



Indian Diaspora Council

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Shared heritage, aspirations and interests

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Press Statement

CONGRATULATIONS to the INDIAN DIASPORA COUNCIL of AUSTRALIA on its 10th ANNIVERSARY

The **Indian Diaspora Council International (IDC)** and its global membership convey heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to the **Indian Diaspora Council of Australia (IDCA)** on its milestone 10th anniversary, building on the ideals and diasporic vision of its founder, Dr. Satish Rai.

Indian Diaspora Council of Australia Inc. (IDCA)
Girmitya Diwas & Ratu Sir Lala Sukuna Day 2026
 Saturday, 16 May 2026, 4:30 PM onwards
 The Regency Function Centre, Unit 8/18 George Young Street, Auburn NSW 2144

A Cultural Celebration Honouring Our Heritage & Excellence

- Tribute to Girmityas from Fiji and beyond
- Performances by Fijian & Indian Australian artists
- Presentation of the Girmitya Award
- Honouring NSW 2025 HSC Achievers in Hindi Language Education.

Guest of Honour:
H.E. Ajay Bhai Amrit (High Commissioner of Fiji)
 With MPs, councilors, community leaders – and you!

Launch of IDCA 10-Year Commemorative Magazine, featuring inspiring memoirs and success stories of Australian of Indian origin.

PLEASE REGISTER using the link or QR code
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/girmitya-diwas-ratu-sir-lala-sukuna-day-2026-tickets-1986149972032?aff=oddtcreator>

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IDC recognizes the first arrivals of Indian indentured labourers to Fiji on 15th May 1879 aboard the *Leonidas*, and the subsequent arrivals of more than 60,000 more Girmitya who settled in Fiji upon expiration of their contracts and contributed significantly to Fiji’s development.

IDC statement: “Your ancestors came from India to Fiji partially by choice, many were forced but resolved and persevered under very difficult and harrowing conditions. That shared experience, that saga of shared history, fostered a unique kindred spirit of resolve, togetherness and kinship – a triumph over obstacles and difficulties with dreams and aspirations of a destiny intertwined by history and fate”.

IDC commends **IDCA** as an outstanding Indian diaspora and community based organization fostering, preserving and promoting Indian culture in Australia, by keeping alive the enduring legacy of “the ties that bind” with India, our ancestral homeland. **IDCA** “fosters social, economic, and cultural connections, promoting Indian heritage while engaging in community welfare and civic participation”.

Consistent with the **IDC**’s mission, **IDCA** addresses issues of interest and concern with outreach, engagement and programmes which are meaningful and informative to the Indian Diaspora community. With a dedicated executive board, **IDCA** facilitates more understanding, cooperation and collaboration among peoples of various ethnic backgrounds, assimilating and co-existing in harmony in adopted homelands far from birth countries of many.

We are pleased that **IDCA** is celebrating its 10th anniversary with a comprehensive programme with performances, awards, Indian’s High Commissioner to Fiji, HE Ajay Bhai Amrit, in attendance and the launch of IDCA’s 10th anniversary commemorative magazine.

Our best wishes for a very successful and memorable programme, and continuing progress by IDCA.

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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.