

Post-Event Report

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| Event | Short-term course on “Indian Diaspora: Interdisciplinary Perspectives |
| Topic | Indian Diaspora: Interdisciplinary Perspectives |
| Organizer | Sri Guru Nanak Dev Khalsa College, University of Delhi, in association with Antar Rashtriya Sahayog Parishad and Diaspora Research and Resource Centre (under the aegis of Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India) |
| Date | 12 October 2022 - 31 October 2022 |
| Time | - |
| Duration | 30 hours |
| Place/Platform | Online- Zoom and Offline- Antar Rashtriya Sahayog Parishad (ARSP), Delhi |
| Number of Participants | 52 |
| Welcome Speech | Prof. Gopal Arora, Secretary, ARSP & Convener of STC-Indian Diaspora: Interdisciplinary Perspectives |

Activities

The inaugural session of the course was organized on **12 October 2022** at the auditorium of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Khalsa College. **Amb. (Ms) Manika Jain**, Additional Secretary, OIA-II, MEA chaired the session. **H.E. Dr Roger Gopaul**, High Commissioner of the Republic of Trinidad & Tobago was the Chief Guest of the occasion. The Inaugural gathering was addressed by Dr. Gurmohinder Singh, Principal, SGND Khalsa College, Prof. Gopal Arora, Secretary, ARSP & Convener of the course, Shri Shyam Parande, Secretary General, ARSP and Amb. Anup Mudgal, Founder Chairperson, DRRC. The session concluded with the address of Shri Narayan Kumar, Hon. Director, ARSP, who in his concluding remarks acknowledged the contributions of the Indian diaspora all over the world. He also mentioned that this introductory course will help the students learn about the important role and contributions of the Indian diaspora worldwide.

On 14 October 2022, DRRC and Antar Rashtriya Sahayog Parishad (ARSP) hosted an interactive session for the 40 participants of the 61st KIP batch from 7 countries namely- Guyana, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Mauritius, Myanmar, South Africa, and Fiji. This was attended by 35 students and 5 faculties of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Khalsa College, Delhi University. The main highlight of the event was the vibrant interaction between the students and the KIP participants. They exchanged their views, thoughts, and desire to work in collaboration for the betterment of their countries. The session was addressed by Shri Mukesh Aggarwal, Vice President, ARSP, H.E. Kamlesh Shashi Prakash, High Commissioner of Fiji, H.E. Mr. Arunkoemar Hardien, Ambassador of Suriname, H.E. Dr Roger Gopaul, High Commissioner of Trinidad & Tobago, Mr M S Patiyal, Director, OIA-II, MEA.

The first online session was conducted on the 15th of October on Zoom platform. The very first session was taken by Prof. Gopal Arora, whereby he familiarized the participants with the history and

evolution of Diaspora Policy and the Government initiatives and schemes taken for tapping the diaspora dividend. This was followed up by a session from Prof. Chandrashekhar Bhat on the theme of Migration and Diaspora during Colonial and Post-Independence Period.

On 17th of October, Gender aspects of Indian Diaspora were discussed by Dr. Amba Pandey. In the second session, Shri Shyam Parande highlighted the Girmitya Diaspora and Jet Age Diaspora.

On 19th October, the session was held in a hybrid mode, where some of the students and faculties visited Pravasi Bhavan and the others attended through zoom. The gathering was addressed by Dr Satnarine Balkaransingh from Trinidad & Tobago, a prolific writer and a disciple of Birju Maharaj and exponent of Kathak dance. The second session was taken by Shri Anil Joshi, Vice Chairman of Kendriya Hindi Shikshan Mandal.

On 21st October, Dr Jaswinder Kaur Bindra from SGND Khalsa College shared her views on Linguistic Diaspora with special emphasis on Punjabi Diaspora. Another important session on Gender and other issues related to diversity among Indian Diaspora was taken by Dr Ashutosh Kumar, a renowned author and scholar on diaspora issues from Banaras Hindu University.

After the diwali break, the next session was conducted on 25th October. The participants were addressed by Ambassador Anup Mudgal (former high commissioner to Mauritius and founder chairman of DRRC) on the Economic, Higher Education and Technological aspects of the Indian Diaspora. The second session was taken by Ambassador Virendra Gupta (former High Commissioner to South Africa, Tanzania, Trinidad & Tobago; former Director General of ICCR Diaspora-) On Geopolitics and India's Soft Power Projection.

On 28th October, first session was taken by Mr. Abhinav Mishra, highlighting the role of the Indian Diaspora in the freedom struggle of our country. In the second session, Mr. Dhruv Arora addressed the young students on the opportunities and challenges faced by the young diaspora.

The penultimate session of this short-term course was conducted on the 31st of October. This session was taken by Ms. Nidhi Sharma, Assistant Professor, SGND Khalsa College on the literature, theory, and practice of Indian Diaspora. This was followed by an Open house for student interaction, where the participants shared their experiences and feedback.

The valedictory ceremony of the course took place on November 3, 2022, at the Pravasi Bharatiya Kendra, Sushma Swaraj Bhawan. Smt. Meenakshi Lekhi, the Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs and Culture, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. H.E. Dr. Roger Gopaul, the High Commissioner of the Republic of Trinidad & Tobago, was the Guest of Honour. The gathering also received insights from speakers like Amb. Virendra Gupta, President of ARSP, Shri Shyam Parande, Dr. Gurmohinder Singh, Prof. Gopal Arora, and Shri Narayan Kumar.

Smt. Meenakshi Lekhi extended her congratulations to the Diaspora Research and Resource Centre and Sri Guru Nanak Dev Khalsa College for undertaking this significant initiative and personally handed out certificates of merit to both course participants and resource persons.

Main Ideas

As a part of the assessment, the participants were regularly assessed throughout the course through MCQ quizzes and an Essay writing competition on the relevance of Indian Diaspora.

Based on the responses received from the participants, it can be surmised that the short-term course was an astounding success students particularly liked the interaction with KIP delegates and PIO and NRI diaspora Resource persons and they expressed interest in conducting more such sessions.

Vote of thanks

Prof. Gopal Arora, Secretary, ARSP & Convener of STC

Poster (Attach below)



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Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India
presents

A 30 Hour Short Term Course on

Indian Diaspora: Interdisciplinary Perspectives

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| <p>HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROGRAM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Visit to Ministry of External Affairs and Pravasi Bhawan▪ Interaction with PIO Youth under Know India Program▪ Interaction with PIO Diplomats▪ Knowledge about Interdisciplinary perspectives on Diaspora | <p>Course Duration: 12-31 October 2022</p> <p>Course Fee: ₹500/-</p> <p>Mode: Online + Offline</p> <p>Limited seats available on first come first serve basis</p> |
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INAUGURAL SESSION

Indian Diaspora - Interdisciplinary Perspectives

Chief Guest
H E Dr Roger Gopaul
High Commissioner of the Republic of Trinidad & Tobago

Chairperson
Amb (Ms) Manika Jain
Addl. Secy, Ministry of External Affairs

Wednesday 12 October 2022 | SGND Khalsa College, University of Delhi

Pictures (Attach Five Photos)







Certificate





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Certificate of Merit

This is to certify that Dr/Mr/Ms. *Anrutha Ravisankar* from ... Lady Shri Ram College For Women, Delhi University ...
successfully completed the Short Term Course on '**Indian Diaspora: Interdisciplinary Perspectives**'
held during 12 October - 03 November 2022. His/her active participation was highly appreciated.


Dr. Gurmohinder Singh
Principal, SGND Khalsa College


G K Arora
Course Convener


Amb. Virendra Gupta
President, ARSP

Signature:

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