



## AL2603 - The South African Indian Teachers' Association (SAITA) Collection

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Abstract: The South African Indian Teacher's Association (SAITA), formerly known as the Natal Indian Teacher's Society, was established in 1925. This collection includes minutes of the Executive Council and Transvaal Regional Committee of SAITA; Lenasia Branch AGM papers (1975-1976), correspondence, memoranda and press cuttings relating to Y Eshak, E Seedat, MA Moosa, A Essop, V Poonan and Y Cajee. It also includes copies of the "Teacher's Chronicle".

### Introduction

The South African Indian Teachers' Association (SAITA), formerly known as the Natal Indian Teachers' Society, was established in 1925. It then became a national organisation whose main aim was to bring about improvements in the prevailing educational conditions. It was felt that such an organisation was needed to deal with the issues affecting Indian teachers employed by Indian Affairs, to promote unity and to act as a watchdog. SAITA's first Annual General Meeting was held in Lenasia in February 1968.

### Notes

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### Inventory

- 1: Minutes
  - 1.1: National Executive Council. 1974 - 1977  
[1974 - 1977]  
*Includes: 23 Nov 1974 (2 copies); 13 Sept 1975; 22 Nov 1975; 13 Mar 1976; 12 June 1976; 18 Sept 1976; 20 Nov 1976; 12 Mar 1977; 4 June 1977; 10 Sept 1977*
  - 1.2: Special Meeting of the National Executive Council.  
[9 July 1976]  
*Includes: 9 July 1976 (2 copies) and 8 July 1977*
  - 1.3: Transvaal Regional Committee. 1975 - 1976  
[1975 - 1976]  
*Includes: 17 May 1975; 16 Aug 1975; 15 Nov 1975; 22 May 1976*
- 2: Annual General Meeting - Lenasia Branch.  
[27 May 1975]  
*Includes: 8th AGM, 27 May 1975 with AGM minutes of 1974, Chairman's Report, Secretarial Report and Financial Statement;*



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*9th AGM, 13 May 1976 with AGM minutes of 1975, Chairman's address, Secretarial Report and Financial Statement*

- 3: Correspondence, memorandum and press cuttings
  - 3.1: Correspondence between Y Eshak, E Seedat and MA Moosa, SAITA National and SAITA Lenasia Branch and the Principal of Nirvana School, Mr Rathinsamy re: "Daily Forecast"  
[1973 - 1974]  
*Includes memorandum on the dispute over the "Daily Forecast" 1973 - 1974*
  - 3.2: Charge of Misconduct against MA Moosa  
[1974 - 1976]  
*Includes press cuttings 1974 - 1976*
  - 3.3: Correspondence re: discharge of A Essop and Charge of Misconduct  
[1971]  
*Includes 2 legal opinions and press cuttings*  
*Also includes letter re: death of A Timol, 1971*
  - 3.4: Correspondence by V Poonan 1974 - 1975  
[1974 - 1975]
  - 3.5: Misc correspondence between SAITA National and SAITA Lenasia Branch 1975? - 1978  
[1975]
  - 3.6: Correspondence and charges of misconduct against Y Cajee  
[1977 - 1978]  
*Includes Enquiry in terms of Section 17 of the Indians Education Act and press cuttings 1977 - 1978*
  - 3.7: Memorandum by Transvaal regional Committee 1975?  
[1975]
  - 3.8: Memorandum by 5 teachers from MH Joosub Technical School.  
[1976]  
*Incl response by Dir of Indian Education 1976*
- 4: Audited Financial Report.  
[24 May 1976]  
*24 May 1976 and 24 May 1977*
- 5: Newsletters
  - 5.1: Teachers' Voice  
[1 Nov 1978]  
*Organ of the South African Union of Teachers No 1 Nov 1978 (3 copies)*
  - 5.2: Teachers' Chronicle  
[1968 - 1977]  
*Organ of the Lenasia Branch of SAITA 1968 - 1977*  
*Includes: Vol 1, March 1968; Vol 2, May 1968 (3 copies); Vol 3, Nov 1968; Vol 4, May 1969 (3 copies); Vol 5, Dec 1969 (2 copies); Vol 6, Nov/Dec 1970 (2 copies); Vol 7, Sept 1974; Vol 8, Dec 1974; Vol 9, June 1975; Vol 10, Nov 1975; Vol 11, Apr 1976; No 13, May 1977 (2 copies); No 14, Dec 1977 (2 copies)*