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Attention: News Editors

Launching of Fiji Girmit website

As Fiji marks the 125 years of the arrival of girmitiyas or Indian indentured labourers this year, a historical website detailing their arrival and their life as labourers has been created.

The website contains information about the struggles of the girmitiyas, their personal experiences, and texts written by noted historians like Professor Brij Lal, Dr Ahmed Ali and other researchers. It also contains various links, a discussion forum and poetry written by descendents of the girmitiyas.

Conceived as a comprehensive tool for recounting the whole girmit story, the website also has some pictures of the Fiji girmit era – 1879 to 1920. The website can be accessed at the following address:

www.fijigirmit.org

The website will be launched at **12noon on Monday, April 19** by USP's Associate Professor in Economics and associate editor of the Fiji Institute of Applied Studies, Dr Biman Prasad, at Pacific Data Services, 119 Amy Street Toorak, Suva (opposite entry to Suva Private Hospital).

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