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Diaspora Research and Resource Centre

New Delhi

VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

Role of Diaspora in Promotion of Indian Culture Abroad

SEGMENT-I: Eastern Region (Gulf, Africa, South, South East Asia & Far East)

DATE: 9 December 2020

TIME: 12.00 - 14.00 IST

PROGRAMME

INAUGURAL SESSION (30 mins)

Chair/Moderation/Introduction – **Amb. Virendra Gupta**, President, ARSP

Welcome Address - **Dr. Vinay Sahasrabuddhe**, President, ICCR

Guest of Honour - **Mr. Avinash Teeluck**, Minister of Arts and Cultural Heritage,
Mauritius

Chief Guest: Keynote Address by **Hon'ble MoS Shri V. Muraleedharan**

Vote of Thanks- DG, ICCR

TECHNICAL SESSION (80 mins – 6 mins each intervention)

Chair/Moderator: **TBC**

Pandit Bhuwan Dutt, Patron, Arya Pratinidhi Sabha of Fiji & member of UniFiji Council, **Fiji**

Mrs. SN Gayan, Director General, Mahatma Gandhi Institute (MGI), **Mauritius**

Mr. Surya Ambati, Member of the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests' Multicultural Advisory Group, Government of Western Australia, **Australia**

Dr Gauri Krishnan, Founding Director, Indian Heritage Centre & Founding Partner, DMBG, **Singapore**

Mr. Shankar Kandasamy, Head of Bharatanatyam Section, Temple of Fine Arts, Kuala Lumpur, **Malaysia**

Mr. PVS Rao, Pravasi Samman Awardee, reputed Entrepreneur & Spiritual thinker, **Kenya**

Swami Vedananada Saraswati, Spiritual head of Arya Samaj, **South Africa**

Prof. Ajay Dubey, Chairperson, Centre for African Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Shri Narayan Kumar, Linguist and Cultural Activist, Hon. Director, Antar Rashtriya Sahayog Parishad

(Reserved list: Mr. Kamal Gupta, Kenya and Mr. S Bissessur, Mauritius)

Rapporteur: Prof Gopal Arora, Secretary, Antar Rashtriya Sahayog Parishad

DISCUSSION & QUESTIONS (20 mins)

CLOSING SESSION (5 mins)