi**, Poet and Writer (Written over 1000 Poems and Haiku and published 4 collections of poetry books), USA

**Gujarati – Dr. R.P. Shah**, Retired Rheumatologist; Writer, Director and Actor of Contemporary Gujarati Plays and Essays, New Hyde Park, NY. USA

**Marathi – Dr. Kunda S. Joshi**, Pediatrician and Poet, Philadelphia, PA, USA

**Malayalam - Raju Thomas**, Poet and Writer, Sargavedi and The Kerala Center, Elmont, NY, USA, “State of Kerala Writers in the Diaspora”

**Bengali – Suparna Guha**, Writer and Expert in Rabindra Sangeet and Literature, South Brunswick, NJ, USA

**Resource Person and Concluding Remarks - Ram Gadhavi**, Vice President, GOPIO Intl and President, Gujarati Literary Academy of North America, Wayne, NJ, USA

**3.15 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. – Coffee/Tea Break**

**3.30 p.m. to 4.45 p.m. - Session VII Promoting Diaspora Entrepreneurship, Technology and Business**- Salon A&B

**Moderator: Jagdish Lodhia,** President, Lord Jewelers and GOPIO Associate Secretary, Sydney, Australia

**Lead Speaker: Harsh Bhargava**, Founder and President, I Create Inc, a nonprofit with 20 centers in India, Headquarters in New Jersey, USA, “Why Entrepreneurship no Longer Just an Option!”

**Speakers:**

**Deo Gosine**, CEO, Labidco Port Services, Ltd, Trinidad, “Promoting Transportation Services”

**Shaji Baby John**, CEO, Kings Group, Kochi, Bangalore and Dubai, “Promoting Smart Cities for NRIs and PIOs”

**Prince Ishwar Ramlutchman Mabheka Zulu**, MD, Vukani Mazulu Services (PTY) Ltd. and GOPIO International Coordinator for Africa, Durban, S. Africa, Promoting Business Opportunities in PIO Countries – South Africa”

**Tirlok Malik**, Film Producer and Director, CEP Apple Productions; and Founder www.NRITVFILMCLUB.com, New York, NY, USA – “Promoting Diaspora Film Production”

**Samir Patel,** M.D., Amos Enterprises and President GOPIO-Ahmedabad, India, “India Business Opportunities for NRIs/PIOs”

**Resource Person: Dr. Rohini Ramanathan,** President, The 7D's Consulting/Images International and Co-Founder, Asian Indian Women in America (AIWA), Oceanside, NY, USA

**3.30 p.m. to 4.45 p.m. - Session VIII Health and Wellness of the Indian Diaspora**- Astoria & East Elmhurst Rooms (Lower Level)

**Moderator: Dr. Asha Samant DMD**, Chair International GOPIO Health Council, Livingston, NJ, USA

**Lead Speaker: Dr. Dattatreyudu Nori, MD**, FACR, FACRO, Professor and Vice Chair Radiation Oncology Weill Cornell Medical College, Cornell University [Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center](https://www.google.com/search?rlz=1C1VFKB_enUS656US656&espv=2&biw=795&bih=877&q=Memorial+Sloan-Kettering+Cancer+Center&stick=H4sIAAAAAAAAAOPgE-LSz9U3yDIyNUirVOIEsU2Nc5OTtBQzyq30k_NzclKTSzLz8_QLUvMLclKtMvOKSzJLSkFCACw6jsY8AAAA&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwiljbHoiI_NAhUDND4KHUrTAH4QmxMIngEoATAY). Recipient of [Padma Shri](https://www.google.com/search?rlz=1C1VFKB_enUS656US656&espv=2&biw=795&bih=877&q=Padma+Shri&stick=H4sIAAAAAAAAAOPgE-LSz9U3yDIyNUirVOIEsY0sjSyNtWSzk630E8sTi1IgZHx5Zl5eapEVmFMMADExJWc4AAAA&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwiljbHoiI_NAhUDND4KHUrTAH4QmxMIogEoATAZ) Award, “Cancer and Indian Diaspora”

**Speakers:**

**Dr. Pallavi Solanki, MD**, FACC, Director, Advanced Heart Failure and Mechanical Circulatory Support, Rutgers-Medical School, The State University of NJ, Newark, NJ, Epidemic of Cardiac Diseases in South East Asians”

**Dr Pradip Sewoke MD**, Co-Director Interventional Cardiologist; Co-Director of Diaconat Clinic Mulhouse, France; and GOPIO International coordinator for Europe, Belfort, France, “Cardiac Issues of the Diaspora Specific Risk Factors and Higher Mortality rate due to Coronary Diseases in the Diaspora”

**Dr. Maya Raghuwanshi,** MD, Associate Professor, Dept. of Medicine, Endocrinology, Diabetes & Metabolism, Rutgers-Medical School, State University of NJ, Newark, NJ, USA, “Growing Epidemic of Obesity and Diabetes in South Asian Population”

**Recommendations** to GOPIO for Health and Wellness of Indian Diaspora and **Concluding Remarks**

**4.45 p.m. to 5.15 p.m. - Session IX Finale Concluding Session**

**Chair: Dr. Thomas Abraham**

**Presenters of the Sessions: Prakash Shah, Dr. Rajeev Mehta, Nitin Shah, Dr. Neerja Arun Gupta, Viresh Sharma, Sudha Parekh, Dr. Asha Samant, Jagdish Lodhia, Ram Gadhavi**

**Presentation of Resolutions** – **Dr. Rajeev Mehta**, Chairman Resolution Committee and GOPIO International Coordinator for North America, Piscataway, NJ, USA

**7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Grand Finale Banquet and Recognition of Businesses and Entrepreneurs with Social Responsibility, - World’s Fair Marina**

**Chief Guest: Ambassador Riva Ganguly Das,**Consul General of India, New York

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**Sunday, June 26th- New York LaGuardia Marriott Hotel**

**GOPIO Business Meeting**

**8.30 a.m. to 10 a.m. - GOPIO Executive Council Meeting** (Open only to Executive Council Members and Council Chairs) **– Chair: Niraj Baxi President**

**10.00 a.m. to 4 p.m. - GOPIO General Body Meeting** (Open only to GOPIO Life Members and Chapter Delegates) **– Chair: Inder Singh, Chairman, GOPIO**

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**Hotel Booking: New York LaGuardia Airport Marriott** for 179.00 USD per night (includes breakfast for two); [Book your group rate for GOPIO International](http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=GOPIO%20International%5ELGAAP%60GOPGOPA%60179.00%60USD%60false%601%606/24/16%606/26/16%606/3/16&app=resvlink&stop_mobi=yes)

**Transportation from Airports - Free hotel shuttles are available from LaGuardia Airport. Call 718-565-8900. From Kennedy and Newark airports, take a bus ride to LaGuardia Airport and then take the Marriot shuttle to the hotel.**

**For Convention registration and sponsorship opportunities, contact: Convention Convener Lal Motwani at** **lmotwani@verizon.net** **or call the following numbers: 516-581-3332, 516-616-0233 or 203-329-8010.**

**GOPIO CONVENTION 2016 - REGISTRATION FORM**

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| **Date** | **Event** | **Venue** | **Singe Registration ($)** | No. of Tickets | **Total Amount** |
| **Friday, June 24, 2016** | **Reception and Inauguration - Dinner** | **World’s Fair Marina** | **90.00** |  |  |
| **Saturday, June 25, 2016** | **Conferences and Lunch** | **LaGuardia Marriott Hotel**  | **60.00** |  |  |
| **Saturday, June 25, 2016** | **Final Banquet and Entertainment** | **World’s Fair Marina** | **120.00** |  |  |
| **Sunday, June 26, 2016** | **GOPIO General Body Meeting (Open Only to Members - Includes Lunch** | **LaGuardia Marriott Hotel** | **50.00** |  |  |
| **3 Days** | **All Events** |  | **200.00** |  |  |
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**GOPIO Life Members and Chapter Delegates attending only the General Body Meeting on June 26th need to pay only $50 for the day (includes breakfast, lunch and coffee/tea Breaks)**

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