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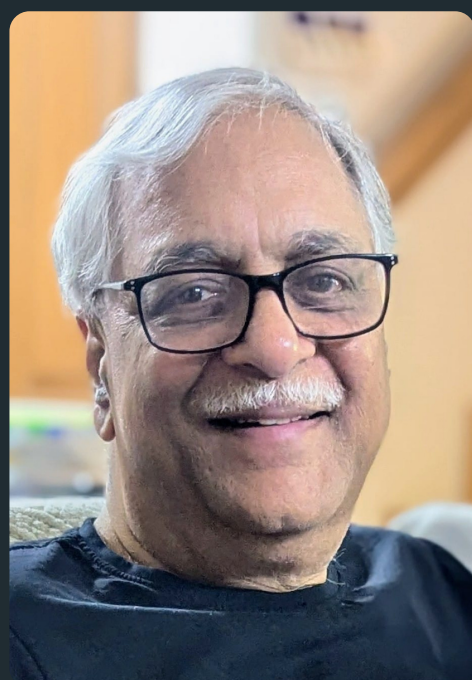
INDIAN DIASPORA

through Turbulent Times

**Between the Matrix of Transnational
and Subnational Identities**

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Indian Diaspora has come of age and so has the multi-disciplinarity in the political economy of 'Migration and Development.' This public lecture situates the ever-evolving migration trajectories of high-skilled professionals, working-class labourers, and international students in time and space of the historical and contemporary phases of global economic order. It considers the issues of shifting identities of the Indian diaspora from traitors and deserters to angels and saviours. It addresses the transnational, national and sub-national contexts of mobile human capital as a factor of production heightening either their conflicts of interest or their convergence through international collaboration and partnership, including the south-south cooperation. Often driven by modern migration, Transnationalism involves maintaining 'sustained' relationships with a home country (or state or region) while participating in a new society, creating identities that transcend traditional nation-state boundaries. The dominant characteristics of transnationalism point towards individuals (and families) who live their lives across borders, maintaining familial, social, and economic ties in more than two societies simultaneously. Subnationalism, on the other hand, has often referred to parochialism, narrow mindedness, and exclusion of the other. For making headway on the UN platform of multilateral negotiations, there ought to be a matrix for strengthening India's Diaspora identities in playing a determining role in national as well as subnational policies to align with the jigsaw puzzle of transnationalism in the global context.

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