

Major GOPIO ACCOMPLISHMENTS

since its inception in 1989

••• 1989 •••

- GOPIO organization was formed at the first convention of PIOs. Passes 23 resolutions including PIO Card and Dual Citizenship for NRIs/PIOs from Govt. of India and Concerns of rights violations in different countries.

••• 1990 •••

- Filed human rights violations petition to the U.N. on behalf of PIOs in Fiji in 1990.

••• 1992 •••

- Filed human rights violations petition to the U.N. on behalf of PIOs in Sri Lanka.

••• 1993 •••

- Second Global Convention in New Delhi. GOPIO adopts its constitution and conducts the first election according to the new constitution.

••• 1994 •••

- GOPIO proposed PIO card to Govt. of India.

••• 1995 •••

- Special meetings with various heads of states with large Indian population.
- Release of the book in New York, "Indian Diaspora, Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow".

••• 1996 •••

- Trinidad Investment Meeting with P.M. Basdeo Pandey, New York.

••• 1997 •••

- Freedom 50 Conferences to celebrate India's 50, New York, June, July and August.
- Conference "Changing Role of Indian Women Worldwide," Mumbai, November.

••• 1998 •••

- Conference on Senior Citizens of Indian Origin, New York, in September that resulted in the formation of National Indian American Association for Senior Citizens, Inc.

••• 1999 •••

- GOPIO's 10th Anniversary Celebrations & GOPIO Convention '99, New York, September.

••• 2000 •••

- Conference on Social Services for the Indian American community, New York, in May that resulted in the formation of South Asian Council for Social Services.
- GOPIO Convention 2000, Zurich, Switzerland.
- Campaign for Fiji Crisis, since May 2000, met the U.N. Human Rights Commission on the Fiji Issue, July 2000.

••• 2001 •••

- GOPIO accredited by the U.N. as an NGO to participate in the World Conference against racism. GOPIO sends a delegation of ten people to the U.N. Conference.
- GOPIO's Solidarity Rally against terrorism. Funds raised to benefit American Red Cross.

••• 2002 •••

- GOPIO's tribute to Dilip Singh Saund, first U.S. congressman of Indian origin, January 2002.
- Third European Regional Conference, Leiden, The Netherlands, June 2002.
- Third Global Indian Entrepreneurs Conference and Indian & NRI/PIO Economic summit, Sept. 12-14, 2003.

••• 2003 •••

- GOPIO Conference, "Perspectives and Issues of PIO Communities," New Delhi, January 8, 2003.
- Gaddar Movement Celebrations, May 2003, Santa Clara, CA, USA.
- GOPIO - Belgium Conference - "India - Opportunities Unlimited," Brussels, Dec. 4, 2003.

••• 2004 •••

- GOPIO Convention 2004, New Delhi, January 7-8, 2004.
- GOPIO Conference on Human Rights Experience, New York March 20, 2004.
- GOPIO Belgium Conference on India-EU Trade/Investment and Role of PIOs, Europe-India Chamber of Commerce (EICC) formed. Brussels, Oct. 4, 2004.

••• 2005 •••

- GOPIO Convention 2005, Mumbai, January 5-6, 2005.
- GOPIO/EICC Conference on India EU Strategic Plan: Enhancing Trade and Investment at the European Parliament, November 9, 2005.

••• 2006 •••

- GOPIO Conference 2006, Hyderabad, January 5-6, 2006.
- GOPIO Jul 31 Protest Rally at the UN in New York against Trinidad's violation of rule of law.
- GOPIO/EICC Conference on Europe meets India: Economic and Political Dimension of the EU-India Strategic.
- Partnership Challenges and Opportunities on 8-9 November 2006 in Brussels.

••• 2007 •••

- GOPIO Conference 2006, New Delhi, January 5-6, 2007.
- Co-Sponsor Immigrants Conf New York April 20, 2007.
- GOPIO participates in Indian Arrival Day events in Trinidad, Suriname, St. Vincent's.
- GOPIO participates in PBD2007 in New York, USA.

••• 2008 •••

- GOPIO Conference 2008, New Delhi, Jan 5-6, 2008.
- GOPIO Education Summit, New Delhi, Jan 6, 2008.
- Co-Sponsor Immigrants Conf New York April 21, 2008.

••• 2009 •••

- GOPIO Conference 2009, Chennai, Jan 5-6, 2009.
- Co-Sponsor Immigrants Conf NY April 19, 2009.
- GOPIO's 20th Anniversary Celebration & Convention Aug 20-23, 2009.

••• 2010 •••

- GOPIO Annual Conference, January 6, New Delhi, preceding Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2010.
- GOPIO European Conference Oct. 10, London.
- GOPIO Intl. Women's Conference, Oct. 11, London.
- GOPIO Health Summit, Nov. 12 to 14, New York.

••• 2011 •••

- GOPIO Annual Conference, January 6, New Delhi, preceding Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2011.
- At GOPIO's initiative, India's Overseas Indian Affairs Minister Vayalar Ravi inaugurated the Kolkata Memorial on Jan 11, 2011 at Kidderpore Depot along the Hoogley River in Kolkata. The memorial is a tribute to the people who left shores of India over 150 years ago as indentured labor.
- GOPIO Biennial Convention, Nov. 18-20, Edison, New Jersey.

••• 2012 •••

- GOPIO annual conference January 6, 2012, Jaipur, preceding Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2012.
- Organized reception and dinner in Kolkatta on Jan 10, 2012 for TrN's Prime Minister who visited who visited Kolkata Memorial.
- Indian Diaspora Conference in cooperation with Gujrat University, Jan. 12 -13, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- GOPIO International in collaboration with GOPIO chapters, Metro DC and Virginia, launched GADAR Centennial Commemoration in the USA, on Nov. 3, at the Embassy of India, Washington, DC. in the presence of Indian ambassador to USA Nirupama Rao, along with three other Indian Diaspora ambassadors to the US. Ambassador Bayney Karran of Guyana; Ambassador Dr Neil Parsan of Trinidad & Tobago; and Ambassador Subash Mungra of Suriname.
- The GOPIO book "Global Indian Diaspora - GOPIO Making an Impact" released by Ambassador Nirupama Rao.

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- GOPIO annual conference January 6, Jaipur, preceding Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2013.
- At Kochi PBD, Prime Minister Manmohan singh released a postage stamp commemorating the 100th anniversary of Gadar Movement, an India Independence movement started by Indian Americans in 1913. He also announced upgrading Gadar hall in San Francisco (purchased in 1913 as headquarter of Gadar Movement). These two initiatives along with some others were requested and pursued by GOPIO with the PM's office for over two years.
- Indian Arrival Monument - Unveiled in Highbury, Guyana, May 5 by the support Govt. of India and Guyanese government at the initiative of GOPIO.
- Organized public functions, seminars and banquet in Los Angeles, Atlanta and Washington, D.C commemorating Gadar centenary.
- GOPIO Regional Convention along with GOPIO International Women's Conference and Gala Dinner, November 9, Sydney, Australia.

••• 2014 •••

- GOPIO Annual Conference, January 6, New Delhi, preceding Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2014
- The 25th (Jubilee) Anniversary Convention 2014, Port of Spain, May in Trinidad & Tobago. It was the first time that GOPIO organized its convention and General Body meeting in a Caribbean country. Indian Arrival Monument unveiled in Trinidad.

••• 2015 •••

- GOPIO held its 26th annual General Body Meeting and Commemorative Dinner, June 5-6, New York.
- Organizes a comprehensive conference session on “Women of the Indian Diaspora”, dedicated to the memory of late Dr. Sushila Gidwani-Buschi, Founding Life Member and Treasurer of GOPIO.
- GOPIO raise funds for Nepal Earth Quake Rehabilitation. A school in a remote village was rehabilitated.

••• 2016 •••

- GOPIO organized its biennial election using electronic balloting with a new Executive Council taking over.
- GOPIO donates funds to repair the damaged and locked-up Raktakali Primary School, Kot Timal in a remote area of Nepal.
- GOPIO Biennial Convention 2016, June 24-26, New York. Chief Guest: Guyana Prime Minister and First Vice President Moses Nagamootoo and Guest of Honor Sir Vivian Richards. Organized ten conference sessions and passed 10 resolutions.
- GOPIO-EUROPE Convention, Nov. 10-13, 2016, Paris, France. French Minister for Overseas Affairs Ericka Bareights Inaugurates the conference session.

••• 2017 •••

- GOPIO Convention in conjunction with Pravasi Bhartiya Divas in Bengaluru, Indian on Jan. 5th and 6th. Inaugurated by India’s Minister of State for External Affairs M.J. Akbar with Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah delivering the valedictory address.
- Inauguration of GOPIO International Chamber of Commerce (GICC), Jan. 10, Mumbai, India by Governor Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu Shri Vidyasagar Rao.
- GOPIO starts an online signature campaign to Prime Minister of India to allow Diaspora Indians with foreign citizenship to exchange or deposit their demonetized currencies.
- US launch of GICC held in New York on April 28th by GOPIO and Indian Consulate with prominent businessmen present at the launch by Indian Consul General Riva Ganguly Das.
- GOPIO Global Business Summit – Build-Up Africa, May 19-20, Durban, South Africa.

••• 2018 •••

- GOPIO Biennial Convention 2018, Bahrain, Jan. 6-9, 2018. Attended by Bahrain officials Sheikh Khalifa bin Duajj Al Khalifa, Dr. Abdul Hussain bin Ali Mirza, Shaikh Khaled bin Humood Al Khalifa, Maharashtra Minister Raj K. Purohit, Dr. Shashi Tharoor, Dr. Sam Pitroda and Dr. Chandan Mitra, MP. Valedictory Address by Shri Rahul Gandhi, MP.

••• 2018 continued •••

- GOPIO Health Summit in New York, October 27, 2018, GOPIO Diabetes Summit in Los Angeles area, November 4, 2018. GOPIO Health Seminar in Mauritius in Nov. 2018.

••• 2019 •••

- GOPIO Convention 2019, Varanasi, Jan. 19-21, 2018. Attended by Minister V.K. Singh and Minister Alphone Kannanthanam, Varanasi, UP, India.
- GOPIO Health Summit in Edison, New Jersey, USA, October 12, 2019.
- GOPIO 30th Anniversary Convention, Berlin, Nov. 8-10 and Paris, Nov.11-12, 2019.

••• 2020 •••

- GOPIO Chapters provide N95 masks and food items to frontline workers during Covid lockdown and replenish food pantries during the Pandemic.
- GOPIO International and chapters organize programs on virtual platforms including several medical and health related seminars and panels discussions.

••• 2021 •••

- GOPIO International and its chapters mobilize campaign to raise funds for the worst Covid disaster in India and sent Oxygen generators and medical supplies to India. Organized many virtual programs.
- GOPIO International and GOPIO-CT Chapter host Indian Minister of State for External Affairs Mr. V. Muralidharan.

••• 2022 •••

- GOPIO International and chapters organize many virtual program including one by former Niti Aayog Viced Chairman and Columbia University Professor Dr. Aravind Panagariya ways India can “regain the lost glory.”
- New York City Mayor Eric Adams honor GOPIO for its community leadership.

••• 2023 •••

- GOPIO Chapters raise funds for Turkey earthquake and send relief materials from New York to Turkey.
- GOPIO conducted the election and a new team was elected.

••• 2024 •••

- GOPIO organizes Convention 2024 in Fords, New Jersey, USA on April 28-28, 2024.