Tribute to the Late Professor Brij Lal

"Professor Brij V. Lal was one of the greatest historians and scholars of indentured labour in the world during the late 20th and early 21st centuries. His eventful life, accomplishments, struggles, and publications have touched hundreds of academics, researchers, historians, activists, and teachers in many countries of the Indian Diaspora especially in Mauritius. He is the finest example and the most well-known scholar that Fiji has produced in its history. During his rich and illustrious career, Dr. Lal was a true Fijian patriot who played a key role in introducing the terms 'Girmitya' and the 'Girmitiyas' in the academic terminology and discourse of indentured labour in Mauritius, Fiji, and other countries of the Diaspora. He was a true academic, patriot, fighter, role model, mentor, a man of the people and with the people of Fiji in the struggles for social justice, dignity, and equality. He is and will be greatly missed!"
- Satyendra Peerthum, Historian, Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund, Acting Secretary of the Indentured Labour Route Project and Chairman of the IOC, Mauritius.