

Gokhoola – Family, Temple & Village

By the banyan tree we stand

This book was written by Vishwanaden Govinden, archivist at the Mahatma Gandhi archives and Dr Marina Charter a well-known British historian of Indentured Labour. It narrates the life story experienced and the achievements of immigrant Gokhoola. Gokhoola was an estate labourer who arrived in Mauritius in 1846 from Gorakpore in Uttar Pradesh. This work also shows how Gokhoola became a Sirdar, Job contractor, and a property owner in the district of Riviere du Rempart between 1850's and 1870's. It also highlights the key role that he played in the establishment of the temple of Gokhoola and the village that bears its name around 1870 and after.

It is the first Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund publication which focusses on the life story of a particular immigrant and the history of a particular temple and locality.