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**Indian National Students Association (UK)**

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## From the Desk of National President

As we approach the culmination of another remarkable year, I am delighted to extend my warmest greetings to each member of the Indian National Students Association - UK.

Reflecting on the strides we've made together, this year has been a testament to our collective dedication, resilience, and passion for fostering a vibrant community among Indian students in the UK. As National President, I am immensely proud of the initiatives, events, and strides we've taken in empowering our members, advocating for their needs, and nurturing a sense of belonging.

Throughout the year, our association has been a beacon of support, providing a platform for cultural exchange, academic guidance, and camaraderie. Whether through enriching discussions, cultural celebrations, or academic endeavours, each one of you has contributed significantly to the tapestry of our vibrant community.

As we bid adieu to this year, let us carry forward the invaluable lessons learned, the friendships forged, and the experiences shared. Let the successes and challenges of this year fuel our aspirations for an even more impactful and fulfilling journey ahead.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to every member whose enthusiasm and commitment have been the driving force behind our accomplishments. Together, let us continue to inspire, learn, and grow, making a meaningful difference in the lives of our fellow students and the larger community. Wishing you all a joyous holiday season and a prosperous New Year filled with renewed energy, endless opportunities, and shared accomplishments.

Warm regards,

**Amit Tiwari**  
**National President**  
**Indian National Students Association - UK**

## INSA Leadership Summit at UK Parliament House



This year, INSA took its advocacy efforts to new heights by hosting a groundbreaking event at the UK Parliament House. This initiative facilitated a robust discussion on challenges faced by Indian students in the UK, emphasizing inclusivity, academic growth, and cultural representation. Eight esteemed MPs and around 50 student representatives discussed and outlined action plan for a brighter future.



## 'Register to Vote' Campaign



Burnel University



King's College

In anticipation of the UK's **General Elections**, INSA launched an impactful campaign urging eligible Indian students to register to vote. The initiative not only educated students about their rights but also underscored their influence in shaping the political discourse in their host country.



University of Oxford



Royal Holloway



Oxford Brookes University

## Reflecting on INSA's events in 2024



Leeds Beckett University



University of Birmingham



University of Edinburgh



Middlesex University



University of Hertfordshire



University of Westminster



University of Warwick



Queen Mary University



University of Manchester

## Careers Workshop with Get Sponsored Team



INSA UK, in collaboration with the renowned Get Sponsored team, successfully organized a series of transformative career development workshops across nine cities in the UK. Led by accomplished coaches Mayuri Rajput and Meet Sabiha, the workshops aimed to empower students and professionals with insights and strategies to enhance their career trajectories.

**UK SUMMER LIVE TOUR 2024**  
LIFT OFF YOUR  
**UK SUCCESS**

MEET SABIHA  
MAYURI RAJPUT

- EDINBURGH
- GLASGOW
- MANCHESTER
- LEEDS
- BIRMINGHAM
- COVENTRY
- BRISTOL
- CARDIFF
- OXFORD
- LONDON

The journey spanned key cities, including Edinburgh, Glasgow, Manchester, Leeds, Oxford, Birmingham, Coventry, Bristol, and Cardiff, culminating in a grand finale in London. Each session was tailored to address the unique challenges faced by aspiring individuals, offering practical advice, networking opportunities, and actionable steps for career progression. This initiative reflects a shared commitment to fostering professional growth and ensuring a brighter future for students and young professionals in the UK. And we will continue to organise such events in future.

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## Reflecting on INSA's events in 2024

The grand finale of the Career Development Workshop series took place at the prestigious King's College London, drawing an enthusiastic crowd of around 400 students. This landmark event served as the perfect culmination of the tour, offering attendees a dynamic session filled with impactful guidance, inspiring talks, and meaningful networking opportunities. Coaches Mayuri Rajput and Meet Sabiha delivered engaging workshops that resonated deeply with the participants, equipping them with actionable strategies to excel in their careers.



## Careers Webinar

Navigate your IT Career : Tips for landing jobs in the UK  
Meet your Panel!

 Manasa Venugopst Performance Engineer at SKY	 Suhant Shetke Senior Consultant at Deloitte	 Bhuvaneshwari Ramakrishnan Salesforce Developer at The Very Group	 Sakshi Jain Developer at Barclays	 Bijin Siroshen Senior Data Engineer Clinical Practice Research Datalink	 Shalini Das Global analytics Developer at Deloitte
 Garima Devnani Software Engineer at NatWest Group	 Sarthak Ahuja Data Scientist at BP	 Tejas Kundu Data Scientist at Bioscript Group	 Jayanth Gopalakrishna Cyber Security Analyst at VisitScotland	 Tony Simon Akkara Senior Data Analyst at EY	 Amal Ashok Data Engineer at CDL Softwares

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# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT PHD'S IN UK

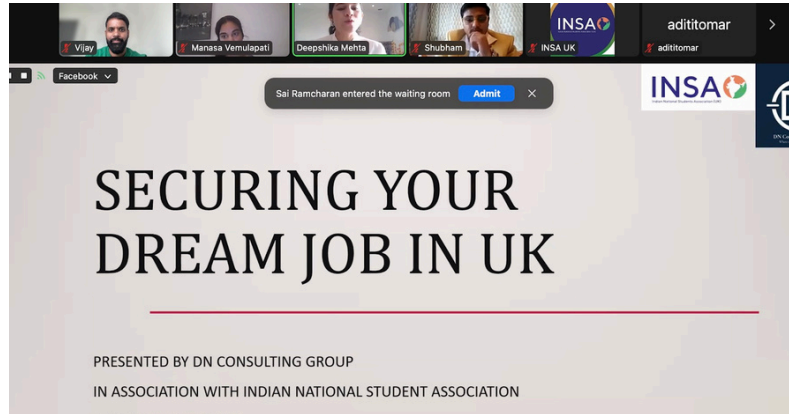
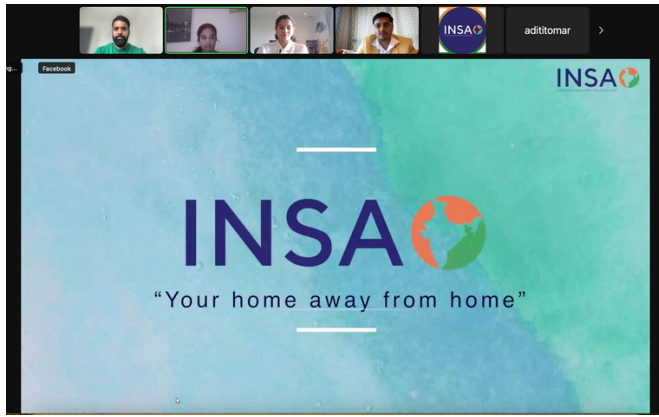
WEBINAR BY OUR PHD STUDENTS

The slide features a collage of content related to the webinar. It includes a slide titled 'Finding Career Progress' with logos for INSA, UKRI, and other organizations. There are also several video thumbnails showing speakers in a virtual meeting environment. A central flowchart titled 'PhD in UK' outlines the process from application to completion, involving INSA, UKRI, and various UK universities.

INSA UK successfully organized a highly engaging Career Webinar, bringing together students and professionals from across the UK to discuss strategies for career advancement and growth. The online session featured insightful discussions led by expert speakers, who provided actionable advice on navigating the challenges of today's competitive job market.

The webinar attracted a wide audience, offering participants valuable tips on skill development, networking, and building a successful career path. The interactive format allowed attendees to pose questions and gain personalized insights, making it a truly enriching experience.

## Reflecting on INSA's events in 2024



Encouraged by the positive response, INSA UK remains committed to organizing more such virtual events in the future to support the career aspirations of students and professionals.

## Pre-Departure Events in Major Cities of India

INSA's Pre-Departure Events were hosted in New Delhi, Mumbai, Hyderabad, and Bengaluru. These events provided students with essential information about visas, accommodations, and cultural adaptation, helping them transition smoothly into their new lives in the UK



## Pre-Departure Webinars

INSA UK recently hosted a Pre-Departure Webinar tailored for students who have received offer letters from various universities across the UK. The session featured a distinguished panel of experienced students and industry experts in UK education, offering invaluable guidance to attendees.

The webinar covered a wide range of topics, from essential requirements for moving to the UK to practical tips on adjusting to the new environment and thriving within the UK's academic culture.



## Reflecting on INSA's events in 2024

The expert panel also addressed common concerns, including settling in, navigating opportunities, and overcoming challenges in a foreign land.

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### PRE-DEPARTURE Q&A

WEEKLY WEBINARS AND INSIGHTS BY STUDENT LEADERS AND ALUMNI



**VIJAY KUMAR**  
Midlands Zone  
President,  
INSA



**SUKRITHA REDDY**  
Lead,  
INSA Bharat



**RANJEET RATHORE**  
London Zone  
President,  
INSA

Date: July 13, 2024 | Time: 1830h IST

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**JAYANTH GOWDE**  
Vice-President,  
INSA Scotland



**MANASA VEMULAPATI**  
Head,  
INSA Careers



**AVIKALP KISHORE**  
President,  
INSA South-West Zone

Date: July 27, 2024 | Time: 1830h IST

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With interactive Q&A sessions, students received personalized insights, ensuring they felt confident and prepared for their journey. INSA UK is proud to support aspiring students and remains dedicated to organizing more such initiatives to make their transition to the UK seamless and successful.

## Freshers' Fair Participation by INSA Societies



INSA societies at universities across the UK actively participated in freshers' fairs, welcoming new students with enthusiasm. From London, Birmingham to Manchester, these societies showcased INSA's commitment to building vibrant, inclusive communities.



## Welcome Reception 2024.



The Welcome Reception 2024, was a grand celebration of Indian students' academic journey in the UK. Distinguished guests, including the Deputy High Commissioner, Sujit Ghosh, and corporate leaders such as Ashneer Grover, graced the event. Their inspiring speeches emphasised resilience, innovation, and the importance of Indo-UK collaboration.



## Reflecting on INSA's events in 2024



The reception also featured esteemed dignitaries from various corporate sectors, offering invaluable networking opportunities to attendees. The evening concluded with INSA's signature Boat Party on the Thames, where students and dignitaries connected in a relaxed, celebratory atmosphere, creating memories to cherish.



## Welcome Reception 2024 - Scotland

The Welcome Reception 2024 in Scotland was a vibrant celebration of Indian students embarking on their academic journey in the UK. The event was graced by Shri Siddarth Malik, Consulate General of India, who addressed the gathering with an inspiring speech emphasizing the importance of resilience, cultural integration, and the shared potential of Indo-UK collaboration.



Additionally, industry leaders Dr. Poonam Malik, Sreevas Sahasranaman and Professor Stephen Mc Arthur provided invaluable insights on building successful careers in the UK, sharing practical strategies and opportunities for growth. This memorable event fostered a sense of community and offered students guidance and motivation to excel in their endeavors.



Reflecting on INSA's events in 2024

## Hosting Shri. K. Annamalai



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INSA welcomed Shri Annamalai, a former IPS officer, for a series of engaging discussions on public service and leadership. At King's College London, Shri Annamalai interacted with students and members of the Indian community, offering insights into the nexus of service and governance.

Additionally, INSA hosted him at the Blavatnik School of Government, Oxford, where he delivered an inspiring lecture on "Service and Politics." These events, along with other engagements across the UK, highlighted his impactful journey and resonated deeply with attendees, leaving them motivated to drive meaningful change.



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## Interaction with Smriti Irani



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INSA was honoured to host Smt Smriti Irani, the former Union Minister of Women and Child Development of India, during her visit to the UK.

She engaged with students and members of the Indian community at King's College London, addressing critical topics like youth leadership and cultural preservation. Additionally, she participated in an exclusive interaction at the Indian House, where she discussed Indo-UK relations with several dignitaries and stakeholders. Her visit highlighted the significant role of Indian youth in shaping global narratives and strengthened the bond between the two nations.



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## Oxford India Conference Participation



Continuing its tradition of excellence, INSA actively participated in the prestigious Oxford India Conference. The session highlighted on Climate, Tech, and Innovation, featuring impactful speeches by T.V. Mohandas Pai and Harsh Jain. Mohandas Pai shared fascinating statistics highlighting India's remarkable progress in these critical areas, emphasizing the nation's strides toward sustainability and technological advancement. Harsh Jain, CEO of Dream11, captivated the audience with his journey from startup founder to billionaire, offering truly motivational insights for aspiring entrepreneurs.

## INSA Student Radio Hour: 52 Episodes in Season 1

INSA's Student Radio Hour achieved a milestone this year, hosting 52 episodes. This platform has become a staple for students, offering a mix of career advice, well-being tips, and cultural stories interspersed with music. The series garnered widespread acclaim for its engaging and relatable content.

**Radio Talk Show**  
Every Tuesday 9 PM - 10 PM

**Deepak Agnihotri**  
Host

**IN CONVERSATION WITH**  
**ON TUESDAY 23 JUL 2024**  
**AT 09.00 PM**

**Sarika Dubey**  
Business Analyst / Youtuber  
(Your Knowledge Buddy)

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**Radio Talk Show**  
Every Tuesday 9 PM - 10 PM

**Deepak Agnihotri**  
Host

**IN CONVERSATION WITH**  
**ON TUESDAY 9 JUL 2024**  
**AT 09.00 PM**

**Anuja Awasare**  
INSA Strathclyde

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**Radio Talk Show**  
Every Tuesday 9 PM - 10 PM

**Deepak Agnihotri**  
Host

**IN CONVERSATION WITH**  
**ON TUESDAY 16 JUL 2024**  
**AT 09.00 PM**

**Chaitanya Pulle**  
Immigration Lawyer  
(Regulated by OISC)

<https://listen.radioking.com/radio/312242/stream/359399>

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## Engagement with Indian Ministers and Diplomats



### Madhya Pradesh CM

INSA proudly welcomed the Honorable Madhya Pradesh Higher Education Minister, Shri Mohan Yadav, for a special session with students. The Minister engaged in an interactive dialogue, addressing their aspirations, challenges, and opportunities in pursuing education abroad. He emphasized the Madhya Pradesh Government's unwavering commitment to supporting students in their academic and professional journeys.

### Rajasthan CM

Team INSA had the distinct honor of hosting the Honorable Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Bhajan Lal Sharma. This prestigious event underscored INSA's commitment to fostering meaningful dialogue between Indian dignitaries and students in the UK. The gathering provided a platform for vibrant discussions on Rajasthan's rapid development, governance initiatives, and the role of youth in shaping India's future. He also shared valuable insights into Rajasthan's progress in key sectors such as education, healthcare, and infrastructure.



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### Law Minister of India

INSA had the privilege of hosting the Honorable Law Minister of India, Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, at King's College London for an exclusive session with students and professionals. The Minister offered valuable insights into India's judicial reforms, the legislative process, and government initiatives aimed at supporting Indian students studying abroad. The gathering provided a platform for vibrant discussions on India's evolving legal landscape, governance, and the crucial role of youth in shaping the nation's future.

### Lord Provost Glasgow

Team INSA Glasgow had the distinct honor of meeting the esteemed Lord Provost, Jacqueline McLaren, at the historic Glasgow City Chambers. The engaging discussion emphasized the invaluable contributions of Indian students to Scotland's vibrant academic and cultural landscape while thoughtfully addressing the challenges faced by students living abroad. The Lord Provost's inspiring insights motivated the team to foster inclusion, resilience, and a supportive student community.

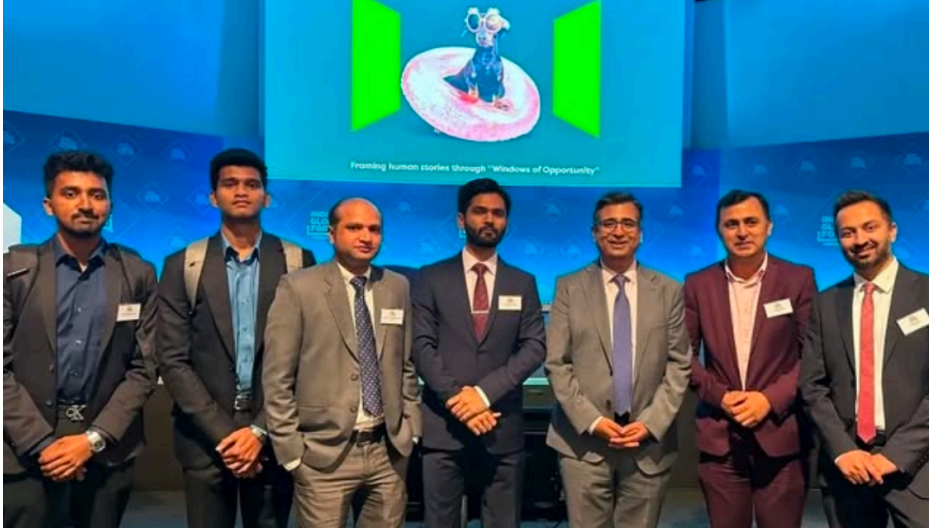




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## India Global Forum Participation

INSA's participation in the India Global Forum showcased its commitment to fostering dialogue on critical global issues. The forum served as a platform for our student leaders to discuss topics ranging from climate change to technological innovation, amplifying the voice of Indian youth in the UK.

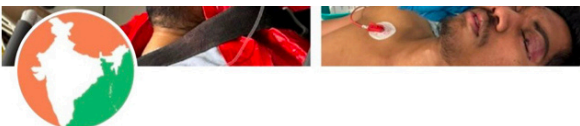


Lindy Cameron, High Commissioner of UK to India



Sanjeev Sanyal, Member of the Economic Advisory Council of the Prime Minister, India.

## INSA Cares



Indian National Students Association INSAUK

I'm raising £40,000 to Help Repatriate Chiranjevi's Body and Aid his friends who are undergoing severe injuries

On behalf of Team INSA, we would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude for incredible support and generous donations, which enabled us to achieve our goal of £40,000 in 36 hours.

These funds have directly assisted the family of the deceased student and provided essential support for the two critically injured students. Thank you for making a meaningful difference in their lives.

## Media Presence



**Inspiring Pathways: INSA Scotland celebrates community, leadership, ambition**

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**THE TIMES OF INDIA**

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**Poor Job Prospects, Riots Putting Off Indian Students From Studying In UK**

WORLD | NAOMI CANTON | TNN | Nov 15, 2024, 23:51 IST



**UK universities paying millions in agent fees to secure international students**

[Article Link](#)

Student recruitment industry has rapidly expanded as universities become increasingly dependent on income from overseas



**Indians are flocking to study at British universities**

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European university students are mostly gone, replaced by ones from farther afield

As we reflect on the events and initiatives of 2024, INSA UK remains steadfast in its commitment to the academic, professional, and personal growth of Indian students in the UK. From our inspiring career workshops and insightful sessions with esteemed ministers to the grand welcome events that celebrated the spirit of unity and success, this year has truly exemplified our collective strength. We continue to prioritize the well-being of Indian students, ensuring they feel supported, empowered, and connected to their roots, while navigating new opportunities. In line with the timeless Indian philosophy of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam – "The world is one family" – we strive to create an inclusive environment where our students, regardless of background, can thrive and contribute meaningfully. As we move forward, INSA UK is dedicated to further enhancing the experience of Indian students, helping them build a future where academic excellence, cultural pride, and global collaboration go hand in hand. Together, we continue to shape a vibrant, successful, and inclusive future for Indian students in the UK.

Anticipating the New Year, 2025.

We steadfast in our mission to empower Indian students in the UK. We extend heartfelt gratitude to our members, sponsors, and well-wishers for their unwavering support. Together, we aim to make 2025 even more impactful.

*Happy  
New Year*

From all of us at the "Indian National Students Association - (INSA-UK)

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