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Celebrating Diversity, Shaping the Future

Dear Members of AISV,

We hope this note finds you in good spirits. As stewards of the Australia India Society of Victoria (AISV), it's our pleasure to bring you the latest highlights and insights.

We want to start by expressing our deep appreciation for your unwavering support. It fuels our mission to celebrate the vibrant Indian culture across Victoria. Your commitment motivates us to elevate our organizational standards, enhancing our capacity to serve you more effectively.

We are thrilled to share our aspirations for the future of AISV, inspired by



the increasing multicultural fabric of Australia. AISV is proud to play a role in this dynamic diversity, creating a welcoming space that reflects our country's cultural wealth.

Looking ahead to 2024, we are planning a variety of activities designed to foster connection and engagement. We are particularly excited to join you in celebrating both Independence Day and Diwali this year, events that are deeply meaningful to us all. These celebrations are opportunities for us to honor our heritage together, as one community.

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Our collective power stems from unity. In this pivotal moment, we encourage you to embrace the diversity that enriches us all and to celebrate the perspectives that make us unique. Together, we will grow and flourish.

To conclude, we extend our sincere thanks for your ongoing support. United, we are crafting a future filled with inclusivity and unlimited potential. We look forward to the adventures that lie ahead and the memories we will forge together.

Chairman's Message

Esteemed Members and Fellow Australians,

In a history class during my school days, I queried my teacher about the reasons behind Hitler and the Germans' massacre of millions of Jews in the Second World War. His response, though delivered in a straightforward manner, underscored a grim aspect of human history: Genocide -the deliberate extermination of large groups from specific nations or ethnicities with the aim of obliterating those groups. This, he explained, was a recurring theme throughout human existence, driven by desires for land, religious and ethnic dominance, wealth from other lands, and territorial expansion.

With time, my understanding deepened through further exploration of history, revealing the prevalence of conflicts among religious factions. Historical rifts such as the enduring conflicts between Shia and Sunni Muslims, spanning over 1400 years, and the discord between Catholics and Protestants, which flares up whenever the chance arises, were just the beginning.

Recent history too has its share of atrocities, from the genocide of Tamils in Sri Lanka, the Chechen Wars with Russia in 1994 and 2009, the Congo Civil War and the targeting of Pygmies (1998-2003), to the ongoing persecution of Uyghurs in China, the Rohingya in Myanmar, the genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda, the South Sudan Civil War, Russia's aggression towards Ukraine, and the recent Israeli actions against Palestinians. This litany of genocides paints a disturbing picture of humanity's capacity for violence.

The international community, often a silent witness to these atrocities, has failed to intervene effectively to prevent the loss of innocent lives. The United States and Russia, among others, have faced criticism for their roles in these conflicts, either through direct action or complicity.



Dr. Gurdip Aurora, Chairman AISV

Despite the global outcry, the cycle of violence continues unabated, with no nation or power appearing capable of halting these atrocities. The United Nations, designed to foster peace, has often been powerless to stop such acts of violence.

Reflecting on my teacher's words from years ago, it's disheartening to acknowledge the truth in them: Genocide is a dark part of our past, present, and likely our future, a testament to the brutal aspects of human nature.

With utmost respect, Dr Gurdip Aurora

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INVITATION TO ATTEND AISV ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) - 2024

Dear Esteemed Member,

You are cordially invited to participate in the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Australia India Society of Victoria Inc. (AISV) for the administration years 2023-2024. This pivotal gathering is scheduled for **Sunday, April 28, 2024**, and promises to be a significant occasion in the calendar of our society.

AGM Details:

- **Date:** Sunday, April 28, 2024
- **Time:** 11:00 AM - 11:50 AM (Lunch), 12:00 PM (AGM Start)
- **Venue:** Brothers Haveli Indian Restaurant, 13/15 Pultney St, Dandenong VIC 3175

Agenda Highlights:

1. Opening and verification of quorum
2. Acceptance of minutes from the previous AGM
3. Review and discussions on the reports by the President, Secretary, and Treasurer
4. Election of Office Bearers for the new administration year
5. Appointment of Auditor
6. Any other business as proposed by members

Your attendance and active participation are highly encouraged, as this is a great opportunity to contribute to the direction and activities of AISV. We need over 30 financial members to proceed with the AGM, making your presence crucial.

RSVP: Please confirm your attendance by emailing secretary@aisv.org.au before **Sunday, April 21, 2024**, to assist in the catering preparations.

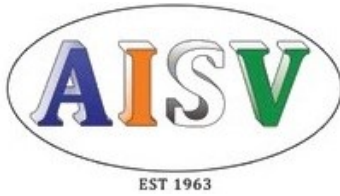
Should you wish to propose any additional topics for discussion, please do not hesitate to contact the Secretary at the email address provided above at your earliest convenience.

The AGM will be chaired by Mr. Karan Gandhok, President of AISV. Prior to the commencement of the AGM, documents including the Minutes from the previous AGM and reports from the President, Secretary, and Treasurer will be circulated for your review.

We look forward to your participation in shaping the future of AISV and enhancing our community's vibrancy. Let us come together to celebrate our achievements and plan for an even brighter future.

Warm regards,

Ruchi Sharma, Secretary, Australia India Society of Victoria Inc. (AISV)



AUSTRALIA INDIA SOCIETY OF VICTORIA INC

Notice of Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Date: **Sunday, April 28** Time: 11:00-11:50 (Lunch), 12:00 (Start AGM)

Venue: [Brothers Haveli Indian Restaurant, 13/15 Pultney St, Dandenong VIC 3175.](#)

All financial members are requested to attend

NOMINATION FOR THE POSITION OF COMMITTEE MEMBER

I, (full name of (full address) a financial member of Australia India Society of Victoria Inc., nominate for the position of (position title)

I, (full name)..... of (full address) a financial member of AISV, support this nomination.

Signature of Proposer

Signature of Secunder

Acceptance of the Nomination

I a financial Life member of AISV accept this nomination for the position of

Signature of Nominee Dated.....

Positions:

- President (must be a member of the previous Committee)
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Assistant Secretary
- Treasurer
- Committee Members (5 positions)

Duly filled 'Nomination Forms' must be received by **Thursday, April 25, 2024** and should be emailed to secretary@aisv.org.au and cc to admin@aisv.org.au

PROXY FORM

I, (full name) of being a financial member of AISV herewith endorse Name to act as my proxy for AISV's Annual General Meeting to be held on **Sunday, April 28, 2024**

Signed Dated.....

Duly filled 'Nomination Forms' must be received by **Thursday, April 25, 2024** and should be emailed to secretary@aisv.org.au and cc to admin@aisv.org.au



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Annual Membership - New/Renewal Application Form

Select: New Application / Annual Renewal

Title/s

First Name.....Surname.....

Partner/Spouse's First Name.....Surname.....

Children's names

1.....

2.....

3.....

Address

.....

CityPost Code

Tel (B/H)Tel: (A/H)

Mobile:

Email:

Other Details: (Hobbies, Interests)

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Would you be interested to join the committee of AISV Yes No.....

Membership Category (Circle one) Life: \$500, Family: \$80, Concession: \$50, Single: \$50

Cheque Payable to Australia India Society of VIC Inc. or Online transfer : BSB 083-414 Account number 69-047-1204

Do you want a receipt : Yes/ No

I hereby apply/renew membership of AISV in the above category. I am aware of the rules and regulations of the society

Signature / Date / Place

Membership Application to be emailed to secretary@aisv.org.au and cc to admin@aisv.org.au

Australia India Society of Victoria is an integrated non-sectarian, Indian Association in Victoria. It represents Indians and Australians from many parts of the world. AISV membership is open to anyone who is interested in India, her culture and her people. The aims of AISV are to promote cultural and social events in context of India, safeguard interests of its members and to act as representatives for the Indian community in Victoria at various Federal, State and Local governmental levels.