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Indian Diaspora : Analysis of Pacific Region

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Abstract: This study focuses on intensive research on Diaspora of Indian citizens in Pacific region. The study will cover their journey from an Indian citizenship to their permanent residency in Pacific region (New Zealand, Fiji or Australia) and the upshot in their swapped lives.

Scope of Research Project

This study will include understanding the impacts on Indian diaspora in New Zealand, Fiji and Australia. Our study will embrace the differences between the cultures and transitions which diaspora has to dynamically adapt to and further we'll get into perusal of what all junctures do they have to put up within order to rehabilitate themselves in a country different from their origin.

Study would focus on the following aspects to gain deep factual knowledge of the Indian diaspora:

- Historical background of New Zealand, Fiji and Australia and eminent movements which added to respective country's growth as a nation.
- Societal and Economical status of Diaspora.
- Economical influences and political environment in regard to diaspora.
- Factors that lead to shift of Indian diaspora to Pacific region.
- Factors that motivated them for the transition in their citizenship
- Evaluating the societal challenges like racism, inequality in jobs etc. diaspora have to face.
- Diaspora's addition to the literature and modern culture of New Zealand, Fiji and Australia.
- Factors that motivated them to become permanent residents of countries under study.
- Our study will also intricate, a deep analysis about their ancestral background, where are they from, which socio-economical and occupational background do they come from and will also focus on their plans for their coming generations.
- Did they persuade their family members, friends or partners for a citizenship there or not.
- Study will also lead to develop an understanding that when did they apply for citizenship, was it some wave or immigration flutter.
- How long did it take them to settle there, was it tough or an undemanding chore to adjust in a new country?
- What dissimilitude do they encounter, coming from an Indian origin?
- How do people and government treat the citizens coming from a foreign country?
- How did they enter into the country, were there educational strands, employment opportunity or through investing in the country's economy.

- We will also examine their opportunity cost that they left behind, both in terms of qualitative and quantitative measures, i.e., both financial facet as well as standard of living.

Study would also focus on how Indian diaspora is playing a vital role in the economic development and political environment of New Zealand, Fiji and Australia. Beyond their well-known role as senders of remittances, diaspora are also promoting trade and foreign direct investment, create businesses and spur entrepreneurship and exchange new knowledge and skills.

Data Collection

Secondary source of data will be used for analysis and interpretation. Some of the sources will be books, published resources, Journals, Blogs, Government records, Newspapers, etc.

Research may involve primary data based upon Questionnaires and Telephonic interviews with NRIs settled in New Zealand, Fiji and Australia and also information elicited from DRRC officials.

Conclusion: The output of this research will highlight the role of diaspora of Indian origin in Pacific Region. The research will embrace the role of the Diaspora for national development and global solidarity and would also unfold many unknown facts and outcomes that relate to diaspora of our country.

Time Analysis.

This study will be for the duration of 6 months:

- Date of start writing the scope
- Literature Review
- Data Collection
- Analysis and Interpretation
- First Draft
- Reviewing and Editing
- Feedback
- Final Submission of Report