



Indian Diaspora Council
INDIAN DIASPORA WORLD CONVENTION 2017
100th Anniversary of Abolition of Indian Indenturedship
Shared heritage, aspirations, interests and progress

March 20, 2017 marks the centennial of official abolition of Indian Indentureship, an era spanning the years 1834-1917. The history and consequences of Indian Indentureship are deeply embedded with tremendous significance, importance, meaningful history and reflections to millions of descendants living in many countries which were the recipients of Indian Indentured labourers seeking better livelihoods. These countries included: Mauritius, Fiji, Malaysia, South Africa, Guyana, Trinidad, Suriname, Jamaica and others, as well as former French colonies of Reunion Island, Seychelles, Guadeloupe and Martinique.

The Indian Diaspora Council, in collaboration with many prominent and well established organizations and institutions in various countries, is coordinating a series of high profile global events to mark the centennial of abolition of Indian Indentureship befitting of this historic occasion.

There are several coordinated events planned/proposed for countries impacted by Indian Indentureship:

- 12th September, 2016 in New York, USA - Kick-off press conference and seminar.
- 23rd October 2016 in New York - Gandhi's Influence on Indian Indentureship and Civil Rights.
- 4th January, 2017 - Conference session at Uttar Pradesh Divas 2017 (Lucknow, India).
- 8th January, 2017 - Session on *Girmityas* at Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2017 (Bengaluru, India).
- 5th March, 2017 - Commemoration seminar at Indian Consulate in New York, USA.
- 4th – 6th March 2017 – Simultaneous country commemoration conferences and cultural presentations in impacted countries: Mauritius, Fiji, Malaysia, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, South Africa, Uganda, Guyana, Trinidad, Suriname, Jamaica, Grenada, France, Reunion Island, Seychelles, Guadeloupe and Martinique – as well as UK, Netherlands, Hong Kong and India (New Delhi, Patna, Lucknow, Kolkata, Bhopal, Ranchi and Chennai).
- 17th March 2017 - Release of book titled: "*Centennial of Abolition of Indian Indenturedship: End of an Era of Indian Migration, New Frontiers and Achievements*".
- 17th – 20th March, 2017 - Global Convention in Port of Spain (Trinidad & Tobago). Conferences, panel sessions, workshops, resolutions, action items team, cultural presentations and receptions. Several heads of state in neighbouring Caribbean countries invited for a special discussions.

Colonial British Indian indentured labour transportation by importing country (1834 – 1917)

Name of Colony	Number of Labourers Transported
Mauritius	453,063
British Guiana	238,909
Trinidad	143,939
Jamaica	36,412
Grenada	3,200
St Lucia	4,350
Natal (South Africa)	152,184
St Kitts	337
St Vincent	2,472
Reunion	26,507
Surinam	34,304
Fiji	60,965
East Africa	32,000
Seychelles	6,315
Total	1.194.957

Other Countries include:

- Malaysia
- Guadeloupe
- Martinique
- Madagascar
- French Guiana (Cayenne)
- St. Bart's
- Belize (Br. Honduras)



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Program Outline - Trinidad

<i>Sat March 11, 2017</i>	<i>9:30am-3:00pm</i>	YOUTH SUMMIT	City of Chaguanas (CoC), Trinidad
<i>Fri Mar 17, 2017</i>	<i>7:00pm -9:30pm</i>	RECEPTION & DINNER	Indian High Comm's Residence
<i>Sat Mar 18, 2017</i>	<i>9:00am -5:00pm</i>	ACADEMIC CONFERENCE	Radisson Hotel, Port of Spain
<i>Sat Mar 18, 2017</i>	<i>6:30pm -9:30pm</i>	CULTURAL EVENING & DINNER	National Council of Indian Culture (NCIC) Diwali Nagar
<i>Sun Mar 19, 2017</i>	<i>9:30am -12:00pm</i>	ACADEMIC CONF (Cont'd) OPEN DISCUSSIONS RESOLUTIONS, FUTURE PROGRAMS	Radisson Hotel, Port of Spain Radisson Hotel, Port of Spain
<i>Sun Mar 19, 2017</i>	<i>6:00pm-11:00pm</i>	GALA BANQUET & RECOGNITION	<i>Venue to be selected</i>
<i>Mon Mar 20, 2017</i>	<i>10:00am-1:00pm</i>	COMMEMORATION COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE	City of Chaguanas (CoC), Trinidad
<i>Mar 17-20, 2017</i>	<i>Daytime hours</i>	COMMEMORATIVE EXHIBITION	Conference tables <i>plus</i> Tours to Indian Diaspora Museum

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