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Ministry of External Affairs  
&  
Indian Council for Cultural Relations  
&  
Diaspora Research and Resource Centre  
Antar Rashtriya Sahayog Parishad

Virtual Conference

***Leveraging the Soft Power of India***  
(Goodwill through craft, cuisine and creativity)

**SEGMENT-I:** Eastern Region

**DATE:** 16 October 2021

**TIME:** 1100-1230 India Time

**PROGRAMME**

**INAUGURAL SESSION**

**Chair/ Opening Remarks– Shri Sanjay Bhattacharyya, Secretary (CPV & OIA)**

**Introductory Remarks- Shri Shyam Parande, Secretary General, ARSP**

**Keynote- Dr. Vinay Sahasrabuddhe, Hon’ble President, ICCR**

**Guest of Honour: Ms. Rosy Akbar, Hon’ble Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, Government of Fiji**

**Inaugural Address- Shri V. Muraleedharan, Hon’ble Minister of State for External Affairs of India**

**TECHNICAL SESSION**

Chair/Moderator: **Amb. Anup Mudgal, Chairperson, DRRC**

Special Guest- **Ms. Indranee Rajah, Member of Parliament, Singapore (TBC)**

**Ms. Kshipra Shukla, Chairman, Uttar Pradesh Institute of Design and Research, India**

**Mr. Peter Kuruvita**, Renowned Chef and Author, **Australia**

**Mrs. Mala Chumman Ramyeed**, Former Associate Professor Arts and Crafts, MGI, **Mauritius**

**Ms. Asha Maharaj**, Chef and Food Columnist, **South Africa**

**Mrs. Prabha Ravi**, Art Practitioner and Administrator, **New Zealand**

## **DISCUSSION & QUESTIONS**

**Summing up and Vote of Thanks- Prof. Gopal Arora**, Secretary, ARSP