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Indian Diaspora Council (IDC) Proposal for Girmitya Display Pavilion at PBD2027

Ashook Ramsaran, President of the Indian Diaspora Council International (IDC), has proposed a Girmitya Display Pavilion at upcoming PBD2027 to be held in Kolkata which is the site of the Kolkata Memorial. The proposal was submitted to Overseas Indian Affairs (OIA) Secretary Sripriya Ranganathan and Joint Secretary Ankan Banerjee based on Ramsaran's meeting with them at the Indian Consulate on 25th September 2026 in New York, USA.

The proposal is to display of authentic artifacts, photographs of people, ships, plantations, emigration passes, indenture agreements, recordings, songs, oral histories and related items.

The core planning team is headed by Ashook Ramsaran (IDC) and includes Dr. Sarita Boodoo Mauritius), Dr. Maurits Hassankhan (Suriname); Dr Seeta Shah Roath (Guyana).



Proposed Girmitya Pavilion - Outside View



Proposed Girmitya Pavilion - Inside View

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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.