



Online International Symposium on

Indentured Migration in 19-20th Century from India

19-20 वीं सदी में भारत से अनुबंधित (श्रमिक) प्रवासन

Theme: Girmitiyalogy: Text, Theory and Literature

Thursday-Saturday, 10-12 September 2026, 03:00 PM (IST)

Day 1 Thursday 10.9.2026 - 3 PM (IST) onwards

Session 1 Inaugural Session/ उद्घाटन सत्र - 3 to 4.15 PM (IST)

- Chair:** Shalima Mohammad, Director, ICC(Indo-Caribbean Cultural Centre)
- Welcome Address:** Sudheer Pratap Singh, *Chairperson, Centre of Indian Languages, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, JNU*
- Keynote Speaker (As 4th JNU Prof. Manager Pandey Memorial Social Science Lecture):** Shardhanand Harinandan Singh, *Founder, Girmitiyalogy Foundation (GIGA), Rotterdam, The Netherlands*
- Concept Note:** Devendra Kr. Choubey, *Author & Professor in CIL, JNU*
- Guest Speaker:** Shoba Sivasankaran, *Dean, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, JNU*
Kumar Mahabir, *Director, Indo-Caribbean Cultural Centre, Trinidad & Tobago*

Coordination/Moderator: Akash Mishra (Rama Degree College, Lucknow University, India)

Vote of Thanks: Ajay Kr. Yadav (*Satyawati College, DU, India*)

Rapporteurs: Arvind Niket Singh (*Mauritius*) & Abhishek Pandey (*JNU*)

Session 2 Experiences/अनुभव 4.30 to 6.30 PM (IST)

Chair: Mrityunjay Kumar Singh, *writer of 'Gangaratan Videshi', a diasporic novel, India.*

Papers/Speakers:

- Lenroy Thomas (*St. Vincent*)
Mohamed Keeshavjee (*UK/ S. Africa*)
Primnath Guptar (*Trinidad & Tobago*)
Devina Auchoybur (*Writer, Mauritian National/India*)

Discussants/special comments:

Arvind Niket Singh (*Mauritius*) & Devendra Kr. Choubey (*India*)

Coordination/Moderator: Ajay Kumar Yadav (*Satyawati College, DU, India*)

Vote of Thanks: Shashank Shekhar (*Journalist, Buxar, India*)

Rapporteurs: Ganeshi Lal (*JNU*) & Divya Prakash (*Govt. College, Betul, MP, India*)





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Session 3 Analysis/विश्लेषण 3 to 4.30 PM (IST)

Chair: Ghanshyam, *BHU, Director, Academic and Cultural Outreach, Indian Diaspora Council, Varanasi, India*

Papers:

Kennard Soleyn (*St Vincent & The Grenadines*)
Kaveri Chattopadhyay Roy (*Kolkata Port, India*)
Rashmi Choudhary (*Historian, India*)
Shuchi Gupta (*India*)

Discussants/special comments:

Hitendra Patel (*Historian and Novelist, India*)
Jaychandran R. (*Academician, University of Kerala, India*)

Coordination/Moderator: Abhishek Pandey (*JNU*)

Vote of Thanks: Divya Prakash (*Govt. College, Betul, MP, India*)

Rapporteurs: Dheeresh Tiwari (*JNU*) & Arvind Niket Singh (*Mauritius*)

Session 4 Theory/सिद्धांत 4.45 to 6.30 PM (IST)

Chair: Devendra Kr. Choubey, *Author and Professor in JNU*

Papers/Speakers:

Kumar Mahabir (*Trinidad & Tobago*)
Visham Bhimull (*Trinidad & Tobago*)
Akash Mishra (*Lucknow University, India*)
Vidya Parbati Gangadeen (*UK/ T&T*)

Discussants/ special comments:

Ashish Agnihotri (*French Critic and Translator, JNU, India*)
Ravi Prakash Singh (*Critic and Editor, NIEPA, India*)

Coordination/Moderator: Ganeshi Lal (*India*)

Vote of Thanks: Priyanka Kumari (*JPU, Chapra, Bihar, India*)

Rapporteurs: Amir Hamza (*JNU*) & Arvind Niket Singh (*Mauritius*)





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Session 5 Philosophy /दर्शन 3 to 4.45 PM (IST)

Chair: Onkar Nath Upadhyay, *Eminent Critic, University of Lucknow, India*

Papers/Speakers:

Aniel Pahladsingh (*Suriname /Netherlands*)

Sharmila Bhagoe-Ramratan (*Suriname*)

Shameen Thakur-Rajbansi (*South Africa*)

Amanda Hansvathy (*St Lucia/UK*)

Discussants/special comments:

Deepti Aggarwal (*Researcher and Writer*)

Shardhanand Harinandan Singh, *Founder, Girmitiyalogy*

Coordination/Moderator: Dheeresh Tiwari, (*JNU*)

Vote of Thanks: Pushpraj Yadav (*JNU*)

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Session 6 Closing Session/समापन सत्र 5 to 6.30 PM (IST)

Chair: Shardhanand Harinandan Singh, *Founder, Girmitiyalogy (GIGA)*

Symposium Reporting (All 06 Sessions) by: Arvind Niket Singh (*Young Poet, Mauritius*)

Guest Speaker:

Ajay Kumar Dubey, *Eminent Scholar & Professor SIS JNU*

Ramprasad Bhatt (*Indologist, UH, Germany*)

Observations: Sandeep Marwa (*Founding Chancellor, AMMFI, India*), Ulfat Muhiba (*Tashkent, Uzbekistan*) & Upul Ranjith (*Colombo, Sri Lanka*)

Closing Remarks: Devendra Kr. Choubey *Author and Professor in CIL JNU*

Coordination/Moderator: Devina Auchoybur *India*

Vote of Thanks: Binod Kumar Singh, *Social Activist and Chairman, GGLASC, Bihar.*

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Announcement of the End of the Symposium.

