



Indian Diaspora Council International

Shared heritage, aspirations and interests

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Celebrating the diversity, strength, achievements and contributions of the Indian Diaspora Marking the 100th Anniversary of Abolition of Indian Indentureship

Date: Sunday, March 18, 2018 **Time:** 3:00pm – 5:00pm

Venue: Martin Van Buren High School, 230-17 Hillside Avenue, Queens Village, NY 11427

Following a panel session on “**Women's Advocacy & Empowerment - Social, Economic & Political**”, a celebration with cultural performances and foods from various countries impacted by Indian Indentureship (Guyana, Trinidad & Tobago, Jamaica, Suriname, St Vincent & the Grenadines, Belize, St. Lucia, Grenada, South Africa, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Mauritius and Fiji) marking the 100th anniversary of the abolition of Indian Indentureship labour. Persons of Indian origin (PIOs) have made tremendous progress and outstanding achievements all segments of society in their countries of birth and residence, contributing to the respective countries' economic, political, cultural and social development. A significant number of persons of Indian origin reside in Tri-state NY-NJ-CT region.

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Program

- Introductions
- Welcome
- Keynote Speaker: Dr. Mahin Gosine
- Remarks:
 - Elected NYS/NYC/US officials and representatives
 - Consul Generals (Invited): India, Guyana, Trinidad & Tobago, Jamaica, Grenada, Mauritius, Fiji, South Africa, Suriname, Guadeloupe, Belize, St. Vincent & the Grenadines
 - Supporting Organizations
- Cultural Presentations:
 - Music, Songs, Poetry, Dance, Indentureship Dramatization
- Tribute: Life & Legacy of Dr. Cheddi Jagan (b. 22 March 1918; d. 6 March 1997)
- Remembering George Subraj (b. 27 February 1945; d. 16 November 2016)
- Recognition of high achievers, supporters and friends of the Indian Diaspora
- Indian Diaspora publications & calendar of upcoming events
- Thanks & Appreciation
- Dinner: Foods from Caribbean countries

Exhibits: Historic photos and documents of Indian Indentureship. Display on easel boards and scrolling digital display. Book display tables (not for sale).

Moderators: Jhairam Persaud & Veronica Hossain

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Indian Diaspora Council International (IDC), established in 1997, is an international non-profit organization with global affiliates and membership in 21 countries with the objective to embrace, engage, and enhance the shared heritage, aspirations, and interests of persons of Indian origin with optimum inclusivity.

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Tribute: Life & Legacy of Dr. Cheddi Jagan (b. 22 March 1918; d. 6 March 1997)



“Cheddi B. Jagan (b. 22 March 1918 – d. 6 March 1997) was a Guyanese politician who was first elected Chief Minister in 1953 and later Premier of British Guiana from 1961 to 1964, prior to independence. He played a key role in Guyana’s struggle for independence from Great Britain. He later served as President of Guyana from 1992 to 1997. For his contribution in the struggle for independence and lifelong service to Guyana, he is widely regarded as the “Father of the Nation”. He was a popular figure due to his tireless efforts on behalf of equitable treatment of workers and farmers in Guyana”.

Remembering George Subraj (b. 27 February 1945; d. 16 November 2016)



Born in Guyana from humble beginnings, migrated to USA and achieved extraordinary levels of business successes along with his brothers. Was president of Zara Luxury Apartments and Homes in New York and Florida providing affordable apartments. While building a very successful business enterprise, he became an icon among Indo-Guyanese community in New York and in Guyana for his abiding interest and commitment to charitable causes in Guyana and USA, including medical equipment, supplies, programs and kidney transplant in Guyana. Recognized for philanthropy and exemplary contributions to charitable and community causes.

Dr. Mahin Gosine - Prof. of Sociology and Anthropology



Prof. of Sociology and Anthropology at Suffolk Comm. Coll of the State University of NY for last 30 years. Graduate of Fordham Univ (BA), New School for Social Research (MA) and St. John’s Univ (M. Phil, PhD). Taught at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Fordham Univ, Stony Brook Univ, NY Institute of Technology and St. Joseph Coll. Regarded as a leading scholar in the Caribbean and internationally, one of the principal scholars on the Indian Diaspora. Author of 30 books and over 100 professional articles, including *The East Indian Odyssey*; *The Collie Connection*; *Sojourners to Settlers*; *Caribbean East Indians in the United States*. Recipient of numerous prestigious awards including NYS Chancellor’s Award.

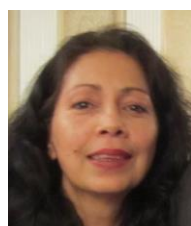
High achievers, supporters and friends of the Indian Diaspora



Deo Gosine
Trinidad & Tobago
Entrepreneur
Community Advocate
& Supporter



Boysie Siew
USA, Caribbean
Entrepreneur
Community Advocate
& Supporter



Pritha Singh
New York, USA
Cultural Preservation
Community Advocate
& Supporter



Dr. Piyush Agrawal
Florida, USA
Educator, UN Expert
Community Advocate
& Supporter



Dr. Renuka Misra
Maryland, USA
Scientist, NIH
Community Advocate
& Supporter

Supporters

Santa Fe Global (Boysie Siew)
New York, New Jersey, Florida, Texas and Caribbean

Zara Realty Holding Co. (Tony Subraj)
New York, Florida

Labidco Port Services Ltd. (Deo Gosine)
Trinidad & Tobago & USA

Indian American Global Chamber of Commerce (Mridul Pathak)
USA, India and International