

**“In Search of Roots”:
A Case Study on the Life of Mr. Thelochan Balgobind**

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ABSTRACT This case study is about a family member, Thelochan Balgobind¹, whose position in his immediate family of thirteen siblings, as the fourth child to his parents, sought from his young age of thirteen to fourteen years to work and provide for the family. His determination to ensure that his parents and siblings were sheltered, fed and clothed took him through several jobs that eventually led to two things. First, it brought out the entrepreneurship within him to a point where he raised the living conditions of his family to way above the poverty line. Second, it forced him to become more introspective, urging him to search for his “roots” and to understand himself better in the context of an exploitative and racially discriminatory political system. These two aspects make up the core of this paper which must be seen not simply as a reflexive account in itself, but also as an attempt to locate and understand a self-made entrepreneur against the background of harsh and challenging conditions.