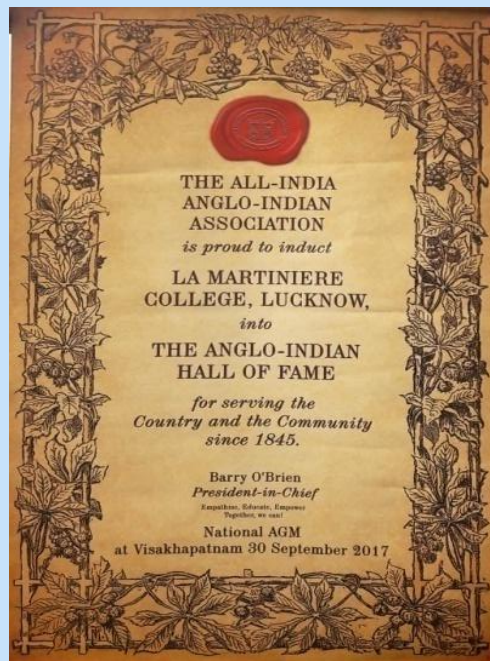


# The All-India Anglo-Indian Association

Lucknow Branch



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**The largest official group of Anglo-Indians in Uttar Pradesh**

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An Anglo-Indian, Linguistic Minority, Charitable,  
Educational & Cultural Society  
Incorporated since 1955

**INTRODUCTION** The All-India Anglo-Indian Association was founded in 1876. **Lucknow is one of the oldest branches of the Association.** Records of the Head Office indicate that the highest number of members earlier recorded was 100. I am happy that under the present leadership, the membership has crossed 300. This has been possible exclusively by the active participation and interest of each member in matters of the Association.

This is the 141<sup>st</sup> year of the existence of the Association which is the direct descendant of the Eurasian and Anglo-Indian Association founded on 16<sup>th</sup> December 1876. Later, on the 23 day of September 1955, the All-India Anglo-Indian Association formally received the Certificate of Registration under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860. It was incorporated as a Society with the specific objects to protect the interests and to promote the welfare of Anglo-Indians in India. The objects of the Association are **charitable, educational and cultural.**

There have been occasions in our long history when La Martiniere College, the premier Anglo-Indian institution of the State, has partnered with the Association to maintain the interests of the community, which is evident till today.

According to correspondence between the Head Office of the Association, the Lucknow Branch was rendered defunct on 30 September, 2014. This was due to subscriptions of the Branch not being submitted. The action was a result of application of provisions laid down in the 'Green Book' - Para 13 (iii), which indicates this action when the dues to the Association are equivalent to six months' subscription.

The outstanding subscriptions for 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 amounting to **Rs 25163/-** were immediately cleared by me personally, to revive the Lucknow Branch. On appeal, **102 members** who were contacted paid subscriptions for 2016-2017 amounting to **Rs. 36936/-**. This was the starting point in rejuvenating the Lucknow Branch.

Since October 2015, La Martiniere College has volunteered to assist in the upkeep of the Branch. This includes use of the venue, infrastructure, including furniture, gifts, beverages and food.

For reasons of transparency and accurate financial reporting we have opted to hold the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in April, which is in accordance with para 96 of our Memorandum of Association (MOA). I felt the need for this newsletter as a mid-term communication. The AGM would, in other years, be held around this time. The President's report would have been available for the members to apprise of the Branch activities. This newsletter is intended to serve as a 'filler' till our next AGM in April 2018!

**MEMBERSHIP** As of 30 September 2017 Lucknow Branch had **310** members on roll, of which **191** members have renewed their subscriptions till date. I sincerely hope that the other members who have not paid their subscriptions will do so in the near future to retain their membership of the Association. I appeal to all Anglo-Indians in and around Lucknow, who are above the age of 15 years, to enrol and be a part of the activities of the Branch. All earning members are expected to pay their subscriptions as per the schedule.

A section of Anglo-Indians have kept themselves aloof since October 2015. I appeal to the members to encourage them to be a part of the mainstream. The Association is for all of us.

We are the largest official group of Anglo-Indians in the state of Uttar Pradesh. The credit for this largely goes to each member who has been convinced to remain connected with the Association.

**SUBSCRIPTIONS** The year-to-date subscriptions for the entire financial year 2017-2018 received up to 30 September 2017 is **Rs. 78012/-**. Of this, we have forwarded to Head Office as contribution **Rs.47138/-**. A balance of **Rs 30874/-** is retained by the Branch.

## **FINANCES**

The Branch Committee has approved scholarships, prizes, tours and grants to our youth members on the basis of merit. Since April 2017 till date a total of Rs. **90000/-** has been disbursed. This has been made possible through generous sponsorship. The Committee is working on the grants and pensions for senior citizens which should be made available shortly.

## **FOR THE LADIES**

The Branch Committee desires to provide a social security cover for female members between the ages of 18 to 70 years purely on a voluntary basis. All members who opt for this are required to open a bank account in Allahabad Bank; the Bank staff shall do the documentation for opening the account at the Christmas Get together **on 17 December 2017**. The benefits from this are;

- Accidental death Insurance Policy for Rs 2.00 lac
- Critical illness Health Insurance Policy for Rs 1.00 lac,
- 25% discount on locker rental.
- Reduced margin money of 10% on auto loans
- Waiver of procession fee on Home and auto loans
- Cash back on payment of utility bills
- Platinum Debit Card free for first year
- One cheque book of 20 leaves free every year
- Average account balance during 90 days @ Rs. 1000/-

These accounts shall be opened by depositing one time Rs 1500/-. This amount and the premium thereof shall be **a Christmas Gift for you**. Aadhaar Card is now mandatory for opening bank accounts; the Branch Committee shall arrange a camp and assist you in this regard as well. **Those interested may collect the forms from the Secretary and return duly completed latest by 30 November 2017.**

## **REMAIN CONNECTED**

With the objective of keeping members in a network, the Lucknow Branch has taken the support of modern technology. The following information and facilitation may be useful for all of us:

- A dedicated Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/139733103051467/?ref=bookmarks>,
- A Whatsapp group AIAIA
- A Twitter handle @aiaialko
- A functional website – [www.aiaialko.com](http://www.aiaialko.com)
- Frequent use of SMS alerts

I appeal to all members to save the identification **AI SMS** with Telephone Number **+91 7897045533** on their mobile telephones, to ensure that the messages are not routed to your spam folders. This number is exclusively one way with no answer back facility.

Please feel free to contact me for any work related with the Association on my phone **9838229029** during morning hours on any working day. You are welcome to my office to discuss any common issue over a cup of tea.

## **WEBSITE**

To work together it is important to be transparent. The Lucknow Branch website is a step in this direction. All Notices from the Head Office are posted on the website along with copies of the President's report for 2016 & 2017. The Memorandum of Association or 'Green Book' is also available on the site. A host of other information is also freely accessible, with a direct link to our Facebook page as well. All this is available for you to view or download as printable copies for your ready reference. Do visit the website at **[www.aiaialko.com](http://www.aiaialko.com)**

**ENTREPRENEURS** It would be a good idea if members of the community who specialise in private entrepreneurial ventures, use the monthly get-togethers to popularise their products. This may include products of Anglo-Indian specialities or dishes including, wines, pickles, cakes and other bakery items. In addition, those who might conduct small home-run businesses may present their wares at the programmes. It shall be possible to prepare handbills for circulation at the get-togethers. This shall be an opportunity to provide our members with an supply outlet and purchase items related to the Anglo-Indian way of life, besides an opportunity to showcase their entrepreneurial skills. **It can be well understood that the Association shall in no way be liable in any dispute related to transactions.**

**GUEST ENTRY** From the time I was elected President of the Lucknow Branch, I have been emphasising that non Anglo-Indian guests are **not welcome** to our get-togethers and meetings. This is to maintain the exclusivity of our ethos. We are a **linguistic minority community** which needs to safeguard its values and culture. These get-togethers are held to promote the interests of Anglo-Indians.

A few members regularly bring guests to these get-togethers, despite our repeated requests to refrain from doing so. **I am now left with no other option** but to politely deny entry to such persons, which may cause embarrassment. I have requested the Committee Members to assist me in this regard. **Effective 01 November 2017 non Anglo-Indian guests shall be denied entry or politely escorted away from the venue except at Christmas.**

Anglo-Indian members of your extended family who may be visiting you and who may not be members of the Lucknow Branch shall be welcome to attend with prior information to the President or the Secretary of the Branch.

**AGM** The AGM for the year **2018-2019** of the Lucknow Branch shall be held in **April 2018**. Notice to this effect shall be circulated as per the prescribed norms by the Secretary at the appropriate time.

**CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR** The Christmas Tree, Treat and Get-together shall be held at the Skating Rink of La Martiniere College on **17<sup>th</sup> December 2017** commencing at 2:00 p.m. Gifts from Santa may be sent in advance or brought to the venue properly packed and securely labelled. To spread Christmas cheer, especially among children, guests shall be permitted **ONLY FOR THIS EVENT** at a charge. A nominal donation of **Rs 500/-** per head shall be accepted and duly receipted at the venue.

The New Year's Eve Ball shall be held in the Spence Hall of La Martiniere College, Lucknow on **31 December 2017** commencing at 9:00 p.m. **All ANGLO-INDIANS** visiting the city are welcome to join as guests for this event, no money shall be charged for this.

With all good wishes always

**Adrian Michael  
President**

**Date: 28 October 2017**