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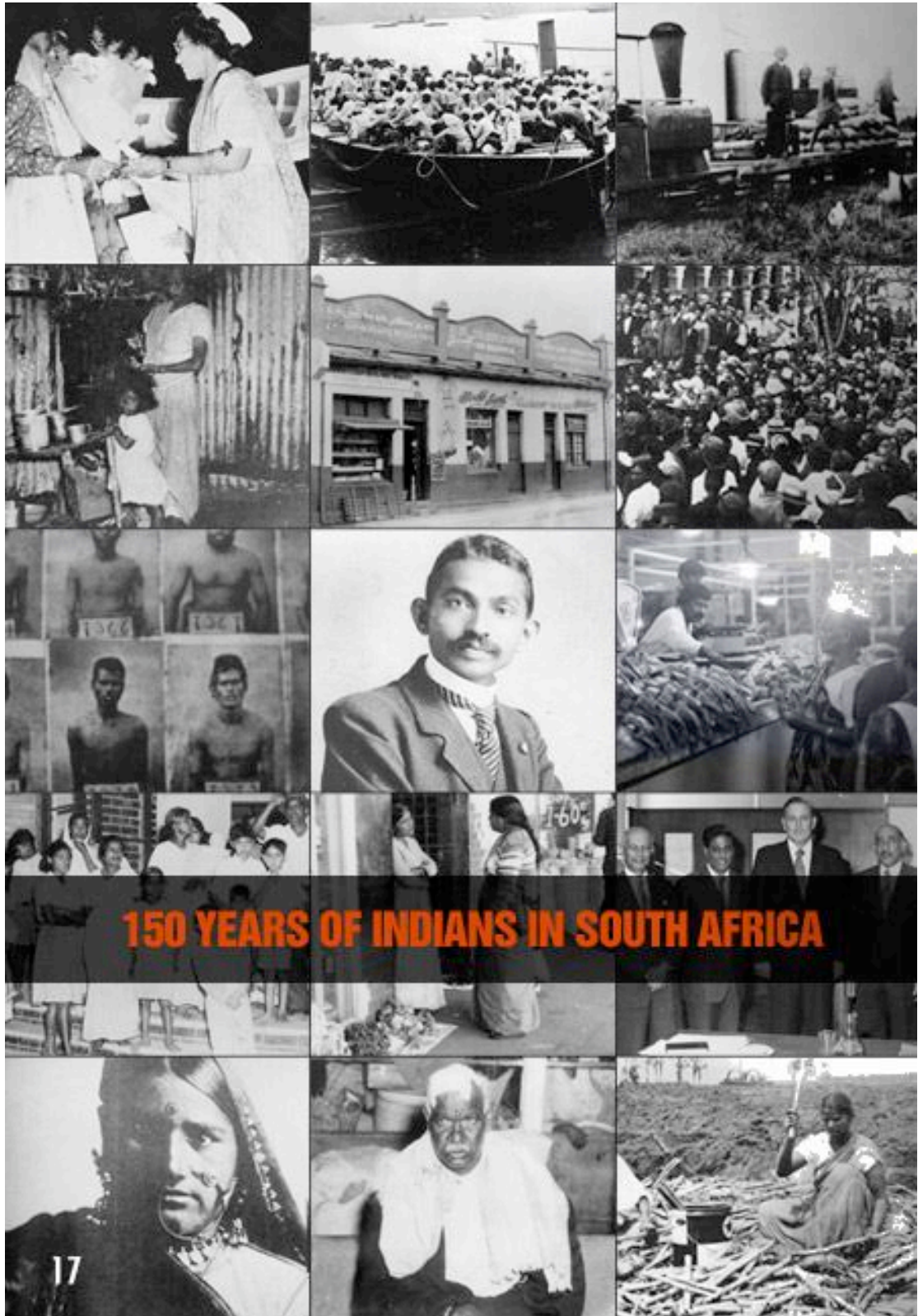
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In the latter half of 1860, two ships left Kolkatta and Chennai. They were named the SS Belvedere and the SS Truro – and crowded aboard their decks were simple folk, seeking employment and opportunities in a new land.

Thus began the story of the Indian indentured workers in South Africa – and 2010 marks the 150th Anniversary of their arrival. Over the intervening decades, they and their descendants faced many hardships and challenges but their courage and determination remained undiminished. Our nation is all the richer for the eastern thread that runs through South Africa's multicultural tapestry – and the contribution and achievements of Indian South Africans deserve acknowledgement.



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This is the central theme of the 150th Anniversary celebrations – and Eastern Mosaic takes great pride in playing in turning the spotlight on this fascinating chapter in South Africa's history. Eastern Mosaic's contribution will be based on two main pillars: one documenting little known historical aspects and the other taking the form of a social responsibility project.

The SHM Group of companies is proudly sponsoring 26 special features presented by Eastern Mosaic, focusing on the personalities, places and events that all form part of the history behind 150 Years of Indians in South Africa. So much of their story remains untold and it is hoped that this initiative will serve as a tribute and a record, as well as being an inspiration for the future.

In partnership with the Gift of the Givers, Eastern Mosaic is initiating a commemorative community project as part of the 150th Anniversary celebrations. Over a period of 26 weeks, gifts of shoes, clothing, food and other necessities will be given to communities in need – with at least 150 individuals receiving assistance each week. Eastern Mosaic will air a special weekly feature covering the project, with details of the gifts, the recipients and the impact which the project has had on their lives.

Eastern Mosaic would like to thank Mr Sayed Mia of the SHM Group and Dr Imtiaz Suleiman of the The Gift of the Givers for the generous support that they are giving to the 150th Anniversary initiatives – and we hope that viewers will be inspired to contribute to the celebrations in their own way and wherever possible.