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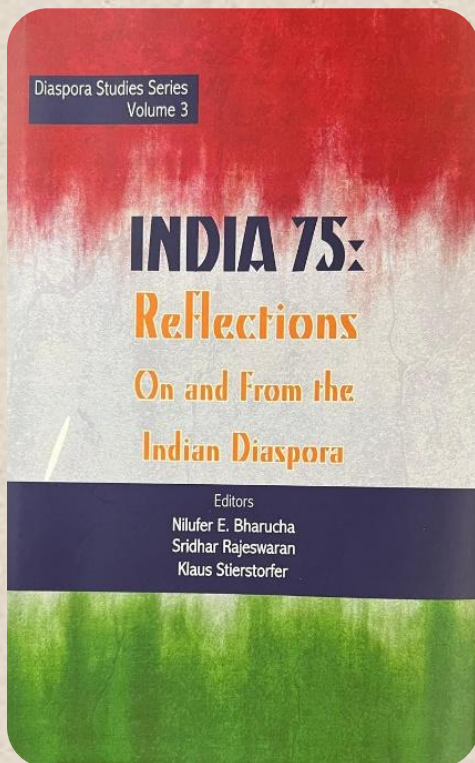
India 75: Reflections On and From the Indian Diaspora
Volume III - Diaspora Studies Series

Chief Guest: Professor Smita Shukla

I/C Director, Alkesh Dinesh Mody Institute for Financial & Management Studies
University of Mumbai

Date: 19 March 2025 | Time: 03:00 PM IST

**Venue: ICSSR Conference Hall, JP Naik Bhavan, University of
Mumbai, Kalina Campus, Santacruz East, Mumbai**



India and her Diaspora have a very long history that goes back thousands of years. Indian merchants, sailors, travellers, monks, teachers and scholars have traversed the globe over land and sea for eons. In the European colonial period, Indians had been taken as indentured labour to distant British and French colonies spread across the planet. Free Indian traders and professionals had followed in the wake of the indentured labour to almost all these locations. In the postcolonial period, the Indian diaspora has been augmented in these old and newer spaces by students, academics and now transnationals.

Independent from 15 August 1947, India in 2022 celebrated the 75th anniversary of its independence. This was marked by several events, and in the academic world in India it took the shape of conferences, seminars and workshops that examined how these years have seen India develop from a country impoverished by colonisation to one that is today a global power and forays into space.

The Indian diaspora too has evolved into a powerful community in different parts of the world and plays an important role in its host and homeland. By the early 1990s, the nature of the diaspora too had changed. The new millennium diasporics are now mainly computer hardware and software specialists. The majority of the cyber migrants are transnationals who stay for

limited periods in the new lands and return to India after completion of their contracts.

This collection of essays explores through literature and cinema, the different roles of the Indian diaspora across the globe and examines the social, political, economic and diplomatic influence it is exerting globally. They are written by scholars and young researchers from around the world and offer varied perspectives on the Indian Diaspora in the first 75 years of independent India. Theoretical frameworks, literature and cinema have been analysed and critiqued from ideological, socio-cultural and gender points of view. It should thus be of value to students, researchers of diaspora studies at universities around the world.

Hosted by: Professor Dr. Nilufer E. Bharucha, Co-Director, MMIAS

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Book Launch Schedule

03:00 pm - 03:15 pm	Welcome and Introduction by MMIAS Co-Directors <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Professor Dr. Nilufer E. Bharucha Co-Director, MMIAS, University of Mumbai- Professor Klaus Stierstorfer Co-Director, MMIAS, University of Münster
03:15 pm - 03:45 pm	Book Launch and Remarks by the Chief Guest Professor Smita Shukla I/C Director, Alkesh Dinesh Mody Institute for Financial & Management Studies University of Mumbai
03:45 pm - 04:15 pm	Remarks by the Guests of Honour <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Professor Baliram Gaikwad Director, Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension University of Mumbai- Dr. Sachin Labade Head, Department of English University of Mumbai
04:15 pm - 04:45 pm	Contributor Responses: Online and Offline
04:45 pm - 04:50 pm	Vote of Thanks Ms. Kirti Risbud Research Associate, MMIAS University of Mumbai
04:50 pm	High Tea