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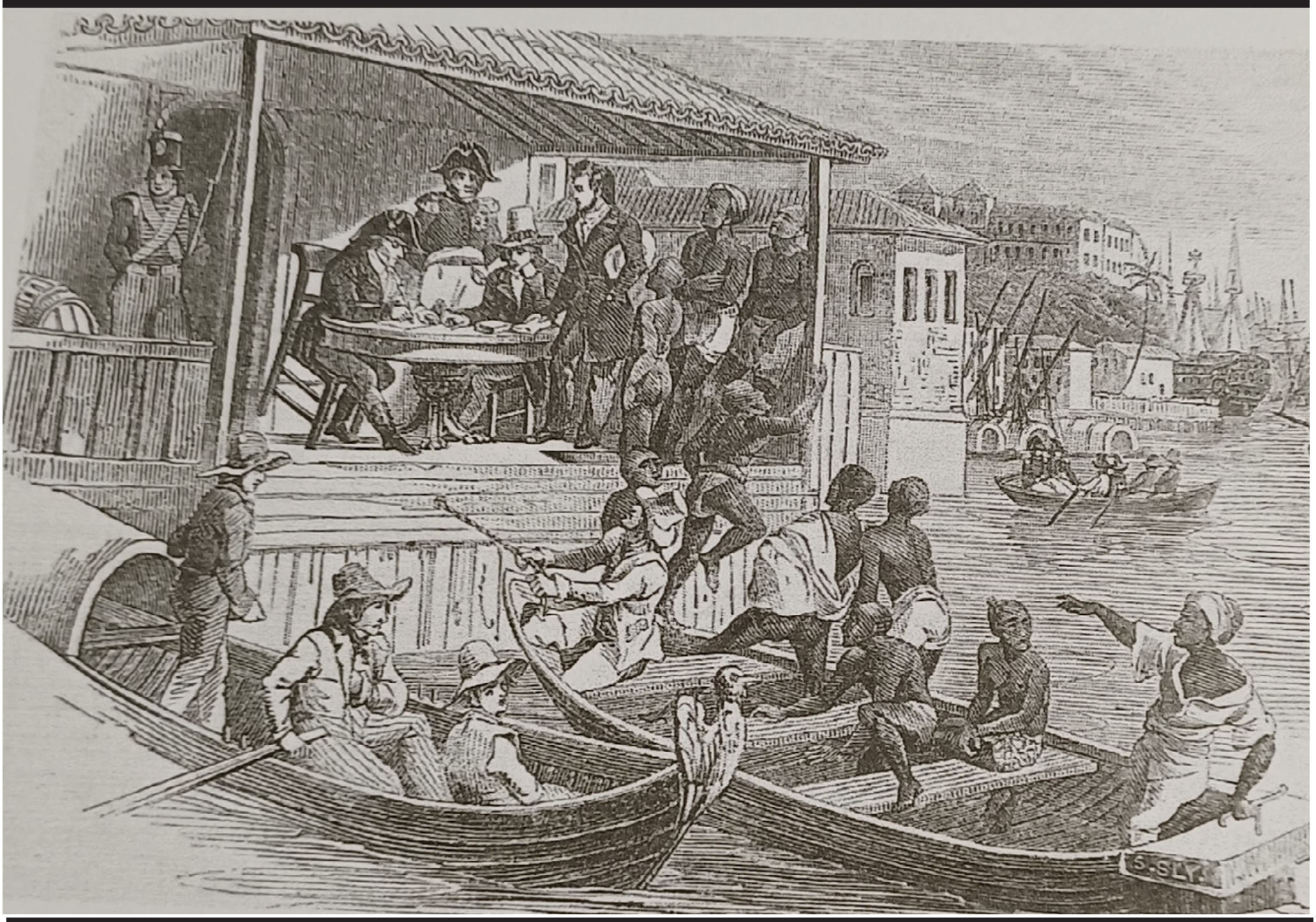
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Remembering the past

Commemoration of the first arrival of Indentured labourers in Mauritius 192 years ago



Picture reproduced from Kissoonsingh Hazareesingh's Book "A New History of Mauritius, co-authored with John Addington (1984)

Mauritius commemorates the arrival of the Indentured labourers on 2 February of the year. What a journey from 1934 to 2026!

In the wake of the abolition of slavery, the British colonial masters brought illiterate labourers from India, men and women, to replace the emancipated African labourers who refused to continue to work on the plantation. They had a very valid point for this resistance. They feared that the white sugar producers would continue to treat them as workers in bondage though slavery was being abolished in Mauritius. They demanded of the British colonial masters to initiate them in the various trades like carpentry, masonry, plumbing etc.

It is said that life was terribly hard for the newly-arrived migrants. Their living conditions were worse than those of the slaves they had come to replace.

They soon found out that they had been lured to go to Mauritius on false promises by Indian agents employed by Britishers to recruit peasants from the Indian subcontinent. It is reported that the peasants had been painted a glossy existence in Mauritius. The truth was that their living conditions were miserable. One can visualise the misery of the coolies in camps on the sugar estates where they were accommodated without proper hygiene and nourishment.

These people will eventually own luxurious properties, produce intellectuals, educators, heads of government departments, doctors, lawyers, etc. They will even run the country with presidents and prime ministers etc. Some of them, now, holding the whips in running the country are even being criticised of being bad masters.

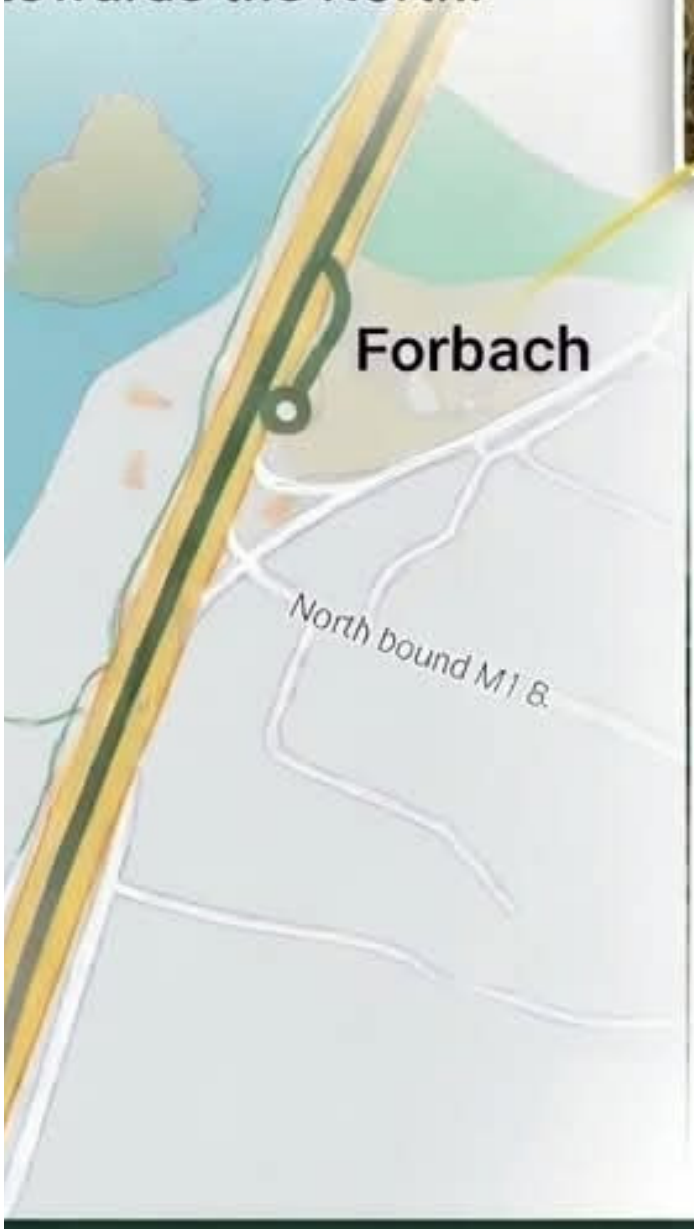
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Tourism

Ministry of Tourism prepares Strategy Paper and Action Plan

A strategy paper along with an action plan for the tourism sector will be elaborated by the Ministry of Tourism, following the submission of the Ten-Year Blueprint for the tourism sector 2026–2035 by the World Bank in April 2026.

The Blueprint provides the overarching strategic framework for the long-term development and transformation of the Mauritian tourism sector.



It sets out a shared vision and the strategic direction aimed at promoting sustainable, inclusive and resilient growth, while strengthening the contribution of tourism to economic diversification, employment creation, local value generation and national prosperity.

The Strategy paper will be structured around seven strategic pillars, namely destination marketing and promotion, diversification of the tourism product portfolio, management of the accommodation offering, institutional review and strengthening, addressing skills shortages and mismatches, sustainable tourism development and strengthening the local value chain.

It will also comprise a detailed Action Plan to operationalise the strategic priorities identified through specific actions and initiatives to be undertaken with expected outcomes.

Criminality

Stop the Torture of Christa Pike on Death Row

Twice have they tried to execute her and twice she came back from the *au-dela.*

The "peddlers" of America need to reconsider their faith.

Is there a sign regarding the girl named Christ(a)?