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Press Statement

INDIAN DIASPORA COUNCIL HONORS 4 NEW YORK JUDGES at ICCD EVENT

The **Indian Diaspora Council International** (**IDC**) honored four (4) recently elected judges at a March 27, 2022 New York event organized by the Interfaith Council for Community Development:

- **Andre Ogle** – NYS Supreme Court
- **Karen Gopee** – NYC Civil Court
- **Cassandra Johnson** – NYC Civil Court
- **Soma Syed** – NYC Civil Court

Making the presentations were Ashook Ramsaran (IDC President), Deo Gosine (IDC Vice President Trinidad & Tobago), Dr. Sharla Madho-Khargi (IDC Director, Community Rehabilitation), and assisted by Christine Perumal (Attorney-at-Law).

Dr. Madho-Khargi made the introductory statement as follows: This recognition by the Indian Diaspora Council of these 4 newly elected Women Judges comes during Women's History Month and so appropriate. You are the inspiration and role models to so many young women and so timely as well. What can be done to bring about more legal equity? We believe that there has to be a ground swell of pressure on elected officials to change the system for the underserved and working poor be given long denied proper legal representation. We look to you to inspire and motivate others as US Supreme County Justice nominee, Judge Ketanji Brown-Jackson has done.

Mr. Deo Gosine presented the four (4) individual recognition mementos inscribed with:
"In recognition and appreciation of your outstanding progress and pioneering role in our community".

(l-r) Dr. Sharla Madho-Khargi; Ashook Ramsaran; Judge Cassandra Johnson; Judge Soma Syed; Judge Karen Gopee; Judge Andrea Ogle; Christine Perumal; Deo Gosine.

Also in attendance were Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz and NYS Sen. Leroy Comrie.

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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.