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CELEBRATING BONDS BEYOND BORDERS-INDIA AND MAURITIUS



Under the joint auspices of Antar Rashtriya Sahayog Parishad (ARSP) and Vashvik Hindi Parivar Diaspora Research and Resource Centre organised the seminar under its “Dialogue with Diaspora” series on the occasion of 191st arrival day of Indians in Mauritius at Pravasi Bhawan, New Delhi, to celebrate “Bonds Beyond Borders of India and Mauritius”. His Excellency Prithvirajsing Roopun, former President of Mauritius, was the chief guest, and the programme was presided over by Ambassador Vinod Kumar, President, ARSP, New Delhi.

In his Introductory remark, Ambassador Sushil Singhal highlighted the bonds of friendship and cordial relations between India and Mauritius. Dr. Anita Verma, in her welcome address, said this is a special privilege for us to felicitate President Prithvirajsing Roopun and his wife, Mrs Sanjukta Roopun. We value their presence in this program. She emphasized the importance of such meetings to enhance people-to-people contact.

The Chief Guest, H. E. Mr. Roopun, said that he was overwhelmed by the warmth of the welcoming gesture in the Pravasi Bhawan. He stated that the bond between India and Mauritius is uniquely textured and blended with vibrant bonds and a high emotional index. He always views the dynamics of the Indo-Mauritian relationship from the angle of a never-ending “connect and reconnect”. He highlighted his visit to the Kali Mandir Temple in a village in northern India and correlated it with similar temples in the dense forests, as well as within the campus of the State Guest House in Mauritius. He recalled the visit of Mahatma Gandhi to Mauritius. He said that the principle of “Jio or Jino Do” (Live and Let Live) is inclusive, and sustainable to make this planet beautiful. He appreciated the dynamic role of Prime Minister Modi as champion of the cause of developing and underdeveloped countries and including the representation of Africa on the platform of G-20 during India's Presidency. Mr Roopun further stated that the visit of the

president, her Excellency Droupadi Murmu to Mauritius in March 2024, the visit of Prime Minister Modi to Mauritius in March 2025, and the recent visit of Mr Navinchandra Ramgulum, Prime Minister of Mauritius, to India in September 2025 have deepened the roots of bilateral relations in fast fast-forwarding mode. He also appreciated the contribution of Smt. Sunita Pahuja, former Second Secretary of Hindi and culture in Mauritius, for the promotion and promulgation of Hindi and Indian culture in Mauritius.

Amb. Anup Mudgal, Former High Commissioner of India to Mauritius, said that India and Mauritius have impressive record of cooperation in the economic, technical, and cultural fields. India and Mauritius are engaged in working out programs of meaningful cooperation in important branches of Science and Technology and have already initiated cooperation in the field of oceanographic studies and 'Blue Economics'.

Shri Mukesh Agarwal, Vice-President, ARSP, stated that, Shri Baleshwar Agrawal treated Mauritius as his second home and ARSP was regularly sending its goodwill delegation to Mauritius. He mentioned that present Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, also visited Mauritius as member of goodwill delegation of ARSP.

Shri Gopal Arora, Secretary, ARSP said that for the first time Baleshwar jee went to Mauritius by sea route to attend Arya samaj centenary celebration in Mauritius and people of Mauritius honoured him as "cultural ambassador of India to Mauritius".

Shri Mahendra Prasad Singh recollected his visit to Mauritius, where a play on Champaran Satyagraha Movement was staged under his direction with the support of local artists of Mauritius for a week.

Shri Vinaysheel Chaturvedi, Hon. Director, Vaishvik Hindi Parivar, opined that the visit of H.E. Roopun will further consolidate our relations.

Under his presidential remark, Shri Amb. Vinod Kumar, President, ARSP, said that he has great pleasure in extending his welcome to your Excellency, Shri Prithvirajsingh Roopun and his wife, Mrs Sanjukta Roopun at Pravasi Bhawan, in this program, organised by DRRC of ARSP.

India enjoys a special relationship with Mauritius-A relationship that drives sustenance from close ethnic bond and strong cultural ties that go back by 191 years. Indo-Mauritian relations have been strengthened by frequent high-level visits and fruitful people to people contact. ARSP is working hard to establish people-to-people relations between India and Mauritius.

The vote of thanks was given by Mr Narayan Kumar, Hon. Director of ARSP, and the program was moderated by Smt. Sunita Pahuja.



Shri Mukesh Aggarwal, Vice President ARSP presenting memento to H. E. Shri Prithvirajsingh Roopun



Shri Sanjay Bhalla, vice President ARSP presenting Angvastram to Smt. Sanjukta Roopun

COMMEMORATING THE 191ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARRIVAL OF INDIANS IN MAURITIUS: PM RAMGOOLAM PAYS TRIBUTE TO ARRIVAL OF FIRST INDENTURED LABOURERS



A wreath-laying ceremony at the Lotus Monument situated at Antoinette Phooliyar, Barlow, to commemorate the 191st Anniversary of the Arrival of Indentured Labourers in Mauritius, was held on 02 November 2025 in the presence of the Prime Minister of Mauritius, Dr Navinchandra Ramgoolam, and several Members of Mauritian Parliament.

Wreaths were laid by Prime Minister of Mauritius Ramgoolam; the Deputy Prime Minister of Mauritius, Mr. Paul Raymond Bérenger; the Minister of Arts and Culture of Mauritius, Mr. Mahendra Gondeea; and other eminent personalities.

Antoinette Phooliyar, Barlow, is the camp where the first indentured labourers were brought to work in the sugar plantations of Ex-Antoinette Sugar Estate.

A first batch of 36 Bihari indentured labourers arrived from Calcutta, India, and settled in Mauritius in 1834. The village Antoinette Phooliyar serves as a tribute to these workers and as a testament to Mauritius's role in the 'Great Experiment' of labour migration.

Earlier today a wreath-laying ceremony was held at the Aapravasi Ghat UNESCO World Heritage Site to mark the 191st anniversary of the arrival of Indentured Labourers in Mauritius.

The 2nd of November, a national public holiday, is a very important day for many Mauritians as it is a solemn and significant time of remembrance of our forefathers' struggles and contribution in shaping Mauritius's identity, culture, and socio-economic landscape.

2nd November 2025 marks the 191st anniversary of the arrival of the first Indian indentured labourers in Mauritius, a milestone in the shared history of India and Mauritius. The day is observed annually and known locally as Aapravasi Diwas ("Immigrant Arrival Day").

On 2nd November 1834, the ship *Atlas* arrived in Mauritius carrying the first group of Indian indentured labourers, marking the beginning of a large-scale migration from India. Over the decades, these arrivals transformed the demographic, cultural, and social fabric of the nation; today, a large portion of Mauritians are of Indian origin. The 191st anniversary is thus an opportunity to reflect on the resilience and contributions of those early settlers and their descendants. On this occasion, the High Commission of India said, "Today, we commemorate the 191st Anniversary of the Arrival of Indentured Labourers in Mauritius, a day that marks the courage, sacrifice and enduring legacy of our Indian community in Mauritius." Commemorations include wreath-laying at heritage sites such as Aapravasi Ghat (the Immigration Depot in Port Louis), where many arrivals physically landed. The program was also filled with Cultural programmes featuring music, dance, and culinary heritage, affirming the Indo-Mauritian identity and the interlinked India-Mauritius friendship. This day serves both as a remembrance of the hardships of indenture and a celebration of the community's growth and integration into Mauritius' progress.

This anniversary is both solemn and celebratory. It honours those who came under indenture, endured hardships, yet laid the foundations for a vibrant Indo-Mauritian community. It also honours the ongoing India-Mauritius partnership and the global Indian diaspora's role in shaping shared heritage. As Mauritius charts its path forward, the legacy of 191 years since 1834 invites us to acknowledge the past, honour community contributions, and reinforce bonds of friendship and cultural exchange with India.

DIALOGUE WITH DIASPORA AND BOOK RELEASE



Diaspora Research and Resource Centre (DRRC)-Antar Rashtriya Sahayog Parishad (ARSP) organised a book release function on 04 October 2025, at Pravasi Bhawan, New Delhi. This event is a continuation of the Dialogue with Diaspora series, in which two books, *The Wanderers (Batohiya)* and *Hosay Caribbean: Tadjahs on Wheels*, by Dr. Satnarine Balkaransingh, Author, Director, and Choreographer from Trinidad and Tobago, were released and reviewed. The program was presided over by Dr. Kavita A. Sharma, former President of South Asian University.

Shri Shyam Parande, Secretary General, ARSP, delivered the welcome address. He highlighted the foundational values of Antar Rashtriya Sahayog Parishad (ARSP) and the contribution of all the *Girmitya* countries. He also called the Indian diaspora the backbone of India's soft power across the globe.

Navnit Kumar, Senior Research Fellow, DRRC, presented the formal introductions of the chief guest and the author.

Dr. Nidhi Sharma, Assistant Professor, University of Delhi, speaking on the book, said that, "The Wanderers (Batohiya)", the poetic anthology of Dr. Satnarine Balkaransingh and Lal Balkaransingh as an intersection of memory, culture, and identity, working its way through their poem covers six decades, from the 1960s to the 2020s, yet they carry within them the resonance of nearly 90 years of Indo-Trinidadian history. While the collection of poems highlights the resilience of diasporic communities on one hand, it also celebrates the cultural history, for instance, the enactment of Ramayana through performance and preservation. The poems focus on memory as a dynamic and aesthetic force. The wonderers in both a memoir and a cultural archive, a lyrical negotiation with time, loss, and continuity, where remembering became an act of living. The book also highlighted the memory of performance, philosophy, memory, and migration as the pivotal foundation of the poetic voice that is committed to preserving the cultural greatness for future generations.

Dr. Aashtha Agarwal, Assistant Professor, University of Delhi, while delivering her views on the book 'Hosay Caribbean: Tadjahs on Wheels', said that *Hosay Caribbean: Tadjahs on Wheels* by Dr. Satnarine Balkaransingh is a profound exploration of memory, faith, and cultural resilience. Spanning thirty-three years of meticulous research, the book traces the journey of Hosay from Karbala's martyrdom to the streets of Trinidad and Tobago, where it transformed into a living expression of art, grief, and identity. Balkaransingh documents how the ritual evolved into a symbol of unity and resistance, particularly during the 1884 San Fernando Massacre- a "double martyrdom" linking Karbala and Caribbean struggle. Through vivid narratives, photographs, and testimonies, he celebrates the artisans whose creativity sustains the tadjah tradition amid modern challenges. The work reveals Hosay as more than religion. It is a hybrid heritage blending Indian, Islamic, African, and Creole influences. Ultimately, *Hosay Caribbean* stands as both documentation and devotion, preserving a culture that rolls forward on wheels of memory, artistry, and communal belonging.

Dr. Satnarine Balkaransingh, author of the book, presented his true words about the books after the formal release of the two books. He explained the whole journey behind the books, along with different interpretations of the meanings of the key concepts of the books. He also mentioned the hurdles that came along in the journey of writing the book. He talked about how the same concept of *Tadjah* carries a different meaning among Shiya and Sunnis.

Dr. Kavita A. Sharma, chair of the function, presented her views, which were largely focused on 'Pluralism'. She tried to explain the rift between Shias and Sunnis during the Tadjah by asking many questions to the author, to which he replied positively.

This was followed by a Q&A & round, in which Prof. Ajay Dubey had contributed precisely and effectively. Ms. Peggi Mohan, Diaspora scholar and linguist from Trinidad and Tobago, also pointed out that the diasporic values are ever evolving. The diaspora is not just for the preservation of culture, tradition, and language. The preservative views and opinions are only pitiful in nature; we should avoid them. Perhaps she, herself, could not recognize the kind of *Bhojpuri* spoken today in Trinidad compared to 50 years back.

Amb. Sushil Kumar Singhal, Sr. Vice President, ARSP, thanked the author, the chief guest, and the respected audience. Shri Narayan Kumar, Hon. Director, ARSP, concluded the session and presented the vote of thanks by explaining the difference between *Batohiya* and *Videshiya*.

DEEPAWALI CELEBRATION WITH INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ON 16 OCTOBER 2025 IN HANSRAJ COLLEGE



Antar Rashtriya Sahayog Parishad (ARSP) celebrated “Deepawali – the Festival of Lights” on 16 October 2025, at Hansraj College, University of Delhi. The event was attended by students from various countries, students and professors of the Hansraj College, diplomats, and officials of the ARSP. The anchor for the event was Dr. Komal Chikara, Assistant Professor, SGND Khalsa College, University of Delhi, who also concluded the event with a beautiful poem on Deepawali, signifying the importance of lighting of lamps in our hearts to clear the darkness of fear and ignorance inside, highlighting the essence of ‘Deepawali’ in our culture.

The notable presence included His Excellency Mr. Kongkeo Sayvangmeung, the Deputy Ambassador of the Embassy of Lao PDR, Her Excellency Ms. Ma Thinpyiant, the Deputy Ambassador of the Embassy of Myanmar, His Excellency Mr. Djimtol Kodjinan, the Charge d’Affaires of the Embassy of Chad, Mr. Koji Sato, Hon’ble Director General of the Japan Foundation, Mr. D. Victor Miga, Hon’ble Counsellor of the Embassy of Zimbabwe, Mr. Hanani Ben Lewi, Hon’ble Second Secretary of the High Commission of Guyana, Mr. Myo Myint Maung, Hon’ble Economic Attache’ of the Embassy of Myanmar among others. Shri Shyam Parande, Secretary General of ARSP, welcomed the dignitaries with his welcome speech, highlighting the efforts by ARSP in the growth of India’s international relations through people-to-people contacts with people from different countries of the world in the past 5 decades, this event is another effort in the same direction.

Shri Subhash Goyal, Chairman of the STIC Travel Group, laid down the significance of the Deepawali festival before the august gathering. He advised the foreign students to read two of the Greatest Books on India’s heritage and knowledge system, the Ramayana and the Mahabharata, to have a deeper understanding of India and to live a peaceful and meaningful life.

Thereafter, the foreign dignitaries offered their words of wisdom and wished Happy Deepawali to everyone gathered in the auditorium, on behalf of their diplomatic missions in India. A highly acclaimed intellectual from Trinidad and Tobago, Dr. Satnarine Balkaransingh, also attended the event and shared his knowledge and experience on India’s cultural heritage.

The formal event was followed by a presentation of a beautiful cultural evening with a fusion of classical and folk dances of India, complemented by performances by foreign students. For most of the students, it was a unique opportunity for interaction, cultural communication & exchange with students across the globe. About 300 students from approximately 40 countries participated in the celebration.

The cultural evening was followed by a Lighting of Earthen lamps (diya) by the Guests and the foreign students in the Hansraj College premises. All the attendees expressed their joy to be a part of the Deepawali Celebrations and appreciated the initiative & efforts of ARSP.



TASK FORCE APPOINTED BY GOPIO FOR SETTING UP A DIASPORA MUSEUM IN INDIA

The Global Organization of People of Indian Origin had recently appointed a task force to study the possibility of establishing an Indian Diaspora Museum in India, and the task force has now come up with a detailed project plan. GOPIO International Chairman Dr. Thomas Abraham described the proposed museum as “a living, dynamic institution that honors the historical journeys, cultural legacies, and present-day achievements of Indian communities abroad”. He added that the museum will serve as a cultural bridge between India and its global Diaspora, offering a place of identity, memory, and connection.

Named ‘Indian Diaspora Museum Task Force’, the committee was headed by Indo-Australian Museum Curator Vinod Daniel, along with Prof. Prabhu Gupta from the UK, Dr. Bhuvan Lall from the USA, Dr. Léna Armoudom from the Reunion Island, and Isha Vyas from the USA.

GOPIO organized a virtual meeting on Nov. 1, 2025, to present the proposed Diaspora Museum project and formally launch this campaign. The speakers representing the Indian Diaspora from different regions of the world presented their ideas on what aspects of the Diaspora history should be considered for the museum. Highlighting the significance of the project, Dr. Abraham said in a statement, “India is the birthplace of the world’s largest Diaspora populations, with over 35 million people of Indian origin residing in more than 100 countries.” He further said, “These global citizens have not only adapted to their adopted homelands, but also actively carried, preserved, and shared Indian culture, values, and traditions—becoming cultural, economic, and intellectual ambassadors of India across the world.”



BIMAN PRASAD RESIGNS AS DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER



Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Professor Biman Prasad, has resigned from his ministerial positions following a charge laid against him by the Fiji Independent Commission Against Corruption (FICAC).

In a statement released today, Professor Prasad confirmed that he met with Prime Minister Sitiveni Rabuka earlier this morning to inform him of his decision to step aside. “I met with the Hon Prime Minister this morning at his residence and informed him that in view of the FICAC charge served on me yesterday, I believe I must step aside,” Prasad said. “I have accordingly resigned my office as Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Strategic Planning, National Development, and Statistics.” He said he intends to address the charge “in the shortest possible time and in

accordance with proper legal process.” “My lawyers are dealing with this expeditiously,” he added. “The Prime Minister has assured me of his personal support while I do so. I am grateful to him for that assurance.”

Prasad expressed appreciation for the messages of support he has received since news of the charge emerged, describing political life as one filled with challenges and sacrifices. “One thing I have learned in 11 years of political leadership is that it involves many challenges, often from unexpected places.” “This is just one more of those challenges to be dealt with calmly, patiently, and as swiftly as possible.” The National Federation Party (NFP) leader also thanked his parliamentary colleagues for their solidarity, saying he remains committed to public service. “Politics is service. At times, service demands sacrifice and commitment.” “I will be in Parliament next Monday on the back bench and I will continue to represent and serve our people to the best of my ability.”

BIOGRAPHY (WHO HAS SEEN TOMORROW) OF YUGESH CHAND FIJI-INDIAN DETTLED IN AUSTRALIA WAS LAUNCHED IN DELHI



The biography "Who Has Seen Tomorrow" written by Dr Mrinal Kant Pandey was launched on 29th October, 2025, at 10 Hailley Road, New Delhi. The book is based on the life cycle of Yugesch Chand, whose ancestors went as Indentured labour by ship from Calcutta to Fiji in 1995 during British colonial times. After a gap of 92 years, their succeeding generation was again forced to leave Fiji in 1987 due to political upheavals and anti-Fiji-Indian hatred in the wake of the military coup in Fiji. The family of Yugesch Chand underwent multiple migrations and decided to settle down in Australia. Dr M.K.Pandey was motivated to write on the struggling life of unsung heroes of the Indian diaspora who scripted their story of success through hard labour, consistency, and optimism. Acclaimed writers, academicians, diplomats, educationists, advocates, public servants, doctors, and social workers attended the event.

The function was moderated by Advocate and Writer Vandita Nayan. Prof Sheetal Sharma, JNU, V.N.Jha, Senior Journalist Vidya Nath Jha, Senior Journalist, G.P.Upadhyay, Retd Chief Secretary, State Govt. of Sikkim, Prof R.K.Dwivedi, Ambassador Ashok Sharma, Senior Journalist Virendra Mishra, Advocate Devender Singh Aswal, Shiv Ratan, CVO, RITES, S.S.Shukla, Author, Advocate Anand Mishra, Advocate Ankur Sharma, Social Worker Suhani Dahiya, Mukesh Saini, Secretary General, Diaspora Foundation, Dr. Santosh Mishra, retired Doordarshan Officer, Dr Gautam Khatak, Head of Dental Department, Ram Mohan Lohia Hospital and Senior Journalist Subodh Kumar drew attention on the different aspects of the book and its linkages with Indian diaspora. Yugesch Chand came from Australia to attend this function and shared the experiences of the Indentured era of his ancestors. He appreciated the efforts of Dr M.K.Pandey to trace his roots in Basti district of Uttar Pradesh. Yugesch Chand also said that Indian films have a great impact on the lives of the Indian diaspora.

U.S. MAYORS OF INDIAN-ORIGIN



The 2025 U.S. elections marked a historic moment for the Indian diaspora, with three Indian-origin leaders achieving major political victories across the country. Zohran Mamdani, the son of Indian immigrants, made history as the first Indian-American and Muslim to be elected Mayor of New York City, representing a new generation of inclusive urban leadership focused on equality, housing, and social justice. In Virginia, Dr. Ghazala Hashmi, an educationist and long-time public

servant, was elected as the state's first Indian-American and Muslim Lieutenant Governor, symbolising both the growing influence of the South Asian community and the expanding diversity in American politics. Meanwhile, in the Midwest, Aftab Pureval secured re-election as Mayor of Cincinnati, Ohio, reaffirming public trust in his leadership that champions affordable housing, sustainability, and civic progress. Together, their victories underscore the rising prominence of Indian-origin Americans in shaping the nation's political and social landscape, while embodying the values of representation, perseverance, and public service.

PRAVASI PARICHAY, 2025 (RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA)



The Embassy of India in Riyadh recently organised the third edition of “Pravasi Parichay”, a week-long cultural festival held from 28 October to 3 November 2025, celebrating India's vibrant heritage and the contributions of the Indian diaspora in Saudi Arabia. The event showcased the cultural diversity of India through colourful performances representing various states, including classical dances, folk music, and regional cuisines. Highlights of the festival included state-themed evenings — with Kerala, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Haryana, and Delhi presenting their unique traditions — and a grand finale titled “*Gita Mahotsav – A Musical*”, which brought to life the spiritual essence of the Bhagavad Gita. Indian Ambassador Dr Suhel Ajaz Khan commended the enthusiastic participation of the community, emphasising that *Pravasi Parichay* strengthens the emotional and cultural bond between India and its diaspora in Saudi Arabia. The festival served as a remarkable platform for unity, pride, and cultural diplomacy, reflecting the shared values and enduring connection between India and its global community.

Vice-President Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan interacted with the Indian community in Seychelles

During his official visit to Seychelles in October 2025, Vice-President Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan interacted with members of the Indian community in Victoria, highlighting their significant role in strengthening the historic and cultural ties between India and Seychelles. Addressing the gathering, he appreciated the community's contributions to Seychelles' social and economic development and their efforts in preserving Indian culture abroad. The Vice-President reaffirmed India's commitment to deepening its partnership with Seychelles under the “Vision MAHASAGAR” framework, which emphasises peace, prosperity, and cooperation in the Indian Ocean region. His visit, which also included attending the swearing-in ceremony of Seychelles' new President, Patrick Herminie, reflected India's enduring engagement with the Indian Ocean island nations and its continued support for the vibrant Indian diaspora worldwide.

SEMINAR ON THE ROLE OF INDIAN DIASPORA IN LIBERIA



Embassy of India, Monrovia, organized a Seminar on “India-Liberia: Indian Diaspora’s Role in Trade, Investment, and Development” on 23 October 2025. The event was graced by H.E. Johnny S. Tarkpah, Acting Minister of Information, Cultural Affairs & Tourism of Liberia, as the Chief Guest, who delivered the keynote inaugural address. Ambassador Manoj Bihari Verma delivered the welcome address, and Hon. Amin Modad, former Minister of Commerce and Industry, addressed the gathering as a Guest of Honour. The seminar brought together distinguished members of the Indian diaspora, Liberian scholars, and thought leaders to reflect on the shared achievements of India and Liberia and to explore future opportunities for deeper collaboration in trade, investment, and development.

NAMASTE JAPAN!



The Embassy of India in Japan celebrated 'India in Japan' through the 2025 edition of NAMASTE Japan. Hon'ble Members of Parliament, Representatives of the Government of Japan, members of the Indian Diaspora, and friends of India in Japan attended the event. Indian cultural performances, including Classical dances and Tabla, mesmerized the audiences.

GLIMPSES OF DEEPAWALI FESTIVAL AROUND THE WORLD

Indian Food Festival & Bollywood Karaoke Night Embassy of India, Djibouti (Djibouti, 12 Oct 2025)



The Embassy of India in Djibouti organised an “Indian Food Festival and Bollywood Karaoke Night” on 12 October 2025, where a large gathering of the Indian diaspora and local guests enjoyed an array of Indian regional dishes and live Bollywood song performances. The event took place on the Embassy premises, and according to the official press release, it aimed at “promoting Indian culture in Djibouti and strengthening the bonding between the Indian community and the host country”.

DIWALI CELEBRATION AT THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION (COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA)



In Columbia, South Carolina, Governor Henry McMaster and First Lady Peggy McMaster hosted a formal Diwali celebration at the Governor's Mansion, attended by members of the Indian-American community and state officials. The South Carolina Consulate General of India confirmed the event, underscoring the growing civic recognition of Diwali in the state. During the event, a proclamation was presented, and the guests celebrated with traditional lighting, sweets, cultural presentations, and community networking, symbolising inclusive multicultural engagement at the state-level.

DIWALI IN DIWALI NAGAR (CHAGUANAS, TRINIDAD & TOBAGO)



The annual Diwali Nagar festival in Chaguanas, Trinidad and Tobago, returned in 2025 with its characteristic blend of spiritual ritual, cultural performances, food and communal gathering. The Ministry of Culture and Community Development promoted the 2025 edition as “Lights, culture, people – this is what Diwali Nagar 2025 is all about”. The event featured multi-day programming including lighting displays, dance and music reminiscent of Indian tradition, and large community participation from Indo-Trinidadian families.

DIWALI CELEBRATION AT TIMES SQUARE (NEW YORK CITY)



In New York City, the “Diwali at Times Square” celebration took place on 9 November 2025 (after being postponed from the original date due to weather concerns) and transformed the iconic public space into a vibrant festival of lights, culture, and food. The event featured a Diwali Bazaar,

cultural showcases, live performances, and a major diya-lighting ceremony atop the One Times Square tower, bringing together local and global Indian diaspora communities.

DIWALI MOTORCADE BY GUYANA HINDU DHARMIC SABHA (GUYANA)



In Guyana, the Guyana Hindu Dharmic Sabha organised its much-anticipated Diwali Motorcade in October 2025, primarily around the East Coast Demerara and Georgetown areas, as part of the national Diwali celebrations scheduled for Monday 20 October. The motorcade featured numerous floats, festive lighting, music and community involvement, illustrating how Diwali in Guyana remains a powerful expression of cultural heritage and public festivity.

DIWALI/DEEPAVALI OBSERVANCE IN MYANMAR



In Myanmar, Diwali (Deepavali) is officially observed on Monday, 20 October 2025, and although it may not always involve wide public media coverage, Hindu communities mark the festival with lamp-lighting, prayers, and cultural gatherings. The observance emphasises the festival's core meaning — light over darkness, good over evil — within the local context of a country with a Hindu-minority and shared cultural links to India.

INDIA'S BOOTH AT SURINAME TOURISM & FOOD FESTIVAL, 2025

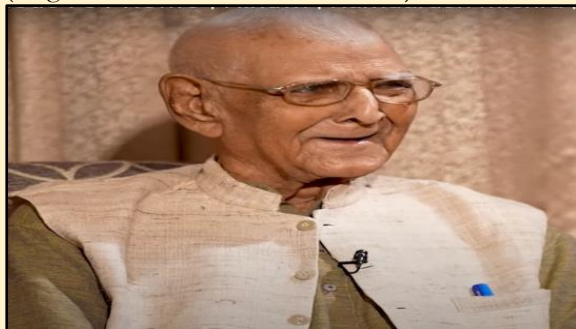


The Embassy of India participates in the Suriname Food and Tourism 2025, held from 5 to 7 November in Paramaribo by mounting an Indian stall showcasing rich tourism offerings, with special emphasis on Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, which are deeply connected to the ancestral roots of the Indo-Surinamese community. Visitors explored India's cultural heritage, culinary diversity, and the essence of Ayurveda through an engaging display of spices and traditional food ingredients. Suriname's Vice

President, the Minister of Transport, Communication, and Tourism, and the Minister of Economy visited the Indian stall. This participation reflects the enduring bonds between India and Suriname and our shared commitment to promoting heritage, tourism, and people-to-people ties.

OBITUARY

Padma Shri Dr. Ramdarash Mishra
(August 15, 1924–October 31, 2025)



Antar-Rashtriya Sahayog Parishad (ARSP), New Delhi, expresses its profound sorrow at the passing of Padma Shri Dr. Ramdarash Mishra, an eminent poet, novelist, critic, and one of the most distinguished voices in modern Hindi literature.

Born in Dumri village, Gorakhpur (U.P.) on 15 August 1924, Dr. Mishra dedicated over seven decades of his life to enriching Hindi literature through poetry, fiction, and critical essays. His writings vividly portrayed the simplicity, beauty, and struggles of rural Indian life, blending humanism with deep cultural insight. A recipient of prestigious honours such as the Sahitya Akademi Award (2015), Saraswati Samman (2021), and the Padma Shri (2025), Dr. Mishra's works, especially collections like 'Aam Ke Patte', 'Pak Gayi Hai Raat', and 'Jeevan Ke Sudama'—have inspired generations of readers and writers alike.

His demise on 31 October 2025 at the age of 101, in Delhi, marks the end of a luminous literary era. ARSP pays heartfelt tribute to his enduring contributions to Indian letters and cultural consciousness. We extend our deepest condolences to his family, disciples, and admirers across the world.

May his soul rest in eternal peace, and may his words continue to guide and inspire us.

Shri Daya Prakash Sinha
(May 2, 1935–November 07, 2025)



Antar-Rashtriya Sahayog Parishad (ARSP), New Delhi expresses its deepest sorrow at the demise of Padma Shri Daya Prakash Sinha, an eminent dramatist, writer, and cultural administrator, who passed away on 07 November 2025 at the age of 90.

Born in Allahabad (now, Prayagraj), Uttar Pradesh in 1935, Shri Sinha began his service as an IAS officer and later served as Vice-President of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR). He became a towering figure in Hindi theatre, writing enduring plays such as 'Samraat Ashok', 'Seedhiyan', 'Katha Ek Kans Ki', and 'Itihas Chakra'. He was also the Director of the Indian Culture Centre in Suva, Fiji. His contributions were recognised with the Sahitya Akademi Award (2021) for 'Samraat Ashok' and the Padma Shri for his lifelong service to literature and the arts.

With his passing, India's theatre and cultural community has lost a guiding light. ARSP honours his legacy and extends heartfelt condolences to his family, colleagues, and the many students and admirers he inspired.

May his soul rest in eternal peace, and may his creations continue to enlighten generations to come.

विश्व में आस्था का पर्व छठ



बिहार झारखंड एसोसिएशन ऑफ आयरलैंड (BJAI) ने आयरलैंड के नास, काउंटी किल्डारे में उगते सूर्य को अर्घ्य देने के लिए एकत्रित हुए भक्तों के साथ छठ पूजा उत्सव मनाया। भक्त फल लेकर सूर्य देव को पवित्र प्रसाद चढ़ाते देखे गए, भक्तों के माथे पर सिंदूर लगा हुआ था।

दुबई का अल ममज़ार बीच भी भक्तों की भारी भीड़ के साथ भक्तिमय छठ गीतों से गूंज उठा। छठ पर्व के अनुष्ठानों के तहत, दुनिया भर में भारतीय भक्तों ने 28 अक्टूबर, 2025 को उगते सूर्य को अर्घ्य दिया। देश के विभिन्न स्थानों पर भक्त नदी तटों पर एकत्र हुए और चार दिवसीय उत्सव के अंतिम दिन अर्घ्य दिया। पवित्र अर्पण के बाद, माता-पिता अपने बच्चों की सुरक्षा के साथ-साथ अपने पूरे परिवार की सुख-शांति के लिए 'छठी मैया' से प्रार्थना करते हैं। इससे पहले, अमेरिका के न्यू जर्सी में शाम के अर्घ्य के लिए एक हजार से ज्यादा श्रद्धालु छठ पूजा मनाने के लिए एकत्रित हुए थे। बिहार झारखंड एसोसिएशन ऑफ नॉर्थ अमेरिका (BJANA) ने विदेशों में रहने वाले श्रद्धालुओं के लिए इस पूजा का एक नया संस्करण आयोजित किया था। इस साल का उत्सव विशेष रूप से खास था, क्योंकि घाट (नदी के किनारे) को केले के तनों और जीवंत रोशनी से खूबसूरती से सजाया गया था, जिससे बिहार के पारंपरिक घाटों की याद दिलाने वाला एक अनोखा और प्रामाणिक माहौल बना।

BJANA के अध्यक्ष संजीव सिंह ने अपनी खुशी साझा करते हुए कहा कि पटना, वैशाली और बोकारो के घाटों के प्रामाणिक एहसास को फिर से जीवंत करना उनका सपना था। सिंह ने कहा, "सजे-धजे घाट के दृश्य और प्रतिभागियों की भक्ति ने उस कल्पना को साकार कर दिया। पूरे समुदाय ने बड़े उत्साह के साथ उत्सव मनाया और अगले दिन सुबह के अर्घ्य का बेसब्री से इंतज़ार किया।"

नेपाल में गुरुवार को भगवान सूर्य को प्रसन्न करने के पर्व छठ का तीसरा दिन मनाया गया और नारायणी नदी के तटबंधों पर डूबते सूर्य को अर्घ्य अर्पित किया गया। कठिन व्रत रखने वाले श्रद्धालु नदी के किनारे खड़े होकर, तेज बहाव का सामना करते हुए, भगवान सूर्य को स्वादिष्ट व्यंजन अर्पित कर रहे थे। सूर्य को समर्पित इस पर्व पर श्रद्धालु डूबते और उगते सूर्य की पूजा करते हैं और उन्हें अर्घ्य अर्पित करते हैं। एक श्रद्धालु मीना देवी साह ने कहा, "छठ का व्रत कठिन होता है और इसके लिए नियमों का पालन करना ज़रूरी होता है। इस व्रत को करने से मनोकामनाएँ पूरी होती हैं; अगर कोई दंपति संतान प्राप्ति की कामना करता है, तो उसे संतान प्राप्ति का आशीर्वाद मिलता है और उसकी सभी मनोकामनाएँ भी पूरी होती हैं। छठी मैया इस व्रत को करने वाले सभी लोगों पर कृपा करती हैं।"



मॉरिशस के पूर्व राष्ट्रपति महामहिम पृथ्वीराजसिंह रूपन के साथ छठ महापर्व की महिमा से अवगत करते हुए अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सहयोग परिषद् की श्रीमती सुलेखा हरजाई, श्रीमती ब्रेटी शर्मा और सुश्री बेला बोस।

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तीन दिवसीय 'स्पर्श हिमालय महोत्सव-2025' उत्तराखण्ड के लेखक गाँव में 03 से 05 नवंबर को संपन्न हुआ। इस महोत्सव का थीम विषय 'स्वस्थ, समृद्ध एवं युवा उत्तराखण्ड-2025' है। इस कार्यक्रम में मुख्य रूप से उत्तराखण्ड राज्य प्रगति और संतुलित विकास का आधार कैसे बन सकता है, इस विषय पर प्रकाश डाल गया। उत्तराखण्ड आयुर्वेद, योग और स्वच्छता से सशक्त होगा, ऐसी परिकल्पना की गई। शिक्षा, नवाचार और स्वरोजगार के विस्तार से उन्नति करते हुए अपनी ऊर्जा, संस्कार और समर्पण से राष्ट्र निर्माण में अग्रणी भूमिका निभाते हुए "विकसित भारत" की अवधारणा से उत्तराखण्ड को जोड़ने वाली सभी मार्गों को रेखांकित किया गया।



इस अवसर पर केंद्रीय संसदीय कार्य एवं अल्पसंख्यक कार्य मंत्री श्री किरेन रेजुजू जी, जूनापीठाधीश्वर आचार्य महामण्डलेश्वर स्वामी स्वामी अवधेशानंद गिरी, श्रद्धेय आचार्य बाल कृष्ण जी, माननीय श्री पृथ्वीराज सिंह रूपन जी (पूर्व राष्ट्रपति, मॉरीशस), प्रो. अनिल सहस्रबुद्धे जी (अध्यक्ष NAAC एवं NBA), प्रो. सोमवीर जी (विधायक, बाली – इंडोनेशिया) सहित अनेक गणमान्य अतिथि उपस्थित रहे। मुख्य अतिथि के रूप में श्री किरण रिजिजू, माननीय संसदीय कार्य एवं अल्प संख्यक कार्य मंत्री भारत की उपस्थिति रही। इसकी अध्यक्षता श्री पृथ्वीराज सिंह रूपन, मा० पूर्व राष्ट्रपति मॉरीशस ने की। विशिष्ट अतिथि श्री अनिल सहस्रबुद्धे, अध्यक्ष, एनएएसी एवं एनबीए प्रो. सोमवीर जी, एमएलए बाली (इंडोनेशिया) पद्मश्री कैलाश खेर जी, सुप्रसिद्ध सूफी गायक उपस्थित रहे।

स्पर्श हिमालय महोत्सव 2025 के द्वितीय दिवस पर 'भारत का संकल्प – एक देश, एक दृष्टि' विषय पर देश-विदेश से आए विद्वानों, संतों और विचारकों ने अपने प्रेरक विचार व्यक्त किए। मॉरीशस के पूर्व राष्ट्रपति, श्री पृथ्वीराज सिंह रूपन जी, ने कहा कि मॉरीशस की गंगा और भारत की गंगा दोनों एक ही सांस्कृतिक स्रोत से प्रवाहित हैं — यह दोनों देशों के अटूट संबंधों का प्रतीक है। उन्होंने कहा कि संस्कृति और भक्ति ही भारत की सबसे बड़ी शक्ति हैं।

आईआईटी के निदेशक प्रो. पंत ने कहा कि दुनिया कृत्रिम बुद्धिमत्ता (AI) की ओर बढ़ रही है, पर हमें अपनी वास्तविक बुद्धिमत्ता (Real Intelligence) को नहीं भूलना चाहिए — जो हमारे परिवार, गुरुजनों और परंपराओं से प्राप्त होती है।

अपने उद्बोधन में डॉ. रमेश पोखरियाल 'निशंक' ने कहा कि लेखक गाँव केवल एक स्थान नहीं, यह भारत की आत्मा का तीर्थ है। यहाँ से वह विचार जन्म लेते हैं जो भारत को आत्मनिर्भर, समृद्ध और विश्वगुरु बनाने की दिशा में अग्रसर करते हैं। उन्होंने कहा "स्पर्श हिमालय महोत्सव केवल आयोजन नहीं, बल्कि भारत के संकल्प – 'एक देश, एक दृष्टि' की सजीव अनुभूति है।"



द्वितीय दिवस के सत्रों ने यह संदेश दिया कि लेखक गाँव अब केवल साहित्य और कला का केंद्र नहीं, बल्कि भारतीय संस्कृति, वैज्ञानिक दृष्टि और राष्ट्रीय एकता का जीवंत प्रतीक बन चुका है। यहाँ से यह स्वर उठा कि जब भारत अपनी जड़ों से जुड़कर आधुनिकता को अपनाता है, तभी 'एक देश, एक दृष्टि' का सपना साकार होता है और वही भारत विश्व का मार्गदर्शन करता है।

स्पर्श हिमालय महोत्सव 2025 के समापन समारोह में उत्तराखंड के माननीय मुख्यमंत्री श्री पुष्कर सिंह धामी जी की उपस्थिति रही। मुख्यमंत्री पुष्कर सिंह धामी ने कहा कि देहरादून के थानो में बना लेखक गांव महज ईंट-पत्थर की संरचना नहीं, बल्कि विचारों का प्रतिविम्ब है। पूर्व प्रधानमंत्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी की प्रेरणा से बने इस लेखक गांव से समाज को नई दिशा तो मिलेगी ही, आने वाली पीढ़ियां भविष्य का निर्माण करना भी सीखेंगी। लेखक गांव में

स्पर्श हिमालय महोत्सव के तीसरे एवं अंतिम दिन आयोजित सत्र को बतौर मुख्य अतिथि संबोधित करते हुए उन्होंने यह बात कही। उन्होंने अपने वक्तव्य में यह भी कहा कि पूर्व मुख्यमंत्री रमेश पोखरियाल निशंक की ओर से लेखक गांव के रूप में अभिनव पहल की गई है। आज पूर्व प्रधानमंत्री वाजपेयी जीवित होते तो इसे देखकर उन्हें बेहद खुशी होती। क्योंकि, उन्होंने हमें सिखाया की शब्द भी राष्ट्र निर्माण के शस्त्र बन सकते हैं। लेखक गांव आने वाले वर्षों में विचारों का ऐसा तीर्थ स्थल बनेगा, जहां नई पीढ़ी अपने विचारों को जागृत करेगी और एक नए आविष्कार को जन्म देगी। साथ ही देश की प्राचीन परंपरा को भी आधुनिक दृष्टि से जोड़ने का कार्य यहां होगा। उन्होंने कहा कि यह महोत्सव का समापन नहीं, बल्कि एक नई शुरुआत है। भविष्य में यह स्थल विचारों का साधना स्थल बनेगा। कहा कि प्रदेश सरकार ने उत्तराखंड साहित्य गौरव सम्मान के माध्यम से उत्कृष्ट साहित्यकारों को सम्मानित करने का कार्य शुरू किया है। सरकार का प्रयास है कि प्रदेश में साहित्य का प्रवाह निरंतर जारी रहे। उम्मीद है साहित्यकार, कलाकार व विद्वानों के सहयोग से हम संकल्प को सिद्धि तक पहुंचाने में सफल होंगे।

हिंदी राइटर्स गिल्ड, कनाडा द्वारा आयोजित नाटक 'उधार का सुख' नाटक का मंचन



वैश्विक हिंदी परिवार की उत्तरी शाखा की दूसरी बैठक २६ अक्टूबर २०२५ को सफलतापूर्वक संपन्न हुई। सर्वप्रथम हिंदी राइटर्स गिल्ड के निदेशक मंडल की एक सदस्य आशा बर्मन जी ने मंच पर उपस्थित सभी वक्ताओं, प्रतिभागियों तथा दर्शकों का स्वागत किया। उन्होंने कहा कि आज के कार्यक्रम की चर्चा का विषय है रामलीला। रामायण केवल एक धार्मिक ग्रंथ ही नहीं, बल्कि यह जीवन के आदर्शों, मर्यादाओं और संस्कारों की प्रेरणा देने वाली एक अमूल्य धरोहर है। यह कथा भगवान श्रीराम के जीवन और उनके गुणों को दर्शाती है, जिससे हमें सत्य, प्रेम, समर्पण, धैर्य और कर्तव्य पालन की सीख मिलती है। रामलीला का आयोजन सैकड़ों वर्षों से भारतवर्ष में होता रहा है और अब विदेशों में भी रामलीला के सुंदर प्रदर्शन किए गये हैं।

इस कार्यक्रम में संध्या सक्सेना भगत जी की उपस्थिति रही। संध्या जी का जन्म उत्तर प्रदेश के हिन्दी भाषी परिवार में हुआ। हिन्दी भाषा व मंच से लगाव बचपन से रहा। पिछले 28 वर्षों से अटलांटा में हिन्दी भाषा शिक्षण व भाषा के प्रचार-प्रसार में लगी हैं। २००९ से 'नटखट रंगशाला' नामक हिन्दी पाठशाला चला रही हैं। उद्देश्य अभिनय के माध्यम से भाषा सिखाना है। संध्या जी ने राम कथा को वैदिक मंदिर में प्रस्तुत किया,

जिसमें हनुमान शबरी, उर्मिला आदि रामायण के चरित्रों को लेकर नाटक लिखे। 2013 में दशहरा मेला के अवसर पर रावण की कथा को अटलांटा में प्रस्तुत किया और 60 मिनट की एक रामलीला भी की। इस प्रकार राम कथा को लेकर संध्या जी ने अनेक सराहनीय प्रयास किये।

अमेरिका से हिंदी के वरिष्ठ साहित्यकार श्री अनूप भार्गव जी मंच पर आए और उन्होंने रामलीला के संबंध में कहा कि रामचरितमानस केवल एक धार्मिक ग्रंथ ही नहीं, यह एक साहित्यिक ग्रंथ भी है। रामलीला के माध्यम से हम एक साहित्यिक कृति को मंचित कर रहे हैं, यह बहुत महत्वपूर्ण बात है। इसके उपरांत डॉ. शैलजा सक्सेना जी ने सानिध्य के रूप में मंच संभाला। सर्वप्रथम उन्होंने सुधा ओम ढींगरा जी की चर्चा की। सुधा जी अमेरिका की एक वरिष्ठ लेखिका हैं, जिन्होंने कवितायें, कहानियाँ और उपन्यास लिखे हैं पर अस्वस्थ होने के कारण वे मंच पर उपस्थित न हो सकीं। उनकी रामलीला के संबंध में डॉक्टर शैलजा सक्सेना जी ने एक विवरण प्रस्तुत किया। सुधा ओम ढींगरा जी 20 वर्षों से नॉर्थ कैरोलाइना में रामलीला आयोजित करवा रही हैं। उनकी रामलीला को देखने के लिए 5000 से अधिक लोग उपस्थित थे, विदेश में इतने लोगों का दर्शक के रूप में आना यह एक बहुत बड़ी सफलता है। इसके पश्चात शैलजा जी ने रामलीला के संबंध में अपने विचार प्रस्तुत किये। उन्होंने कहा कि आज वैश्विक हिंदी परिवार की उत्तर अमेरिका की शाखा में रामलीला से युक्त कई लोगों को एकत्र करके उन्हें परस्पर जोड़ने का सौभाग्य हमें मिला है ताकि सभी लोग परस्पर एक दूसरे के कार्यकलापों से परिचित हो सकें। किसी देश में प्रवासियों की सांस्कृतिक सामूहिकता बताने के लिए रामलीला आयोजन बहुत अच्छा माध्यम है। इससे हमारी आस्था को और हमारे सामाजिक मूल्यों की स्थापना को बल मिलता है। इस कार्यक्रम के विशिष्ट अतिथि के रूप में श्री अनिल जोशी जी, जो केंद्रीय हिंदी शिक्षण मंडल- केंद्रीय हिंदी संस्थान के पूर्व उपाध्यक्ष हैं उपस्थित रहे। अनिल जोशी जी ने रामलीला की प्रासंगिकता पर बात की। आज के युग में राम कथा इसलिए भी महत्वपूर्ण है क्योंकि यह परिवार व समुदाय की भावना पर आधारित है, जबकि आज के समाज में टूटते-बिखरते परिवार की एक विकट समस्या है।

इस कार्यक्रम के अध्यक्ष थे डॉ. हरीश नवल जी। डॉ. हरीश नवल जी अनेक अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सम्मानों से सम्मानित हिंदी के विद्वान हैं, जिन्होंने दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय में 41 वर्ष अध्यापन किया है। डॉ. हरीश नवल जी ने सभी वक्ताओं की सराहना की। उन्होंने बताया कि रामलीला की चर्चा एक बहुत ही महत्वपूर्ण और आवश्यक चर्चा है। राम के भी कई रूप हैं जैसे सूर के राम, तुलसी के राम, कबीर के राम। उन्होंने यह भी कहा कि ऐसा लग रहा है कि आज की वार्ता बड़ी अनौपचारिक है। अंत में अंबिका शर्मा जी ने धन्यवाद ज्ञापन दिया। उन्होंने सभी वक्ताओं, प्रतिभागियों, दर्शकों को हार्दिक धन्यवाद दिया कि वे सभी इस आभासी मंच पर जुड़ सके। अंबिका जी एक प्रतिष्ठित कवयित्री हैं और रेडियो होस्ट भी हैं और इसके द्वारा वे हिंदी के प्रचार प्रसार में सहायक भी हैं।



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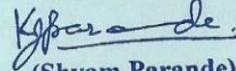
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The Annual General Meeting of Antar-Rashtriya Sahayog Parishad will be held on Friday 28 November, 2025 at 03:30 pm at 'Pravasi Bhawan' 50, Deen Dayal Upadhyay Marg, New Delhi-110002.

You are requested to kindly attend the meeting.

Awaiting for an early confirmation.

Yours Sincerely


(Shyam Parande)

Secretary General, ARSP

Agenda :-

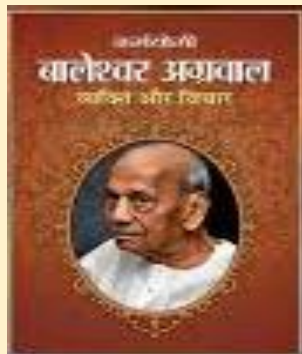
1. Confirmation of minutes of the last AGM held on 19 November, 2024.
2. Report on the activities of ARSP including DRRC & CRSCR since the last AGM.
3. Activity report by ARSP Chapters.
4. Consideration and adoption of Annual Income & Expenditure Account & Balance Sheet for the year 2024-25.
5. Appointment of auditors for the financial year 2025-26.
6. Matters related to Pravasi Bhawan.
7. To consider and adopt the proposal to revise the ARSP membership fees as below-
 - Life Membership - Rs. 10,000/- plus applicable taxes.
 - Annual Membership - Rs. 1,000/- plus applicable taxes.
8. To decide modalities and fees for Patron members.
9. Discussion on roadmap for year 2025-2026.
10. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.

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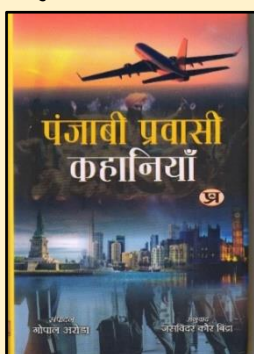
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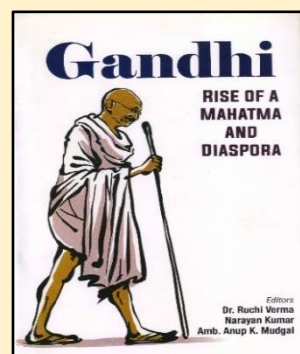
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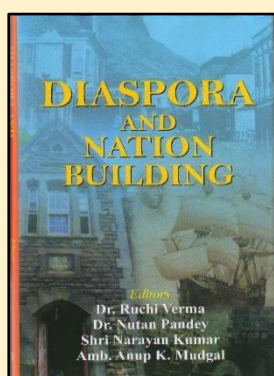
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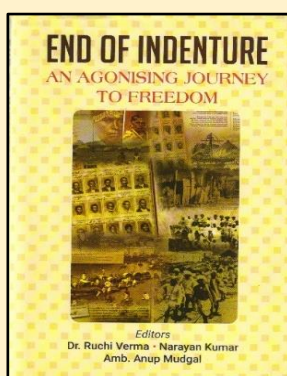
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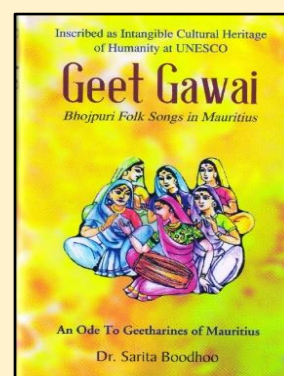
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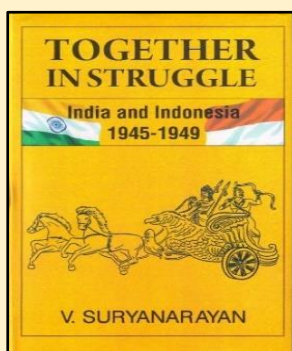
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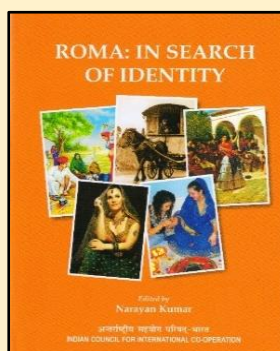
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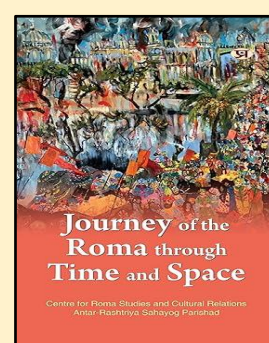
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