



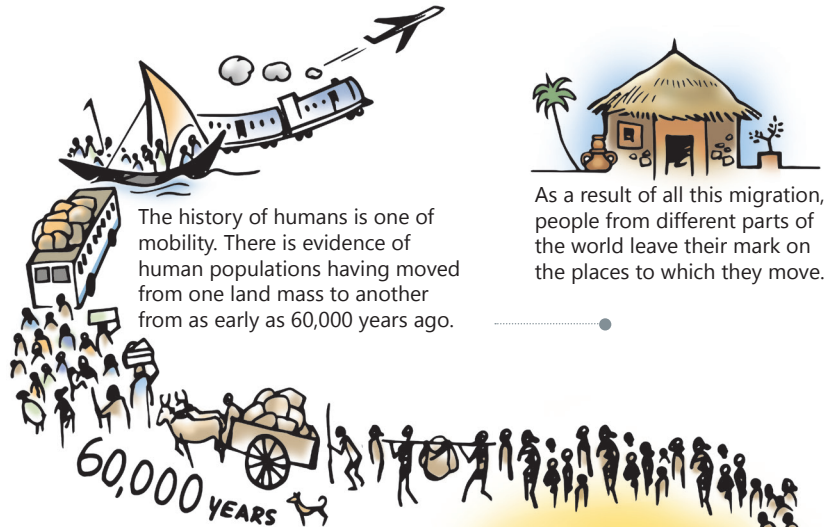
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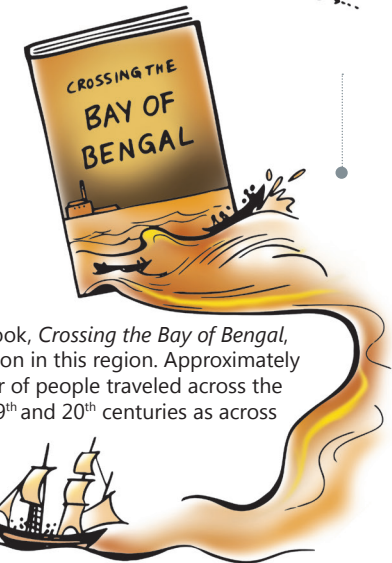
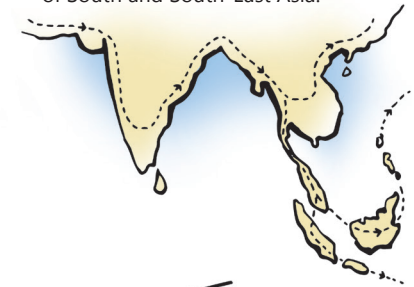
Prof. Sunil Amrith is a historian of outstanding achievement, who has produced field-changing research on social, economic and environmental history of India and Southeast Asia, in a large transnational perspective.

"History to me is about, how the world came to be the way it is and also how it might be different or how it might have been different. I study the choices that human communities have made in the past, choices that continue to shape our present and will continue to shape our future."

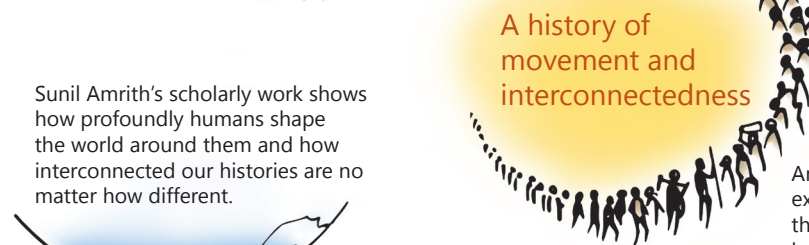


As a result of all this migration, people from different parts of the world leave their mark on the places to which they move.

Prof. Sunil Amrith is a historian who studies the history of migration. He specializes particularly in the history of South and South-East Asia.



Amrith's latest book, *Crossing the Bay of Bengal*, examines migration in this region. Approximately the same number of people traveled across the bay during the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries as across the Atlantic.



Sunil Amrith's scholarly work shows how profoundly humans shape the world around them and how interconnected our histories are no matter how different.



Yangon in Burma has mosques, synagogues, churches and monasteries. It was one of the most important multi-ethnic cities of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.



Indian foods such as *rotis* are ubiquitous in countries like Malaysia which saw large scale migration from South India. Colorful South Indian temples are found in Singapore, another country that saw many migrants from South India.



As a result of all this movement the countries in this region share many commonalities including food, religious spaces and clothing.

