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MAURITIUS OCCUPIES A SPECIAL PLACE IN INDIA'S NEIGHBOURHOOD FIRST POLICY



The State Visit of Prime Minister (PM) of Mauritius, Dr. Navinchandra Ramgoolam, to India from September 9 to 16, 2025, was undertaken at the invitation of PM Narendra Modi. The visit aimed to further strengthen the 'Enhanced Strategic Partnership' established during PM Modi's visit to Mauritius in March 2025. This was his first overseas bilateral visit to India in his current term.

High-Level Engagements

PM Ramgoolam's itinerary combined high-level diplomatic meetings with significant cultural engagements. The centrepiece of the visit was the bilateral meeting between PM Modi and PM Ramgoolam, held in Varanasi on September 11. The two leaders engaged in fruitful discussions covering a wide range bilateral cooperation in infrastructure, healthcare, digital technology, energy, maritime security, and more."

In addition to the bilateral engagement in Varanasi, PM Ramgoolam had crucial high-level meetings in New Delhi. He called on President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan on September 16, a meeting that formally concluded his state visit. During this meeting, the President highlighted the importance of Mauritius, stating, "Mauritius occupies a special place in India's Neighbourhood First Policy, MAHASAGAR Vision, and in India's commitment to the Global South." Furthermore, PM Ramgoolam also met with India's newly elected Vice President, C P Radhakrishnan, in New Delhi, where they discussed the various MoUs and developmental projects agreed upon during the visit.

The Special Economic Package

The most significant outcome of the visit was the announcement of a comprehensive Special Economic Package, valued at approximately USD 680 million. This total comprises a mix of grant-based projects, grant-cum-line of credit projects, and direct budgetary assistance. As part of the package, India has agreed to provide Mauritius with USD 25 million in budgetary assistance for the current financial year. In a joint press statement, PM Modi characterised the nature of the grant, stating, "This package is not assistance. It is an investment in our shared future."

Agreements and Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs)

In addition to the Special Economic Package, the visit culminated in the signing of seven key agreements and MoUs. These agreements reflect the broad and comprehensive nature of bilateral cooperation between the two countries in the field of hydrography facilitates joint surveys, space sector, space research, Education, Science, and Research.

Cultural Diplomacy

PM Ramgoolam's visit to India carried strong cultural diplomatic symbolism. A key highlight of the visit was the invitation extended by PM Modi for bilateral talks in Varanasi, one of India's oldest cultural and spiritual centres, as well as PM Modi's parliamentary constituency. He also attended the Ganga Aarti there. In addition to Varanasi, PM Ramgoolam's itinerary included visits to other culturally significant cities, Ayodhya and Tirupati. In Ayodhya, he offered prayers at the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Mandir. The visit to Tirupati included a darshan at the Tirumala Venkateswara Temple, one of the most revered pilgrimage sites in India.

DIALOGUE WITH DIASPORA ORGANISED BY ARSP



The edition of 'Dialogue with Diaspora' took place at Pravasi Bhawan with the trinity of Antar Rashtriya Sahyog Parishad (ARSP), Diaspora Research and Resource Centre (DRRC), and Vaishvik Hindi Pariwar, in which Dr. Sarita Boodhoo GOSK, renowned Hindi and Bhojpuri writer from Mauritius, Mr. Chandresh Sharma, former Minister from Trinidad and Tobago, Mr. Mookheswur Choonee GOSK, former Minister from Mauritius were the Chief Guests. Apart from them, Ambassador Vinod Kumar, President-ARSP, Prof. Gopal Arora, Secretary-ARSP, Amb. Sushil Kumar Singhal, Sr. Vice President, ARSP, Amb. Anup Kumar Mudgal, Shri Narayan Kumar, Hon. Director-ARSP, Ms. Sunita Pahuja, Convener, Diaspora Affairs committee, ARSP, and Shri Anil Joshi, Joint Secretary, ARSP participated. Ms. Sunita Pahuja moderated the event.

After the formal introduction, the program was inaugurated by a welcome address by Prof. Gopal Arora, in which he remembered the journey of 'Dialogue with Diaspora' since 2017. He highlighted the importance of 'dialogue' while citing the examples of the Ramayana and the Geeta and said, "The basic foundation of the whole Indian thought is in the form of dialogue." He also highlighted the importance of the Rainbow countries. Shri Narayan Kumar appreciated Dr. Sarita Boodhoo's visit to India during 2025 and the Dialogue with Diaspora. He remembered the old days when Mr. Choonee was among the dignitaries who inaugurated the Pravasi Bhavan. He mentioned the Coolie Hut, the Apravasi Ghat, the journey of 36 Indentured laborers from Calcutta to Mauritius, the Ship Atlas, and the stories behind them. He extended his support for the movement of transforming the Coolie to Kuleen (Noble). For Trinidad and Tobago, he said, "it is called the gateway of the Caribbean. The country has towns like Faizabaad, Diwali Nagar, etc., which signify the cultural ties." Dr. Sarita Boodhoo said, "It is not just a book, but it is something that the women have kept in their bosoms for centuries." She talked about the struggle of Girmitiyas, along with her own journey. Mr. Chandresh Sharma gave utmost importance to the need for positive dialogue. According to him, constructive and continued dialogue is the only thing that keeps Indians as Indians around the world. He appreciated the contributions of ex-PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee for starting the Pravasi Bhartiya Samman Award and PM Modi for connecting with the diaspora all over the world. He gave an example of PM Modi's recent visit to Trinidad and calling his counterpart, PM Kamla Prasad Bissessar, "daughter of

Mr. Mookheswur Choonee, while appreciating the need for dialogue, was more focused on the diaspora. He mentioned the horrific voyage of the Ship Atlas. He also mentioned the "double cut system," i.e., if an indentured laborer was absent for one day, his salary was cut by two days. He also met with Vivek Agnihotri to make the "Girmitiya file", and presented his 18-point proposal to act upon. Amb. Vinod Kumar joined this event through video conferencing. He highlighted the workings and Importance of ARSP and concluded with "stay strong, stay collected". Amb. Anup Mudgal was also connected with video conferencing. Mauritius is a role model for all the girmitiyas, because this country has developed from the worst situation.

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INDIA CELEBRATED INDENTURED MEMORIAL DAY AT SYAMA PRASAD MOOKERJEE PORT, KOLKATA



Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port Kolkata (SMP, Kolkata) celebrated Indentured Memorial Day on 15 September, 2025 at Indenture Memorial, Kolkata, located at Jetty No. 8, Kidderpore, along the banks of river Hooghly. It was a daylong seminar, attended by dignitaries from all across the world, to commemorate the indomitable spirit and resilience of the Indian indentured labourers who embarked from Kolkata Port between 1834 and 1920 in

search of better livelihoods. Incidentally, the very first batch of indentured labours, a group of 36 "hill coolies" from Chotanagpur region, embarked on their journey from the Port of Calcutta on this very day, i. e., September 15, in the year 1834. The Kolkata Indenture Memorial, inaugurated in 2011, stands as a lasting tribute to the hundreds of thousands of Indian men and women who sailed from Kolkata to far-off lands in regions such as Mauritius, Guyana, Trinidad, South Africa, and beyond, shaping the modern Indian diaspora. The memorial celebrates their pioneering courage, endurance, and determination, as well as their contributions to their adopted countries while preserving Indian culture and values across generations.

The full-day panel discussion had panelists from India, Mauritius, Fiji, South Africa, UK and USA. The panelists explored the multifaceted history and legacy of indentured labour in the context of Kolkata as the Emigration Gateway and the critical role it played in global migration networks. The socio-cultural legacies, diaspora identity and memory preservation in the contexts of colonial power and the abolition of slavery, along with gender, family and social change within indentured communities and socioeconomic legacies of the Indian diaspora and their



contributions were the highlights of the event. The event sought to foster deeper understanding and respect for the sacrifices made by indentured labourers and to connect their descendants with their shared heritage.

INDIAN-ORIGIN TEEN TEJASVI MANOJ WINS TIME'S KID OF THE YEAR 2025 FOR SHIELDING SENIORS FROM CYBER SCAMS



Seventeen-year-old Indian-origin student Tejasvi Manoj, based in Texas, has been honored as TIME's 2025 Kid of the Year for founding Shield Seniors, a platform safeguarding older adults against online scams and fraud. Born in California and raised in Dallas from age eight in a family of software-engineer parents, Tejasvi developed a passion for coding in middle school through programs like Girls Who Code. "That's when I realised how amazing coding can be and how much I enjoy it. Moreover, I understood the impact I can make by learning to code, and I

instantly knew I wanted to pursue it in the future," she said, according to a report by the Global Indian.

Her mission began in early 2024, when her grandfather nearly fell victim to a phishing scam. "I read the message, and it was obvious it was a scam... I was surprised my grandfather couldn't spot it," Tejasvi told the Global Indian. This event led her to research senior citizens' vulnerability to cyber threats. She learned that over 75 percent of seniors lacked basic cybersecurity knowledge, and in 2024 alone, they lost more than \$3 billion to cyber fraud, which makes it an average of about \$33,000 per victim. Beyond the digital tool, Tejasvi has been actively educating her community by delivering a TEDx talk, earning an honorable mention in the Congressional App Challenge, and conducting hands-on workshops at senior centers. Youth Service America reports that she also volunteers with refugee tutoring and food assistance programs, plans to expand Shield Seniors into an Android app, and looks forward to intergenerational cybersecurity awareness programs where youth help their elders stay safe.

INDIAN DIASPORA IN JAPAN PAYS TRIBUTE TO HIROSHIMA VICTIMS, LAUDS PM MODI'S ROLE IN PROMOTING PEACE



The Indian diaspora in Japan on 27 September, 2025 observed 'Vishwa Seva Pakhwada 2025' by paying heartfelt tributes to the victims of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings while also hailing Prime Minister Narendra Modi's role in promoting peace in the world. The 'Seva Pakhwada', being held from Prime Minister Modi's birthday on September 17 to the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri on October 2, is a public service initiative dedicated to spreading messages of peace and humanity all over the world. Following the 80th anniversary of the atomic bombings, the Indian Minorities Federation (IMF), along with members of the diaspora and Japanese NGOs representing Hiroshima survivors, paid floral tributes at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial.

The gathering also rang the Peace Bell 75 times to spread Prime Minister Modi's vision of global peace and harmony. Participants lauded the Prime Minister for his consistent efforts in promoting peace across the world and his support for ending wars and resolving conflicts. The IMF delegation included Rajya Sabha MP and IMF Convener Satnam Singh Sandhu, IMF Co-Founder Prof. Himani Sood, and Toshiko Tanaka, a member of the Nobel Peace Prize-winning group Nihon Hidankyo of atomic bomb survivors.

During the visit, IMF delegates and Indian community members also formed a human chain in front of the Hiroshima Peace Memorial, known as the Genbaku Dome, the only structure left standing near the hypocenter of the first atomic bombing on August 6, 1945. The demonstration symbolised solidarity with the global movement against war and nuclear weapons. In a striking gesture, several members of the diaspora wore masks of Prime Minister Modi, describing him as a "messiah for world peace." They highlighted his message of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam', calling it the "biggest mantra for peace in the world."



Hiroshima atomic bomb survivors lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his advocacy of world peace and his philosophy of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam', honouring him with a citation by the Japanese NGO 'Peace Culture Village'.

The recognition came during the observance of 'Vishwa Seva Pakhwada 2025' in Japan. A delegation of the

Indian Minorities Federation (IMF) celebrated Prime Minister Modi's 75th birthday and also honoured the bombing victims on the 80th anniversary of the atomic attacks. The delegation included Rajya Sabha MP and IMF convener Satnam Singh Sandhu, IMF Co-Founder Prof Himani Sood, and members of the Indian diaspora in Japan.

Also attending were Toshiko Tanaka, a member of Nobel Peace Prize-winning group Nihon Hidankyo of atomic bomb survivors, and Kenta Sumioka, a third-generation atomic bomb survivor and Managing Director of Peace Culture Village in Hiroshima.

The citation, signed by Toshiko Tanaka and Kenta Sumioka, was handed over to the IMF convener. It acknowledged Prime Minister Modi's efforts to promote peace across the world and hailed him as a steadfast global voice of peace.

GLIMPSES OF FESTIVALS

GANESH CHATURTHI CELEBRATION

The Consul General of India, Manchester, joined the Ganesh Puja celebrations organized by the Marathi Association at Gita Bhavan Temple. The occasion was filled with devotion, festive joy, and cultural vibrancy, bringing the rich traditions of India to life in the United Kingdom. The event showcased India's diverse cultural heritage and the strong enthusiasm of the Indian diaspora in preserving and promoting traditions abroad.





ONAM CELEBRATION 2025

The most important cultural festival of Kerala, celebrating values of unity, prosperity, and cultural heritage. The celebration included traditional music and dance, tugowars, and an "Onam Sadya" which is a grand vegetarian feast to celebrate harvest, served in traditional style.





Onam festival in UAE

Onam festival in Chicago

DURGA PUJA AND NAVRATRI CELEBRATION 2025

Indian diaspora participates in Durga Puja and Navratri celebrations across the world. Navratri unites hearts across culture. These events feature traditional dances, cultural programmes, religious rituals, garba nights, street celebrations community bonding and focus on worship of goddess Durga.

KADVA PATIDAR SAMAJ OF CHICAGO HOSTS ANNUAL NAVRATRI GARBA AND RAAS AT THE JAIN TEMPLE IN BARTLETT ON SEPT. 20, DRAWING MORE THAN 1,000 ATTENDEES FOR AN EVENING OF CULTURAL CELEBRATION.





EMBASSY OF INDIA IN JUBA (SOUTH SUDAN) JOINED THE INDIAN DIASPORA AT THE JIT TEMPLE FOR THE INAUGURATION OF THE AUSPICIOUS NAVRATRI FESTIVAL





NAVRATRI CELEBRATION AT KAMPALA, UGANDA.
THE LOHANA COMMUNITY ORGANISED THE LOHANA NAVRATRI MAHOTSVA
CELEBRATION FROM SEPT 20 TO OCT 1, 2025. THE 10- DAY COMMUNITY CULTURAL
FESTIVAL FEATURED BOLLYWOOD GARBA NIGHTS AND DANDIA DANCING





CHRISTCHURCH BENGALI COMMUNITY BRINGS TOGETHER THE BENGALIS AND INDIANS LIVING IN CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND TO CELEBRATE DURGA PUJA.





RAMLILA IN SUVA, FIJI



For the Indo-Fijian community, Ramlila is not just a cultural event but a profound expression of faith, resilience, and community spirit. Ramlila is retelling the story of Lord Rama through Drama, Music and Dance. The spiritual connection has endured through generations, with over 2000 Ramayan Mandalis (community groups dedicated to reciting and performing the Ramayana) in Fiji. These Mandalis serve as cultural and spiritual hubs, organising recitations, performances, and community gatherings that keep the tradition alive.

RAMLEELA CELEBRATION ON THE GROUNDS OF PRESIDENT'S HOUSE, TRINIDAD & TOBAGO





On October 3, 2025 President Christine Kangaloo and First Gentleman Kerwyn Garcia hosted the first-ever staging of Ramleela at President's House, St Ann's. The historic occasion reflected commitment to making President's House a space for cultural, educational and artistic expression, particularly for the nation's youth. President Christine Kangaloo and her husband Kerwyn Garcia look on as an effigy of Ravan burns during Ramleela celebrations at President's House, St Ann's. Students and teachers of the El Dorado North Hindu Primary School and the Tunapuna Hindu Primary School re-enacted scenes from the Ramayan and delivered lively cultural performances. The 30-foot effigy of Ravan, constructed by members of the Swaha Hindu College, went up in flames on the lawn on the eastern side of President's House, to the awe of spectators. The historic occasion was witnessed by members of the Diplomatic Corps, the executive of the Sanatan Dharma Maha Sabha, members of the board of the National Council of Indian Culture and students from six schools in the vicinity of President's House.



Ramleela is a play which depicts the life of Lord Ram on earth, as chronicled in the Ramayan, including his 14-year exile in the forest and his eventual victory over the malevolent King Ravan. The climax of Ramleela entails the burning of an effigy of Ravan, symbolising the triumph of good over evil. This tradition is re-enacted in villages throughout Trinidad in the weeks preceding Divali.



Each character, she said, showed us something about real life and about ourselves. "Lord Ram and Goddess Sita, for example, showed us what true love and devotion look like, and how strong love can remain even when life becomes very difficult. Ravan, on the other hand, reminded us of the consequences of unbridled egoism, selfishness and greed. I believe that we are all fortunate, very fortunate indeed, to have the example of these characters to remind us of the

qualities which help us overcome life's greatest challenges. "I especially encourage you, the youth and future leaders of this nation to embrace these values and in so doing, help build a stronger and more productive country."

VALMIKI STATUE'S INSTALLATION IN ITALY



Indian community at Camporotondo in Italy are very grateful to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for highlighting in his radio talk 'Mann Ki Baat' the installation of Maharshi Valmiki's statue in their town. They appreciated the Government of India's gesture of gifting the statue which strengthens friendship & cultural ties.

INDIAN DIASPORA IN OVER 100 COUNTRIES COME TOGETHER FOR VIKSIT BHARAT RUN



Indian diaspora in over 100 countries come together for Viksit Bharat Run

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS), in partnership with the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), on 28 September, 2025 organised the first-ever global edition of the Viksit Bharat Run 2025 across more than 100 countries. The initiative was held as part of Seva Pakhwada (17 September - 2 October) under the theme "Run to Serve the Nation."

The event was aimed at inspiring collective action for nation-building while uniting communities through a spirit of service. Community runs covering 3-5 km were

held at iconic and accessible locations worldwide, with enthusiastic participation reported in cities such as Bangkok, Beijing, Beirut, Bishkek, Brunei, Dili, Doha, Galle, Nairobi, Kuala Lumpur, Ljubljana, Mandalay, Melbourne, Perth, Riyadh, Rome, Seoul, Sydney and Tokyo. Editions of the run were also organised in Bhutan, Switzerland, Tanzania and other locations.

Explaining the idea behind the initiative, High Commissioner of India to the United Kingdom, Vikram Doraiswami, stated that the purpose of the event was to highlight the spirit of service and the contributions of Indians abroad.



Participants from the Indian diaspora, along with students, professionals, local communities and friends of India, joined the run to reaffirm their commitment to the vision of a Viksit Bharat by 2047.

Indian Missions worldwide collaborated with community groups, cultural organisations and local authorities to ensure wide participation. Local leaders and dignitaries joined as Chief Guests at various venues, highlighting India's growth story and developmental achievements.

GIRMITIYA MAHOTSAV IN INDIA, A FESTIVAL CELEBRATING THE INDIAN DIASPORA





South African musical sensation Shashika Mooruth lit up the stage at India's Girmitiya Mahotsav, a festival celebrating the heritage of the Indian diaspora. The Girmitiya Mahotsav, organised by the Girmitiya Foundation in Delhi, took place on Saturday, September 6.

The Mahotsav brought together descendants of the Girmitiya from across the world through cultural performances, intellectual discussions, and artistic showcases, dedicated to celebrating and preserving a shared heritage while paying tribute to revered ancestors.

The performances created a rich tapestry of music, dance, and cultural narratives from Mauritius, Fiji, Guyana, Trinidad, Suriname and South Africa, among others. Performing for the first time at a Girmitiya Mahotsav, Mooruth described the experience as deeply personal and historic. Mooruth said representing South Africa at the Girmitiya Mahotsav was both an honour and an emotional experience. She said the gathering from the diaspora brings together people from across the globe who share a common ancestry and history, and it creates a platform to celebrate not only our struggles but also our achievements. Music and culture become the bridge between nations, and events like the Girmitiya Mahotsav ensure that the sacrifices and contributions of our ancestors are never forgotten. They also remind us that we are deeply connected despite living in different parts of the world.

Anil Sooklal, High Commissioner of South Africa to India also attended the event. He said that our ancestors who left India as slaves which the British then called indentured labour. They were first moved to Mauritius in 1834 and then spread to many countries.

INDIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER OF SOUTH AFRICA HAD A FRUITFUL INTERACTION WITH INDIAN DIASPORA AT PRETORIA



The officials of High Commission of India in Pretoria had a fruitful interaction with community members on 30 September 2025. Diaspora Welfare and Connect is an important part of The bilateral relations.

COMMEMORATING THE 156TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF MAHATMA GANDHI IN MOSCOW



Commemorating the 156th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, floral tributes were offered at his statue in Ramenki Rayon Park, Moscow. Gandhiji's eternal message of truth, non-violence and peace continues to guide the world towards harmony and justice. Hon'ble Minister of State of India for Textile & External Affairs, Shri Pabitra Margherita joined

students and Indian diaspora in the celebrations of the 156th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi at the Embassy of India School (Kendriya Vidyalaya) in Moscow.

Hon'ble MoS addressed students and Indian diaspora on the significance and relevance of Gandhian principles of self-reliance, truth and non-violence in 21st century. Hon'ble MoS further emphasized Government's initiatives such as Swachh Bharat, Atmanirbar Bharat and Viksit Bharat rooted in Gandhian principles and their role in India's growth story.



UNIVERSITY OF HYDERABAD ORGANISED A SPECIAL LECTURE ON "INDIAN DIASPORA IN THE GULF: EMERGING TRENDS AND CHALLENGES"



The Centre for the Study of Indian Diaspora (CSID), School of Social Sciences, University of Hyderabad, organised a special lecture on 'Indian Diaspora in the Gulf: Emerging Trends and Challenges' on Monday, September 1, 2025. The event was held at the CSID Lecture Hall, School of Social Sciences.

The distinguished speaker of the lecture was Professor Anisur Rehman, Head of the Centre for West Asian Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi. The session was chaired by Senior Professor Chandrasekhar Bhat.



Professor Ajay K. Sahoo, Head of the Centre for the Study of Indian Diaspora, introduced the guest speaker. The lecture was

attended by students, research scholars and faculty members, including Professor Ajailiu Niumai from the Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusion Policy.

In his talk, Professor Rehman explored multiple dimensions of the Indian diaspora in the Gulf, with particular attention to the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries and the wider Middle East. He discussed the patterns of migration from India to the region, highlighting how economic opportunities, especially through remittances, serve both as a lifeline for migrant families and India's soft power globally. Professor Rehman also drew attention to the terminology used in academic and policy discourse, emphasising the importance of referring to the "Middle East" as West Asia. He explained that the term "Middle East" is a colonial construct rooted in Eurocentric worldviews, whereas West Asia is a geographically more accurate and culturally defined. He also emphasised the need to decolonise knowledge frameworks and adopt terms that reflect regional realities more appropriately.

The pressing challenges faced by migrant workers, ranging from labour market vulnerabilities to exploitation were highlighted. He noted India's growing role in supplying skilled labour in response to the evolving demands of Gulf economies was discussed. The lecture provided a comprehensive overview of the opportunities and obstacles confronting the Indian diaspora, while also outlining the responsibilities of the Indian government in addressing these concerns and securing the well-being of its citizens abroad.

INDIA RISES AS GLOBAL TALENT HUB AMID US AND EU VISA RESTRICTIONS

As major economies such as the US and the EU tighten visa norms and restrict new migration routes, India is rapidly rising as a global hub for skilled talent. With growing global demand for professionals in technology, engineering, healthcare, and manufacturing, nations across Russia and the Gulf are increasingly turning to India's vast, highly trained workforce.

This shift is not only helping ease global skill shortages but also positioning India as a key driver of the international economy, reshaping the dynamics of global labour mobility. Facing a labour deficit of 3.1 million workers by 2030, Russia is expanding foreign recruitment. In 2025, Moscow announced a 1.5-fold increase in foreign worker quotas, allowing around 234,900 foreign hires, including 71,817 work permits for Indians. While Indian workers have traditionally been employed in construction and textiles, demand is now growing for engineers, technicians, and specialists in machinery, electronics, and defence manufacturing.

India's Ambassador to Moscow, Mr. Vinay Kumar, confirmed that Russian companies are actively hiring Indians under regulated quotas. Demographic factors are central to this trend—Russia's fertility rate has fallen to 1.41 children per woman, and its population has declined from 147.2 million in 2021 to 146 million in 2025. Currently, about 62,800 Indians reside in Russia, many working in critical industrial sectors.

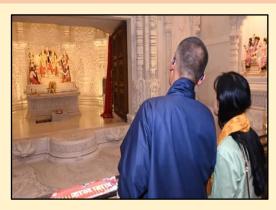
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO TARGET INDIAN TECH TALENTS IMPACTED BY H1B FEE HIKE BY USA



In the wake of restrictions by USA on new H1-B Workers and fee of \$100,000, alternative routes to other developed countries have emerged. Following significant H-1B visa changes in the United States, several developed countries, including Germany, Canada and United States, are actively inviting Indian tech talent

with simplified visa pathways and attractive work opportunities. Prime Miniter Mark Carney made comments to attract Indian tech talents while addressing reporters in the United Kingdom on September 27, after participating in the Global Progress Action Summit. Canada's Tech Talent Strategy included a streamlined work permit for H-1B speciality occupation visa holders in the U.S. to apply to come to Canada.

रामनगरी अयोध्या पहुंचे भूटान के प्रधानमंत्री डी शेरिंग तोबगे, किया रामलला का दर्शन-पूजन





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१२ सितम्बर, २०२५ को मॉरीशस के प्रधानमंत्री नवीनचंद्र रामगुलाम ने पत्नी वीणा रामगुलाम संग बाबा विश्वनाथ के दर्शन-पूजन किए | काशी विश्वनाथ मंदिर का दर्शन किया। प्रधानमंत्री डॉ. नवीनचंद्र रामगुलाम ने विश्वास व्यक्त किया कि बाबा विश्वनाथ के आशीर्वाद से दोनों देशों के बीच संबंध और मजबूत होंगे। । इस अवसर पर उत्तर प्रदेश की राज्यपाल आनंदीबेन पटेल भी उपस्थित रहीं और उन्होंने भी दर्शन पूजन किया। प्रधानमंत्री रामगुलाम के साथ आए

प्रतिनिधि मंडल ने काशी विश्वनाथ धाम में पूजा अर्चना की। प्रतिनिधि मंडल के सदस्यों ने कहा की पूजा का उद्देश्य दोनों देशों की सुख-समृद्धि की कामना करना था।

पूर्वांचल की माटी की महक मॉरीशस में भी है। मॉरीशस और पूर्वांचल के बीच सांस्कृतिक और ऐतिहासिक रिश्तों की गहरी जड़ें हैं। मॉरीशस के मेहमानों का काशी आगमन और बनारसी हस्तकला के प्रति उनका आकर्षण इस रिश्ते को और मजबूत करता है। बनारसी साड़ी और गुलाबी मीनाकारी जैसे उत्पाद न केवल काशी की पहचान हैं, बिल्क वैश्विक मंच पर भारत की हस्तकला को बढ़ावा देने में भी महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाते हैं। मॉरीशस के प्रधानमंत्री और उनकी पत्नी का यह दौरा काशी की परंपराओं और स्थानीय कारीगरों के लिए गर्व का क्षण रहा। मॉरीशस के प्रधानमंत्री डॉ नवीनचंद्र रामगुलाम काशी के धर्म, अध्यात्म और संस्कृति से रूबरू हुए। उन्हें बनारसी खानपान और पहनावा भी खूब भाया। मॉरीशस के प्रधानमंत्री डॉ. नवीनचंद्र रामगुलाम काशी के दुकान पर पहुंच गई और जमकर ख़रीदारी की |

प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने कहा कि, हम साथ मिलकर चागोस समुद्री संरक्षित क्षेत्र, एसएसआर अंतर्राष्ट्रीय हवाई अड्डे पर एटीसी टावर, राजमार्गों और रिंग रोड के विस्तार जैसी परियोजनाओं को भी आगे बढ़ाएंगे। यह पैकेज सहायता नहीं, बल्कि हमारे साझा भविष्य में निवेश है। अब तक 5,000 से अधिक मॉरीशस के नागरिकों ने भारत में प्रशिक्षण प्राप्त किया है. मार्च में मेरी यात्रा के दौरान, 500 सिविल सेवकों को प्रशिक्षित करने का निर्णय लिया गया था और मुझे यह बताते हुए ख़ुशी हो रही है कि पहला बैच वर्तमान में मसूरी में प्रशिक्षण ले रहा है। मॉरीशस को 100 इलेक्ट्रिक बसें दी जा रही हैं, जिनमें से 10 पहुंच चुकी हैं. ऊर्जा के क्षेत्र में संपन्न हुए व्यापक पार्टनरिशप समझौते से इसे और बल मिलेगा। प्रधानमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने कहा कि हमने कमरिया जल में 70.5 मेगावाट का सोलर प्लांट में सहयोग देने का निर्णय किया है।

अयोध्या में रामलला के दर्शन करने वाले मॉरीशस के श्री नवीन चंद्र राम गुलाम बने दूसरे विदेशी प्रधानमंत्री



प्रधानमंत्री डॉ. नवीन चंद्र रामगुलाम अयोध्या रामलला के दरबार पहुंचे। जहां उन्होंने पत्नी श्रीमती वीणा रामगुलाम के साथ रामलला की आरती उतारी और दर्शन-पूजन किए। इस दौरान सीएम योगी आदित्यनाथ उनके साथ मौजूद रहे। डॉ. गुलाम दूसरे ऐसे विदेशी प्रधानमंत्री हैं, जिन्होंने अयोध्या आकर रामलला का पूजन किया हैं। इस दौरान उन्होंने सपरिवार रामलला और राजाराम का पूजन किया। उन्होंने मंदिर निर्माण कार्य का अवलोकन किया और और राम जन्मभूमि परिसर स्थित जटायु और अंगद टीले पर पहुंचकर शिव का जलाभिषेक भी किया |

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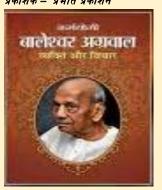




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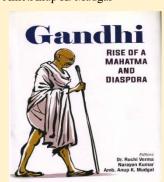


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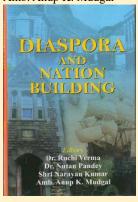
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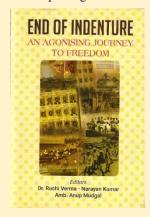
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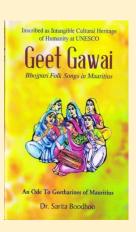


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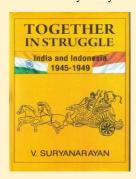
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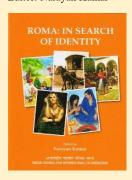
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