

## STREET NAMINGS IN NEW YORK CITY - by Ashook Ramsaran

With the Kolkata Memorial inaugurated on January 11, 2011 in Kolkata, India, we paid homage to all our ancestors who left India for Guyana and other colonies to work on sugar plantations. In addition to the numerous plaques, commemorations, praises and pujas which are done normally, I strive to establish street namings in New York City as permanent markers to honor the life and legacy of outstanding Indo-Caribbean persons and institutions which have contributed significantly to the promotion and preservation of our rich and enduring culture, customs and traditions while being outstanding community advocates. I feel privileged and honoured to lead the efforts for several street co-namings that exemplify enduring achievements.



*Ramesh D. Kalicharran Way*



*Little Guyana Avenue*



*Pandit Ramlall Way*



*Dharmacharya Seerattan Way*



*Dayananda Gurukula Way*



*Shri Prakash Gossai Way*



*Olde Towne Burial Ground Way*

Several others in process, including BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir

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