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Indian Diaspora, Globalization and Transnational Networks: The South African Context

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ABSTRACT This paper focuses on the consequences of contemporary globalization on diaspora communities, connecting them more than ever through transnational networks. Citing a few instances of transnational networking among the diaspora communities, the paper analyses the nature and functioning of such networks among the Indian immigrants in South Africa. The state initiative to reconnect the People of Indian Origin (PIOs) and Non-Resident Indians (NRIs), especially through the newly established Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs, is also examined here besides the informal social and religious linkages in the context of South Africa.