

Chapter 13

History of the 1860 Indentured Labourers Foundation, Verulam

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This chapter comprises an extract from the Constitution of the 1860 Indentured Labourers Foundation, Verulam, herein referred to as ‘The Foundation’. It is an abridged version, for background information purposes, for the book, *Indians in South Africa: Perspectives from 1860 to the 21st Century*.



Abstract

During the period 1860 to 1911, the British Colonial Government of the then Colony of Natal (now KwaZulu-Natal) and later the Government of the Union of South Africa (now Republic of South Africa) recruited workers from India under a system referred to as “indenture”. These labourers were imported under the pretext of well-paid jobs and an ostensibly good life. However, historical records show that they were virtually enslaved to clear the uncultivated coastland of Natal of bush and forest and work on the sugarcane fields and the

coal mines of northern Natal. They often worked from pre-dawn to dusk under harsh conditions and were housed in substandard servants' quarters and barracks. Generally regarded with disdain and treated as third-class citizens, virtually every facet of their lives was controlled and governed by derogatory, oppressive, suppressive and restrictive draconian laws. They were deprived of decent life, often consigned to living in squalid conditions and facing great hardship in developing themselves and progressing in society. However, notwithstanding the arduous conditions, the humble 1860 Indentured Labourers struggled against incredible odds and overcame many obstacles to deliver to their descendants a legacy of which they can justly be proud.

1 The Establishment of the Foundation

It was the 150th Anniversary of the arrival of Indian Indentured Labourers to the then Colony of Natal in 1860 and in particular that one of the places that the Indentured Labourers had settled was in Verulam. Mr Jaisingh Surujbullee Singh, a resolute and unwavering historian and stalwart, came up with a proposition that an organisation be initiated and instituted. This would then lend itself to commemorate and acknowledge our forebears whilst appreciating their advent by generating an identity for the Indians and its greater diaspora in South Africa. Hence, after dialogues and deliberations with prominent affiliates of the community, a meeting was convened as a way forward. The Indentured Labourers Foundation, Verulam is also affiliated to the Oral History Society of Verulam, which houses much information on Indenture.

On 7 December 2008, at a public meeting, the 1860 Indentured Labourers Foundation, Verulam was established. It originated as a public nature to be viewed as a continual undertaking to constantly educate and edify the community of the history of the Indentured labourers whilst preserving the rich heritage, legacy and culture which these pioneers brought to the shores of South Africa.

2 Reasons for the Foundation's Establishment

- To commemorate the arrival of Indentured Indians to South Africa and to place their lives in perspective whilst recognising the role they played in the history of South Africa, and at the same time pay homage to their

great character and resilience, and express gratitude to them for the rich heritage they bequeathed to the present generation, more especially to their descendants. It is imperative that all South Africans understand the history of their country and the role played by all race groups.

- Appreciation of the arrival of our forebears and the positive impact they had on our country's development programmes whilst acknowledging their contributions:
 - ❖ Rescuing the then Colony of Natal from severe economic depression; and
 - ❖ Leaving a very rich heritage in the fields of religious beliefs, education, amongst others;
- To generate the opportunity of awareness of the existence of the Indian community ... paving the way to pay homage and commemorate the contributions, sacrifices and achievements of the legacy that our forebears had initiated in contributing to our Rainbow Nation through courage, valour, perseverance and determination;
- To create an avenue for our future progenies whilst maintaining the vast enhancement of ancestral life through the virtues, morals and values and education as its priority whilst contributing immensely to the economy of South Africa hence, aspiring to substantial positions;
- To afford one much food for thought whilst inspiring and stimulating the community to share a story with his or her own family, relative or friend, creating a sense of awareness, enlightenment, appreciation of the contributions made by them;
- To constantly endeavour to relate anecdotes and the inspirational attitudes and values of ancestral, familial and communal life whilst paying homage to these inhabitants, our forebears, of our motherland – India and the reasons for us being here today;
- To continually be reminded of the humble and unpretentious beginnings and the strides they have made in bringing us to the current situation we are today, creating inspiration to tread beyond these adversities and linger in the minds of every member of the Indian diaspora.
- To appreciate the plight of our forebears at the mercy of the British subsequent to 1860, the encounters experienced during the voyage and treatment meted out to them at the dockyard before being located in strategic regions to commence their employment.

- To recognise the value of women during indenture, who were considered to be subservient to men, with continued pressure to fewer privileges, inferior levels of education and in decision making. As workers they were ultra-exploitable, being used for the most arduous and least skilled tasks and having to struggle against their oppressors.
- To pay homage to and to rekindle the contributions and accomplishments of the legacy our forebears had created in South Africa, contributing immensely to the economy of our Rainbow Nation through courage, determination and resilience, as well as to the large-scale farming of sugarcane in the then “Natal” and contributing to the intensity in the economy of our country;
- To bring about social cohesion and transformation and to reflect where we as South Africans are today, and celebrate our progress, sacrifices and our role in the struggle for a non-racial, non-sexist and democratic South Africa; and
- To generate a sense of realism to acknowledge that we are worthy descendants of the indentured labourers, who gave dignity to the labouring class. It is incumbent upon us to acknowledge their rightful role, lest they be reduced to a footnote and be lost in the dimness of antiquity. We should ensure that their sacrifices remain indelibly etched in history. It is imperative to keep the flame burning so that posterity can continue in turn to keep it alive. Let their memories evolve with time and perpetually remain relevant (Jaisingh S. Singh).

3 Values of the Foundation

3.1 Accountability

- The Foundation holds itself accountable for the quality and enduring results of its work and for the commitments it makes to their participants, community, sponsors and one another.
- The Foundation is driven by principles that endorse and stimulate innovation through processes and leadership, hence, becoming successful at crafting and sustaining innovation proficiency.
- The Foundation is compelled by an alignment of honesty, integrity, ethics, perseverance and determination which supports the organization as a whole to achieve its core mission by providing a common purpose for the desired outcome.

- The Foundation maintains the highest standards of professional and ethical behaviour and values transparency, with a high level of honesty and integrity in our communication, relationships and actions.

3.2 Respect

- The initiation and formation on the basis of core principles of a bond that stem from mutual appreciation, respect recognition, open communication, and teamwork of the value system that the Foundation and the community that it serves to shape together with sensitivity and respect.
- The Foundation's core values serve to constantly guide both the organisation and the community in achieving their mutual goals, in a manner that is based on an ethical and ideological framework.

4 Expectations and Anticipation of the Future of the Foundation

The Indentured Labourers Foundation, Verulam, as an NGO – active and progressive, would continue relentlessly – meeting the challenges of the aims and objectives of the Foundation and its implicit commitment to implement our mandate to create awareness in the greater community, of the legacy of our forebears.

The Foundation would relentlessly strive to empower, encourage and inspire our youth to join the Foundation so that they could apprise and acquaint themselves with the work that is being done and in time pick up the cudgels and to steer this huge ship to a broader community of the Indian diaspora (Jaisingh S. Singh).

The Foundation anticipates the continued existence of the Foundation will be in the proficient hands of our youth and looks upon them to acknowledge and accept the challenges of time and period to sustain this well-oiled organisation in the years to come whilst looking upon them to initiate paradigm shifts to magnify the Foundation's footprints.

5 Board of Management

5.1 The First Board of Management: 2008

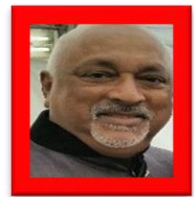


Jaisingh S. Singh (*President*), Dr Kenny Naidoo (*Deputy President*), Bobby Perumal (*Treasurer*), A. Munian (*Assistant Treasurer*), Mohan Supersad (*Secretary*), Anesh Narrandes (*Assistant Secretary*), Dr Kogi Parthab (*PRO*), Narain Murugas, Anand Jayrajh, Savithri Singh, Woma Thotaram, Shirley Jayrajh, Maggie Achary, Saro Moodley, Anishha Raghubir, Rathilal Jaglal, Romilla Jaglal, Satish Ramsewak and A.H. Bux.

5.2 The Current Board of Management: 2019 to 2022



Mr Jaisingh S. Singh (President); Mrs Maggie Archary (Dep. President); Mr Roy Raghubir (Gen. Secretary); Mrs Shirley Jayrajh (Treasurer); Mrs Womadevi Thotharam (Asst. Treasurer); Mrs Anisha Raghubir (Curator); Dr Kogie Archary Parthab (Research and Development); Mr Bobby Perumal (1st Treasurer); Mr Anand Jayrajh (PRO) Mr Naran Rajbansi; Prof Shanta Balgobind Singh; Mr Nash Singh, Kimenthri Aveyan.



6 The Constitution

6.1 Name and Separate Identity

The NAME of the organization shall be 1860 INDENTURED LABOURERS FOUNDATION, VERULAM (herein referred to as ‘the Foundation’ or ‘the Organisation’).

6.2 Separate Identity

The Foundation shall have an identity and existence distinct from its members and office-bearers and continue to exist as such notwithstanding changes in the membership or office-bearers.

6.3 The Logo of the Foundation

The Foundation was officially launched at a formal function and the First Cultural Concert held at Verulam Frail & Day Care Centre. The Official logo designed by internationally renowned cartoonist, Mr Nanda Soobben, was officially unveiled by him.



6.4 Geographical Area of Operation

The 1860 Indentured Labourers Foundation, Verulam was accordingly established to operate in the greater Verulam and surrounding areas within the jurisdiction of the Inanda Magisterial area with the view to affording and enabling the present and future generation a forum to applaud, salute and remember the sacrifices made by these pioneers collectively and individually.

6.5 Vision

The Foundation implicitly commits to implement the mandate of the organisation by amplifying the significant role of our forebears by maintaining the legacy of their vast enhancement of ancestral life through the virtues, morals and values and creating an avenue for their progeny's hereafter.

6.6 Mission

To create and inspire an efficient and effective platform that aligns strategically with the Foundation's values to herald, inspire and prepare our future generation to uphold, promote and commemorate the arrival of our forebears to South Africa.

6.7 Aims and Objectives

The Aims and Objectives of the Foundation shall be to:

- Provide a forum and platform to the residents of the greater Verulam and surrounding areas to collectively and individually recognize the role played in the history of South Africa by the pioneering Indenture Labourers who emigrated to the Colony of the then ‘Natal’ from India during the period 1860 to 1911, and pay homage to them, commemorate their great character and resilience, and express gratitude to them for the rich heritage.
- Foster, build and promote harmonious co-existence, both among the diverse linguistic, religious and cultural sectors of the descendants of the indentured labourers themselves, as well as all South Africans and the greater global community.
- Encourage, foster and inculcate amongst the residents of greater Verulam and the surrounding areas an interest in and educate them about the history of the indentured labourers for the purposes of improvement, development and advancement of not only themselves individually but society at large.

7 Our Pledge as South Africans

In as much as the 1860 Indentured Labourers Foundation Verulam is involved in the preservation and commemoration of the history and heritage of the Indentured Labourers, the organisation and its members collectively pledge loyalty to South Africa as the land of their birth right. The present-day descendants of the indentured labourers may look to India as the source of cultural and religious inspiration and take immense pride in the historical heritage bequeathed to them by their ancestors, but as South Africans citizens. They owe national allegiance first and foremost to South Africa. History teaches us to learn from our past, assess our present and chart our future in such a manner that we avoid making the mistakes of the past. Nkosi Sikelel’ iAfrika. *‘Blessed am I that I am born to this land’* (Rabindranath Tagore).

8 Type of Organization

- Non-Profit Organisation: NPO No.: 101-803-NPO

- A-political
- Non-religious

9 Resolutions

The following Resolutions were passed at the conclusion of the Conference held on Saturday 17 November 2018:

- 1.10.1 It reaffirms the work that the 1860 Indentured Labourers Foundation Verulam, is doing in keeping the history, legacy and heritage of Indian Indenture alive and is further encouraged to continue in the fulfilment of the aims and objectives of its constitution.
- 1.10.2 Pursuant to the Resolution, the 1860 Indentured Labourers' Foundation Verulam hereby makes a request that the Department of Basic Education, as well as all institutions of Education and/or learning respectively to take all necessary steps in order to include the history of indenture in the Colony of Natal as an integral part of its overall History syllabus/syllabi at primary, secondary and tertiary levels of education.
- 1.10.3 In implementing Resolution 2, the Foundation is to cooperate with organisations which espouse similar aims, and objectives.

10 Amafa Heritage Award

AMAFI HERITAGE, KwaZulu-Natal, as custodian of heritage in KwaZulu-Natal, has recognised the value of local heritage knowledge held by the Foundation and has enlisted services of its members to identify heritage sites in Verulam. Hence, a site at the corner of Wicks Street and Ireland Street (In front of the BP Garage) has been identified officially for the construction of a Commemorative Wall depicting the Indian Indentured Labourers to the then Colony of Natal.

The Commemorative Wall would be constructed above the current "Welcome" structure. The Monument would depict an Indian woman, man and child with the background of a ship and sugar cane. Models dressed in the form of Indentured Labourers would be used to design and amplify the originality of the commemorative plaque. The size of the monument: 2.2 m x 1.2 m. The architecture would be carved in bronze. The site was allocated by eThekweni Municipality.



The Foundation was nominated by Glenhaven Secondary School and the Trustees of the Shree Gopal Lal Hindu Temple Trust for the AMAFA Award. The Foundation, having being recognised for its sterling work on Indenture, was the recipient of this prestigious AMAFA Heritage, KZN Award in 2013. The Award was conferred at a formal function held in Pietermaritzburg on 20 September 2013.

11 Key Milestones and Notable Past Events of the Foundation

11.1 Publications

No	Publication	Year
1	“Girmit” Commemorative Brochure. 150 th Anniversary of the arrival of Indentured Indian labourers in Natal, South Africa.	2010
2	Newsletter: <i>The Searchlight</i> .	2013
3	Brochure: <i>The Searchlight</i> .	2015

4	Commemorative Brochure: 10 th Anniversary of its Establishment & The Centenary of the Birth of Nelson Mandela. “From Indenture to Mandela & Freedom”	2018.
5	Newsletter: <i>The Searchlight</i> .	2020
6	1860 is #160 ... 2020. A Publication of Conference Proceedings Editor: Dr Kogie Archary. ISBN No. 978-0-620-89359-6	2020
7	The Legend of “Human Cargo”. The 160 th Anniversary of the arrival of Indentured Labourers in Natal, South Africa. Editor Naran Rajbansi. ISBN No.: 978-0-620-90871-9	2021
8	The Historical Mission of the Foundation. Compiled by Naran Rajbansi.	2021

11.2 News Medias

No	News Media		Topic	Date
1	<i>Post Natal</i>	Author		
2	<i>The Rising Sun</i>			
3	<i>Sunday Tribune</i>	Anand Jayrajh	When Slavery was abolished by England ...	11/10/2020
4	<i>Post</i>	Anand Jayrajh	1860 Commemorative Supplement Bow of Honour to the Indenture	11/11/2020
5	<i>Coastal Weekly</i>			
6	<i>The Mercury</i>	Premier of KZN: Sihle Zikalala	“We need each other”: The unity of social cohesion amongst South Africans	16/11/2020

7	OHASA Conference	Dr Kogie Archary	Presentation of paper: <i>aspects from the work of the Foundation</i>	
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11.3 Audio Medias

No	Host	Guest	Date
1	Radio Hindvani 91.5 FM	Mr J.S. Singh turned 90 on 15 September 2020	
2	On-Line Virtual #160	Year Commemoration: Live streaming Ms Hlengiwe Mavimbela <i>MEC Arts, Culture, Sports & Recreation.</i>	12/11/2020
3	Lotus FM	Mr JS Singh: Turned 90 on 15 September 2020.	2020
4	eNCA	Dr Kogie Archary: <i>Women's Day Launch.</i>	10/08/2020
5	Hindvani 91.5	Mr J.S. Singh.	2020
6	Hindvani 91.5	Dr Kogie Archary: <i>Interviews i.r.o. Women's Day program, launches and 160th Anniversary Commemorations.</i>	2020
7	Hindvani 91.5	Anand Jayrajh: <i>Walk the Talk Show.</i>	03/12/2020
8	Lotus FM	JS Singh <i>The Lunch Break Show: 14h30.</i>	03/12/2020
9	Lotus FM	Naran Rajbansi: <i>"Human Cargo" – A glimpse into the history of South African Indians.</i>	24/11/2020
10	Lotus FM	Dr Kogie Archary: South African Indian women and their role in the liberation struggle.	Weekend Lift off @ 08:15

11	Lotus FM	Mrs Maggie Archary: <i>Weekend Lift-off.</i>	2020
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11.4 Collaboration With SABC Lotus FM

No.	Presenters	Links
1	Dr Devi Rajab	https://iono.fm/e/954779
2	Prof Ashwin Desai	https://iono.fm/e/956302
3	Dr Hemant Nowbath	https://iono.fm/e/960007
4	Dr Dhana Sagree Govender	https://iono.fm/e/960050
5	Dr I.S. Vawda	https://iono.fm/e/954392
6	Mr KR Sitaram	https://iono.fm/e/955661
7	Dr Kiru Naidoo	https://iono.fm/e/955398
8	Mr Anand Jayrajh	https://iono.fm/e/950633
9	MPL Maggie Govender	https://iono.fm/e/951688
10	Professor Rehana Vally	https://iono.fm/e/955239
11	Dr Kogie Archary	https://iono.fm/e/963195
12	Yashica Padia	https://iono.fm/e/952482
13	Mrs Maggie Achary	https://iono.fm/e/955877
14	Mr Naran Rajbansi	https://iono.fm/e/959994
15	Mr JS Singh	https://iono.fm/e/e

11.5 Forthcoming Projects/Key Events Shaping The Foundation 13

No	Project	Timeline
1	The History of the Indentured Labourers to South Africa to be included in the curriculum of Primary, secondary and Tertiary Institutions	Application have been made with positive response from the Department of education
2	Naming of Streets after Indentured Labourer No. 1 Davarum.	Awaiting confirmation

3	Renaming of Verulam Market: “1860 Labourers Market Verulam”	Awaiting confirmation
4	Book Publication: 1860 is #160 ... 2020. A Publication of Conference Proceedings. Edited by Dr Kogie Archary. 2020	Released
5	Book Publication: The Legend of “Human Cargo”. Editor Naran Rajbansi	Released
6	Currently in the process of publication: <i>Indians in South Africa: Perspectives from 1860's to the 21st Century</i> , Editor: Prof Shanta Balgobind Singh	To be released soon

11.6 Timeline: Organize Events into a Timeline

Dates	Events and Happenings
07/12/2008	The Foundation was established at a Public Meeting held at Verulam Child & Family Welfare Society Premises.
16/12/2009	The Foundation was officially launched at a formal function and the 1st Cultural Concert held at Verulam Frail & Day Care Centre. The Official logo designed by internationally renowned designer/artist, Mr Nanda Soobben, was officially unveiled by him. A painting by Belgian artist Dhaena relating to indenture was presented by Mr Krish Brijanund.
02/05/2010	A 2 nd Cultural Concert focusing on South Indian performing arts was held at Verulam Frail & Day Care Centre (<i>Coordinated by Mrs Maggie Achary and Mr Bobby Perumal</i>),
21/08/2010	A 3 rd Cultural Concert focusing on North Indian performing arts was held at Verulam Frail & Day Care Centre (<i>Coordinated by Shirley & Anand Jayrajh</i>).
16/11/2010	A plaque commemorating the 150 th anniversary of the arrival of the first shipload of indentured labourers was unveiled at the Verulam Frail & Day Care Centre – attended by Mr J.S. Singh.

16/12/2010	An official function was held to commemorate the 150 th Anniversary of the arrival of the SS Truro (Which brought the first shipload of Indentured Labourers from India to the Colony of Natal). The proposed publication and release of Commemorative Brochure “Girmit” (which was in preparation) was announced and formally launched by Guest of Honour Mr. Anil Kumar Sharan the Consul General of India.
03/11/2011	The Commemorative Brochure “Girmit”, the publication of which was announced at the function on 16 December 2010, was officially launched at the Verulam Public Library.
16/11/2011	*Outreach Programme was held at Dianthus Primary School, Brindhaven, Verulam.
07/11/2012	*Outreach Programme was held at Acacia Primary School at Trenance Park, Verulam.
15/12/2012	History Tour of Verulam was arranged and conducted culminating in a formal function at Deo Singh’s Kraydeb Conference Centre in Everest Heights, Verulam. The Guest of Honour was the Consul General of India Mr Vinod Kumar Sharma (<i>Coordinated by Shirley & Anand Jayrajh</i>).
20/09/2013	The Foundation was awarded the AMAFA Heritage Award at a formal function held in Pietermaritzburg. The Foundation was nominated for the award by Glenhaven Secondary School and Shree Gopal Lal Hindu Temple.
16/11/2013	*Outreach Programme was held at Glenhaven Secondary School, Brindhaven, Verulam. Author Mr Rubendra Goven-der was the Guest Honour.
05/12/2013	Death of Tata Nelson Mandela. An Obituary was carried in the newsletter <i>Searchlight</i> .
15/11/2014	A formal function was held at the auditorium of the Consul-General of India. Guest of Honour was Mr. Harsh Vardhan Singh Negi the Head of Chancery in the Office of the Consul-General (154 th Year of arrival of S.S. Truro). (Coordinated by Shirley & Anand Jayrajh).
11/09/2015	*Outreach Programme was held at Trenance Park Secondary School (155 th Year of arrival of S.S. Truro).

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15/11/2015	A stage play “God gave me this life” produced and directed by Vivian Moodley and featuring Pranesh Maharajh was held. The play carried a dramatic & poignant message about suicide. (Coordinated by Anand Jayrajh).
During 2015	AMAFA Heritage Site locations – AMAFA enlisted the services of the Foundation headed by President Mr Jaisingh S. Singh to locate and document heritage sites in and around Verulam. This project was duly completed and a fee was paid by AMAFA for the services. (Coordinated by Mr J.S. Singh whose wealth of local history & knowledge proved extremely valuable). A mini-brochure <i>Searchlight 2015</i> was published.
12/03/2016	A Forum “Youth Initiative and Participation” was convened at Glenhaven Secondary School
07/03/2016	A Youth Conference was held at Dianthus Primary School. (Coordinated by educators and Foundation members, viz. <i>Shaneel Mathura and Sharm Ramhdani</i>).
14/10/2016	*Outreach Programme was held at Mt. View Secondary School (Coordinated by <i>Mr. Anisha Raghubir</i>).
16/11/2016	*Outreach Programme was held at Waterloo Primary School (Coordinated by <i>Mrs Anisha Raghubir</i>).
06/09/2017	*Outreach Programme was held at Golden Steps School (Coordinated by <i>Mrs Anisha Raghubir</i>).
12/11/2017	A Conference “Woman Power-Inspiration from Indenture” was held at the Verulam Frail & Day Care Centre. (Coordinated by <i>Dr Kogie Achary-Parthab, Roy Raghubir and Mrs Preshella Hariparsadh</i>).
16/11/2018	A Welcome/Launch dinner as a prelude to the Conference on Indenture to be held the next day – scheduled to be held at Coastland Umhlanga Conference Hall “African Fire” (Coordinated by <i>Shirley and Anand Jayrajh</i>).
17/11/2018	Conference on Indenture with the theme “From Indenture to Mandela and Freedom” held at Sastri College Education & Convention Centre to commemorate the 10 th anniversary of the establishment of the Foundation and the centenary of the birth of Nelson Mandela. (Coordinated by <i>Shirley and Anand Jayrajh</i>).

16/11/2019	Cultural Programme was held at the Verulam Day and Frail Care Centre (<i>Coordinated by Anisha and Roy Raghubir</i>).
00/02/2020	First EXCO meeting.
09/08/2020	Inaugural Virtual Book Launch 1860 is # 160 ... 2020.
14/05/2020	Annual General Meeting: This meeting was held by utilising the WhatsApp application Cell phone conference.
09/08/2020	Inaugural Virtual Book Launch of 1860 is #160 ... 2020: Ms Ela Gandhi was the Guest of Honour. celebrating National Women's Day.
15/11/2020	On-site Photograph of Intended Monument.
15/11/2020	The eThekweni Municipality allocated a site at the entrance to Verulam at the corner of Wicks and Ireland Streets
17/11/2020	2 nd Virtual Book Launch – <i>The Legend of Human Cargo</i>
17/11/2020	Dr Kogie Archary attended and delivered papers: OHASA Conference in Rustenburg, North-West Province. “ <i>An Overview of Women and Minorities, for Inclusion in the New School Curriculum</i> ”
26/11/2020	eThekweni Municipal Libraries hosted a Function to commemorate the 160 th Arrival of the Indentured Labourers in the Colony of Natal. The Foundation Verulam has been invited to place the book, <i>The Legend of Human Cargo</i> on exhibition at the International Exhibition Convention Centre.
17/11/2022	Proposed date for the unveiling of the monument.
03/07/2022	Foundation Laying Ceremony of the Commemorative Wall at the corner of Ireland and Wicks Streets.

The date 16 November 2020 heralds the 160th anniversary of the arrivals of indentured labourers in the then Colony of Natal, post-1994, renamed to KwaZulu-Natal, one of the provinces in South Africa that is home to the Zulu Nation. The origins of South African Indians can be traced back to the agricultural labour requirements of colonial Natal in the mid-19th century.

11.7 Members of the Board of Management at the Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony in Verulam 17 July 2022





12 Conclusion

The Foundation's history is a narrative recreation of the events that shaped and solidified the organization's values and characteristics. Since its inception, the challenges that the Foundation has overcome have galvanised the trajectory within the parameters of its scope, which further define the characteristics of success on the firm foundation on which it was built. This compelling exhibition of characteristics and values defines and generates a sense of pride and egotism of the magnitude of the organisations involvement in recognising and paying homage to the Indentured Labourers who arrived at the Colony of the then Natal. The Foundation can, with intensifying sense of enthusiasm and passion, take pride of its achievements since its inauguration. These illustrious and celebrated accomplishments is a compelling narrative that highlights what the Foundation has set out to do whilst ascertaining the qualities and doctrines

leading to success in the past and assisting to shape the decisions and strategy for future realization. Key events and milestones throughout its existence have been well encapsulated in this historical marathon of the Foundation.

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