

Indian Cultural Association Singapore

Minutes of 18th Annual General Meeting held on 03 March 2024

Date: 03 March 2024, Sunday

Time: 5:00pm to 6:30 pm.

Venue: Social lounge Northvale Condo, Choa Chu Kang

Agenda:

1. Welcome speech by Secretary
2. President's address
3. Working report by Secretary
4. Subcommittee reports by convenors.
5. Discussion on reports and approval.
6. Accounts report by Treasurer
7. Approval of accounts report
8. New committee & Office bearers' proposals/election (2024-25)
9. Open discussion for improvement
9. Thanksgiving by Joint Secretary

Members Present

1. Anil Kumar V
2. Mahesh K
3. PK Babu
4. Bijops Jose
5. Sreeraj K C
6. Shaji Alias
7. Linesh
8. Ragash PV
9. Deepak PR
10. Sreejith PV
11. Ranjith Kumar K
12. Anish Babu
13. Deepak S
14. Anil Kumar Balan
15. Prabhakaran
16. L R Suresh Kumar
17. Vipin V C
18. Abhilash
19. Melsen A Laevi
20. Vijayakumar
21. Sreeraj Edakalathil
22. Akhil CP
23. Hareesh Kumar
24. Jayachandran
25. Lajeesh EK
26. Santhosh K
27. Liju Panayam
28. Pramod Kumar
29. Ranjith PP
30. Subeesh

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1. **Welcome speech by Secretary, Anil V :**

Secretary welcomed all members and announced the commencement of 18th Annual General Meeting (AGM) and welcomed the President to address the members.

2. **Address by President, Santhosh K:**

President summarised the activities of ICAS in 2023 and glanced the past two working years of the current Executive Committee. He appreciated and thanked all members from the heart for their great support rendered to ICA for reinstating the activities in full swing after the Covid pandemic. He highlighted one of the major challenges for the upcoming years as getting a suitable venue for our signature events.

3. **Annual report, Presented by Secretary, Anil V**

Secretary detailed all activities of ICAS conducted in the past one year including the signature events- The Children Cultural Fest 2023, Onam 2023 & The Children Cultural Fest 2024. He conveyed heartfelt thanks to all the members for their tireless support to conduct all the events as successful as pre-covid time. His report detailed:

- Each iconic program and its outcomes.
- Sub-committee activities.
- Plans of upcoming Vishu celebration

Committee adopted the report. Proposed by Jayachandran & Seconded by Ragesh.

4. **Reports & feedback by subcommittee convenors**

a. Arts committee:

- Arts Convenor Sreeraj KC shared the details of planning and implementations by Arts committee for the year 2023 and emphasised the contributions done by his team in signature events - Children Cultural Fest 2023, Vishu gathering for family, Onam 2023 & The Children Cultural Fest 2024. He thanked and appreciated his team and all the ICAS members for their utmost volunteerism exhibited throughout the year.

b. Sports committee:

- Convenor Deepak shared the details of his team's activities during Onam 23 which engaged the children participated. Besides, his team members actively volunteered in all the events conducted by ICAS. He thanked and appreciated his team and all the ICAS members for their utmost volunteerism exhibited throughout the year.

c. Welfare committee:

Convenor Vijayakumar presented the details of his team's contributions in welfare fundraising activities and arranging F&B in each mass programs done by ICAS in year 2023.

He thanked and appreciated his team and all the members of ICAS for showing their utmost volunteerism throughout the year.

d. Interaction committee:

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Convenor Anil Balan presented the details of main activities conducted by his team -ICAS family Vishu gathering on 30 Apr 2023 and BBQ party on 10th Feb 2024. Both events witnessed active participation by members and family to make the days memorable. Besides, his team members actively volunteered in all the events conducted by ICAS. He thanked and appreciated his team and all the ICAS members for their utmost volunteerism exhibited throughout the year.

e. Financial Report:

Presented by treasurer Sreejith PV:

- Revenue (2023): \$7469.36
- Expense (2023): \$6459.70
- Net cash flow (2023): \$1009.66
- Cash at the beginning of the year 2023: \$16,743.54
- Cash at the end of the year 2023: \$17,753.20
- Audit by Sadanandan and Sajeesh
- Committee adopted the report. Proposed by Babu P K, Seconded by Lajeesh

Annual report and financial report were approved by General Body.

5. New members introduction:

- Deepak S (From Tellicherry/Jurong)
- Melson (From TVM /Yew Tee)
- Liju Panayam (From Kollam)
- **Vijayakumar was approved as Lifetime Member**

6. Election of new Executive committee

- New Executive committee panel was proposed by Santhosh K and the General body approved the panel. The selected new EXCO team is as below:

The Executive Committee of ICA2023		Conveners and Auditors	
Position	Name	Position	Name
President	Lajeesh EK	Arts convener	Anil V / Ragesh
Vice President	Vijayakumar	Sports convener	Mahesh/Shaji Alias
Secretary	Sreejith P V	Welfare convener	Deepak PR/Jayachandran
Joint Secretary	Prabhakaran	Interaction convener	Abhilash/Jeeshma
Treasurer	Sreeraj KC	Membership convener	Prabhakaran/Santhosh K
Joint Treasurer	Balan Anil Kumar		
Member	Babu PK	Internal Auditor	Subeesh
Member	Ragesh	Internal Auditor	Anish Babu
Member	Jayachandran		
Member	Shaji Alias		
Member	Abhilash		
Member	Deepak		
Member	Mahesh		
Member	Jeeshma		
Member	Anil V		
Member	Santhosh K		

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- Anish Babu and Bijops will be exempted from the executive committee as per their request.
- Prabhakaran will lead the “New membership” activities with the support of Santhosh K

The Chair was handed over to the new committee officially. Newly elected President Lajeesh, Secretary Sreejith and Treasurer Sreeraj addressed the members and requested continued full-hearted support in upcoming years as well.

7. Additional new members in various sub-committees- proposed and approved are:

	Arts	Sports	Welfare	Interaction
1	Liju Panayam	Bijops	Babu PK	Melson
2	Linesh	Vipin	Ranjith PP	Akhil
3	Suresh L R	Deepak S	Anish Babu	Sreeraj E
4	Subeesh	Ranjith Kumar	Santhosh K	Pramod

8. Member's feedback, suggestions, and discussions:

Improvement suggestions, feedback, and concerns by members were seen in the meeting and discussed the major points.

All the members participated in the speech and discussions.

Below members pointed out some improvement suggestions:

Shaji: highlighted the importance of bringing new bloods into ICAS and gradual succession planning. To form youth committees. Suggested to prepare “Calendar for events” in the beginning of every year.

Jayachandran: Suggested to form Youth wing with the coordination of Vijayakumar.

Ragesh: Highlighted the importance of opening the sports events to non-members to spread the activities of ICAS to out of the association.

Bijops: highlighted the importance of grabbing the social media opportunities to maximum.

Mahesh: told to include the games like chess, badminton, Carroms, etc to the activities. To survey in Exco.

Ranjith PP: Membership fee to be increased to S\$20/- to increase the working fund.

9. Vote of Thanks:

- Newly elected Joint secretary Prabhakaran thanked all the members attended, and the meeting was officially dispersed.

ICAS - Annual Report for the period of Jan 2024 to Feb 2025

Introduction

The Indian Cultural Association Singapore (ICAS), a volunteer-driven organization registered with the Registry of Societies Singapore on July 19, 2006, has remained steadfast in its mission to promote the socio-cultural integration of the Indian diaspora within Singapore. Since its establishment, ICAS has been actively involved in a wide array of cultural and social initiatives, consistently demonstrating dedication and commitment to its cause. The association remains deeply committed to fostering cultural exchange, enhancing community connections, and strengthening the bonds within Singapore's multicultural society through diverse and enriching activities.

Leadership

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Treasurer	Sreeraj KC	Membership convener	Prabhakaran/Santhosh K
Joint Treasurer	Balan Anil Kumar		
Member	Babu PK	Internal Auditor	Subeesh
Member	Ragesh	Internal Auditor	Anish Babu
Member	Jayachandran		
Member	Shaji Alias		
Member	Abhilash		
Member	Deepak		
Member	Mahesh		
Member	Jeeshma		
Member	Anil V		
Member	Santhosh K		

Membership

We have 25 Lifetime Members including four overseas members and 77 ordinary members including the nine new members joined in year 2024. Our total strength is 102 members to date.

ICA Youth Wings.

In 2024, ICA launched a dedicated WhatsApp group for the ICA Youth Wing, fostering greater engagement and collaboration. The Youth Wing actively participated in CCF 24, Vishu 24, Onam 24, and CCF 25,

leaving a vibrant mark on each event. For Onam 2025, they took creativity to the next level, designing and executing a breathtaking Pookkalam, showcasing their talent and team spirit.

Iconic Programs:

- **Children Cultural Fest 2024:**

Date: 18 Feb 2024, 10:00am to 6:00pm.

Venue: @ Multipurpose Hall, Canberra CC.

The Children cultural Fest 2024 was the opening program organised in year 2024 by ICAS together with Canberra CC IAEC. The CCF 24 was witnessed 295 registrations for various cultural on-stage/ off stage competitions for single and group participants. All the members and volunteers worked hand in hand for making the function an ever memorable. The invited guests of grass root advisor Dr Lim Wee Kiak and other association pioneers added glory to the cultural festival. The systematic and smooth organising of the event gathered wide appreciation from the community members participated. There supplied the lunch and tea/snacks to refreshen the contestants and the participants. We managed to get two sponsors to lighten the financial burden, and new cheaper sources for food, trophies and mementos which helped ICAS to close with a surplus amount of S\$387/-.

- **Vishu 24:**

Date: 21 April 2024, 10:00am to 6:00pm

Venue: @ Multipurpose Hall, Sembawang CC

ICAS, in partnership with Sembawang CC IAEC, organized and celebrated Vishu 2024 at the Multipurpose Hall, Sembawang CC. The event saw a lively gathering of over 650 guests, including residents and expatriates. The highlight of the celebration was the Vishu Sadhya, a traditional Kerala feast, where our dedicated volunteers served delicious meals to more than 650 guests, including grassroots members and advisors from Sembawang CC. The Guest of Honor (GOH) was MP and Minister Ong Ye Kung, with Mr. Vikram Nair and Dr. Lim Wee Kiak also attended as special guests.

The event featured a variety of cultural performances and games, including an orchestra by Music Minds, classical and cinematic dances, group performances, fun games, lucky draws, and Vadam Vali (tug of war), making it a truly memorable experience for the local Indian community.

We were grateful to receive sponsorship from Mr. Mac (Prudential), Malabar Gold, House Brand, Alankar, and Karthika, which helped make the event a success. Vishu 2024 concluded with a surplus of S\$2,602.

- **Children Cultural Fest 2025:**

Date: 16 Feb 2025, 10:00am to 6:00pm.

Venue: @ Multipurpose Hall, Canberra CC.

The Children cultural Fest 2025 conducted on 16th February together with Canberra CC IAEC. The CCF 25 was observed highest number of registrations of 327 including individual and group performance. This was ever highest number of participants since the starting of CCF. Guest of Honor of this program was Adviser to Canberra GROs Dr. Lim Wee Kiak and other association's leaders also attended for the CCF25. The systematic and seamless organization of the event received widespread appreciation from the participating community members. Lunch, along with tea and snacks, was provided to refresh the contestants and participants. The program faced a financial deficit of \$1056. The event highlighted the strong sense of unity and cultural appreciation within the ICA and local community. Overall, CCF 25 was an overwhelming success, setting a high standard for future cultural events.

Sub-committee activities– Overview:

1. ICAS Interaction Activities:

1- Volunteers Appreciation party

Date: 22 May 2024, 6pm-10pm.

Venue: @ Fushan Garden, Woodlands

The ICA team organized an appreciation event for the volunteers who contributed to the success of the Vishu program. The event was organized to honour the hard work and commitment of those who played a pivotal role in ensuring the smooth execution of the program. The event was held on a Saturday evening for members and their families to foster continued interaction within the team. The gathering was filled with joy and celebration, with nearly 70 attendees, including children, whose enthusiastic participation made the evening truly special.

2. Onam 2024

Date: 22 Sept 2024

Venue: Multi-purpose hall, blk 690, Choa chu kang crescent

ICA organized yet another vibrant and fun-filled Onam celebration for its members, friends, and their families, featuring a variety of engaging programs. The event commenced with a stunning Pookalam, meticulously crafted by our junior ICA members. A traditional Onam Sadhya, consisting of an array of authentic dishes, was served to all attendees. Members actively participated in various entertaining activities, making the event a truly memorable experience for everyone. The joyous gathering brought together approximately 81 participants, celebrating the rich cultural spirit of the festival.

2. Arts Activities:

- The Arts Committee team took the lead in organizing and coordinating all major ICAS events, ensuring the success and cultural richness of each initiative. Their efforts were instrumental in bringing together creative performances, performances, and arts-related activities for the community.

- **Children's Cultural Fest 2024:**

Arts Committee played a central role in planning and executing the Children's Cultural Fest 2024, which showcased the talent and creativity of young participants through various cultural performances.

- **Vishu 2024:**

For Vishu 2024, the Arts Committee played a pivotal role in organizing and coordinating a variety of stage programs that added to the vibrancy and spirit of the celebration. The committee ensured that all aspects of the event reflected the rich traditions and cultural heritage of Vishu. Key activities included: Orchestra, Vocal Song, Classical and Cinematic Dances (Individual/Group) etc.

- **Onam 2024 Celebrations:**

The committee was actively involved in organizing the Onam 2024 celebrations, including traditional performances, arts, and individual performances that reflected the vibrant spirit of the festival.

- **Children's Cultural Fest 2025:**

Arts Committee successfully organized the Children's Cultural Fest 2025 on 16th February 2025, continuing to promote and celebrate children's talent through a diverse range of artistic performances and activities.

3. Welfare Activities

- ICA members generously supported for the kidney transplant of Sridevna, the daughter of Ranjith's relative. A total of \$3,045 was collected, and ₹2 lakh was transferred to assist with the transplant.
- ICA members also supported for Sumitra's surgery through a proposal from Santosh. The funds collected amounted to \$870, and ₹53,048 was transferred to cover the medical expenses.
- ICA members contributed to Roji Sebastian's liver transplant based on a proposal from Deepak (YewTee). Unfortunately, we had to stop collecting funds midway due to the untimely demise of Roji. The amount collected until that point, ₹15,000, was transferred to the family.
- ICA members extended their support for the chemotherapy treatment of Lajeesh's friend's wife. A total of \$790 was collected and transferred to assist with the treatment.
- The ICA Welfare Team raised a total of \$4,585 (equivalent to ₹294,061) to support survivors of the natural disaster in Wayanad. ICA rounded up the amount to ₹300,000. With the assistance of ICA's Vice-president Vijayan's brother, the funds were distributed to seven affected families, all of whom had children. A small gathering was arranged at Wayanad on Saturday, February 22, 2025, to distribute the funds in the evening.

4. Sports Activities

ICA Sports Committee had an eventful and dynamic year in 2024, successfully organizing various sports activities that fostered team spirit, healthy competition, and community engagement. Our goal was to encourage participation across all age groups, promoting fitness and sportsmanship within the ICA community.

- **Vishu 2024**

For Vishu 2024, the ICA Sports Committee organized a range of exciting games for both children and adults, ensuring everyone could participate and enjoy the festivities. One of the highlights of the event was Vadam Vali (Tug of War) for Men

and Women, which saw enthusiastic participation from members across various age groups.

- **Bowling Tournament**

The ICA Sports Committee hosted a successful Bowling Tournament on 29th June 2024 at Westwood Bowl, Bukit Batok. A total of 17 teams, each consisting of 5 members, participated in the event. The tournament was a great success, with friendly competition and camaraderie among all participants. This event saw a total of 40 participants engaging in friendly competition across multiple rounds.

- **Health Walk**

As part of our commitment to promoting health and wellness, the Health Walk event was organized, encouraging members to step outdoors and engage in physical activity. The event attracted over 20 participants, who walked through a designated scenic route at Bukit Batok. This event was conducted on 21 July 2024.

- **Onam 2024**

To celebrate Onam 2024, the ICA Sports Committee organized a series of traditional games that are an integral part of the festival's cultural heritage. These games provided an exciting and nostalgic experience for all participants, highlighting the spirit of Onam.

- **Virtual Walk**

The ICA Sports Committee organized a Virtual Walk, offering a flexible and inclusive opportunity to participate, regardless of their location. Participants were encouraged to walk 10000 steps per day for 30 Days (12 Oct – 10 Nov 2024), logging their progress through a tracking app "Pacer". The event received a fantastic response, with 50 participants taking part, making it a successful initiative that promoted fitness and community engagement across all participants.

Planning activities for Vishu 2025:

The planning for Vishu 2025 is already underway, organizing team working diligently to ensure a successful and memorable celebration. As the first step, the team has been focused on securing an appropriate venue for the event. For the past two months, continuous efforts have been made to seek support from Sembawang CC IAEC. However, as many are aware, Sembawang CC is currently undergoing renovations, which has posed a challenge in finalizing the venue.

To address this, ICA is actively searching for an alternative location that can accommodate the event. As of now, we are awaiting feedback and venue availability details from the Community Clubs (CC).

Further planning, including event structuring, program coordination, and logistical arrangements, will proceed after the Annual General Meeting (AGM), based on the final venue confirmation. The team remains committed to ensuring a well-organized and vibrant Vishu celebration for the community. We will continue to provide updates as progress is made.

Other activities:

1. ICAS supported "Sree Narayana Guru Jayanthi 2024".
2. ICAS members volunteered to support Onam village 2024 Organised by SMA.
3. ICAS members volunteered to support various cultural and racial harmony events organised by Woodlands Galaxy CC including the Pongal and Deepavali celebrations.
4. ICAS members volunteered to support Pongal celebration and Deepavali celebration conducted by Canberra CC.
5. ICAS members volunteered to support Pongal celebration conducted by Sembawang CC.
6. ICAS conducted 20 meetings from January 2024 to-date to discuss, Plan and update on activities.

-----**Thank You**-----
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FINANCIAL STATEMENT SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR 2024

Date: 31DEC2024

Revenue	Amount(\$)
Children Fest-2024 Tickets and Registration	\$4,778.00
Children Fest-2024 Sponsorship	\$500.00
Membership (Ordinary)	\$1,185.00
Vishu 2024 Ticket sale	\$12,310.00
Vishu 2024 Sponsorship	\$4,700.00
ICA Bowling registration fee	\$1,650.00
ICA Onam gathering- Ticket	\$1,215.00
Interest earned for 2024 from Maybank	\$3.72
Total Revenue from various activities	\$26,341.72
Income before Income Tax	\$2,699.15

Expenses	Amount(\$)
Children Fest-2024- Food	\$1,600.00
Children Fest-2024-Trophy, Sound System and other expenses	\$3,290.71
Website Hosting and AGM room booking	\$271.81
Vishu 2024 Sadya-Food	\$9,600.00
Vishu soud system	\$1,100.00
Table, chair and cleaning services	\$1,820.33
Vishu 2024 other expenses	\$1,887.31
Vishu thanks giving gathering	\$806.61
ICA Bowling expenses(Trophy, booking fee and cash award)	\$1,750.50
ICA Onam gathering- Sadya	\$1,030.00
ICA Onam gathering- Table, chair,hall booking and other expens	\$443.00
Other expenses	\$42.30
Total Expenses	\$23,642.57

Cash at the beginning of year 2024	\$17,753.20
Cash at the end of year 2024	\$20,452.35

Cash in Bank account	\$19,775.40
Cash in hand	\$676.95