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IDC MOURNS THE PASSING OF PROF. BRINDSLEY SAMAROO



Indian Diaspora Council International (IDC) expresses its sadness and conveys its condolences on the passing of renowned Indo-Caribbean historian Prof. Brindsley Samaroo who passed away on Saturday, July 8, 2023.

Brinsley Samaroo was Professor of History, the University of the West Indies, St Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago. He has served as senator, minister and member of Parliament in the Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. Brinsley Samaroo, retired Professor of History, has had a long career in academia and politics over the past five decades. After studies in history at Delhi and London universities, he taught New World and South Asian history at the University of the West Indies and was later appointed Senior Research Fellow at the University of Trinidad and Tobago. At the political level, he was Leader of the Opposition in the Senate from 1982 to 1986 and elected member and minister of government from 1986 to 1991.

His publications include *The Art of Garnet Ifill: Glimpses of the Sugar Industry* and *The Price of Conscience: Howard Nankivell and Labour Unrest in the Caribbean in 1937 and 1938*. He published many books on history, culture and politics, including: "India in the Caribbean"; "Global Indian Diaspora"; "The Price of Conscience"; and many other notable books.

Samaroo once remarked that, "You can do nothing by just staying away and pelting stones".

Peepal Press noted, "He has written extensively on the history of Trinidad and Tobago with a focus on working class movements, Indo-Caribbean history and political and institutional development".

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