

**INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS OF
RUSSIAN LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE
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ACTIVITY REPORT 2021-2022 & 2022-2023

1. Election Results were announced on June 29, 2021 and the New INDAPRYAL EC (2021-2023) took charge on July 03, 2021.
2. INDAPRYAL Membership renewal was announced in September 2021, and the Membership drive was undertaken to enroll new members as well. The membership renewal date was extended a few times at the request of the Members. As per decision taken at the Executive Council (EC) dated 06 July 2021, it was decided to henceforth consider membership year to be from 1st January to 31st December of a given calendar year and also to keep new membership and renewal thereof open between 1st September and 31st December of a given calendar year. Members could choose between Annual Membership, Life Membership, or Associate Membership.
3. Renewal of membership of MAPRYAL for the year 2021 to 2022 was done.
4. INDAPRYAL, in collaboration with IPR Media Company, Moscow, organized a Webinar on September 14, 2021, on «Modern Electronic Resources for Teachers of the Russian Language in India».
5. INDAPRYAL organized a four day online Festival (November 11-14, 2021) dedicated to the 200th birth anniversary of the Great Russian writer and philosopher Fyodor Dostoevsky. The program consisted of invited lectures by Russian and Indian scholars, film screening and a virtual tour of the house museum of Fyodor Dostoevsky in St. Petersburg.
6. As per the recommendation of the preceding INDAPRYAL EC (2017-19), MAPRYAL conferred the prestigious Pushkin Medal upon Prof. Debal Dasgupta and Prof. Charanjit Singh, and as per the recommendations of the preceding INDAPRYAL EC (2019-21), MAPRYAL conferred the prestigious Pushkin Medal upon Prof. Jeetendra Raghuvanshi (Posthumously) and Prof. Vinay Totawar for their significant contribution to the field of Russian Studies. The function was held in the Embassy of the Russian Federation on the occasion of the Russian National Day on June 16, 2022. HE Mr. Denis Alipov, awarded the medals to the recipients.

7. INDAPRYAL, in collaboration with the International Centre of the Roerichs, Moscow, organized a two-day online Lecture Series cum Workshop on “Roerichs' heritage: The Indo-Russian Bridge” on 11th and 12th December 2021.
8. INDAPRYAL convened and conducted online a condolence meeting in fond memory of Dr. Sumana Jha (Jamia Millia Islamia) on December 27, 2021.
9. INDAPRYAL organized an online seminar on February 26, 2022, to commemorate the birth anniversary of the legendary Russian writer Anton Pavlovich Chekhov. The occasion was marked with invited talks by eminent Indian and Russian scholars and experts and a presentation by students.
10. Call for papers for the 3rd issue of the Indian Journal of Russian Studies was made. The 3rd issue of IJRS received a good response. Articles were received from both Russian and Indian scholars. All UGC guidelines were followed and issue of the IJRS was uploaded on the website. The Editorial Board of IJRS was expanded and some more experts were invited to join the Board.
11. Call for papers for the 4th Volume of Indian Journal of Russian Studies was announced. At present, the work on the publication of this volume is in progress.
12. Regular financial accounts along with auditing of the same are being maintained.
13. In its meeting held on July 08, 2022, INDAPRYAL EC, following the request of general secretary Dr. Soumendu Kishore Dutta to relieve him from the responsibility owing to his health conditions and time constraints, decided to nominate Dr. Subhash Thakur as its General Secretary (Officiating) for the remaining period.

INDAPRYAL EC wholeheartedly thanked Dr. Soumendu Kishore Dutta for his relentless efforts and dedication towards INDAPRYAL during his tenure. Dr. Subhash Thakur accepted the responsibility of General Secretary (Officiating) in addition to Zonal representative of Eastern region.

14. Dr. Parijat Bhattacharjee moved from the south zone and joined Amity University in Haryana. Due to this change, she offered to resign from the post of Zonal Representative (South), however the INDAPRYAL EC requested her to continue contributing her support to EC.
15. An invitation from MAPRYAL to INDAPRYAL to collaborate in organizing an International Seminar on "Russian Language and Literature in a Changing World: Values and Factors of Development" was welcomed by the EC. Accordingly, an

International Seminar was held on 30 January 2023, in the Russian House, 24, Feroze Shah Road, New Delhi. The MAPRYAL team comprised of the President, Mr. Vladimir Ilyich Tolstoy, the General Secretary, Ms. Natalia Vladimirovna Brunova, the Director of MAPRYAL secretariat Dr. Alexander Vladimirovich Korotyshev and the accountant of MAPRYAL, Ms. Elena Bezginova. The Seminar was graced by Ms. Yulia Aryaeva, First Secretary (Cultural) of the Embassy of the Russian Federation in India, Mr. Oleg Osipov, Director of the Russian House and Mr. Alexander Dodunov, Head of the Russian Language Institute, Russian House. Members of INDAPRYAL and other prominent Indian Rusists participated and presented papers in the Seminar.

During the event Prof. Debal Dasgupta, President of INDAPRYAL was conferred with the 200 birth Anniversary Memorial Dostoyevsky Award by the Ministry of Culture, Russia and the award was conferred by the President of MAPRYAL, Mr. Vladimir Ilyich Tolstoy. The Seminar also witnessed the release of the INDAPRYAL book, which contains a collection of articles by Indian and Russian scholars under the title «India and Russia: Cross-Cultural Interactions».

16. INDAPRYAL, in collaboration with the International Centre of the Roerichs, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan and Institute of Scientific Information on Social Sciences of the Russian Academy of Sciences, organized an online International Seminar on March 18, 2023, “The Roerich Family Heritage: The Indo-Russian Magnet”. Teachers, scholars, and students from various universities of India and Russia presented their papers.
17. INDAPRYAL was approached by the MININ University, Nizhnii Novgorod to facilitate contact with Indian Universities in signing MoUs on exchange of teachers, students and conduct of various academic programmes. Consequently, MOUs were signed with the Maharaja Sayajirao University, Baroda and Amity University, Haryana. A few other universities like Jawaharlal Nehru University, University of Delhi, Banaras Hindu University, Visva-Bharati and Shivaji University, Kolhapur are in the process of signing similar MOU’s, which are expected to be completed in due course.
18. INDAPRYAL invited applications from member-Rusists for the nomination of the prestigious Pushkin medal. After following due process, the selected names were forwarded to MAPRYAL. MAPRYAL, at its General Assembly meeting, held in China, very gracefully decided to confer the Pushkin medal on Prof. Amar Basu, Prof. Pankaj Malviya, Prof. Kandarpa Das and Prof. Ranjana Banerjee for their contribution to Russian Studies in India.

19.To mark the 150th birth anniversary of the Great Russian artist, anthropologist and philosopher Nicholas Roerich in 2024, it was decided to publish a small teaching manual “учебное пособие” for students in collaboration with the International Center of the Roerichs. The manual will cover short lessons on his biography, expeditions, short stories/ essays, poetry, and his paintings. Indian and Russian colleagues will author this manual.

20.Prof. Debal Dasgupta, President of INDAPRYAL has been invited to deliver the Plenary Address of the XV MAPRYAL Congress to be held on September 15, 2023 at the Tauride Palace, St. Petersburg.

21.INDAPRYAL EC recommended the name of Dr. Meenu Bhatnagar to represent Indian Rusists for the General Assembly of the Presidium of MAPRYAL, the elections for which would be held during the XV MAPRYAL Congress in St. Petersburg.

22.Information on various International conferences/ webinars/ competitions / scholarships etc. was regularly shared with all Members of INDAPRYAL.

INDAPRYAL thanks all the members for their active support and participation in all the events conducted by it.

INDAPRYAL EC also takes the opportunity to note with gratitude and thank Prof. K.S. Dhingra for kindly accepting to be the Returning Officer for INDAPRYAL Elections to be held in August, 2023.

With warm regards,

ALL MEMBERS OF EC INDAPRYAL: 2021 - 2023

July 25, 2023