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- 9 January commemorates the return of Mahatma Gandhi from South Africa to India in 1915. To mark this day, the tradition of celebrating Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) started in 2003. 1st PBD Convention was organised on 9 January 2003 to mark the contribution of the overseas Indian community to the development of India.
- Since 2015, under a revised format, PBD Convention has been organised once every 2 years.
- Pravasi Bharatiya Divas was c o n c e i v e d o n t h e recommendations of L. M. Singhvi High Level Committee on Indian diaspora, in which ARSP's former Secretary General Shri

Baleshwar Agrawal was one of the key members. In fact, to honour his contributions 'Shri Baleshwar Agrawal Prawasi Nagar' was set up in the 15th PBD at Varanasi.

- 16 Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Conventions have been organised till date. 16th PBD was conducted in a virtual setting with the theme "Contributing to Aatmanirbhar Bharat" in 2021 during the pandemic.
- The 17th PBD Convention will be held from 8 – 10 January 2023 in Indore, Madhya Pradesh. The theme of the 17th PBD is "Diaspora: Reliable Partners for India's Progress in Amrit Kaal".

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Day 01

08 January 2023, Sunday Youth Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Joint inauguration of Youth PBD by External Affairs Minister, Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports and Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh. PBD is a unique opportunity for Pravasis from the State to reconnect with their roots.

Day02

09 January 2023, Monday Inauguration of 17th Pravasi

Bharatiya Divas Convention 2023 Inauguration of 17th PBD Convention by Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India in the presence of Chief guest of PBD.

Day03

10 January 2023, Tuesday 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas



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Convention

Conferment of Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards and Valedictory Address by President of India.

Plenary Sessions of 17th PBD 2023

The 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention 2023 will include five Plenary Sessions on the following themes:

- Plenary Session I: Role of Diaspora Youth in Innovation and New Technologies
- Plenary Session II: Harnessing the Potential of Women Diaspora Entrepreneurs towards an Inclusive Approach to Nation

Building

- Plenary Session III: Leveraging the Soft Power of India- Goodwill through Craft, Cuisine & Creativity
- Plenary Session IV: Exploring Links between Skills and Migration Trends of Indian WorkersAbroad
- Plenary Session V: Role of Indian Diaspora in promoting India's Healthcare Ecosystem in the Amrit Kaal: Vision @2047

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Information For The Members of SPSASL

The Board of Sahayog Parishad Sehkari Awas Samiti Limited (SPSASL) has taken a decision by consensus that the fund generated through the bank interest will be divided equally amongst the members of the Samiti who had initially deposited Rupees One Lakh (Rs.100,000/-) each, that was refunded to the members already.

This is to inform you that the interest so generated is being equally divided and shared. The Samiti's account will be closed after that. You are all humbly requested to send a copy of your cancelled cheque before 15th December, 2022 to the ARSP office Secretariat. The interest due to you will be deposited in your account. The remaining fund if any will be donated to Antar-Rashtriya Sahayog Parishad, New Delhi.

30 HOURS SHORT TERM COURSE ON "Indian Diaspora: Interdisciplinary Perspectives" Valedictory Session



Antar Rashtriya Sahayog Parishad-Diaspora Research and Resource Centre (under the aegis of Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India) in association with Sri Guru Nanak Dev Khalsa College, University of Delhi, Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) introduced a novel **30 hours short term course** on "Indian Diaspora: Interdisciplinary Perspectives" on 12 October 2022.

The valedictory session of the course was organized on **3 November 2022** at Pravasi Bharatiya Kendra, Sushma Swaraj Bhawan. **Smt Meenakshi Lekhi**, Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs and Culture was the Chief Guest of the event. **H.E. Dr Roger Gopaul**, High Commissioner of the Republic of Trinidad & Tobago was the Guest of Honour.

In this event a book on "Ramleela in Trinidad- 100 Years of the Felicity Open Air, Folk Theatre Tradition" by Dr Satnaraine Balkaransingh, Diaspora Scholar from Trinidad and Tobago was also released. The session was moderated by Prof. Gopal Arora, Secretary ARSP & Course Convener.

Shri Shyam Parande, Secretary General, ARSP welcomed all and mentioned that Indian diaspora is everywhere and is one of the most vibrant communities in the world. He stated that ARSP is doing the work very closely with Indian diaspora for over 50 years and introduction of a short term course on Indian diaspora in the academic institutions is an extension to ARSP's vision and aim.

Dr. Gurmohinder Singh, Principal, SGND Khalsa College, in his welcome remarks mentioned that diaspora has recently emerged as an important subject of research. He mentioned about the enthusiastic participation of students for this course. He stated that this course has proven very beneficial in providing comprehensive and systematic study on diaspora.

Amb. Virendra Gupta, President, ARSP mentioned that ARSP acts as an interface between diaspora and government. He said that Indian diaspora is a beautiful body of bharatvanshi abroad. It is fascinating to see how they still remain connected to Indian values and traditions. He mentioned that DRRC was established with the help of MEA to provide an institutional arrangement for networking with diaspora. He briefed that this course was introduced with an aim to decipher the information about diaspora among the students and the overwhelming response it has received encouraged DRRC-ARSP to introduce more such short term

∠ Dr Ruchi Verma Research Fellow DRRC-ARSP

courses in collaboration with other academic institutions. He thanked SGND Khalsa College for introducing this course and for giving shape and encouragement to this idea.

Dr Balkaransingh briefed the gathering about his book. He mentioned that the cultural landscape of Trinidad continues to be repainted by Indian immigrants and their subsequent generations with their rituals and festivals, one of which is Ramleela. Hence, this publication which was based on a research project co-sponsored and partly funded by the Ayodhya Shodh Sansthan, an autonomous organisation of the Department of Culture, Government of Uttar Pradesh will prove to be an important source to explore the intricacies of culture and religion, brought over 170 years ago by Indian immigrants to Trinidad and Tobago.

Dr Roger Gopaul, High Commissioner of Trinidad and Tobago, exclaimed that the Indian diaspora remains attached to their cultural values which believes in humanity and added further that despite scarce resources, Indian diaspora can show the way to the world, through the values they cherish. He further added that connection between Indian diaspora and India is more prominent today. Indian diaspora is proud of the rise of India as Indian diaspora rises when India rises.

Smt Meenakshi Lekhi, Hon'ble MoS EA & Culture in her speech highlighted that the Indian Diaspora are the first cultural ambassador of India. India is represented worldwide by them. Thanks to their values of open mindedness, pluralism, hard work and peace-loving adaptation, the Indian diaspora has always been welcomed by their adopted societies and lands with open arms. She further added that when they were taken to foreign lands, despite all the sufferings, none of them changed their basic character and values. Their nature of hard work and sense to be at the right path is a lesson for the world to learn. Hon'ble Minister also mentioned that the book on Ramleela in Trinidad released at the event is very important as it shows how the faith has guided the Indian diaspora to sail through the difficult period of their life. In the end of her speech, Smt Lekhi congratulated the DRRC and SGND Khalsa College for taking up this important initiative and gave her best wishes to take up more such initiatives.

A brief report covering all the aspects of the entire short term course was presented by **Dr Ruchi Verma**, Research Fellow, DRRC and **Ms Komal Chhikara**, Assistant Professor, SGND Khalsa College. The main highlight of the report was that the course has covered wide dimensions of diaspora related aspects and the resource persons include members of PIO as well as NRI community. The course has received registration not only from students of different colleges of Delhi University but also from the students and mentioned that the overwhelming success of this short term course has given the encouragement to pursue this initiative in a persistent way. He concluded by saying that this is not



and scholars from Mumbai University, University of Patliputra, Patna and IGNOU.

Shri Narayan Kumar, Hon. Director, ARSP presented the vote of thanks the end but the beginning.

In the end, the certificates were distributed by the Hon'ble Minister to the students and the resource persons for their active participation and contribution.

EAM Jaishankar Visit to Moscow



EAM S Jaishankar arrives in Moscow

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar arrived in Moscow as a part of his twoday visit to Russia on 7 November 2022. During the visit, Jaishankar will be holding talks with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, in continuation of the regular high-level dialogue between the two sides. During the EAM's visit, talks between the two sides are expected to cover a range of bilateral issues and exchange of views on various regional and international developments.

Ahead of EAM's visit, the Russian Foreign Ministry said "Russia and India stand for the active formation of a more just and equal polycentric world order, and proceed from the inadmissibility of promoting the imperialist diktat on the global arena". The Russian Foreign Ministry said bilateral relations between the two countries bear the character of a special and privileged strategic partnership and effective interaction mechanisms have been formed between the two countries over the past decade.

According to the Russian foreign ministry, Lavrov and Jaishankar will discuss ways to advance joint work in the key areas and compare notes on the schedule of upcoming contacts. "The talks will focus on the trade and investments, transport and logistics, the use of national currencies in mutual settlements, as well as promising projects in the energy sector, especially in the Arctic shelf and the Russian Far East," the ministry said.

It said there would be an exchange of assessments on the current international issues with an emphasis on interaction within the UN, Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), Group of Twenty (G20) and RIC (Russia, India, China). "The Ministers will also discuss India's presidency in the SCO, efforts to fight terrorism, as well as a number of the regional issues, including the formation of security architecture in the Asia-Pacific region, the situation around the Iranian nuclear problem, state of affairs in Afghanistan, Syria, and Ukraine," the Russian foreign ministry said.

Since the start of the Ukraine conflict earlier this year, India's bilateral ties with Russia have come under the scanner of the West for a surge in oil imports from sanctions-hit Moscow. The war in Ukraine which has continued for more than eight months has had a significant impact on global food security and has led to a sudden increase in crude prices. Notably, India has not condemned Russia since the start of the conflict and has maintained its independent position. On several UN forums, New Delhi has consistently called for a cessation of violence and advocated peace and diplomacy.



PRIME MINISTER JUGNAUTH SALUTES THE COURAGE, PERSEVERANCE AND SACRIFICES OF THE INDENTURED LABOURERS



The official ceremony to commemorate the 188th Anniversary of the Arrival of Indentured Labourers in Mauritius was held, on second November, at the Trou Fanfaron Wharf, next to the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site, in the presence of the Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs and External Communications, Minister for Rodrigues, Outer Islands and Territorial Integrity, Mr Pravind Kumar Jugnauth.

The ceremony, with a gathering of some 4,000 people, was organised by the Ministry of Arts and Cultural Heritage, in collaboration with the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund. The Vice-President of the Republic of Mauritius, Mr Eddy Boissézon; Me Xavier Duval, the leader of the opposition, members of Cabinet and of the National Assembly; representatives of the Diplomatic Corps, including the High Commissioner of the Republic of India, Mrs K. Nandini Singla; and other eminent personalities attended the commemorative activity.

The event comprised a wreath-laying ceremony by the Prime Minster and other dignitaries; cultural and artistic items highlighting the historical legacy of the Indentured Labourers; and the launching of the annual Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund

magazine.

In his keynote speech, the Prime Minister saluted the courage, perseverance, sufferings, sacrifices, efforts, resilience and patience of the Indentured Labourers,

underlining their immense contributions to the socioeconomic

contributions to the socioeconomic development of the

Republic of Mauritius.

The Head of Government recalled that some 4 6 2 , 0 0 0 immigrants came to Mauritius from India between 1834 and 1920, seeking a better life, and had, upon their arrival, faced

tough challenges and appalling conditions that denied them their humanity. He talked, too, of the significance of the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site, where 188 years ago, some 36 Indian immigrants, after their journey on board the M.V. Atlas, climbed the flights of 16 steps with the objective of creating a future for themselves and their children.

According to the Prime Minister, the history of indentured workers was one of the most inspirational chapters of Mauritian history. He thus stressed the imperative for the population, in general, and the young generations to learn their common history and of the life of their forebears, and to visit the historical sites across the island. Mr Jugnauth put forward the harsh experiences of the previous generations who struggled, sweated, and toiled with great dignity, and succeeded, against all odds, in paving the way for the development and prosperity of the country. "Our story is the continuation of their history," he said.

The Prime Minister also honoured all the historical figures who fought throughout decades for the human, social, political, religious, and cultural rights of all to be recognised and



respected. He moreover paid tribute to the people who were instrumental in the preservation of the historical legacy and site, namely the contribution of late Dr Corrine Forrest in the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund and in the promotion of the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site.

Furthermore, the population was invited by Mr Jugnauth to work together and to persevere in building unity amidst the diversity and multicultural aspects that were the hallmarks of the Mauritian nation. The Prime Minister urged everyone to live in peace and harmony, while being proud of their ancestors and remembering the past. Pravind





Jugnauth says that it is only through remembrance that justice can be done to slaves and indentured labourers. He stated that for what our ancestors did for the country, we have a duty to stay united. He added that the flame of unity should be preserved and nourished as some are trying to set the country on fire. He denounced an attempt by some people to jeopardize social peace. As for the Minister of Arts and Cultural Heritage, Mr Avinash Teeluck, he invited the audience to cast their mind back to the time of the arrival of the first Indentured Labourers, and to reflect on their living a n d w o r k i n g c o n d i t i o n s. Mr Teeluck spoke as well of the wreath laying ceremony that

was held on 1st November 2022 at Antoinette Phooliyar in Barlow where the first 36 Indian Immigrants lived after their arrival in Mauritius.

The Minister announced that an indentured village would be constructed at Antoinette Phooliyar in Barlow to present a living picture of the indentured experience. He indicated that thorough research had been undertaken and was ongoing to deliver a factual rendition of life and circumstances at that time.

For her part, the High Commissioner of the Republic of India dwelt upon the prominent and active role of the Indian Diaspora in the world. She affirmed that Mauritius epitomised the spirit of the Pravasi Bhartiya Divas and seized the opportunity to invite people from Mauritius to participate in the 17th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas which would be hosted in Indore, Madhya Pradesh, in India, in January 2023. The Pravasi Bhartiya Divas is celebrated on 09 January, to commemorate the date of the return of Mahatma Gandhi from South Africa to India in 1915 and highlight the contribution of the overseas Indian community to the development of India.

PM Modi embarks on three-day visit to Indonesia to attend G20 Summit in Bali

India Prime Minister Narendra Modi embarked on a three-day visit to Indonesia, on November 14 to attend the 17th G20 Summit in Bali. During the Summit, G20 Leaders will deliberate upon key issues of global concern under the Summit theme of "Recover Together, Recover Stronger". Three working sessions will be held as part of the G20 Summit Agenda. These are food and energy security, health, and digital transformation. The G20 Summit programme also includes a Leaders' visit to a mangrove forest in Bali on the 16th of this month. On the sidelines of the Summit, Prime Minister Modi will have several bilateral interactions with the G20 leaders to brief them on India's evolving G20 priorities. He will also address and interact with the Indian community in Bali. At the closing session of the Summit, the Indonesian President will symbolically hand over the G20 Presidency to Prime Minister Modi. India will formally assume the G20 Presidency from 1st December this year.

India to Grant Citizenship to Pakistan, Bangladesh, Afghan Minorities under 1955 Act

The Centre decided to grant Indian citizenship to Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis, and Christians coming from Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan and currently living in two districts of Gujarat under the Citizenship Act, 1955.

According to a Union home ministry notification, those Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis, and Christians residing in the districts of Anand and Mehsana in Gujarat will be allowed registration as a citizen of India under section 5 or will be granted certificate of naturalisation under section 6 of the Citizenship Act, 1955 and in accordance with the provisions of the Citizenship Rules, 2009.

Such people living in the two districts of Gujarat have to submit their applications online which will then be verified by the collector at the district level. The application and reports thereon shall be simultaneously made accessible online to the central government.



'We must continue to believe in the power of diplomacy,' India says in UN speech

India was represented at the opening of the 77th General Assembly on 24 September 2022 by Minister of External Affairs Dr Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, who reminded his audience that India is celebrating 75 years of independence, which he described as a story of the "toil, determination, innovation, and enterprise of millions of ordinary Indians".

The Minister outlined India's commitment to multilateralism, evidenced, he said, by the decision to supply vaccines to over 100 nations, provide disaster relief to those in distress, and partner with other countries, with a focus on green growth, better connectivity, digital delivery and accessible health. Mr. Jaishankar declared that India is filling gaps in humanitarian needs in nearby countries and regions, mentioning the supplies of 50,000 metric tonnes of wheat and multiple tranches of medicines and vaccines sent to Afghanistan, the extension of \$3.8 billion worth of credit to Sri Lanka for fuel, essential commodities and trade settlement, and the supply of 10,000 metric tons of food aid and vaccine shipments to Myanmar.

Whose side are we on?

Turning to the war in Ukraine, Mr. Jaishankar raised the question of whether India sides with Ukraine or Russia. "India is on the side of peace and will remain firmly there," he said. "We are on the side that respects the UN Charter and its founding principles. We are on the side that calls for dialogue and diplomacy as the only way out". He went on to note that, with food, fuel, and fertilizer costs rising, it is in the interests of the international community to work

India was represented at the constructively to find an early *opening of the 77th General* resolution to the war.

World 'poised for transformational change'

Noting that the COVID-19 pandemic has called into question the overcentralized nature of globalization, Mr. Jaishankar said that the world is poised for "transformational change". The war in Ukraine and climate events have also, he continued, added to the disruption the world is already facing. The Minister declared that India is pursuing climate action and climate justice, and stands ready to "support any collective and equitable endeavour to protect our environment and to further global wellness." India's approach, he explained, is based on principles of mutual respect and national ownership with a commitment to sustainable development for all, and he announced that, as it assumes the presidency of the G20 organization of advanced economies, India will work with other members to address serious issues of debt, economic growth, food and energy security and the environment.

'Zero-tolerance on terrorism'

India will end its time as a nonpermanent member of the UN Security Council in 2022, and Mr. Jaishankar noted some of the country's achievements during its tenure. At the Security Council, he said. India has focused on concerns such as maritime security, peacekeeping and counter-terrorism. On the latter, he mentioned the special meeting of the Counter Terrorism Committee this year, hosted in India, which chairs the Committee, and invited Member States to participate. The meeting will focus on new and emerging



technologies, and Mr. Jaishankar said that a new global architecture is needed, in response new technology tools that are being deployed against open, diverse and pluralistic societies. "Having borne the brunt of cross border terrorism for decades, India firmly advocates a 'zerotolerance' approach," announced Mr. Jaishankar. "In our view, there is no justification for any act of terrorism, regardless of motivation. And no rhetoric, however sanctimonious, can ever hide blood-stained hands".

Reform 'anachronistic' Security Council

Reforming the Security Council is needed because is currently "anachronistic and ineffective," claimed the Minister. He described it as deeply unfair, denying entire continents and regions a voice in a forum that deliberates their future. Mr. Jaishankar called for serious negotiations on the matter to be decisively addressed, and for serious negotiations to proceed sincerely, rather than being blocked by procedural tactics. "We believe and advocate that this is not an era of war and conflict," concluded Mr. Jaishankar. "On the contrary, it is a time for development and cooperation...It is vital that we continue to believe in the promise of diplomacy and the need for international cooperation."

G20 SUMMIT: INDIA TAKES CHARGE ON THE WORLD STAGE



In a historic moment, Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi unveiled the logo, theme, and website of India's Group of 20 (G20) presidency on 8 November 2022. The vision and objectives he outlined for India and the world have raised the already massive expectations from the presidency and further entrenched India as an architect of the global agenda. India's assumption of the G20 presidency is consonant with the PM's mission of undertaking leadership roles on the international stage that will allow the nation to steer change, engineer sustainability, champion the causes of emerging economies, and advance growth.

With PM Modi framing India's imminent interventions at the G20 within the ethos of vasudhaiva kutumbakam (the world is one family), there is every indication that the qualities of inclusiveness and cooperation for the common good will prevail. Major Indian climate initiatives have recently been set into motion with the invocation of Mata bhumiah putroham prithiviyah, signifying that the earth is our mother, and we are her children. Similarly, the names of initiatives, such as the One Sun, One World, One Grid programme that India will build upon with partners at G20, reflect a spirit of unity and a shared future. As the PM observed while unveiling the G20 logo, the lotus represents shared knowledge, prosperity, and hope. These ideas stem from India's tradition of building consensus through dialogue.

The very colours of the Indian flag on the logo assume a certain symbolic significance. Saffron has traditionally been associated with strength and courage, and these qualities are amply borne out by India's pragmatic, bold stand on climate action. The PM has set about dismantling the West's hollow and fitful climate commitments. His newly launched mission, LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment), aims to promote sustainable and healthy lifestyles. It will democratise efforts to tackle the climate crisis, going beyond policymaking and encouraging every individual to contribute to the climate response. PM Modi has become perhaps the first political leader to state upfront and honestly that climate action will require lifestyle changes and sacrifices. Hitherto, heads of government across the world, particularly in the West, have provided glib assurances of zero lifestyle and consumption compromises while still promising to fight the climate crisis. For that courageous mindset change alone, India's G20 leadership provides hope.

The green of the Indian Tricolour symbolises the fertility of the land and the richness of its biodiversity. Equally, it appears to reflect the seriousness with which India has approached its green commitments. India's annual per capita carbon footprint is well under 2 tonnes, about a fourth of China's and one-eighth of that of the United States. Nonetheless, the country pledged ambitious Nationally Determined Contributions, committing to reduce the emissions intensity of its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by 45% from 2005 levels by 2030, and, by the same year, install around 50% of electric power from energy resources that are not fossil-fuel-based.

Even as much of the global discourse around climate response continues to focus on mitigation, India's G20 presidency will allow it to push the adaptation agenda. This will be especially important for developing nations as they struggle to adapt to emissions already released by industrially advanced countries. India must continue to counter the tendency of developed nations to hold their less advanced counterparts captive to their caprices. Climate justice and equity must become the norm.

Reimagine the blue chakra (wheel) at the heart of the Tricolour as a blue earth in silhouette. The World Economic Forum has argued that G20 must promote a sustainable blue economy. Oceans, coasts, and the resources they harbour could act as engines of economic growth. G20 nations - which make up 45% of the world's coastline and 21% of its exclusive economic zones - are extraordinarily well placed to foster blue development. As India leads the G20, its farsightedness about the blue economy could prove exemplary. India is finalising its national policy on the blue economy. a holistic plan to optimize all maritime sectors and develop coastal areas sustainably. Once ready, the policy could well serve as a model for other G20 nations.

Finally, India's G20 presidency comes at a moment when the country is well on track to become a \$5-trillion economy, despite the multiple challenges to growth caused by the pandemic. Technology is working for and with citizens to unleash unprecedented value and entrepreneurial potential. The resulting model is uniquely Indian. Not only has the nation emerged as the world's first and largest truly digital democracy, but it is also catalyzing the evolution of digital public goods, and citizens are producing value using them.

Digital payments in India could reach \$10 trillion by 2026, and the country's digital economy alone is expected to cross \$800 billion by 2030. Boosting the global digital economy has been a core G20 objective. Helmed by India, the group will be able to draw on a wealth of cross-sectoral experience, technical expertise, and innovations that can be applied at scale.

Driven by political will, spurred by technological breakthroughs, and fuelled by an unusual optimism, 2023 will be a watershed year for India. There could not be a more consequential time to lead the comity of influential nations.

Courtesy-Hindustan Times

Cultural, Economic and Civilizational Ties Existed between India and South East Asia from Time Immemorial- Vice President, Dhankar



Addressing the 19th ASEAN-India Summit, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar said that India-ASEAN relationship forms the central pillar of India's Act-East policy. Vice President emphasized that India places great value on ASEAN as an important pillar of regional, multilateral and global order. India and Cambodia signed four MoUs in the areas of culture, wildlife and health. The MoUs were inked following bilateral talks between Vice President Dhankhar and Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen on the sidelines of the ongoing ASEAN Summit at Phnom Penh. During the meeting, wide-ranging discussions were held on several issues.

The Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia, Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo HUN SEN took ASEAN Chairmanship on 28 October



On this occasion, he expressed great appreciation to His Majesty the Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah of Brunei, for steering ASEAN in 2021 under the theme "We Care, We Prepare, We Prosper". As the Chair of ASEAN in 2022, he asserted, Cambodia will steer ASEAN's collective efforts to accomplish our important tasks, especially expediting the building process of an equitable, strong, and inclusive ASEAN Community, which are in line with core spirit of ASEAN: One Vision, One Identity and One Community. In this regard, Cambodia would like to underscore key priorities for 2022.

Visit of Minister of State for External Affairs Shri V. Muraleedharan to the Federative Republic of Brazil

Minister of State (MoS) for External Affairs and Parliamentary Affairs Shri V. Muraleedharan will be paying an official visit to the Federative Republic of Brazil from 7 - 8 November, 2022. This will be his first ever visit to Brazil and is part of the high level exchanges between India and Brazil. During the visit, MoS will attend the Solemn Session on 75 years of India's Independence on 8 November 2022, to be held in the Brazilian Parliament (Congresso Nacional). He will address the congregation of Brazilian Parliamentarians, both from the upper and lower house; representatives of the Diplomatic Corps and International Organizations; representatives of the Brazilian Government and Friends of India. During the visit, MoS will call on the Vice President of Brazil and have interactions at the Brazilian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He will also meet the Indian community at Sao Paulo and participate in a reception in Brasilia with members of the Congress and Senate, Diplomats, members of Brazilian Government and the Indian community.

Information Goodwill Delegation

ARSP goodwill delegation has been planned to visit Israel and Vietnam. Both the groups are separate.

The tentative programme for Israel is sometime in the month of February, 2023.

Second programme for Vietnam is planned in the month of March-April-2023. Office of the ARSP will communicate you the details of both delegations in course of time.

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Diplomatic Postings

the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire.

Slovak Republic.

of India to Bosnia and Herzegovina with residence Republic of Madagascar. in Budapest.

next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Guinea.

Dr. Adarsh Swaika (IFS: 2002), presently Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the State of Kuwait.

Ms. Gloria Gangte (IFS: 2000), presently Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs, has been Shri Prakash Chand (YOA: 2004), presently Consul appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Malta.

Dr. Rajesh Ranjan (IFS: 2001), presently High Shri Vanlalhuma (IFS: 1990), presently Ambassador of Commissioner of India to the Republic of Botswana, has India to the Slovak Republic, has been appointed as the been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Colombia.

Ms. Apoorva Srivastava (IFS: 2001), presently Consul Shri Dinkar Asthana (IFS: 1990), presently Ambassador General, Consulate General of India, Toronto, has been of India to the Lao People's Democratic Republic, has appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Senegal.

Shri Partha Satpathy (IFS: 1990) presently Shri Bandaru Wilsonbabu (IFS: 2004), presently Joint Ambassador of India to the Republic of Hungary, has Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs, has been been concurrently accredited as the next Ambassador appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the

Shri G. Balasubramanian (IFS: 1998) presently High Shri Avtar Singh (YOA: 2006), presently Director in the Commissioner of India to the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Ministry of External Affairs, has been appointed as the has been concurrently accredited as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Benin, with residence in Abuja.

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> General, Consulate General of India, Bali, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the State of Eritrea.



Indian origin Rishi Sunak was appointed as the UK Prime Minister



Rishi Sunak was appointed as the UK Prime Minister on 25 October 2022. He is the **fifth Conservative party leader elected** to the top post in the past 6 years. Rishi Sunak is the first person of Indian origin to become the British Prime Minister.

In September, Rishi Sunak had lost the Conservative Party leadership contest to Liz Truss, who went on to formally take charge as the UK prime minister. However, Truss could not get a guick handle on the crisis plaguing the nation and was forced to resign after being in power for just 45 days. Rishi Sunak was elected unopposed as the new leader of the Conservative Party as his rival Penny Mordaunt withdrew from the race.

Mr Sunak was previously appointed Chancellor of the Exchequer from 13 February 2020 to 5 July 2022. He was Chief Secretary to the Treasury from 24 July 2019 to 13 February 2020, and Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government from 9 January 2018 to 24 July 2019. Rishi went to Winchester College and studied Politics, Philosophy and Economics at Oxford University. He was also a Fulbright Scholar at Stanford University (USA) where he studied for his MBA. Rishi spent his professional career before politics in business and finance, working internationally. He co-founded an investment firm working with companies in multiple geographies. He then used that experience to help small and entrepreneurial British companies grow.

Indian Americans celebrated the swearing-in of Indian origin Rishi Sunak as the United Kingdom's Prime Minister and said it was a big day for the overseas Indian community. 'This was a big Diwali present for the diaspora. Rishi was already on the Indiaspora government leaders list and we welcome him and wish him well as he takes office!" Silicon Valley-based entrepreneur and Indiaspora founder MR Rangaswami said.



OBITUARY

Shri Chandra Shekhar Randev passed away at Noida(UP) peacefully on 11 September 2022. He was a career diplomat having completed 33 years in the Indian Foreign Service. Following his retirement in 2010 from active diplomatic service, Shri Randev became a Legal consultant for the Ministry of External Affairs. He was also a member of the Bar Council, Delhi High Court since 2010. He was the Co-founder of Ahem Asmi Trust and Family Counsel at Randev Ventures. Randev Senior Life Member of ARSP and Joint Secretary 2016-18, he was founder member/and Secretary of PIOCCI.

Shri Randev was a dynamic, strong and hard working man who invested most of his life in humanitarian works. We at ARSP pay a heartfelt tribute to him. He will always be fondly remembered.

Days to Remember

in December, 2022

December 01 : Romania - National Day

December 01 : World AIDS Day

December 02 : LAOS - National Day

December 02 : United Arab Emirates- National Day

December 04 : Indian Navy Day

December 07 : Purnima

December 10 : Human Rights Day

December 12 : Kenya - National Day December 16 : Vijay Divas December 16 : Bahrain - National Day December 16 : Kazakhstan - Independence Day December 18 : Qatar - National Day December 22 : Amavasya

प्रवासी साहित्य लेखन पर विमर्श

प्रवासी साहित्य का लेखन यूं तो 1834 में गुलामी की समाप्ति के बाद न्याय और समानता का अधिकार मिलने के साथ ही छिटपुट होता रहा है लेकिन इसका क्रमबद्ध इतिहास बीसवीं शताब्दी के दूसरे दशक के बाद से माना जा सकता है। इसे महात्मा गांधी के दक्षिण अफ्रीका के 21 वर्षों के संघर्षमय जीवनयात्रा से जोडकर भी देखते हैं। सही अर्थों में यह भारत के प्रवासी समुदाय से एकात्मक स्थापित करने के लिए पहल की तरह था, जो कम समय में गिरमिटिया बने भारतीय मजदरों में नई चेतना का संचार किया। उनमें स्वत्व का भाव जगाते हए अपनी संस्कृति और भाषा को अक्षुण्ण बनाए रखने का भाव पुष्ट किया। मारीशर्स, फिजी, सुरीनाम, त्रिनिदाद आदि देशों में भारतवंशियों की रचनाओं में यह दिखता भी है।

उक्त बातें केंद्रीय हिंदी शिक्षण मंडल के उपाध्यक्ष अनिल शर्मा जोशी ने प्रवासी प्रवासी साहित्य लेखन विमर्श कार्यक्रम के दौरान श्री नारायण कुमार हेंस बेसलर को पुस्तक प्रदान करते हुए साथ में खढे हैं अनिल शर्मा जोशी तथा राकेश पाण्डेय । रिसर्च एंड रिसर्च सेंटर, अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सहयोग परिषद की देखरेख में दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय के गुरु नानक देव खालसा कॉलेज में 30 घंटे का भारतीय



डायस्पोरा कासंक्षिप्त पाठ्यक्रम शुरू किया गया है। इस उपलक्ष में दिनांक 19 अक्टूबर 2022 को दिल्ली स्थित प्रवासी भवन में आयोजित कार्यक्रम के दौरान स्वीडन के प्राध्यापक हेंस बेसलर तथा अनिल शर्मा जोशी ने प्रवासी साहित्य लेखन पर सारगर्भित वक्तव्य दिया। श्री वेसलर ने कहा कि दुनिया भर में हिंदी का भविष्य उज्जवल है लेकिन अभी भी प्रवासी लोग अंग्रेजी बोलते हैं। हिंदी अभी द्वितीय भाषा नहीं है, संपर्क भाषा के रूप में वहां इस्तेमाल की जाती है। कार्यक्रम के दौरान त्रिनिदाद के सतनारायण बालकरण सिंह, अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सहयोग परिषद के महासचिव श्याम पराडे तथा मानद निदेशक नारायण कुमार ने भी अपने उदगार व्यक्त किए। गूरु नानक खालसा कॉलेज की असिस्टेंट प्रोफेसर सुश्री कोमल ने सभी अतिथियों का आभार व्यक्त किया।



ब्रिटेन के हिन्दी छात्रों का प्रवासी भवन में स्वागत

ब्रिटेन से आए छात्र दल का समूह चित्र।

अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सहयोग परिषद, केंद्रीय हिंदी संस्थान तथा वैश्विक हिंदी परिवार की ओर से यूके हिंदी समिति की संयोजक सुश्री सुरेखा चोफला के नेतृत्व में भारत यात्रा पर आए विद्यार्थियों सहित 16 सदस्य टीम का स्वागत किया गया। दिनांक 26 अक्टूबर 2022 को दिल्ली के प्रवासी भवन में आयोजित कार्यक्रम के दौरान केंद्रीय हिंदी शिक्षण मंडल के उपाध्यक्ष अनिल जोशी अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सहयोग परिषद के महासचिव श्याम परांडे व नारायण कुमार ने अतिथियों को अंगवस्त्रम से सम्मानित किया तथा समवेत स्वर में कहा कि इस यात्रा से दोनों देशों के बीच संबंध मधुर होंगे वही हिंदी भाषा का भी व्यापक विस्तार होगा। सम्मान समारोह के दौरान ब्रिटेन से आए छात्रों ने अपना अनुभव साझा किया तथा हिंदी के प्रति आकर्षण को व्यक्त किया। प्रतिनिधिमंडल के एक सदस्य ने हिन्दी के राष्ट्रकवि रामधारी सिंह दिनकर रचित रश्मिरथी का सस्वर पाठ कर श्रोताओं को मंत्रमुग्ध कर दिया। कुछ अन्य छात्रों ने भी हिन्दी की कविताओं एवं फिल्मी गीतों को प्रभावकारी ढंग से प्रस्तुत किया। छात्रों का यह दल 26 अक्टूबर से 6 नवंबर तक भारत में रहकर हिंदी ज्ञान अर्जित करेगा।

अमेरिका से पधारे शैक्षिक सांस्कृतिक प्रतिनिधिमंडल के साथ चर्चा परिचर्चा का भव्य आयोजन



अमेरिकी शिक्षा विभाग द्वारा प्रायोजित न्यूसजर्सी युवा हिंदी संस्थाीन के 20 सदस्यीय अध्यन दल का समूह चित्र।

दिनांक 30 अक्टूबर,2022 को अमेरिकी शिक्षा विभाग द्वारा प्रायोजित फुलब्राइट हेस कार्यक्रम, 2022 के तहत न्यूजर्सी के युवा हिंदी संस्थान का 20 सदस्यीय अध्ययन दल का केंद्रीय हिंदी संस्थान ने गर्म जोशी से स्वागत किया है। अशोक ओझा के नेतृत्व में आए दल का संस्थान के दिल्ली केंद्र पर औपचारिक स्वाागत सत्कार के बाद हिंदी के विकास को लेकर महत्वपूर्ण चर्चा परिचर्चा आयोजित की गई। परिचर्चा कार्यक्रम की अध्यक्षता श्री अनिल शर्मा 'जोशी' उपाध्यक्ष केंद्रीय हिंदी शिक्षण मंडल ने की। इस अवसर पर केंद्रीय हिंदी संस्थान आगरा की निदेशक प्रो. बीना शर्मा, वरिष्ठ पत्रकार और भाषाकर्मी राहुल देव, अमेरिकी प्रतिनिधिमंडल का नेतृत्व कर रहे अशोक ओझा के साथ—साथ भारत के राष्ट्रपति द्वारा सम्मानित हिंदी प्राध्यापक प्रोफेसर गैब्रिएला निक इलोवा ने आयोजन को महत्वपूर्ण बताते हुए अपनी बात रखी।

चार सप्ताह के लिए भारत दौरे पर आए दल के सदस्य देश के विभिन्न हिस्सो का भ्रमण कर भारतीय समाज, भारतीय पर्यावरण आदि से जुड़े विषयों पर शैक्षणिक सामग्री इकट्ठा करेंगे तथा उसका उपयोग अपने देश में हिंदी के विस्तार के लिए करेंगे।

केंद्रीय हिंदी संस्थान, दिल्ली केंद्र के सभागार में कार्यक्रम का आरंभ करते हुए तत्कालीन क्षेत्रीय निदेशक डॉ. प्रमोद शर्मा ने स्वागत समारोह में उपस्थित अतिथियों का अभिनंदन किया तथा कहा कि इस महत्वपूर्ण प्रतिनिधिमंडल के आगमन से हमारा केंद्र गौरवान्वित महसूस कर रहा है और इस तरह के कार्यक्रमों से हिंदी शिक्षण को नया आयाम मिलेगा तथा हिंदी की पहुँच और अधिक बढ़ेगी। दिल्ली केंद्र की प्राध्यापक डॉ. मंजू राय ने दिल्ली केंद्र की शिक्षा प्रणाली (विदेशी भाषा के रूप में हिंदी) का विस्तार से परिचय दिया, वहीं डॉ. योगेन्द्र कुमार ने केंद्रीय हिंदी संस्थान, आगरा की समग्र कार्यप्रणाली व उद्देश्य को श्रोताओं के समक्ष रखा। प्रतिनिधि मंडल के निदेशक अशोक ओझा जी ने फुलब्राइट हेस ग्रुप का परिचय देते हुए उसके विस्तृत लक्ष्य को ना केवल स्पष्ट किया वरन हिंदी शिक्षण के क्षेत्र में उनकी टीम द्वारा किए गए महत्वपूर्ण कार्यों से भी अवगत कराया। इस क्रम में प्रोफेसर गैब्रिएला निक इलोवा जी ने भी विदेशी भाषा के रूप में हिंदी शिक्षण में किए जा रहे अपनी अनोखी शिक्षण प्रणालियों से सबको अवगत कराया।

संस्थान की निदेशक प्रो. बीना शर्मा ने प्रतिनिधिमंडल के आगमन पर अत्यधिक हर्ष प्रकट करते हुए हिंदी शिक्षण क्षेत्र में उनके द्वारा किए जा रहे उत्कृष्ट वैश्विक विकास के लिए उनकी भूरि—भूरि प्रशंसा की।

वरिष्ठ पत्रकार एवं भाषाकर्मी श्री राहुल देव ने अपने वक्तव्य में अमेरिका से आए इस प्रतिनिधिमंडल के द्वारा किए जा रहे कार्यों पर गर्व मिश्रित प्रसन्नता व्यक्त की तथा भारत के भाषाई परिप्रेक्ष्य पर विस्तार से प्रकाश डाला।

केंद्रीय हिंदी शिक्षण मण्डल के उपाध्यक्ष श्री अनिल शर्मा 'जोशी' ने चर्चा परिचर्चा पर संतोष व्यक्त किया। उनका मानना था कि इस तरह के कार्यक्रमों के आयोजन से निरंतर विचार–विमर्श से एक दूसरे को जानने का समझने का मौका मिलता है वहीं लक्ष्य प्राप्त करने में भी सुविधा होती है। कार्यक्रम का संयोजन व संचालन डॉ. अपर्णा सारस्वत ने किया। अंत में दिल्ली केंद्र की प्राध्यापक डॉ. ऋचा गुप्ता ने सभी को धन्यवाद ज्ञापित किया।

प्रवासी साहित्यकारों का स्वागत



दिल्ली केंद्र पर प्रवासी साहित्यकारों का स्वागत।

केंद्रीय हिंदी संस्थान, दिल्ली केंद्र पर अमेरिका से आए श्री अनूप भार्गव, ब्रिटेन की श्रीमती जय वर्मा तथा न्यूजीलैंड से पधारे श्री रोहित कुमार हैप्पी का भव्य स्वागत किया गया। अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सहयोग परिषद के मानद निदेशक श्री नारायण कुमार की अध्यक्षता एवं केंद्रीय हिंदी शिक्षण मण्डल के उपाध्यक्ष अनिल शर्मा जोशी के सान्निध्य में आयोजित कार्यक्रम के दौरान अतिथियों को अंगवस्त्रम् पहनाकर सम्मानित किया तथा इस अवसर पर एक संक्षिप्ता काव्य गोष्ठी भी आयोजित की गई। प्रवासी साहित्यकारों के साथ—साथ जवाहर लाल नेहरू विश्वयविद्यालय के प्रो. सुधीर प्रताप सिंह ने भी अपना विचार रखा। वहीं एनटीपीसी सिंगरौली में कार्यरत डॉ. ओमप्रकाश जी ने अपनी कविता सुनाई।

केंद्रीय हिंदी संस्थान के दिल्ली केंद्र पर आयोजित कार्यक्रम के दौरान अतिथियों का परिचय एवं स्वागत क्षेत्रीय निदेशक मंजु राय ने किया वहीं कार्यक्रम का संचालन दिल्ली केंद्र की असिस्टेंट प्रोफेसर डॉ. ऋचा गुप्ता ने किया। दिल्ली केंद्र के एसोसिएट प्रोफेसर डॉ. योगेन्द्र कुमार ने केंद्रीय हिंदी संस्थान मुख्यालय सहित उसके सभी आठों केंद्रों की गतिविधियों से अतिथियों को अवगत कराया।

अमेरिका के प्रवासी साहित्यकार अनूप भार्गव ने साहित्य में तकनीक एवं प्रौद्योगिकी के प्रयोग की आवश्यकता पर बल दिया। रोहित कुमार हैप्पी ने कबीर की शैली में दोहे सुनाकर वातावरण को कुछ देर के लिए कबीरमय कर दिया। उन्होंने कहा कि आज कविता के लिए कवियों की संख्या असंख्यक है पर कबीर कोई नहीं दिखता। श्रीमती जय वर्मा ने भी अपनी कविता से सबका ध्यान खींचा। श्री ओम प्रकाश ने अपनी भोव प्रवण कविता से लोगों को मंत्रमुग्ध कर दिया।

कार्यक्रम की अध्यक्षता कर रहे श्री नारायण कुमार ने अपने सारगर्भित एवं संक्षिप्त वक्तंव्य में परंपरा और प्रगति को रेखांकित करते हुए कहा कि कोई भी तकनीकी, प्रौद्योगिकी विकास परंपरा से कटकर नहीं हो सकता। यह ठीक उसी तरह होता है जैसे जब हम चलने के लिए एक पैर आगे बढ़ाते है तो दूसरा पैर मजबूती के साथ जमीन को पकड़े रहता है। जमीन से दोनों पैर एक साथ उठाकर कोई यात्रा नहीं हो सकती।

केंद्रीय हिंदी शिक्षण मण्डल के उपाध्यक्ष अनिल शर्मा जोशी ने कार्यक्रम पर प्रसन्नता प्रकट की तथा प्रवासी साहित्यिक लेखन के बारे में विस्तार से चर्चा की। उन्होंने कहा कि दुनिया के अधिकांश देशों में प्रवासी साहित्य का कार्य गति के साथ आगे बढ़ रहा है। उन्होंने यह भी कहा कि तकनीक के कारण प्रवासी साहित्य का सुनहरा काल सामने दिखने लगा है। इस दौरान दिल्ली केंद्र के विदेशी विद्यार्थियों ने भी अतिथियों से प्रश्न किया तथा अपने–अपने अनुभव साझे किए। कार्यक्रम के अंत में एसोसिएट प्रोफेसर डॉ. अपर्णा सारस्वत ने सभी अतिथियों / प्रतिभागियों का आभार ज्ञापित किया।

दुनिया के शीर्ष दो फीसदी वैज्ञानिकों में BHU के 74 शिक्षक, स्टेनफोर्ड यूनिवर्सिटी ने जारी की सूची



अमेरिका के कैलिफोर्निया में स्थित स्टेनफोर्ड की ओर से हर साल जारी होने वाली दुनिया के शीर्ष दो प्रतिशत वैज्ञानिकों की सूची में इस बार आईआईटी बीएचयू के 32 वैज्ञानिकों समेत कुल 74 वैज्ञानिकों के नाम शामिल हैं। इसमें बीएचयू के 36 और आईएमएस बीएचयू के छह चिकित्सकों का नाम भी सूची में है।

यूनिवर्सिटी की ओर से शीर्ष वैज्ञानिकों की सूची जारी की जाती है। इसमें कार्यों के आधार पर वैज्ञानिकों का मूल्यांकन किया जाता है। हाल ही में जो सूची जारी हुई है, उसमें आईएमएस बीएचयू के मेडिसिन विभाग से प्रो. श्याम सुंदर के साथ ही दंत चिकित्सा संकाय के पूर्व प्रमुख प्रो. टी.पी. चतुर्वेदी, प्रो. यामिनी भूषण त्रिपाठी, प्रो.वी. क. शुक्ला समेत छह लोग हैं।



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इसके अलावा बीएचयू से जंतु विज्ञान विभाग से प्रो. ज्ञानेश्वर चौबे, डॉ. विनोद कुमार तिवारी, प्रो.आरएस दूबे, प्रो.एनके दूबे, डॉ. प्रत्युष शुक्ला, डॉ. प्रशांत श्रीवास्तव समेत 36 वैज्ञानिकों को शीर्ष सूची में रखा गया है। प्रो. ज्ञानेश्वर चौबे ने बताया कि इस तरह की उपलब्धियों से आगे बढ़कर काम करने की प्रेरणा मिलती रहती है।

यूनिवर्सिटी की ओर से हर साल वैश्विक स्तर पर शोध के आधार पर मूल्यांकन किया जाता है। इसके अलावा आईआईटी बीएचयू से प्रो. राजीव प्रकाश, डॉ. जहर सरकार, एस भट्टाचार्या, ब्रहेश्वर मिश्रा सहित दस लोगों को सूची में शामिल किया गया है।

12 वां विश्व हिंदी सम्मेलन फरवरी 2023 में नांडी, फिजी में होगा



अगले विश्व हिन्दी सम्मेलन का आयोजन 15–17 फरवरी 2023 को फिजी गणराज्य–नांडी में होगा। विदेश राज्य मंत्री वी मुरलीधरन ने यह जानकारी दी। विदेश मंत्री एस जयशंकर ने इस अवसर पर 12वें विश्व हिन्दी सम्मेलन के शुभंकर और वेबसाइट का लोकार्पण किया। विदेशराज्यमंत्री वी. मुरलीधरन ने एक कार्यक्रम को संबोधित करते हुए कहा कि 12 वें विश्व हिन्दी सम्मेलन का आयोजन अगले साल 15–17 फरवरी तक फिजी गणराज्य–नांडी में किया जायेगा। इसका आयोजन विदेश मंत्रालय और फिजी सरकार के सहयोग से किया जा रहा है।

विश्व हिन्दी सम्मेलन के शुभंकर का चयन एक विश्वस्तरीय प्रतिस्पर्धा के माध्यम से किया गया है। इसके लिये 1436 प्रविष्टियां प्राप्त हुई थीं और इनमें से 78 प्रविष्टियों पर अंतिम रूप से विचार करने के बाद मुम्बई के मुन्ना कुशवाहा द्वारा परिकल्पित शुभंकर का चयन किया गया। जिन्हें 75 हजार रूपये का नकद पुरस्कार दिया जायेगा। विदेश राज्य मंत्री वी. मुरलीधरन ने कहा कि फिजी में हिन्दी की शिक्षा को बढ़ावा देने के लिये भारत की ओर से एक भाषा प्रयोगशाला भेंट की जायेगी जिसके माध्यम से लोगों को सुगमता से हिन्दी सीखने में मदद मिलेगी।

मुरलीधरन ने कहा कि नवंबर में सभी विषयों पर चर्चा करने के बाद सम्मेलन के आयोजन को लेकर विस्तृत कार्ययोजना तैयार की जायेगी। उन्होंने कहा कि पिछले 11 सम्मेलनों के अनुभवों और पिछले पांच वर्षी में दुनिया में आए बदलाव को ध्यान में रखते हुए कार्यक्रम को अंतिम रूप दिया जायेगा। फिजी में तीन भाषाओं को सरकारी स्तर पर मान्यता है जिनमें से एक हिन्दी भी है। संयुक्त राष्ट्र (2020) के अनुसार, फिजी की जनसंख्या करीब 8,96,000 है और उनमें से 30 प्रतिशत से अधिक लोग भारतीय मूल के हैं।

भारतीय स्वाधीनता के अमृत महोत्सव के अवसर पर विशेष





गोपाल सिंह नेपाली का जन्म 11 अगस्त 1911 को बिहार के पश्चिमी चम्पारन के बेतिया में हुआ था। उनका मूल नाम गोपाल बहादुर सिंह था। इनका निधन 17 अप्रैल 1963 हुआ। उत्तर छायावाद के जिन कवियों ने कविता और गीत को जनता का कंठहार बनाया, गोपाल सिंह 'नेपाली' उनमें अहम थे।

गोपाल सिंह नेपाली हिन्दी एवं नेपाली के प्रसिद्ध कवि थे। उन्होने बम्बइया हिन्दी फिल्मों के लिये गाने भी लिखे। वे एक पत्रकार भी थे जिन्होने ''रतलाम टाइम्स'', चित्रपट, सुधा, एवं योगी नामक चार पत्रिकाओं का सम्पादन भी किया। सन् 1962 के चीनी आक्रमन के समय उन्होने कई देशभक्तिपूर्ण गीत एवं कविताएं लिखीं जिनमें 'सावन', 'कल्पना', 'नीलिमा', 'नवीन कल्पना करो' आदि बहुत प्रसिद्ध हैं।



गोपाल सिंह नेपाली (1911 - 1963)

चालीस करोड़ों को हिमालय ने पुकारा

धरती का मुकुट आज खड़ा डोल रहा है इतिहास में अध्याय नया खोल रहा है घायल है, अहिंसा का वजन तोल रहा है घोखे से गया छूट भाई—भाई का नारा। चालीस करोड़ों को हिमालय ने पुकारा।

है भूल हमारी, वह छुरी क्यों न निकाले तिब्बत को अगर चीन के करते न हवाले पड़ते न हिमालय के शिखर चोर के पाले समझा न सितारों ने घटाओं का इशारा। चालीस करोड़ों को हिमालय ने पुकारा।

ओ बात के बलवान! अहिंसा के पुजारी! बातों की नहीं आज तेरी आन की बारी बैठा ही रहा तू तो गयी लाज हमारी खा जाय कहीं जंग नहीं खड़ग दुधारा। चालीस करोड़ों को हिमालय ने पुकारा।

शकर की पुरी, चीन ने सेना को उतारा चालीस करोड़ों को हिमालय ने पुकारा हो जाय पराधीन नहीं गंग की धारा गंगा के किनारों ने शिवालय को पुकारा। चालीस करोड़ों को हिमालय ने पुकारा।

अम्बर के तले हिन्द की दीवार हिमालय सदियों से रहा शांति की मीनार हिमालय अब मांग रहा हिन्द से तलवार हिमालय भारत की तरफ चीन ने है पाँव पसारा। चालीस करोड़ों को हिमालय ने पुकारा।

हम भाई समझते जिसे दुनिया से उलझ के वह घेर रहा आज हमें बैरी समझ के चोरी भी करे और करे बात गरज के बर्फों में पिघलने को चला लाल सितारा। चालीस करोड़ों को हिमालय ने पुकारा।

> जागो कि बचाना है तुम्हें मानसरोवर रख ले न कोई छीन के कैलाश मनोहर ले ले न हमारी यह अमरनाथ धरोहर उजड़े न हिमालय तो अचल भाग्य तुम्हारा। चालीस करोड़ों को हिमालय ने पुकारा।

