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COVID-19: Issues and Challenges of Migrant and Diaspora Communities

On 'International Labour Day'

Friday 1 May 2020, at 5:30 pm (IST)

Panellists	
Nandini C. Sen <i>Moderator</i>	University of Delhi, India
Brij Maharaj	University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa
Denison Jayasooria	Associate Research Fellow, Institute of Ethnic Studies, UKM, Malaysia
Ashook Ramsaran	President, Indian Diaspora Council International (former President, GOPIO) New York, USA
Sadananda Sahoo	Indira Gandhi National Open University, India
Rakesh Ranjan	Tata Institute of Social Sciences, India
Feroz Khan	Institute for Research and Development in School Education, India
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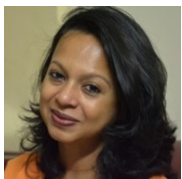
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Brief Biography of Panel Speakers



Nandini C Sen is an Associate Professor of English at the Bharati College, University of Delhi. She was Post-Doctoral Fellow at IAS Shimla and also served at the Cluster Innovation Centre at the University of Delhi. She has been the recipient of the Charles Wallace Fellowship to London in 2001 and 2009, respectively. She has also been the Asia Representative at the African Literature Conference in 2003 and 2009, respectively.



Brij Maharaj is a Senior Professor of geography at the University of Kwazulu-Natal in Durban, South Africa. He has received widespread recognition for his research on urban politics, segregation, local economic development, xenophobia and human rights, migration and diasporas, religion, philanthropy and development, and has published over 140 scholarly papers in renowned journals.



Denison Jayasooriya is Associate Research Fellow at the Institute of Ethnic Studies, UKM, Malaysia. In March 2018 he was confirmed Practice Professor in Public Advocacy by the National University of Malaysia (UKM). He was honoured by the Yang Di Pertuan Agong with the conferment of the Darjah Panglima Jasa Negara (PJN) in 2006. In Oct 2017, the United Nations Office in Malaysia awarded him the UN Award for exceptional contributions in the promotions of SDGs.



Ashook Ramsaran, Guyanese-born, was former President of GOPIO Int'l and currently President of Indian Diaspora Council International. President and CEO of Ramex, Inc., an electronics manufacturing enterprise in New York. He has been named among the top 100 Indian Businessperson in the USA and recipient of India's Pravasi Samman Award and Uttar Pradesh Ratna Award among his many recognition.



Sadananda Sahoo is Faculty at the School of Interdisciplinary and Trans-disciplinary Studies (SOITS), Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU). He is working on International Migration and Diaspora and jointly editing the peer-reviewed journal "Migration and Diasporas: An Interdisciplinary Journal". He is a life member of GRFDT.



Rakesh Ranjan is Assistant Professor at the Centre for Development Practice and Research, Tata Institute of Social Sciences. He is also an Assistant Editor of Journal of Migration Affairs, the organizational journal of the TISS Patna Centre. He is working on the issues relating to international labour migration and Diaspora with the specific focus on West Asia, Southeast Asia, and South Asia.



Feroz Khan is currently associated with the Institute for Research and Development in School Education (IRDSE), Modern School. He did his Master and PhD on labour issues from Interdisciplinary and Trans-disciplinary Studies (SOITS), Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU). He is an active member of GRFDT.



Monika Bisht is working with the Institute for Research and Development in School Education, New Delhi. She has completed her M. Phil and PhD from National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration, New Delhi, India. She has been working on various issues relating to education, labour, Diaspora, international migration, exile, and diaspora philanthropy.

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