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Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama during his visit to Samabula Primary School in Suva last month to meet fronliners involved in the vaccination data verification. PM Bainimarama also met with students who were receiving their first dose of Moderna vaccine. Photo: NANISE NEIMILA

BACK TO SCHOOL

YEAR 12, 13 STUDENTS RESUME CLASSES TODAY

PRASHILA DEVI

STUDENTS from Year 12 and 13 will be returning to their classrooms after being home-schooled for more than half of the year after the devastating sec-

ond wave of COVID-19 pandemic.

Minister for Education, Heritage and Arts, Premila Kumar has commended the “incredible strength and resilience shown by our students, teachers, Ministry staff, parents and guardians during this challenging period”.

“Their collective effort assisted students to continue with their learning remotely using digital platforms and weekly home study packages.”
Minister Kumar, while acknowledging that these students will be back in their classes

after six and half months, “We know that face to face learning is vital for the academic achievement, mental and physical health, and
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From 1 December, Fiji will be welcoming visitors from an exclusive list of travel partner countries and yes, that list include the United Kingdom. Fully vaccinated travellers who have spent at least 10 days here in the UK can arrive to the airport with a recent negative PCR test result and then hop on the plane to Fiji

Voreqe Bainimarama
Prime Minister

TWEET OF THE WEEK



Frank Bainimarama
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Our first briefing on the ground in Glasgow. When @COP26 kicks off on Monday, the existence of Pacific nations will not be up for negotiation. #Keep1point5Alive

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Strict EIA process for development

THE Ministry of Waterways and Environment has not approved any plans or projects to demolish reefs, including the World Wave Project, off the island of Qamea, Taveuni.

The line Minister Dr Mahendra Reddy confirms that although the Department is aware of the proposed development, it has yet to receive any Environmental Impact Assessment Report(s) regarding the project.

Minister Reddy stated that no plans for the construction of the project will be allowed until a rigorous EIA is conducted to ensure there is no degradation of the vital oceanic ecosystems of Taveuni.

He said, "Fiji has robust legislation(s) including the Environment Management Act 2005 (and the subsequent regulations) that protect every development activity undertaken (on land, air and water) in Fiji (from adverse environmental impacts)".

"This includes any form of development in and around the coral reefs in Fiji. In addition, the Ministry of Envi-

ronment possesses various legislated instruments like the EIA process (under the Environment Management Act 2005) that will assess every development activity in Fiji including the World Wave Project".

"Additionally, the Ministry of Environment also has (in place) specific policies like the Reef Protection Policy that is being actively implemented," Minister Reddy said.

The Ministry is unable to comment any further (until the EIA report has been reviewed and thoroughly assessed), other than to mention, that the proposed development will be put through a rigorous assessment process which includes the project meeting all Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) requirements.

This assessment process also includes extensive community consultations with all stakeholder groups and the Ministry of Environment will be a part of this exercise.

The Ministry will also subject the EIA report(s) to a thorough review and investigation both internally (sci-

entists from the Ministry) and external experts before a decision is made on the project.

Any questions and/or concerns raised, will be answered after the above thorough process has been concluded.

Fiji actively champions the protection and the restoration of coral reefs from the threats posed by both climate change and all impacts from human activity.

In 2018, the Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama launched the International Year of the Reef, at the Great Sea Reef island of Nukubati (Qoligoli cokovata) and declared it a "Ramsar site" under the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands.

Minister Reddy praised this proactive approach and foresight from Prime Minister, that complement the Government's vision and commitment to all Fijians through linking the significance of our marine environment (coral reefs included) to the economic prosperity of our communities. -news@govnet.gov.fj

STUDENTS' BUS CARDS TOPPED UP

As announced by the Prime Minister, the schools will open its doors for Year 12 and 13 students from 1st November.

In this regard, the Ministry of Education, Heritage and Arts wishes to inform all Years 12 and 13 students that their e-Transport cards have been topped up.

Students can now redeem their cards immediately at the following sites:

- Vodafone Outlets
- Bus Terminals
- Buses
- District Offices
- The Ministry's Headquarters.

In preparation for school, students are requested to redeem their cards before Monday, 1st November to avoid any problems. However, students can also do this on the day the school reopens.

If students have any issues regarding their e-Transport cards they can contact Krishneel Singh, Transport Assistance Unit on 3220429 or 3220571.

Minister joins 4th women's leaders talks

THE Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, Rosy Akbar, attended the fourth meeting of Pacific women leaders to discuss the impacts of COVID-19 on women and girls in the region.

The 4th Pacific Women Leaders Meeting is led by the Government of Australia with the aim to reinforce the shared commitment of the region to women's resilience and leadership at all levels across the Pacific.

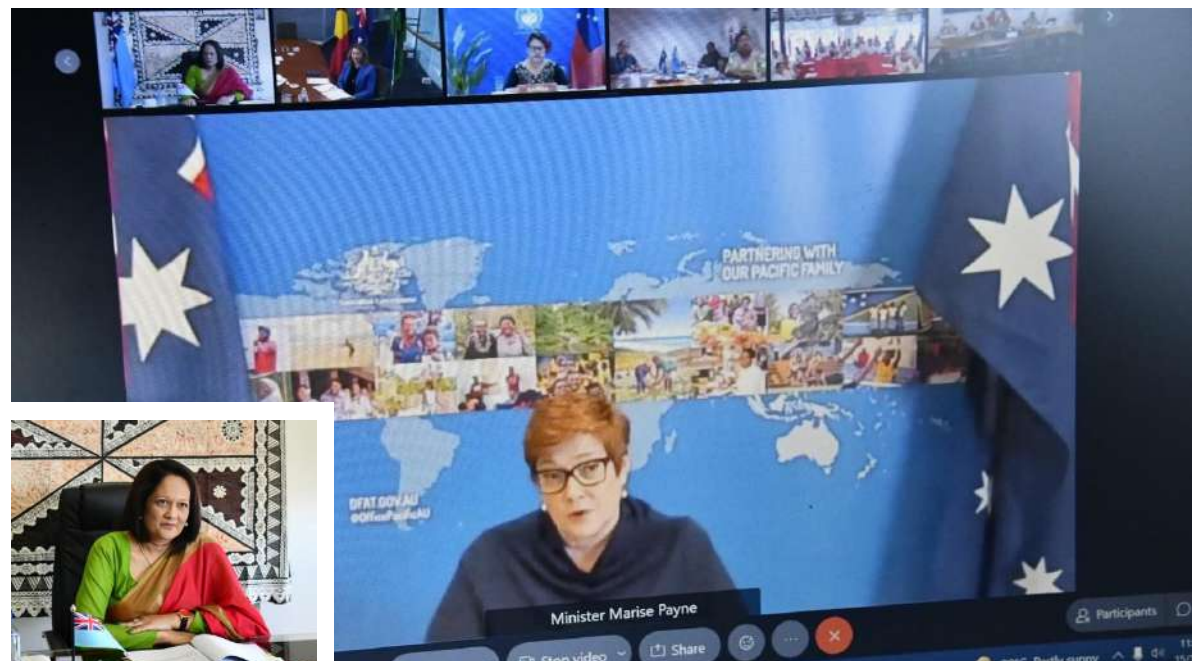
This meeting was co-convened by the Government of Samoa.

Minister Akbar said, "It was a pleasure for me to join the 4th Pacific Women Leaders Meeting since taking up my new portfolio".

She also delivered an intervention in the first agenda item which was, 'Gender Equality in the COVID Context'.

While speaking during this session Minister Akbar said, "Fiji had been hit by a second wave of COVID-19 in late April 2021 which sadly resulted in 51,000 cases and 650 deaths. This has not been an easy year. We navigated an unprecedented situation and journey, where our lives were disrupted, impacted, isolated and upturned".

"However, I am pleased to highlight that Fiji is now becoming one of the fastest-vaccinated countries in the world. Over 80 per cent of adults in Fiji are fully vaccinated to date, and more than 96 per cent have received at least one dose."



Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, Rosy Akbar during the virtual 4th Pacific Women Leaders Meeting. Photo: SUPPLIED

She highlighted the challenges that the Fijian women in particular had been facing due to the pandemic and how Fiji has manoeuvred itself to ensure the COVID response is gender-responsive.

"COVID-19 has exposed the structural gender inequalities and issues across every sphere in our society but despite these almost ubiquitous challenges, there are positive solutions that we can apply to steer our societies and economies out of the disastrous impact of COVID-19 and into constructive change, if we change course into concrete, coordinated, inclusive, collective, evidence-based and transformative actions."

Minister Akbar shared with her

counterparts from the Pacific that looking ahead with a long-term vision to accelerate the realisation of gender equality and empowerment of all women and girls, Fiji's efforts and investments will be focused on three strategic priority areas; ending gender-based violence against all women and girls, promoting women's economic empowerment and improving protection, preparedness & resilience to disaster for all women and girls.

"This will be realised through the application of a whole of Government, whole of population, transformative and evidence-based approaches with emphasis on leadership and decision making for all women and girls as well

as a comprehensive gender transformative institutional capacity development and improvement of availability and access to quality sex-disaggregated data and gender statistics," she added.

Also, a key agenda at this meeting was the first Pacific Islands Forum Annual Women Leaders Meeting, which Minister Akbar will chair, as Fiji is currently the chair of the Pacific Island Forum.

This meeting is expected to take place between late 2021 and early 2022. Minister Akbar had invited PIFs to briefly discuss the upcoming meeting which will be an annual event thereafter.

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Back to school

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overall well-being of our students”.

The Ministry of Education, Heritage and Arts has worked closely with the Ministry of Health and Medical Services to make the school environment safe.

Most of these students were part of the second round of vaccination whereby they were administered the Moderna vaccines while some students who were 18 years old were eligible for AstraZeneca as well.

“Vaccines are our best defence against COVID-19. We have obtained 80 per cent national vaccination target well before the anticipated date which has enabled us to get you back to school safely,” Minister Kumar said.

“I thank our students for coming out in numbers for vaccination. Although vaccination for students is not mandatory, we are urging students who are not vaccinated to please get vaccinated for their safety and for the safety of others.”

Minister Kumar said a COVID Safe protocol will now in place, which must be complied with by students, teachers, and ancillary staff with Ministry of Health expected to visit schools on a regular basis to ensure COVID Safe School Reopening Guideline were being followed.

However, other precautions will need to be heeded as well and the Minister has asked parents and guardians to ensure that children who are not feeling well do not attend schools.

Minister Kumar has advised students that this will be an important term for them to complete the 2021 syllabus and prepare for external examinations.

“I expect you to study hard and obtain good marks to make your entry into tertiary and technical institutions easier. Good marks will qualify you for the Toppers Scheme, as well as TELS. I encourage you to take full advantage of the face-to-face interactions with your teachers,” she said.

Furthermore, Minister Kumar said, “We care about your success, and we want you to let us know if you are experiencing any difficulties so that the counselors, teachers or Head of Schools can assist you.”



Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama and members of the Fijian delegation during a briefing ahead of the 26th Conference of Parties (COP26) on Fiji's priority areas. Photo: SUPPLIED

PM briefed on COP26 priority areas

PRIME Minister Voreqe Bainimarama was briefed by the members of the Fijian delegation ahead of the 26th Conference of Parties (COP26) on Fiji's priority areas.

The Head of Government was given an overview on Fiji's priority areas which includes keeping 1.5 degrees alive, scaling up support for adaptation and loss & damage, oceans climate nexus, increased climate finance and finalizing the Paris Agreement rule book.

As one of the world's most climate vulnerable nations, Prime Minister Bainimarama is adamant that Fiji stand its ground on keeping the 1.5 degrees alive alongside its Pacific Island neighbours – a stand if not enforced would mean disaster on the Small Islands Developing

States (SIDS). At COP26, Fiji and SIDS must push for greater climate ambition from all G20 members regardless of their development status as low-lying nations in the Pacific are likely to become completely uninhabitable under the current emissions settings by 2050.

The 26th Conference of Parties will commence on 1 November whereby the Prime Minister alongside other world leaders will deliver a national statement at the World Leaders Summit amongst other climate related engagements.

Convened by the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Boris Johnson, the World Leaders Summit signifies the importance for world leaders to deliver concrete actions and credible plans aimed at achieving successful COP goals

and coordinated action to tackle climate change.

The Summit is also a vital opportunity for Prime Minister Bainimarama in his capacity as Chair of the Pacific Island Forum (PIFs) to provide a voice not only for Fiji but Pacific Island countries, particularly those who are unable to attend COP26 in person with the lockdown and challenges caused by COVID.

COP26 meeting will be held this year with in-person attendance by leaders, no leader will attend virtually.

The Prime Minister will also be meeting other Heads of Government to discuss issues of mutual concern along the margins of COP26.

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Young Hindu devotees during the Diwali Mela celebration at Vuniniudrovu Ram Krishna Hanuman Mandir, Sawani last week. Photo: NANISE NEIMILA

Remember the unfortunate, minister urges

“THERE are many homes that will not celebrate Diwali and we should remember them in our prayers and share whatever we have with them.

The real satisfaction is in helping those that are needy.”

This was the message by Minister for Education, Heritage and Arts Premila Kumar, while officiating at the Vuniniudrovu Ram Krishna Hanuman Mandir Diwali

Mela celebration in Sawani last week.

Minister Kumar said Diwali was the celebration of victory of good over evil, light over darkness and knowledge over ignorance.

“We are fortunate that our beloved Fiji is a multi-racial, multi-cultural and a multilingual country where we enjoy religious freedom and tolerance.”

“Our Constitution guarantees

every Fijian the right to practice their religion freely without any discrimination.”

Sharing similar sentiments, Mandal president, Saleshe Karan urged the community members to share the love during this Diwali and to always uphold the valuable teachings of life that is to respect one another regardless of their race.

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Second round of \$360 payment disbursed early

MORE than 203,000 Fijians are set to benefit from COVID-19-related unemployment benefits five days ahead of schedule, as the Ministry of Economy has completed preparations to disburse the second round of \$360 in unemployment assistance.

“This is the big benefit of going digital,” said the Attorney-General and Minister for Economy.

“Digitising our direct income support has lent exceptional efficiency to the assessment process -- meaning we can vet applicants and get assistance to those who qualify well ahead of Diwali and Christmas shopping. And we'll be spacing out the distribution schedule so as to avoid massive crowding as much as possible in the days leading up to Diwali.”

The 203,000 individuals who have qualified for the second round of the \$360 assistance will split a total pay-out of \$73.1 million.

The number of eligible Fijians are expected to increase in the days ahead, as those that applied before receiving their second dose of the vaccine are still eligible to receive the assistance so long as they meet all the criteria and receive their second jab before 31 October.

The first payments WAS made on the evening of 29 October and all payments are expected to be made before 4 November. Those who have qualified for unemployment benefits, can expect to receive their assistance during this window.

A total of 388,795 applications were received and over 203,000 Fijians have so far been approved. This includes around 199,000 formal and informal sector employees in Viti Levu and around 4,000 formal sector employees outside Viti Levu. Around 83,980 applications were disqualified on the basis that they are either currently employed, civil servants or FNP pensioners.

Furthermore, around 47,829 applicants applied using SIM cards registered under other names, rendering their applications invalid.

The Government had earlier advised that applications should be only made using SIM registered under your name to avoid any abuse and to ensure that assistance is well-targeted.

Please call the following toll-free lines if you have any queries on the status of your application: 2499999, 9980311, 9980324, 8902561, 8902562 and 8902564.

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Recipients' honours tell of years of service



Sabita Gandhi and Jemesa Tuono receive their commemorative medal for the 50th Anniversary of Independence from the President Major-General (Ret'd) Jioji Konrote during the Investiture Ceremony at the State House recently. Photo: FELIX LESINAIVALU

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BEING recognised by the State for the hard work and dedication was an honour and privilege for Sabita Gandhi.

Mrs Gandhi received a commemorative medal for the 50th Anniversary of Independence from the President Major-General (Ret'd) Jioji Konrote during the Investiture Ceremony at the State House recently.

The president of the Poor Relief Society, said when she was young she had always looked up to her grandmother who was also a social worker and it was then that she saw what poverty could be like.

"It was then that I decided that when I was

ready and grown up I'll help as many people as I can," Mrs Gandhi said.

She has been the president of the society for the past 15 years which was formed in 1956.

"It is an honour and privilege to have received this medal from the President and being recognised by the nation after doing so much work for the people."

Mrs Gandhi said she was glad that people who do community work are recognised by the State.

She has urged youths that there was life outside of social media and to make the most of time spent with family and friends. "Because a parent's contribution also helps

with the development of character and they need to keep on encouraging youths to be more responsible."

Another fellow recipient of the medal who served in the Republic of Fiji Military Forces for 33 years, Jemesa Tuono, was happy to have received the medal.

Mr Tuono said that the highlight of his career was when he served as the chief security leader at the State House and thanked the RFMF for raising him to be the man he was today.

"I would like to encourage young girls and boys to join the military if they have the opportunity to do so."



Manodatt Mishra receives his commemorative medal for the 50th Anniversary of Independence from the President Major-General (Ret'd) Jioji Konrote during the Investiture Ceremony at the State House. Photo: FELIX LESINAIVALU

Social workers credit families for medal

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A SUPPORTIVE family was what Manodatt Mishra acknowledged after receiving the 50th Anniversary of Independence commemorative medal at State House.

A social worker at heart, Mr Mishra said while he was out planning logistics to help with food ration delivery to Fijians affected by natural disasters or the COVID-19 pandemic, he was away from his family.

"I am thankful that my family had an understanding of the type of work I do and the passion I have about it."

"Helping others will give you joy, and one should not help people and expect a reward because helping comes from the heart."

Mr Mishra said it was an honour to have received the medal from the President Major-General (Ret'd) Jioji Konrote at the State House and expressed the wish for the younger generation to follow suit and help make people's lives better.

"There are eight of us in the group which we call the Think Centre, where we would sit together and organise things on how best to help Fijians who have been affected by cyclones and the pandemic."

"Things like where to get the rations from, arranging transport and who do we help?"

Mr Mishra said that there are so many people deprived of certain things in their lives and he wished the younger generation would notice and start sharing.

"If we can give a little we can help build the country to be better."

Another fellow recipient, Lalita Sharma said she was very happy to be acknowledged for the work she has been doing.

Mrs Sharma said she was part of many religious and community work in which she helped people both spiritually and mentally.

"I would like to encourage Fijians to get out and see the world, see the challenges people face and find a way to help them."

The 63-year-old and mother of four said she was proud to be Fijian and hopes life in Fiji continues to be a blessing for everyone.

Hard-working tilapia farmer grateful for recognition

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HAVING decided for better education for her children, Katarina Baleisua located her business to Suva to be closer to her children instead of being separated from them.

Mrs Baleisua, who has been farming for eight years, was one of the recipients of the 50th Anniversary of Independence commemorative medal, which was bestowed upon her by the President Major-General (Ret'd) Jioji Konrote at State House recently.

Upon receiving the medal, Mrs Baleisua said for the sake of her children she had decided to move to Suva from Savusavu.

"Farming helped me in terms of the education of my children and I am happy about that."

"I would like to thank the Lord, for helping me throughout my life up till where I am now, not forgetting my parents, for the lessons they have taught me which I have made the most of in my life."

The 51-year-old said moving to Suva was not easy in the beginning because she had to start over again and through prayers and hard work she persevered.

Just two years ago, Mrs Balei-



President Major-General (Ret'd) Jioji Konrote and First lady Sarote Konrote with Katarina Baleisua and her daughters with during the Investiture Ceremony at the State House. INSET: President Major-General (Ret'd) Jioji Konrote congratulates Katarina Baleisua for her hard work and dedication. Photos: FELIX LESINAIVALU



the country who was able to produce and supply only male cultured fingerlings to the commercial and semi-commercial tilapia farmers in Fiji.

"Male culturing is where you are able to produce only male fingerlings and this is done as the male tilapia grows at a faster rate and grows bigger than the females."

Mrs Baleisua said she was proud to see families, especially the women, practice backyard farming because of the pandemic.

suva was one of five people selected and sent for specialised tilapia culture training to Thailand through the support from the Pacific Community.

Originally from Savusavu in Vanua Levu, Mrs Baleisua now operates her farm in the outskirts of the capital city.

She was the first tilapia farmer in

"I want to encourage the ladies, who are going through financial difficulties especially during this COVID-19 pandemic which has affected many families, to practice backyard gardening and I am happy to see that there are women out there who are doing it."

Mrs Baleisua also encouraged every Fijian to follow their dreams and in whatever they do, have faith in themselves but to give it time and only then their dreams will come to fruition.

Accreditation brings benefits to Rotuma

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THE launch of the Organic Rotuma Accreditation will bring benefits such as healthy and fresh produce, protection of biodiversity and food, nutritional security and the creation employment.

The President Major-General (Ret'd) Jioji Konrote during the launch of the Organic Rotuma Accreditation and the Publication of the Rotuman Book "Rak La Faeag Rotuam" said, "The effort to declare Rotuma as an organic island is a result of a joint effort and cooperation between the Council of Chiefs of Rotuma, the iTaukei Trust Fund Board, the Ministry of Agriculture, Matanataki and Pacific Community (SPC)".

"The promotion of organic farming is embedded in our beloved Nation – Fiji's 20 Year National Development Plan on Food

and Nutrition Security, where the production of traditional food crops and niche agricultural and fisheries products should be promoted to enhance Government's overall efforts to effectively deal with the detrimental and harmful impact of climate change and at the same time preserve and protect our pristine environment."

The Head of Sate added the Accreditation of Rotuma's organic status and corresponding discussions on Rotuma's organic certification began around fourteen years ago.

President Konrote said that in 2012 The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) declared the Rotuman language as endangered.

"This book launch is in line with the Ministry of Education's overall program to educate the promotion of our native language," President Konrote said.

"Therefore, it's my humble opinion that the

publication and launch of this special Rotuman language book/guide for our young generation who wish to learn and improve their knowledge/understanding – and be able to perfect their ability to converse in proper Rotuma, today's event is historical, timely and apt."

President Konrote said the publication and launch of the book was a culmination of years of hard work and for anyone who was keen to learn Rotuman can easily do so now, because it was designed for beginners, regardless of one's age, and it offers a simple easy to follow approach.

The book was written by a retired school teacher and a self-taught and qualified Rotuman language educator, Fauoro Titifanue who resides in Rotuma.

Fijian Drua seek Head of State's blessing



Fiji Rugby Union (FRU) operations manager Sale Sorovaki presents the itatau on behalf of FRU to the President Major-General (Ret'd) Jioji Konrote at the State House. Photo: JOSEFA ULUILAKEBA

JOSEFA ULUILAKEBA

THE Fiji Drua team and management presented their iTatau to the President Major-General (Ret'd) Jioji Konrote at the State House.

President Konrote, while receiving the iTatau said it has always been a pleasant duty, great honour and privilege for him to receive sporting teams before embarking on overseas engagements.

Thank you most sincerely for your tireless efforts in enabling our young and talented rugby players to participate in a World Class Rugby competition, which would enable them to showcase their talents and improve Fiji's world profile, while also benefitting the players socially and financially too.

Jioji Konrote
President Major-General (Ret'd)

"To you, the members of the newly constituted and selected DRUA national Fijian rugby team, our heartiest congratulations to each and every one of you for 'making the cut' and being selected into this elite and prestigious group of professionals who will be donning the traditional White and Black National Fijian Rugby Union Colours," President Konrote said.

The Head of State also acknowledged the Fiji Rugby Union officials for their perseverance in getting the national Drua Rugby team into the Super Rugby Pacific Competition.

"Thank you most sincerely for your tireless efforts in enabling our young and talented rugby players to participate in a World Class Rugby competition, which would enable them to showcase their talents and improve Fiji's world profile, while also benefitting the players socially and financially too."

The Drua National Fijian rugby team will be representing Fiji in the 2022 Super Rugby Pacific Competition Series which begins in Australia in the New Year. -news@govnet.gov.fj



Returned servicemen farwewell patron

President Major-General (Ret'd) Jioji Konrote with Returned Soldiers and Ex-Servicemen Association (RSEA) President, Colonel (Ret'd) Ratu Peni Volavola and two other RSEA members at the State House. Photo: SUPPLIED

MEMBERS of the Returned Soldiers and Ex-Servicemen Association accorded their patron, the President Major-General (Ret'd) Jioji Konrote a traditional farewell ceremony at the State House recently.

Led by RSEA President, Colonel (Ret'd) Ratu Peni Volavola, the delegation also presented a plaque to the Head of State to commemorate his term as President and Patron of the Association.

Ratu Peni expressed his gratitude for the President's patronage and said that through his presidency many retired servicemen can walk with pride knowing a colleague occupies the highest office in the land.

"We are here today to thank you. Thank you for your leadership and for being a true friend to all of us - the retired servicemen," he said.

"Your patronage over the last six years when the country faced the brunt of natural disasters and during the COVID pandemic has been outstanding."

The Head of State, while thanking the members of the association, said their support was a driving force during his term of office and asked the same of the President-elect.

"I thank you for coming here today and I commend all the support you have given me during my term in office," President



President Major-General (Ret'd) Jioji Konrote receives a commemorative plaque from the President of the Returned Soldiers and Ex-Servicemen Association (RSEA) Colonel (Ret'd) Ratu Peni Volavola. Photo: JOSEFA ULUILAKEBA

Konrote said.

"I also call for your support towards the Turaga na Tui Macuata Ratu Wiliame Katonivere when he takes up office. He is no stranger to us as he was also a member of the Fiji Military and is a good man and will also be your new Patron and Commander-in-Chief of the Republic of Fiji Military Forces." -news@govnet.gov.fj



Participants at the Reset Fiji Tourism programme in Glasgow, Scotland last week. Photo: SUPPLIED

Fiji ready for visitors, PM tells UK

“WE are ready to welcome you back to our shores and we are entirely confident in our ability to manage the risk associated with quarantine-free travel.”

This was the reassurance made by the Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama while officiating at the Reset Fiji Tourism programme in Glasgow, Scotland last week.

Prime Minister Bainimarama said we are in an excellent position to reopen our borders.

“With the lives and livelihoods of our people at stake, we vaccinated more of our population over a faster timeline than almost any other country. 86 per cent of adults in Fiji are fully vaccinated and 96 per cent have one dose, making us the safest we have

been since the pandemic began,” he said.

“From 1 December, Fiji will be welcoming visitors from an exclusive list of travel partner countries and yes, that list include the United Kingdom. Fully vaccinated travellers who have spent at least 10 days here in the UK can arrive to the airport with a recent negative PCR test result and then hop on the plane to Fiji.

“Upon arrival, they can head straight to the hotel they have booked and enjoy all of the amenities on-site. We’ll require an additional day to test, as you do here in the UK, before they are granted free reign of travel safe areas in Fiji. We’ve made the best of Fiji available to our visitors, the best of our beaches, our reefs, our forests, and water-



Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama during the Reset Fiji Tourism programme in Glasgow, Scotland last week. Photo: SUPPLIED

falls. It will all be open.”

The Head of the Fijian Government said “our planes are prepared and our airports are adapted”.

“The Fiji Airways team have been awaiting this day for months and they are more than ready to fly you safely to our shores,” Prime Minister Bainimarama said.

“They have the highest possible SKYTRAX 5-Star COVID-19 Airline Safety Rating and the Diamond certification by the

Airline Passenger Experience Association or APEX to show for it. Our hotels are ready and our people’s renowned hospitality is as wonderful as you have heard or remember.”

The Prime Minister is in Glasgow to attend the climate negotiations at COP26 - a meeting that could be our last, best chance to drive serious action to stop the abuse that has changed the climate and, in turn, devastated our island communities.

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PM praises \$4m Grace Road investment

RUPENI WAQAVONO

THE opening of the new \$4million Grace Road Group Truemart supermarket in Nadi indicates the confidence of investors in the Fijian economy.

Officiating at its opening, PM Bainimarama stated that the Grace Road Group has invested wisely and significantly in the enterprise that they have built in the country.

“You have invested wisely and significantly in the enterprises you have built here in Fiji.

“It shows great faith in the Fijian economy and in the future of Fiji.”

“Your enterprises are of uniform high quality in appearance, operation and efficiency, and I believe you are raising the standard for local retail and restaurant establishments,” Prime Minister Bainimarama said.

“Most importantly, you are proving that a social commitment and a commercial enterprise can work hand in hand, that businesses can have a great social benefit when service to the community is at the heart of the enterprise.”

Prime Minister Bainimarama also stated that such investments give citizens a range of choices.

“This has been one of the key objectives of my Government – facilitating enterprise and competition and giving ordinary Fijian a wide range of choices in products and services.”

Govt has your back, Corrections Service told

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“I DON’T need to tell any of you here that your Government has your back.”

Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama, while opening the new chapel and transport office for the Fiji Corrections Services at the Korovou Compound in Suva, said, “We are striving for a criminal justice system, and a corrections service, that succeeds in making for a safer and more compassionate country”.

“Thank you for all you do, and all you will continue to do to keep Fiji safe and deliver justice that is firm but also focussed on the good that can be created by a well-run corrections service,” PM Bainimarama said.

“You are the Fiji Corrections Service (FCS) — and the service you offer is the re-integration of those who have been imprisoned back into society and we see that success in the many Fijians who have served their sentences fairly and who go about their lives peacefully as law-abiding Fijians.”

PM Bainimarama added that he was proud

that over a two-year period, the recidivism rate for the FCS stands at 1.06 percent which was one of the lowest in the world.

The FCS staff raised over \$140,000 for the new chapel while the Fijian Government funded the new \$142,245 transport office.

Prime Minister Bainimarama also acknowledged FCS for being on track to vaccinate all of their officers.

“Thanks to all of you who are among the over 595,000 adults in Fiji who have rolled up their sleeves to get the jab, we achieved our mission to vaccinate 80 percent of adults three weeks ahead of schedule.”

“Your institution fully enlisted in our national COVID-19 response. The intensity of our campaign demanded many of us take on roles we did not expect. But your officers did not hesitate.”

The FCS joined the food ration delivery teams and served as drivers, technical and operational staff in call centres and as part of the Ministry of Health and Medical Services FEMAT response teams.



Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama, during the official opening of the new chapel and transport office for the Fiji Corrections Services at the Korovou Compound in Suva. Photo: FELIX LESINAIVALU



Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama says COP26 will be the final opportunity to keep the 1.5 degrees threshold within reach and avoid a tipping point of no return.

PM tells of 'long, arduous journey to Glasgow'

NANISE NEIMILA

“OUR Pacific Island negotiators and delegations are enduring a long and arduous journey to Glasgow to ensure our voice is heard loud and clear at COP26.”

This, Fijian Prime Minister and Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) chair Voreqe Bainimarama asserted, was despite challenges faced with flight connections, transit hubs, exorbitant accommodation rates in Glasgow and quarantine costs.”

In a recorded statement delivered as the PIF chair at UN High Level Thematic Debate on Delivering Climate Action for People, Planet and Prosperity recently, Prime Minister Bainimarama said the Pacific will be on a mission in Glasgow which will be to raise the urgency for climate action now and to meaningfully engage to influence a legacy COP26 outcome.

“Climate change is the single greatest threat to the livelihoods, security and well-being of many of our Blue Pacific low-lying atoll nations and is our daily lived reality. At 1.2 degrees of global warming, our oceans are heating up resulting in coral bleaching, our seas are rising and climate induced disasters are more frequent and severe. Our sovereignty and very survival are at stake.”

Prime Minister Bainimarama said COP26 will be the final opportunity to keep the 1.5 degrees threshold within reach and avoid a tipping point of no return.

“Our (PIF) leaders have urged all Parties to the Paris Agreement to ensure that COP26 concludes negotiation on the Paris Rulebook, delivers an outcome that promotes stronger transparency and pursues efforts to limit global warming to 1.5 degree Celsius above pre-industrial levels, and mobilises scaled-up climate finance for adaptation from all sources.”

Prime Minister Bainimarama reiterated the Pacific call in the Kainaki Lua Declaration for the international community to continue efforts towards meeting their climate finance commitment of US\$100 billion per year from a variety of sources and accelerate support for the work of the Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage associated with Climate Change Impacts.

“COP 26 must also advance the work on Oceans in the UNFCCC, recognising its centrality to our Blue Pacific Continent,” he said.

“As one Blue Pacific Continent, we are – and will continue – to take decisive action.”

A-G, Cooks PM discuss climate finance

AZARIA FAREEN

Attorney-General and Minister responsible for Climate Change, Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum had a virtual bilateral meeting with the Prime Minister of Cook Islands, Mark Brown to discuss additional support to be provided in the Access to Climate Finance space ahead of the COP26 Summit.

Under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Paris Agreement, the Prime Minister of Cook Islands Mark Brown is the nominated Climate Finance Champion for Pacific

Small Island Developing States (PSIDS).

Given Cook Islands non-participation at the COP26 in person, Fiji has offered to provide additional support during the lead up to COP26 and during the High-Level Events in terms of modalities for interaction on key issues.

During the meeting, the A-G highlighted the need to drive for additional monetary reserves to meet rising adaptation, mitigation and loss and damage needs for the (PSIDS).

The A-G outlined potential areas and activities which can be pursued during bilateral meetings and negotiations with various

states during COP26. This includes pursuing blue bonds, carbon trading markets and considering ‘vulnerability’ as a criteria for access to concessional financing.

Similarly, Prime Minister Brown stressed the need to identify new and alternative financial instruments, as the PSIDS has greater need of them now than ever before.

He highlighted that COVID-19 has considerably increased debt levels and it is time that the climate finance grants are increased.

At the end of the virtual meeting, both Fiji and the Cook Islands reaffirmed their support for positive outcomes at the COP26.



Chairman and founder of the Waitt Foundation, Ted Waitt during a virtual meeting with Attorney-General and Minister responsible for Climate Change, Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum to discuss plans to operationalise the implementation of Fiji's National Ocean Policy and trailblazing blue investment opportunities in the Pacific. Photo: AZARIA FAREEN

Policy brings blue investment opportunities

AZARIA FAREEN

ATTORNEY-GENERAL and Minister responsible for Climate Change, Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum virtually met with the chairman and founder of the Waitt Foundation, Ted Waitt to discuss plans to operationalise the implementation of Fiji's National Ocean Policy and trailblazing blue investment opportunities in the Pacific.

During the meeting held recently, the A-G commended the Foundation for the opportunity to meet and stated that it is vital for the success of such partnerships that greater collaboration between the multiple organisations working within the marine space is created.

He also called for synergies between existing projects in the pipeline such as on carbon trading and the Global Fund for Coral Reefs (GFCR) and those being proposed by the Waitt Foundation.

Mr Waitt provided an update on the work of the Waitt Foundation and the proposal to un-



The Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum during the virtual meeting with Chairman and founder of the Waitt Foundation, Ted Waitt. Photo: AZARIA FAREEN

dertake work in Fiji through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Fijian Government.

The A-G, while acknowledging the efforts of the Waitt Foundation in developing the MoU, emphasised the importance of undertaking consultations while designating 30 percent of Fiji's Exclusive Economic Zone as Marine Protected Areas by 2030.

Given the likelihood of impact on the livelihoods of people dependent on marine resources, and to ensure that income and sustainability is secured, early works on site selection should

commence through the technical team undertaking these consultations.

In response Mr Waitt reiterated his commitment and that of his foundation towards ensuring economic sustainability through the implementation of their work in developing Fiji's Marine Spatial Plan, accelerating sustainable economic diversification and Blue Economy growth and the development of Sustainable Fisheries Plans.

The signing of MOU between the Fijian Government and the Waitt Foundation is anticipated to be formalised in December 2021.

Climate science group discusses experiences

NANISE NEIMILA

ATTORNEY-GENERAL and Minister responsible for Climate Change Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum met with youth who are part of the Climate Science group recently.

ClimateScience is a UK-based global charity led by hundreds of driven volunteers from 30 countries with an aim to make learning engaging, accessible and reliable.

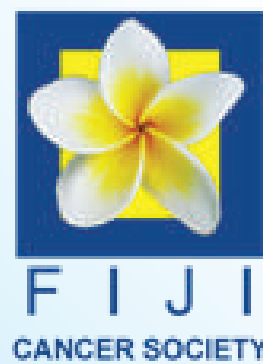
The A-G briefed the youth on Fiji's participation at the COP26 (Conference of Parties 26) that will commence later this week in Glasgow, Scotland and the various issues that will be discussed at the high-level meeting.

He highlighted key issues in the Climate Change Act 2021 that will create enormous economic opportunities for Fijian landowners.

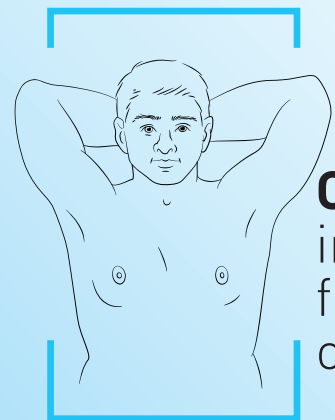
The Act will establish a comprehensive response to climate change, providing for the regulation and governance of the national response to climate change.

The A-G encouraged the youth to plan and research more on how they can design innovative projects to better address climate change for the future generation.

In addition to sharing their experiences advocating climate change, the youth shared their ideas on how climate change subjects can be incorporated into the education syllabus.

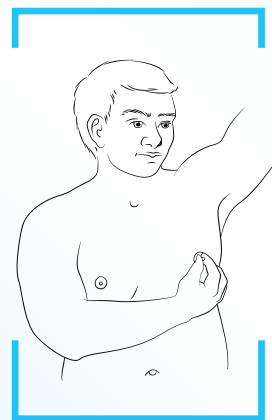


BREAST SELF-EXAM FOR HIM



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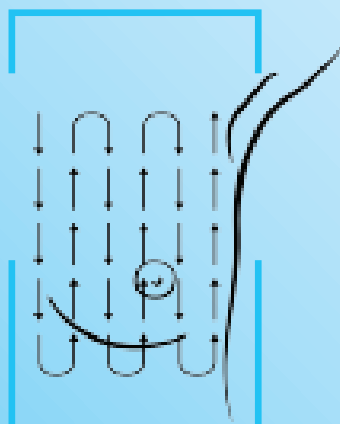
Examine the nipple, most men find their lumps under the nipple

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In a sitting or standing position, use the pads of the three middle fingers -**examine** using light, medium, and deep pressure. (See step 4, for area to be examined)

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Examining starts at the collarbone and continues down and up the entire breast in a vertical pattern

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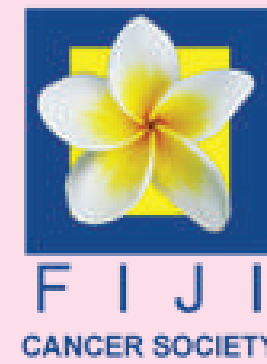
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Signs & Symptoms

- A painless lump or thickening in your breast tissue.
- Changes to the skin covering your breast, such as dimpling, wrinkling, redness, or scaling.
- Changes to your nipple, such as redness or scaling, or a nipple that begins to turn inward.
- Discharge from your nipple.

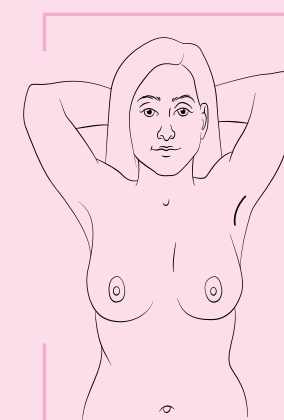
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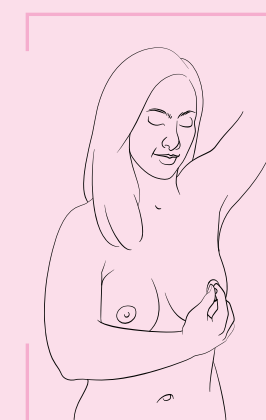
■ Check your breasts the same day every month.

■ Check yourself a week after your period starts when swelling and sensitivity are less.



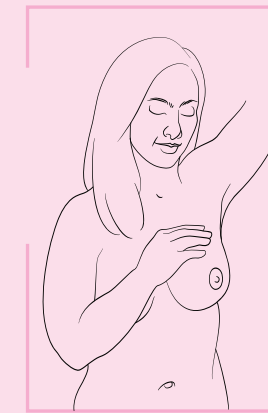
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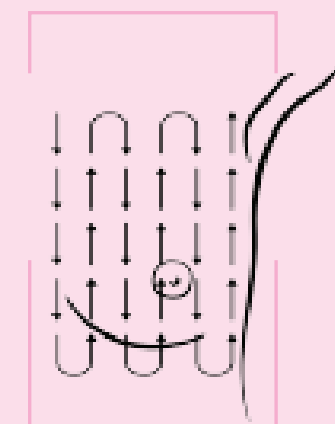
Check your nipples carefully, lumps may be found behind the nipple.

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Examining starts at the collarbone and continues down and up the entire breast in a vertical pattern

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Position yourself in bed which leads to a more even distribution of your breast tissue. Repeat step 3 and 4.

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Take action against climate, youth urged



Participants during the "Let's Save the World Fiji" Ba Youth Group mangrove planting initiative, at Namoli Village Lautoka. Photo: MEREANI GONEDUA

MEREANI GONEDUA

THE Attorney-General and Minister responsible for Climate Change Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum participated in the "Let's Save the World Fiji" Ba Youth Group mangrove planting initiative, at Namoli Village Lautoka.

The A-G reminded participants that taking action now against climate change was essential to protect their future generations.

"As part of the Government's response to climate change, Fiji is currently focusing on adaptation.

"Seawalls need to be built and the country must coordinate flood response efforts during cyclone seasons," the A-G said.

He explained how Tropical Cyclone Winston destroyed one third of Fiji's GDP

in 36 hours, despite Fiji's relatively small carbon footprint in comparison with big countries.

The A-G called on the young people to better understand the effects of climate change and to do more in order to help, as they will inherit the country when it comes to climate issues.

He also highlighted the recently passed Climate Change Act and encouraged land-owners to make use of the opportunity they have to generate revenue without exploiting their resources.

The 'Let's Save the World Fiji' Ba Youth Group has planted 50,000 mangrove pods along the Namoli shores in collaboration with the Ministry of Youth and Sports, the Ba Community Policing Department and the Ministry of Forestry.

Meanwhile, British High Commissioner

to Fiji, George Edgar, who also attended the event, acknowledged the work done by the Youth group in trying to combat climate changes and hopes that COP26 will be a turning point for world leaders to start taking climate change seriously.

Mr Edgar stated that as the presidency of the 26th Conference of Parties (COP26), there was an urgent need to do away with rhetoric and speeches and focus on action.

He also stated that there has been a growing realisation over the last years both in the context of climate change by reducing gas emissions and in the context of protecting ourselves against the impacts of climate change which was something that Fiji was very well aware of, with rising sea levels, cyclone over the past few years.

Follow Prophet's teaching, A-G urges Muslims

RUPENI WAQAVONO

Attorney-General Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum has urged the Muslim community to integrate the values, practices and teachings of Prophet Mohammed into their lives.

Speaking at the Milad-un-Nabi Jalsa at the Jame Mosque in Lautoka recently, the A-G said that Islam is about peace, having love for others, being honest and practising equality in real life.

"Our main purpose here is to go to Jannah. That's the fundamental issue. Sometimes it's very difficult for us to be able to apply that to our daily lives as we get carried away with the material world, with our position and our status in society."

He explained that as part of the Muslim faith, one should also stand up for people who are oppressed, as well as do positive things.

The A-G urged those present at the event to make a positive impact against racism rather than just talking about it as this was one of the characteristics of the Prophet.

He also reminded those present to always stand up against injustice, even if injustice is not being done to them.

"The very purpose of the last Prophet was to essentially seal our faith, and give us final guidance on how to live our lives."

Meanwhile Minister for Commerce, Trade, Tourism and Transport, Faiyaz Koya also stated during the celebrations that only a few countries in the world acknowledge each other's religious festivals and Fiji does it so proudly.

"As with other religious-based public holidays such as Christmas, Easter and Diwali, it is also a time to reflect on the special role faith plays in our lives and the lives of our neighbours."

"This reminds us of the uniqueness of our state, which is a multi-faith nation where every religion is treated equally. No matter what our religious beliefs are, we share a common destiny."

Minister Koya also stated that it was undeniable that religion unites people regardless of their beliefs - as a sense of spirituality, an acceptance of the creation, which was universal to the overwhelming majority of Fijians, regardless of our diverse religious backgrounds.

PM opens state-of-the-art aviation facility



Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama and Attorney-General and Minister Responsible for Aviation Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum with staff of the Fiji Airways. Photo: MEREANI GONEDUA

MEREANI GONEDUA

PRIME Minister Voreqe Bainimarama has urged other Pacific airlines to send their would-be and current pilots, as well as their airline and regulatory authorities, to Fiji to train.

As PM Bainimarama officiated at the opening of the new Fiji Airways Aviation Academy in Nadi, one of the best aviation training centers in the Pacific, he stated that anyone anywhere in the world can train there, as it now offers the best training in the region.

"We can elevate second officers to

first officer positions and first officers to captains through a faster process. But a faster process is still a rigorous process, and all certifications are carefully carried out at the Academy by our local senior "Check and Training" Captains, who are highly skilled, highly experienced, CAAF (Civil Aviation Authority of Fiji)-approved, pilots."

PM Bainimarama said that all of these factors reduce the need for expat pilots.

"Pacific flights should be flown by Pacific people. These are well-paying jobs that perform a vital service to our region."

"We have the pool of talent. We simply needed the resources to put Fijians and other Pacific Islanders in the captain's seat. And this Academy brings world-class aviation education in Fiji's own backyard."

He stated that young Fijians can now have the opportunity to learn from the state of the art academy as new fixed devices just installed at the Academy will allow Fiji Airways to offer training for students right out of the flying school.

"And the benefits go beyond pilots. Cabin crew can train here under the guidance of qualified Senior Fiji Air-

ways trainers and personnel. And Fijian engineers are maintaining the facility and its assets. That means more jobs. More income."

"And all of it stays in Fiji. Fiji Airways used to spend around \$14 million per year sending its pilots and cabin crews abroad for this training. All of that money is now staying in our people's pockets. The local economy around Nadi benefits. Fiji benefits. The Pacific benefits as well."

Additionally, Prime Minister Bainimarama stated that the Academy was now prepared to serve the nation on the cusp of a new tourism era.

RoC Market showcases Broken Mirrors' creativity

ILISAPECI TUIVALE

THE ability to showcase and sell her artwork to the public at the recent Roc Market after months of lockdown and restrictions is a blessing to local artist Maria Canty.

Ms Canty believes that this has been possible because of the high vaccination rate the country has achieved so far.

The owner of Broken Mirrors Art Boutique by Mahs Works has over 10 years of experience in mosaic artistry but only decided to turn her hobby into a business five years ago.

Ms Canty passion for her art grew as her customers and clients grew because her creations brightened up their homes.

From the cutting of the boards to arranging the broken mirror pieces on, this creative entrepreneur is a one-woman army and her brother tries to help her out when he can.

"I love my work because it gives me the opportunity to create something beautiful for people to



Maria Canty showcases her artwork during the recent Roc Market in Suva late last month. Photo: ILISAPECI TUIVALE

put inside their homes. This started out as a hobby after my sister-in-law taught me how to make the pieces, but now I love what I do because it brings joy to people," she said.

Although her main platform of advertising her products is on social media, Ms Canty said that running a business during the

COVID-19 pandemic was a challenge.

"Social media has been helpful for my business because customers were still able to put in their online orders despite the pandemic. My customers are my biggest source of support during this trying times."

She has urged every eligible Fi-

jian who is still reluctant to get vaccinated against COVID-19 to do so because micro, small and medium enterprises like hers depend on every sale they can get, especially from events such as the Roc Market.

"It's important to get fully vaccinated because our children depend on it so that they can go back

to school, we've got our families to take care of and we need to get the economy going again," she said.

Ms Canty's artwork can be found on her business pages on Facebook – Broken Mirrors Art Boutique by Mahs Works and Instagram – @brokenmirrorsart

\$500K project a relief for women market vendors

NANISE NEIMILA

WOMEN market vendors will soon have access to safe and secure accommodation when they travel long hours and spend nights at the Nausori Market to sell their produce.

This follows the groundbreaking ceremony for the new accommodation with a project cost of \$500,000 that will cater for more than 60 rural women from Tailevu, Naitasiri and Rewa who sell their produce at the Nausori market.

Nausori Women Vendors Association president Venina Vakarusere said the long wait will soon be over because for years these women have had to travel long hours and sleep on the market pavements in order to sell their produce.

"Today marks an historical moment for women vendors. I can personally attest to the struggles we have had to endure. The early hours of travel and nights of sleeping on the market pavements just to look after our produce."

"Most women are lucky to find accommodation with relatives or at the nearby Catholic Church hall just to look after their produce and keep it safe so that no one steals their produce. But I am thankful that with the construction of this new facility our women will have safe and secure accommodation to stay."

Mrs Vakarusere thanked donor agencies like United Nations Development Program, UN Women, Australian High Commission



Minister for Local Government Premila Kumar during the ground breaking ceremony for the new women's accommodation at the Nausori Market. Photo: NANISE NEIMILA

and the Fijian Government for empowering women.

She said projects like this assist in the economic empowerment of women in rural communities.

Minister for Local Government Premila Kumar said the project was initiated in 2018 to support the hard working women market vendors who come from villages from provinces of Tailevu, Rewa and Naitasiri.

"These women travel long distances and hours to reach the market to sell their produce. These women spend their nights on the Nausori market corridor, bus stands or

streets, waiting for the markets to open so that they can sell their produce."

"This project once completed will alleviate the worries of the women vendors regarding both weather and personal safety, as well as having to find a place to sleep, a toilet, and a bathroom. The new center will support rural women vendors, by providing comfortable accommodation at a reasonable rate."

Australian High Commissioner to Fiji, John Feakes said it was important to recognise the importance of offering safe, inclusive accommodation for women market vendors.

"The facility will provide a place of rest for up to 80 women coming from the provinces of Rewa, Naitasiri and Tailevu even as far as Rakiraki. With the ongoing social and economic impacts of COVID-19, local markets make excellent opportunities for economically vulnerable women."

Representative for the UN Women Fiji Multi-Country officer Sandra Bernklau said it was an important day for the township of Nausori, more significantly for the women vendors who have been waiting patiently for the accommodation.

"These rural women's accommodation centers are really a best practice in women's economic empowerment projects. We are also proposing this model to other countries around the Pacific."

"I think we all understand that rural women vendors make very hard choices. They have to leave the market early, they have to rush to catch the last bus or the last carrier. Now they'll be able to plan their trade, stay longer at the market, they won't have to discount their produce or leave their produce to spoil."

Ms Bernklau adds the project was going to immediately have some economic returns for those vendors, they'll have a safe place, direct access to the market and meeting place and, and a place for training.

"We know when women get together and start talking about business and ideas, those ideas flourish and they come up with excellent solutions and they increase their incomes and livelihoods as a result."



Early intervention 'key to cancer fight'

THE Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, Rosy Akbar has called for early intervention and the involvement of men in the discussions on breast cancer.

Minister Akbar, while officiating at the Pinktober Awareness event at the Sai Sanjeevani Children's Heart Hospital in Nasese, Suva last week, posed some questions.

"Why do we hesitate so much to seek medical help when our bodies are giving us the signs? In considering this question, there are so many factors that we realise are stopping women from getting the medical help they need."

She emphasised that the Pinktober Awareness initiatives are a great platform but we must ensure to involve men in the discussions because many times they are the ones who have to provide support to their wives or other women in their homes.

Minister Akbar said that women are sometimes so engrossed in looking after their families that they don't pay attention to their own

bodies and the result is that by the time they get medical attention, it is too late.

"And it could be that they don't seek medical help because they think there will be no support," she said.

She also stressed that all breast cancer awareness programmes must reach everyone, especially those in the rural/maritime communities.

Minister Akbar thanked the Sai Prema Foundation Fiji for paying close attention to this need within the communities, for providing the health check-up and for their invaluable service in Fiji.

Sai Sanjeevani Children's Heart Hospital director, Dr Krupali Tappoo said the event was not a fundraiser but an awareness initiative.

"We can collectively empower ourselves and become ambassadors to combat the battle against cancer in our homes, communities, cities, countries and the world. Sai Prema Foundation will continue to work hard to serve the people of Fiji and do all that can to serve and

save lives."

Fiji Cancer Society chief executive officer, Belinda Chan acknowledged the support shown by Fiji Cancer Society in signing a collaborative partnership agreement to work together on several projects and initiatives.

"This week, Sai Prema Foundation in conjunction with the Fiji Cancer Society are conducting the cancer awareness workshop, breast cancer examinations as well as medical consultation at the Sanjeevani Medical Centre for women."

Ms Erica Fiji, a 44 year old breast cancer survivor thanked her family members for their support when she was diagnosed with breast cancer. "I noticed a lump on my left breast, so I made the proactive decision to visit Dr Krupali Tappoo."

"I was diagnosed with breast cancer during the COVID-19 pandemic. I encourage all women and girls to have their medical check-ups regularly."

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Ministry backs breast cancer awareness

THE Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, Rosy Akbar today hosted a morning tea recently in commemoration of Pinktober.

While speaking at the event, Minister Akbar said that the need to raise awareness around cancer stretches beyond October or Pinktober.

"A long-standing awareness campaign definitely means different things to different people. For some, it is about celebrating strength and survival," Minister Akbar said.

She also encouraged breast cancer survivors to share their stories as a means to help and support others in a similar situation.

"There are many remarkable women who have been featured or shared their stories in inspiring change for the better, demonstrating great strength in their fight against breast cancer. During this Pinktober, we always stress the importance of the early detection of breast cancer more seriously. Many of them have experiences of breast cancer that have made an ideal advocate for a change in how it's detected and treated."

Aqela Tuiwainunu, 41-year-old schoolteacher and a breast cancer survivor, was present at the event and she shared her journey in battling breast cancer.

"I was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2019 and got my operation in 2020. I was very lucky we found cancer at an early stage. I went through four cycles of chemotherapy and recovered well. I am thankful to the Fiji Cancer Society as there was genuine concern and empathy from our doctors and nurses at CWM Hospital," Ms Tuiwainunu said.

"My message to women out there is to stay strong for their loved ones and not be discouraged. It is a struggle but you determine what you will take on. Most lumps are benign, but early detection of malignant lumps can be effectively treated right here in Fiji."

Also present at the event was the Minister for Commerce, Trade, Tourism and Transport Faiyaz Koya, Assistant Minister for Women, Veena Bhatnagar, Permanent Secretary Jennifer Poole, Fiji Cancer Society president Makrava Wilson and various women's groups.

The Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation also handed over \$2,000 to the Fiji Cancer Society.

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The Fiji Cancer Society (FCS) is advising all Fijians to become aware of their bodies because cancer does not discriminate any human being.. Photo: ILISAPECI TUIVALE

ILISAPECI TUIVALE

THE month of October is traditionally dedicated to focusing on breast cancer awareness not just for women but also for men.

The Fiji Cancer Society (FCS) is advising all Fijians to become aware of their bodies because cancer does not discriminate any human being.

"Please should become body-aware, get familiar with what is normal for you. Conduct self-breast examination on your breasts and all over your body to know what your skin looks and feels like. Which lumps and bumps are normal for you – they may change during a monthly cycle, but if they don't return to normal, speak to a health professional," FCS chief executive officer,

Belinda Chan said.

Since 2018, the society has registered 247 breast cancer patients which also included three men who battled breast cancer and in 2021 alone 43 women were found to have cancer with some of these patients living in maritime islands.

Distance has not deterred the FCS from reaching out to their patients as their priority remains in ensuring that patients receive the adequate assistance that they require.

"All our patients are referred to us from the CWM Hospital Oncology and Lancaster Unit. From these referrals we register our patients and do follow ups when they return to the maritime areas. We continue to send medicine supplies through air and boat and pay for their boat or air fares

when there are emergency runs or for clinics," Ms Chan said.

Other services provided by the FCS for their patients include; transportation to chemotherapy sessions, ambulance services, providing medication for patients who cannot afford to purchase them, conducting home visitations for patients who are not able to go to the hospital, providing supplies such as medical oxygen tanks, donated stoma bags, providing sanitary items and conducting awareness and screening programs for the general public.

The COVID-19 pandemic raised a few challenges for the organisation as patients' monthly clinics and chemotherapy for some patients were disrupted and delayed.

However, Ms Chan said that although Fijians are still presenting themselves late to screening clinics,

more people are now aware about what breast cancer is and the impact it has on one's life.

"We have seen active cancer patients presenting themselves early and at the same time a lot of late presentation of cases. This means that the awareness is out there but there is still a lot of stigma and fear in the communities. Thus, it is our mission that we continue to push on the awareness programs to educate Fijians on the signs and symptoms of different cancer types," she said.

'Pinktober' is observed in October every year to commemorate those who have battled against breast cancer, those living with the disease and the survivors.

The Fiji Cancer Society is always preparing for 'Movember' this month which focuses on prostate cancer.



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Clubs, bars, taverns, games venues set to reopen

As announced by the Prime Minister, with over 80 percent of adults fully vaccinated, Fiji is now in its next phase of response.

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In order for these businesses to open, a 'Permit to Operate' will be required, for which applications can be done online via the COVID Pass Portal: www.covidpass.mcttt.gov.fj

Applicants must submit all relevant documents, including agreed protocols, and employers and employees Vaccination Cards with consent by 30 November 2021.

The Minister for Commerce, Trade, Tourism and Transport, Faiyaz Koya stressed the importance of creating a safe environment for businesses to re-open in this pandemic.

"At the end of the day, what we want and

what we should strive towards is sustainability and resilience. How we invest in our workplaces and in our people today, will reflect on our development in years to come. We should always remember the duty of care we have to our customers, to Fijians."

"There is a lot at stake. With borders opening soon, we'll have thousands of visitors back in Fiji. These visitors aren't only looking for safe hotels, but safe Fijian experiences from restaurants to retail," said Minister Koya.

While the Ministry has been given powers to enforce COVID Safe practices, through the Public Health Act, advocacy and awareness remains fundamental. If businesses continue to breach the protocols, then fines or prosecution procedures will be implemented.

The Ministry, together with the Fijian Competition and Consumer Commission, has deployed COVID Safe Ambassadors.

These Ambassadors closely observe and advise businesses on mandatory minimum parameters for safely operating businesses.

Given these businesses involve high customer interaction and close contact, these services are only available for eligible persons who are fully vaccinated. As such, businesses must also apply for the VAX-Check tool using the same portal used to apply for the careFIJI QR code, that is, www.checkin.digitalfiji.gov.fj. Businesses may use the same login credentials, enter the portal and apply for VAX-Check credentials.

Proper ventilation remains imperative in this pandemic. Businesses must maximise natural ventilation by opening windows, doors, and vents when conditions allow, or mechanical ventilation, using fans and ducts.

Businesses are strongly encouraged to identify any poorly ventilated spaces in the workplace and take measures to improve fresh air flow in these areas. Portable air cleaners with High-Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filters are highly recommended for spaces with high occupancy or limited ventilation. news@govnet.gov.fj

Boards named for Housing Authority, PRB

THE Housing Authority (HA) and Public Rental Board (PRB) now have a new chairperson and five directors as part of a board revamp to enable the expansion of affordable housing stock for purchase and rent for Fijians at all levels of income.

The newly-appointed members offer decades of experience in the private sector, legal field and community development.

Their combined experience will strengthen the realisation of the organisations' mandates to create more home-owning opportunities and access to housing for Fijian families.

Viliame Vodonaivalu, the chief executive officer for the Fiji National Provident Fund, has been appointed as the board chairperson.

His strategic nous -- honed over decades in the financial services sector will strengthen the management and operational efficiency.

Among the immediate priorities of the new Board appointees, the Housing Authority and Public Rental Board will be pursuing a public-private partnership with the International Finance Corporation for affordable housing.

The partnership, run in cooperation with the Ministry of Economy and Ministry of Housing and Community Development, aims to enlist international private sector expertise in the delivery of affordable housing development projects in Fiji.

The Housing Authority will now also seek to support the Government's commitment to sub-divide and develop informal settlements to offer residents of these communities the security of long-term tenure.

The A-G also thanked the former members of the HA and PRB Board of Directors after receiving their resignation on Monday 25 October 2021. news@govnet.gov.fj

New Appointees

Viliame Vodonaivalu is the chief executive officer for the Fiji National Provident Fund, has been appointed as the board chairperson.

Saud Minam is the CEO of the Fiji Development Bank and the former CEO and Head of Commercial Banking Pacific for ANZ Fiji & Pacific.

Renee Duguivalu is an experienced civil engineer with Hamen Lodhia Engineers Pte Limited.

Susan Naidu is Assistant General Manager Strategic and Community Development at the Model Towns commonly known as Koroipta.

Florence Takinana is a senior legal officer at the Office of the Solicitor-General.

Anil Prasad is a principal-agent with Propmate Realty and a Quality Assurance Officer at Paradise Beverages Fiji Ltd.

Ministry shortens vaccine dosage gap

INDIVIDUALS can choose to receive the second dose of the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine at an interval of six weeks after the first dose.

Permanent Secretary for Health and Medical Services, Dr James Fong said, "Any person aged 18 years and above who has received the first dose of the AstraZeneca vaccine can receive the second dose after an interval period of six weeks to eight weeks".

"Despite the easing of restrictions after more than 80 per cent of Fiji's eligible target population have been fully vaccinated, COVID-19 is still present in the country. There are still cases of COVID-19 in the communities."

"Therefore, COVID-19 vaccines remain the best defence against the deadly virus. It is important to get both doses of the COVID-19 vaccines to gain maximum protection against severe illness, hospitalisation and death from the virus."

AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccines are also safe to be administered to pregnant women.

Vaccination is fast, safe and effective. Individuals can view the latest information on the COVID-19 vaccination programme at <https://www.health.gov.fj/news@govnet.gov.fj>



According to the Permanent Secretary for Health and Medical Services, Dr James Fong, any person aged 18 years and above who has received the first dose of the AstraZeneca vaccine can receive the second dose after an interval period of six weeks to eight weeks.



COVID-19
VACCINATION



PROTECT YOURSELF FROM COVID-19

GUIDANCE ON HOMEMADE CLOTH MASK

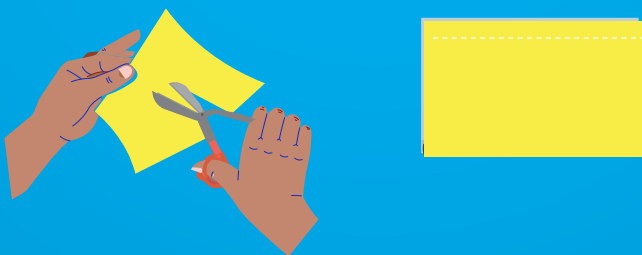
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Cut two pieces of cotton fabric (length of 25 cm and height of 15 cm each)

Fabrics made of thick cotton or cotton blend, like a tea towel. (If you can see the sunlight through the mask, it is too thin.)

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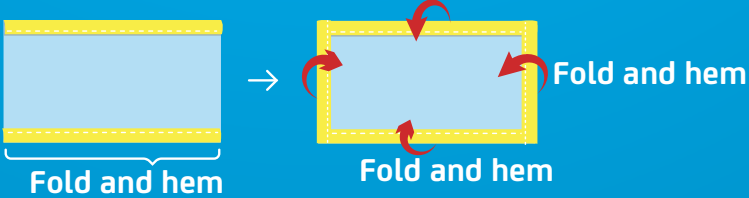
Hem or stitch the edges of the two fabrics by cutting away any excess or loose fabric.

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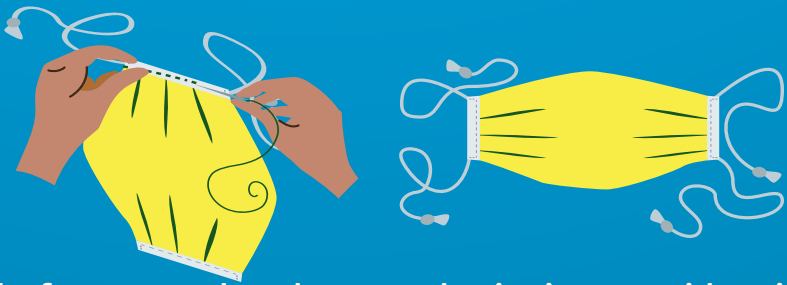
Place the two pieces of fabric on top of each other on a table.

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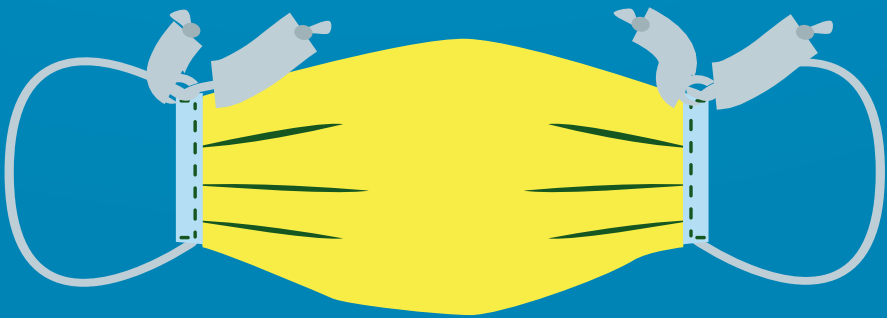
Fold the outer piece of fabric (the one touching the table) over slightly on top of the other piece. Sew the folded over piece onto the top piece. Perform this for both the top and bottom parts of the mask.

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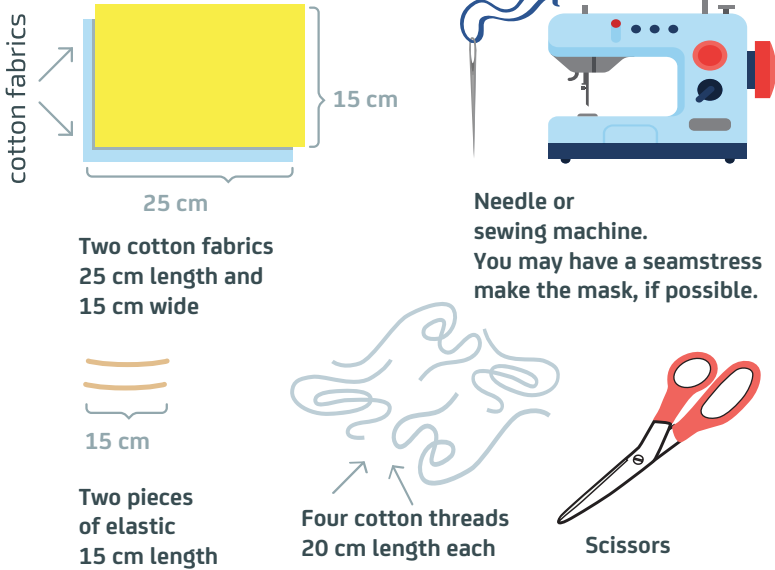
Place the four cotton threads or two elastic pieces on either side of the mask. Fold over the outer and inner pieces together on top of the threads or elastic. Sew these two sides pieces to securely hold the threads or elastic pieces in place.

6



Tie the unsewn ends of the threads or elastic into a secure knot. Make sure the knot is tight.

You will need:





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President Major-General (Ret'd) Jioji Konrote and First lady Sarote Konrote during the launch of the Organic Rotuma Accreditation and the Publication of the Rotuman Book "Rak La Faeag Rotuam" at Holiday Inn Suva. Photo: FELIX LESINAIVALU

THANK YOU

HEAD OF STATE GRATEFUL FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT

JOSEFA ULUILAKEBA

THE President Major-General (Ret'd) Jioji Konrote officiated in his last investiture ceremony at State House and thanked Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama and Government for the continued support throughout his term in office.

"We came in here to serve the nation and I'd like to thank you and your government and the nation and our people for supporting this institution during my term as President," he said.

In addition, the Head of State thanked the chairperson of the College of Honour, Dr Akanisi Kedrayate and her team for ensuring

that all nominations were carefully assessed and that only carefully vetted recommendations were submitted.

President Konrote said, "26 years ago on Independence Day, 755 individuals were awarded a similar Commemorative Medal and we look forward to celebrating our Diamond Jubilee of Independence in style too.

"While I wear with great pride my 25th Anniversary medal, I hope that those of you who will be honoured with this 50th Anniversary Medal today will also share with me the same proud and patriotic feeling that we belong to a Progressive Nation which cares for its people and rewards them accordingly

for their individual and collective efforts at Nation-Building".

"Today's consecration ceremony of the Order of Fiji Awards fulfils and successfully concludes one of my literary duties in this office, which is to honour, acknowledge, and reward each individual and collective support for our beloved nation."

He said in celebrating Fiji's 50th anniversary of Independence and Awarding the commemorative medal, Fiji continues to show the world community that "we are indeed; a resilient people, a strong people, a caring people, a united people".

"By remaining positive and firm in our faith

in the Almighty, our beloved Fiji is blessed and as a nation and people, we should be forever grateful, hopeful and embrace the future together and believe that the next 50 years and beyond – the journey ahead would be peaceful and equally prosperous."

President Konrote said, "50 years is indeed a long time in one's life and we have come a long way as a country and people since independence to claim our rightful place in our global community as a responsible and respectable developing independent sovereign state which is proud of its achievements and contributions regionally and internationally".

Noda Viti



Era taba toka oqori na leweni soqosoqo ni tabana ni veitaqomaki vakacegu se *Returned Soldiers and Ex-Servicemen's Association* kei na Peresitedi Jioji Konrote. iTaba: JOSEFA ULUILAKEBA

Talaci ko Peresitedi vei ira na itokani vakaivalu

JOSEFA ULUILEKBA

Era cabe ki Vale Levu na lewe ni Soqosoqoso ni Dauni-veiqaravi e na tabana ni Veitaqomaki Vakacegu se na *Returned Soldiers and Ex-Servicemen's Association* (RSEA) me ra lai talaca ka vakavinavinaka na noda Peresitedi o Major General (Retired) Jioji Konusi Konrote ni sa vo toka ga qo e vica na siga me ra sa na vakacegu mai e na itutu era tawana tiko.

Veiliutaki tiko yani kina na Kanala vakacegu o Ratu Peni Volavola ka ra veitomani yani na lewe ni soqosoqo.

E bau maliwai ira tale tu ga yani na Kominisa ni Ovisa Vakacegu o Romanu Tikotikoca.

“Na ilakolako qo na i lakolako ga ni vakavinavinaka. Vinaka vakalevu na qaravi tavi, na veiliutaki vinaka. Keimami sa bau mai dokadoka voli kina na nomuni tokani vakaivalu ni keimami kila ni dua na lewe ni neimami vuvale levu e tawana tiko na itutu cecere duadua e na noda vanua,” e kaya ko Ratu Peni.

“Keimami dei e na nomuni veilutaki dina ga ni levu sara na bolebole e da sotava, ia sa rogo na Kalou ni vunia na ka. E vakadaberi kemuni kina e na i dabedabe ni veiliutaki mo tamai keimami ka liutaki keimami e

na loma ni Ono na yabaki sa oti.”

Dua na veitalaci lagilagi ka ra vakavinavinaka taka na Turaga na Peresitedi na nodra yalo loloma kei na veikawataki ni ra sega ni guilecava na nodra i sema vaka cakacaka me vaka ni Petereni tale ga ni soqosoqo o ira.

“Vinaka vakalevu na nomuni yaco mai e na siga vinaka nikua,” e ra kaya na Turaga na Peresitedi.

“Sa totoka na nomuni veitokoni e na yabaki Ono ni noqu veiqaravi ka sa dua tu na duru ni noqu veiqaravi na nomudou dau tu raviti au ka dau rogoca na kaci e dau gole yani e vale levu.”

E kerei ira tale ga na lewe ni soqosoqo na Turaga na Peresitedi me na kua ni luluqa na nodra veitokoni ki vua na Turaga na Tui Macuata e na gauna era sa na tawana kina na itutu vaka Peresitedi e na noda vanua.

“Me dei tiko na nomudou veitokoni ki vua na Turaga na Tui Macuata. E turaga vinaka ka tuberi tale ga mai e na loma ni mataivalu, au sa kerea kina me na kua ni luluqa na noda na tokoni ira ni ra na mai taura tale ga na itutu vaka Petereni ni soqosoqo ka Commander in Chief ni mataivalu ni noda vanua.”



Rau veisoli icovi toka oqori na Peresitedi ni soqosoqo ni tabana ni veitaqomaki vakacegu, Ratu Peni Volavola kei na President ni noda vanua Jioji Konrote. iTaba: JOSEFA ULUILAKEBA



Talevi na veivakatorocaketaki ni wai e Tailevu

JOSEFA ULUILAKEBA

E ra veisiko tiko e na macawa sa oti na turaga na Minisita ni Veivakatorocaketaki kei na Tabana ni Draki o Jone Usumate kina koro e rua o Nameka kei Natuva e na tikina o Tai Vugalei kei na koro o Naimasimasi e Vugalei qo e na loma ni yasana vakaturaga o Tailevu.

Naki tiko ni veisiko qo na kena talevi na vaka so ni wai e na koro e tolu.

“E tiko kina na kena isau vakailavo na cakacaka qo e na \$162,300.00 na na sau ni veivakatorocaketaki ni wai e Nameka kei Natuva ka \$176,004.00 e Naimasimasi,” e kaya ko Usumate.

Qaravi e na cakacaka qo na kena vakatoroicake taki na vaka so ni wai kei na kena gagagaca lali e so me rawa ni

vakavinakataki kina na drodro ni wai ka sa marautaki sara vakalevu na veika e sa vakayacori mai vei ira na lewe ni koro.

E vakaduri kina e rua na taqe ni wai vou, ka vakalevu taki na so ni wai se dam me rawa ni ceguva na gagadre e sa tiko e na koro e tolu.

Okati tale ga e na cakacaka qo na kena dodoki na paipo ni wai vovou me ra gunu kina na lewe ni koro kei na korovuli e rua na Rokotuivatu District School e Natuva kei na Vugalei District School e Naimasimasi.

“Dua na ka bibi me dau nanumi o ya na nodra veisemati vinaka na vei komiti ni wai e na veikorokoro kei na Tabana ni Wai me na rawa ni vuke na kena qaravi tiko na veivakatorocaketaki e sa vakayacori,” e kaya na Minisita.



E taba toka oqori na Minisita ni Cakacaka kei na Veivakatorocaketaki lelevu ena noda ZMatanitu, Jone Usumate kei ira na ivakalesilesi ena tabana ni wai ena dua na veisiko ni vakadidike e Tailevu. iTaba: JOSEFA ULUILAKEBA



E ciqoma tiko ko Peresitedi Jioji Konrote na itatau ni timi ni rakavi na Drua mai vei ira na kena ivakalesilesi ni rakavi ena noda vanua. iTaba: JOSEFA ULUILAKEBA

Ciqoma ko Peresitedi na itatau na timi ni Drua

JOSEFA ULUILAKEBA

S A mai sobu na nodra itatau na noda mata timi ni rakavi ya 15 na Fiji Drua ki vua na Turaga na Peresitedi o Major General (Ret'd) Jioji Konrote.

E ciqoma na nodra itatau na Turaga Peresitedi ka kaya ni sa dede sara me qai cabe tale yani e dua na soqosoqo ni qito ki Vale Levu me ra lai vakasobura na nodra itatau ka dua na vuna levu na sogosogo kei na matellevu e tarai vuravura tiko.

“Vinaka vakalevu na nomudou maroroya tiko na noda itovo,” e ra kaya ki vei ira na cauravou.

“E na vukudra na lewe ni vanua ko Viti, au sa gusui keimami e na neimami vakanuivuinaka ni na lai rawa

vinaka mai na itavi e dou sa nuitaki kina.”

“E na nomudou gole qo, e dou sa cavuisausau tale ga ni dou matai ni timi ni rakavi e na noda vanua me dou lai vakaitavi e na sotasota ni 2022 Super Rugby Pacific Competition.”

E tomana o Peresitedi Konrote ka kaya ni rakavi e na noda vanua e vakamuri tu me vaka e dua na lotu ka sa ra na namaka tiko na lewe ni vanua e dua na irogo me ra na vakacere taba tu kina.

E na tekivu taki tiko e na vula ko Veverueri ni yabaki qo na sotasota ni 2022 Super Rugby Pacific Competition e Ositerelia ka rana keba tiko ga mai kina na noda cauravou me yacova ni oti na sotasota.



Vinaka vakalevu na nomudou maroroya tiko na noda itovo. E na vukudra na lewe ni vanua ko Viti, au sa gusui keimami e na neimami vakanuivuinaka ni na lai rawa vinaka mai na itavi e dou sa nuitaki kina

Jioji Konrote
Peresitedi kei Viti

Dola ko Colo-i-Suva vei ira na lewenivanua

VILIAME TIKOTANI

A dolavi tu na tobu ni sisili ena veikau kei Colo-i-suva vei ira na lewenivanua. Kevaka esega ni dua na vanua o lako kina sana rawa vei iko mo laki veisiko kina. Me vaka ni 15 walega na miniti main a tauni o Suva. Na tobu kei na veikau ni gade e Coloisuva ea tauyavutaki ena 1952.

A rawata o Coloisuva park na veivakacaucautaki e vuravura raraba ena gauna a rejisitataki kina mai na Queen's Commonwealth Canopy (VAKAC) mai vei Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II ena soqoni ni Commonwealth Heads of Government ka vakayacori e Malta ena 2015.

A vakayacori na yavu oqo me ivakatakarakara ni ile duavata kei Viti vata kei ira e 53 tale na veimatani ka duatani na nodra madigi me ra vakabula e dua vei ira na itikotiko bibi duadua ni vuravura – na noda veikau. E kaya na Ranadi ni a vakauqeti mai na yavu cokovata ni veimatani e Commonwealth ka gadreva me cakacakataka vata me taqomaki kina na veikau e vuravura.

E vakuria na Ranadi ni ka oqo kei na veivakasaututaki tale eso sai koya na ivakaraitaki ni kaukauwa ni Matanitu Cokovata ena Commonwealth era cakacaka vakailawalawa me vakayacora na veisau dina me baleta na veitabatamata sa bera mai.

A ciqoma o Peresitedi Jioji Konrote na sitivikiti ena 2016 ka a vakavinavinakataki Viti o koya na Ranadi ena nona a lewena na buli ni Gagagaca ka vukea na kena maroroi na veikau kei na veivunikau me vakalailaitaka na vo ni veisau ni draki ni draki.

Ena Okotova ni 2018 donuya na veisiko nei Prince Harry ki Viti ena Okotova ni 2018, a veisiko kina o Prince Harry ki Colo-i-Suva ka teivaka e dua na vunika mai Viti ka kilai ena vanua na Dakua Makadre, ka vakayacora tiko na Veiqaravi oqo me yacova mai nikua. A vakauta mai o Prince Harry edua na kadi ni Siganisucu ni vunika na Dakua ena 2019 ka kena inaki me cakava oqo me sa dua na ivalavala tudei me dei toka kina na isema e tiko ena kedrau maliwa na Ravouvou, kei na Colo-i-Suva.

Vakananumi ni Pinktober

JOSEFA ULUILAKEBA

Era vakaitavi ena vakananumi ni valuti ni mate na kenisa na Radini Paraiminisita Mary Bainimarama kei na Minisita ni Marama Rosy Akbar.

Oqo edua na siga bibi ena kena vakananumi tikoga kina na dredre era sotava na lewenivanua e tauvi ira ka sa valeqai ira oti na mate oqo.

Ena yabaki oqo eratou veivuke ena veivakananumi oqo na soqosoqo ni Sai Prema Foundation ka dua na isoqosoqo esa cau tiko ena tabana ni tiko bulabula na lewenivanua ena noda vanua.



E taba toka oqo na Radini Paraiminisita Mary Bainimarama vata ki ira na ivakalesilesi ni Tabana ni Marama, Gone kei na Valuti ni Dravudravua, ivakalesilesi ni Sai Prema Foundation vata kei na Minisita ni Marama Rosy Akbar ena soqo ni Pinktober.

Vakalevutaki na volivoli ena monalivaliva: Koya

VILIAME TIKOTANI

NA volitaki iyaya ena monalivaliva e sega walega ni ka vou ena nona vuravura se ena noda vanua ia esa dodonu me na vakalevutaki na kena vakayagataki raraba ena siga nikua. Vakaraitaka na tikina oqori na Minisita ni Bisinisi, Veivoli, Saravanua kei na Veilakoyaki, Faiyaz Koya. Vakaraitaka ko Minisita Koya ni tadu mai ni mate dewa na COVID-19 esa mai veisau-

taka na veimataqali gagadre ni lewenivanua ena volivoli ia ena monalivaliva era sa vakayagataka na daunibisinisi mera laveta cake kina nodra veiqaravi ena ivoli. Kuria ko Minisita Koya vei ira na daunibisinisi lalai era sa vakayagataka tiko na monalivaliva me baleta nodra veivoli ni oqo edua na ka vinaka mera vakayagataka me vukei ira ena gauna dredre ni bisinisi vakaoqo. Na monalivaliva e dolava tale edua na

katuba vou ka levu vei ira na dauvolivolitaki vei ira na lewenivanua ka sa dolava kina na matanitu na katuba ni Vitikart ka sa veitokoni kina kei na Reserve Bank of Fiji kei Vodafone mera vukei ira na daunibisinisi lalai ena ilavo e \$1.2 milioni. E ka bibi tiko nikua na nodra vakayaloqataki tiko na lewenivanua ena gauna oqo ka vakakina na daunibisinisi lalai merawa ni ra veivoli vinaka.

Siga ni yaloyalo maroroi kei vuravura

VILIAME TIKOTANI

ERA mai doka ka vakananuma na siga kei vuravura ka vakagolei ena nodra cakacaka na kena dau ni veitaba ena raitio yaloyalo na matanitu ena loma ni macawa oqo. Vakaraitaka kina na Minisita ni Vuli, Premila Kumar ni sa ka bibi me dau maroroi ka taqomaki na weniliga ni kena dau ena tabana oqo baleta nira dau talanoataka na keda italanoa kei na toso ni gauna tabusaka yani. Sa kuria ka kaya kina ni oqo edua na iyau bula ni matanitu ka vakakina na lewenivanua me vaka ni vakasokumuni kina na italanoa ni veigauna ena raitio yaloyalo.

Na veitabatamata mai muri ena dau rawa ni vakekeli lesu ena veitaba gauna ena yaloyalo oqo ka sa dodonu kina medau maroroi vinaka ena kena tabana. Vakaraitaka na Minisita Premila Kumar ni ka bibi sara vei Viti me maroroya na iyau mareqeti oqo.

Ena yabaki oqo, na ikau ni “Your Window to the World”.

E semata na Minisitiri Vuli na iyau maroroi e vuravura raraba me vakauqeta ka taqomaki na ivurevure ni kila ka cokovata kei na ivurevure yaga ni kila-ka e vakaraitaka na dui-duit ni itovo vakavanua, veimaliwai kei na vosa ni noda itikotiko raraba.

Kaya ko Minisita Kumar “e vakarautaka na siga e dua na yavu me kilai raraba kina na kena gadrevi na ivakarau vakatotolo me vakayacori me maroroi kina na itukutuku ni iyau ni vanua ni ra sa iyautaukeni tawasei rawa oqo.”

Kuria o Minisita Kumar ni sega ni ka vou vei keda na sasaga ni vuravura raraba kei na tavuki ni vanua me vaka na ualuvu, cava, cava rerevaki kei na uneune e rawa ni bokoca laivi na iyau vakakoya ena bogi.

Me kena ikuri, sa vakarusa e vuqa na vakasokumuni, na ivalu, butako, vakasauri, kei na vakawelewele vakatamata. Na draki katakata, katakata, na kuvu kei na icogaca ni masima e vakataotaka talega na kena maroroi kei na kena mavoa e dau vu mai na leqa vakamisini.



Era tabana tiko oqo na ivakalesilesi marama ni vei tabana ni matanitu era digitaki mai mera mai lewe ni boseka ka qarava na KOICA ena noda vanua.

24 na marama ena bose vakarautaka na KOICA

JOSEFA ULUILAKEBA

ERA boseka tiko e lewe 24 na ivakalesilesi marama vakamatani mai na veitabana me vaka na Ministry of Fisheries, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Economy, Water Authority of Fiji kei na Biosecurity Authority of Fiji.

Na porokaramu ni vuli oqo oya nodra laurai ka vakatauvatani na veiqaravi ni marama ena matanitu ena tabana kece ni veiqaravi mai na fika me yaco sara kina yau bula ni waitui.

Era tou veivuke mai kina na Matanitu ko Korea ena Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA). Vakaraitaka na Vunivola Tudei ni Veiqaravi Vakamatani, Susan Kiran na nodra vakavinaka kivua na soqosoqo na KOICA ena nodra tokona tiko main a veiqaravi ena nodra vanua vakamatani dina ga ni tiko na COVID-19 ia e vakarautaka tikoga na vuli.

E vakarautaka na KOICA veira na ivakalesilesi na nodra computer ka vukei ira ena nodra vuli.



Na Vunivola tudei Susan Kiran kei na ivakalesilesi ni Korea ena Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA).

**TABANA NI LEWA DODONU****Valenivolavola ni Sucu, Mate kei na Vakamau****Na iTukutuku Baleta na Veisautaki ni Yaca****VEIKA LAVAKI TAUMADA**

- Ena veisautaki ga na matai ni yacamu se yaca vakavuvale kevaka o yabaki 18 toka ka davo tikiva na Wase 15 ni Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1975 (Lawa) na veisautaki ni yaca, oka talega na veilawa eso era muria
- E rawa vei rau na itubutubu (bau tale ga na dauniveisusu) merau veisautaka na yaca ni gone se yacana vakavuvale ke se bera ni yabaki 18 ena rarama ni Wase 15 ni Lawa qo kei na veilawa tale eso era salamuria
- Ena gadrevi merau veivakadonui ruarua na itubutubu ni gone ke veisautaki na yaca, vakavo sara kevaka sa biuta na gone edua vei rau, sa leqa, e sega ni kilai, sa yali se sa vakaleqai nona vakasama
- Kevaka rau sa veibiu na itubutubu ena gauna sa ia na vakalewe fomu, sa na vakabau na veivakadonui ni dua na itubutubu

Ocei e rawa ni veisautaki yaca?

E dodonu me volai taumada ena ivolanisucu e Viti o koya e gadrevi me veisautaki na yacana

Vakaevei na balavu ni gauna e taura?

Ena via taura e 5 na siga ni cakacaka baleta na vakadikevi lesu na veitukutuku maroroi eso ni na tekivutaki mai na siga sara ga e ciqomi kina na ivolakerekere ni veisautaki yaca. Ke o gadreva e dua na kena ivolanisucu ni yaca veisautaki, ena vakavotui ena ivolanisucu vakarautaki vou ni sa mayau na itukutuku ena monalivaliva ni BDM.

Na Veidusidusi ni Veisautaki Yaca

Sega ni vaqaqai ena fomu ni kere veisau ni yaca na yavu se vu ni veisautaki yaca, ia ni sa ciqomi na veisau ena monalivaliva ni BDM, na yaca volai qo me sa taurivaki ena veitagede kece vakavola ni matanitu wili kina na vakavoui ni ID.

Mo Yalayala Dina

Mo cauraka na itukutuku dina ni o volakerekere se o bubului me veisautaki na yaca. Kevaka o veivakacalai se lasu, o na rawa ni totogitaki vakailavo me yacova na \$10,000. se mo vesu me yabaki lima, se o cola ruarua.

Na Cava Soti E Sega ni Vakabau?

Ena sega ni vakabau na yaca se veiyaca mera veisautaki kevaka:

- E vakavu veimaliwai ca kei dua tale na tamata; se
- Sa rui balavu sivia (me kua ni sivia e 100 na matanivola); se
- Sega ni yavutaki donu, oya kevaka e rorogo vata kei na so na itutu se iyatu vakacakacaka (vakavo kevaka sa tiko na kena ivola veitokoni); se
- E sega ni rogorogo tu vaka na yaca (e sega ni okati na matanivika se ivakatakilakila)

Sucu Volai e Viti

Kevaka o sucu e Viti, ni veisautaki na yaca, ena vakabau na yacamu veisautaki ka na sega ni vakabau na yacamu a volai taumada.

Taurivaki ni Volanisucu Vou ni Veisau Oti na Yaca

Ni veisautaki na yaca ena ivolanisucu, me kau taurivaki tale na yaca ena ivolanisucu makawa. Mo kila ni o taurivaka na yaca ena ivolanisucu makawa ni veisautaki oti na yacamu, drau na sota kei na lawa ni False Information Act 2016.

Veika Vakaivola Eso

Mo vakarautaka mai nomu ivolanisucu makawa (kevaka e tiko) kei na dua na nomu ID veiganitii me vaka:

- Na itukutuku ena passport ni Viti se Valagi
- Laiseni ni draiva e Viti se Valagi

- ID cokovata ni FRCS/FNPF
- ID ni veidigidigi

Gone Yabaki 18 Lako Sobu

- Tubutubu me vakarautaka mai na ID veiganiti ni gone
- Itaba ni passport ni gone
- Ivolanisucu makawa ni gone (kevaka e tiko)

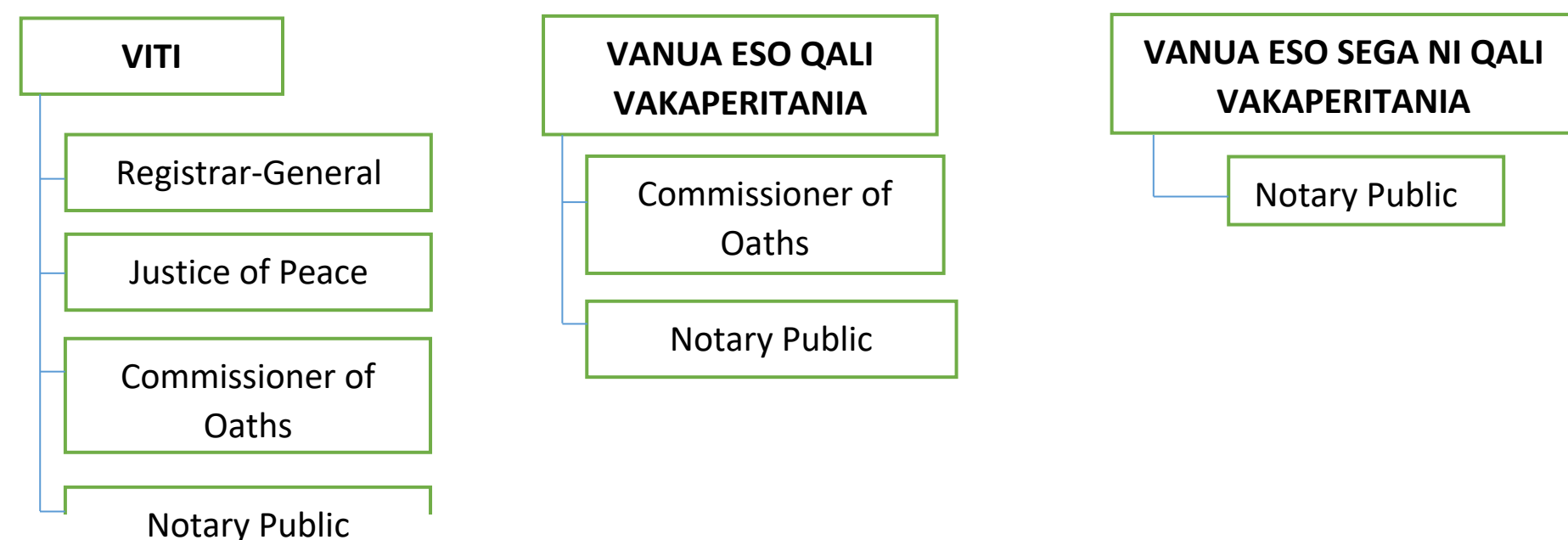
- Na veivakadonui nei dua na itubutubu kevaka rau sa veibiu, sa sega ni tiko e dua ena gauna ni volayaca

Kena iSau

E sega ni sauma na veisautaki yaca. Sega tale ga ni rawa nira lavaki isau o ira na Commissioner for Oaths se JP.

E gadrevi mo sainitaka na ivolakerekere e matai dua vei ira qo

E duidui na vakaillesilesi mera ivakadinadina ni bubului e Viti kei na veivanua tani. Vei kemuni na volayaca ga e Viti, me ivakadinadina ni nomuni volayaca e dua na vakaillesilesi ni BDM se dua mai na valenivolavola ni Registrar-General oka tale ga kina na vakaillesilesi ni Fijian Elections Office (FEO)

**Veivalenivolavola kece e qaravi kina na volayaca ni veisautaki yaca**

VALENIVOLAVOLA NI BDM	VANUA
Suva	Ground Floor, Suvavou House, Suva
Nasinu	Unit 11 & 12, Valelevu Complex, Nasinu
Nausori	Tara's Building, River Road, Nausori
Navua	Ro Matanitobua House, Navua
Korovou	Harbhai Patel Buildings, Korovou, Tailevu
Sigatoka	Keasuna Buildings, Sigatoka
Nadi	Level 1 GT Plaza, Vunavou Crescent, Nadi Town
Lautoka	Level 1 Westfield Building, Tukani Street, Lautoka
Ba	Ground Floor, Koronubu House, Ba
Tavua	Mobil Building, Tabavu Street, Tavua
Rakiraki	Ground Floor, Bhima Building, Vaileka, Rakiraki
Labasa	Ground Floor, Namuka House, Labasa
Nabouwalu	Naulumatua House, Nabouwalu
Savusavu	Justin Smith Building, Office 11, Main Street, Savusavu
Taveuni	District Office Complex, Waiyevo, Taveuni
Lakeba	Lakeba Provincial Office, Tubou, Lakeba
Vunisea	Vunisea Government Station, PA's Office, Vunisea
Levuka	Lomaiviti Holdings Building, Beach Street, Levuka
Rotuma	Rotuma Government Station, Rotuma
Vunidawa	Vunidawa Government Station, Vunidawa
Keiyasi	Keiyasi Government Station, Keiyasi



Veivakadeitaki ko Paraiminisita



VOSA NA LIULIU NI MATANITU,
PARAIMINISITA VOREQE
E NA ILALAKAI NI TABACAKAKA
ITAUKEI

Ni sa bula vinaka na Turagabale, na Maramabale, ni bula vinaka tale ga na Turaga, Marama, Cauravou, Goneyalewa, kei kemuni na Luveda, oni dau taleitaka na vaka-rorogo ena noda gauna vaka-macawa.

Ni bula vinaka tale ga na iLiuliu ni noda Lotu e Viti kei Rotuma. Au sa vakavinavinaka-taka vakalevu na itavi bibi oni qarava tiko ena cabori ni noda vanua vua na noda Kalou. Sa itakele levu ni noda sasabai na noda masulaka tiko na noda vanua. Me bula o Viti, me toso tiko ga i liu.

Ni oti na nodra ciqoma na itutu vakaPeresitedi-digitaki, au gadreva meu tauca na vakanuinui vinaka vua na Taukei Bolatagane, na Gone Turaga na Tui Macuata. Eda yalo vakacegu ni dewa tiko na veiliutaki ena ligadra na turaga yalo dei. Na dei ni veiliutaki e gadrevi vakalevu ena noda vanua. Sa tiko na noqu veivakabauti vua na turaga Tui Macuata nira na tomana na veiliutaki vinaka ena noda vanua.

Na turaga Tui Macuata era duru kaukaua ni kena taqomaki na veikabula, na wasawasa kei na valuti ni revurevu ni draki veisau. Era sa vakaitavi ena bese lelevu e vuravura, na bese ena veimatani ena pasivika kei na kena e vakayacori ena noda vanua. Na nodra vakaitavi ena cakacaka ni veivakatorocaketaki e lewai matau ka veisemati ena ituvatuva levu ni matanitu me baleta na taqomaki ni vanua o Viti ena veisiga ni mataka.

Era vakabibitaka na igu me sotava na revurevu ni draki veisau. Na matua kei na dei ni nodra veiliutaki e qai laurai ena gauna e ravuti Macuata kina e vica na cagilaba lelevu. Era veivuke ena kena vakacokotaki na bula ka tomani tale na veiqaravi.

Na vakavinavinaka levu ina vanua vakaturaga o Caumatalevu ena nomuni wasea na veiliutaki vakavanua mera vakaiivotavota tale ga kina na lewenivanua e Viti. Na nodra raiyawa kei na veiliutaki vinaka ena vukea na kena tarai cake na noda vanua.

Au gadreva meu na vakavinavinakataki ira tale ga na sa ciqoma na metali ni vakananumi ni yabaki 50 ni Tugalala nei Viti ena macawa sa oti. Na metali qori e ivakaraitaki ni nomuni dinata na itavi ni kena tarai cake na noda vanua.

Ena noqu cau ena macawa sa oti, au vakaraitaka tiko kina na igu



Ko Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama kei Tui Macuata Ratu Wiliame Katonivere, e na dua na nona igolegole ki Labasa ko PM Banimarama.

ni noda vakacokotaki keda ena gauna ni leqatubu koso, na tiko yavavala vakapolitiki kei na dewa ni mate lelevu. E levu na leqa e kauta mai o vuravura, ia o Viti e rawa ni sotava ka bula mai ena leqa oqori. Eda na vakacokotaki keda ka sotava na igu ni cokonaki.

Na veika eda donumaka tiko e se qai sotava vakadua o vuravura. Na veimatani e vuravura se ra tovolea tiko ga mera vakacokotaki ira. Eso na matanitu sa tubu tale kina na dewa ni mate, oka tiko kina o Amerika kei Peretania. Sa na qai tu e vei o Viti, ena veika qo?

Ki vei kemuni na lewenivanua e Viti, e dua na iyaragi levu ni kena valuti na mate qo ena noda vanua na icula ni COVID-19. E levu na matanitu era qoroya na iwalewale ni veicula e vakayagataka o Viti. Ena macawa sa oti, e tabaki ena dua na niusiveva mai Niusiladi, mera vakadadamuria na iwalewale ni veicula e Viti na veimatani ena pasivika.

Na matanitu o Amerika sa vakadonuya mera butuka ga na vanua oya o ira era sa cula vakarua. O Viti tale ga sa na tekivu ciqomi ira era sa cula vakarua ena imatai ni Tiseba 2021. E levu era sa voli tikete ena Fiji Airways ka tekivu ena gauna au kacivaka kina na dola ni iyala ni vanua ena ika10 ni Okotova. Na iwali ni leqa e tiko ga vei keda ka rawa nida vakaitavi taucoko kina. Ni gole lai cula me rawa nida tarova kina na dewa ni mate qo.

Au vakamura tiko na veicula e Vanua Levu kei na veianuyanu, e lailai na iwiliwili ni lewenivanua era cula. E qai ikuri ni leqa qo, na nodra sega ni via cula na Matanitikina kei na Turaganikoro. Kevaka e sega ni dua na veisau, sa na tarovi na isau ni turaganikoro kei na matanitikina. O ira era sega ni cula vakarua ena ika30 ni Noveba sa ra na vakacegui. Na nomuni veikoro kei na matanitu ena gadreva moni cula vakarua ena imatai ni Tiseba.

Meda kua ni yalo lailai ena vukudra na sega ni via cula. E tiko e matada e dua na cakacaka levu: meda taracake na noda vanua me rawa ni taqomaki keda ena mate era se bera ni yaco mai. Sa vakaleqai ka toso vakamalua na bisinisi, na bula vakailavo, na cakacaka, na vuli kei na bula ni veisiga. Sa cakacaka vakaukaua na matanitu me taqomaka na lewenivanua.

Na nodra veiqaravi na iyatu e liu e vukea mera bula e udolu na lewenivanua e Viti. Ia, e sega ni oti na bolebole e sotava o Viti ena vuku ni mate qo na COVID. Eda sa tiko qo ena vula-icagilaba, sa namaki tiko e rua na cagilaba ka tiko na kena kaukaua ena ivakatagedegede lima me takosovi Viti. Me vakasaqarai beka e vei na kaukaua meda sotava kina na veika sa tu qo e matada?

Na noda cakacaka ni vakacoko, e dua na iyaragi vinaka ena noda valuta na dredre. Ena gauna e yaco kina na cagilaba kei na

waluvu ena noda veitikotiko, e totolo ga na noda vakacoko taki keda, meda rawa ni tomana tale na noda bula. E dina ni so na gauna e yaco yani na veivuke, ia e matau vei keda meda vakacokotaki keda, ni oti ga na leqa. Kevaka eda bale vakavitu, eda na tucake vakawalu. Qori na keda ivola tukutuku va-koro, va itikotiko, ka kilai ena noda vanua.

Au nanuma na italanoa ena ivolatabu, ena ivola i Nemaia. Ena gauna e bale kina na bai ni koro e Jerusalemi, a lolo masumasu na parofita qo vua na Kalou. Ka soli vua na kaukaua me tara cake na bai. Ena gauna e sotavi kina na dredre, “e masuta na Kalou, ka tala eso mera yadra ena siga kei na bogi”. Na gauna e basika kina na bukiwere vei ira na tara bai ni koro, o Nemaia e lesia eso mera yadra tiko.

E vakadeitaki ira, mera kua ni yalo lailai se rerevaki ira na kedra meca: “Ni kakua ni rerevaki ira. Mo ni nanumi Jiova ga, ni sa levu ka rerevaki o kaya, ia ni vala ena vukudra na wekamuni, na luve-muni, na watimuni, kei na nomuni vuvale”. Era valu ena dewa ni nodra vakabauta; e cavuta tale ga na parofita qo na vosa, “Nina vala ena vukuda na Kalou!” (Nemaia wase 4).

Au gadreva meu vakayalo qaqa taki kemuni. Meda kua ni yalo lailai vei ira na dau-ni-veisaqasaqa, ena noda tara cake na noda vanua. Nida tamata ni vakabauta, eda nuitaka ni Kalou ena

vala ena vukuda. Ka na Turaviti keda, kevaka eda tomana tiko na noda nuitaki kaya. E liutaki keda tiko, ka da sa liga ni nona cakacaka. Ena cakacaka qo, na Kalou ga sa noda ito. Nida tu vua, eda na taracake kina na noda vanua. Kau sa yalo dei nida na rawata.

O ira na dau veisaqasaqa era tovolea na ivadi taucoko mera vakasesewana kina na veiqaravi ni matanitu. Sa dodonu meda kua ni kauaitaka. Na digidigi e noda. E rawa nida digitaka meda tosoiliu ena vuku ni veivakatorocaketaki se meda suka ena nodra vuravura na dau veisaqasaqa. Sa laurai votu nodra tawase ka yavutaki ena veivakaduiduitaki vakaumatamata. Sa dodonu meda tosoiliu. Na yavu ni noda bula galala sa virikotori tu ena Yavu ni vakavulewa kei na ka taucoko e tutaka na Yavu ni vakavulewa sa noda idusidusi dei ka uasivi me rawa kina na bula sautu. Me tomani tiko ga na wasei vakatautavata ni lisi, ni digitaka na neitou iwalewale ni veiqaravi. Me tomani tiko ga na wasei vakatautavata ni ivakayaga ni nomuni yaubula, ni digitaka tiko na neitou iwalewale ni veiqaravi. Me tomani tiko ga na veivuke me baleta na valuti ni dravudravua, ni digitaka tiko na neitou iwalewale ni veiqaravi.

E levu sara na iwalewale ni veiqaravi au na qai wasea tiko yani vei kemuni.

E tomani tiko na cakacaka ni veivakacokotaki. Ena macawa qo, • Na turaga Peresitedi, a tiko ena



vei ira na lewenivanua

FIRST VACCINE DOSE



OF TARGET
POPULATION

594,731

SECOND VACCINE DOSE



OF TARGET
POPULATION

533,663

Na iwiliwili vou ni veicula ni Tataqomaki mai na mate dewa COVID-19.

soqo ni kena ciqomi na sitivikiti ni yanuyanu o Rotuma me vanua bulabula, ka salavata kei na sevutaki ni dua na ivola ni teitei vaka Rotuma na “Rak La Faeg Rotuam.” Na kena vakaivolataki me vanua bulabula o Rotuma, ena vakarawarawataki na volitaki ni ivoli mai Rotuma, ka na vakavure ilavo vei ira na lewenivanua;

- Au a dolava na valenilotu kei na valenivolavola ni veitosoyaki ni Tabana ni Veivakadodonutaki e Korovou Suva;

- Na turaga Vunilawa ka Minisita ni Lavo, o a bose ena monalivaliva kei na iliuliu ni Waitt Foundation, Mr Ted Waitt me rau veitalanoa taka na cakacaka taki ni Polasi ni Wasawasa ena noda vanua kei na vakarau ni vakatubuilavo mai na Draki ena Pasivika;

- a bose kei na veitabana vaka matanitu, veitabana ena taudaku ni matanitu, mera veitalanoataka na ituvatuva ni dola ni iyala ni curu-vanua e Viti;

- a ciqoma e dua na veisiko mai na International Finance Corporation Regional Director ena Tokalau kei Esia kei na Pasivika, Kim-See Lim;

- Na Minisita ni Ta Gaunisala, Wavu, veivakatorocaketaki kei na Tabana ni Draki, Jone Usamate;

- o a sikova e rua na cakacaka ni veivakatorocaketaki ni wai ni gunu ena koro o Nameka kei Naimasimasi, me tomani na cakacaka

ni veivakatorocaketaki ena vei koro. E isau vakailavo ni cakacaka e rua qori e \$162,300 kei na \$176,004;

- a tiko ena koro e Nakida me vakadinadinataka na dola ni gaunisala vou. Sa rogoci na nodra masu na lewenikoro ena ta ni nodra gaunisala vou;

- Na Minisita ni Vuli, iYaubula kei na iTovo, Premila Kumar a vakaitavi ena soli ni iyaya ni vuli ina koronivuli e Baulevu. E vakaitavi tale ga ena soli ni kompiuta kei na so na iyaya ni vuli ina Muaniweni College e Naitasiri;

- Na Minisita ni Tabagone kei na Qito, Praveen Bala, a vakaitavi ena soli ni veivuke ni iyaya ni teitei vei ira na Tabagone ena koro Navurevure, Naitasiri kei na tolu na soqosoqo ni Tabagone: Naqaranikula Youth Club, kei na Naloka Youth Club. A qaravi tale ga ena koro Matainoco mai Nake-lo kei na koro e Kalabu e Nasinu;

- Na Minisita ni Veivoli, Saravanua kei na Veilakoyaki, Faiyaz Koya a bose ena monalivaliva ena matabose ni Fiji-Australia Business Council, ka veitalanoa kei na Minisita mai Ositerelia e qarava na Veivakatorocaketaki e vanua-tani kei na Pasivika;

- Minisita ni Veivakatorocaketaki ena vei-koro, veivanuyanu kei na Leqa Tubukoso, Inia Seruiratu, a dolava na macawa ni veivaka-

raramataki ni Leqa Tubukoso ena yabaki qo;

- Minisita ni Marama, Gone kei na Valuti ni Dravudravu, Rosy Akbar;

- o a vakaitavi ena porokaramu ni Pinktober – dau vakananumi kina o ira na marama tauvi kenesa;

- o a dolava na sitoa ni volitaki ika, na KAIF’s fish corner e Nadi.

Na nomuni matanitu e tomana tiko na kena veiqaravi ena gauna ni matetaka levu qo. E tomani tale ga na cakacaka me vakarautaki keda ni oti na COVID. Ni laveti tiko vakamalua na vakatatabu, keitou a sikova yani na veivanua kau sa vakaraitaka toka, me lai marautaki na veivakatorocaketaki sa qaravi rawa.

Au sa vakamacalataka oti ni cakacaka qo, e sega ni dodonu meda kawaitaka kina na nodra vakalelewa na so. Era rawa ni vakalelewa ena kena levu taucoko, ia o keda meda vakanamata tiko ga ina dua na inaki. Na inaki ya e levu cake mai vei ira, baleta o ira era raica tiko ga na veikabuwawa kei na veika-ca. O keda, eda raica tiko yani na veisala eso meda veiqaravi kina ka veisautaka na dredre meda cavuikalawa yani ina rawati ni veika vinaka. Meda tomana tiko ga na noda tara-cake na noda vanua.

Ena macawa sa oti, au a veivakadeitaki ena vuku ni cula, na noda tiko bulabula, vaka kina na

bula vakailavo ni noda vanua. Au gadreva meu vakadeitaki kemuni ni veiqaravi a vakarautaki, e veiganiti kei na veika eda sotava. Eda sa yacova na 86 na pasede ni lewenivanua era sa cula vakarua, ka dua na tagede vinaka. Nida sa lewe levu na cula, sa na lailai na ririko nida na vakaleqai ena mate ni COVID, ia meda na qaqa-rauni tiko ga.

Ena noda tataqomaki, e dodonu meda na vakavinaka taka na noda vanua. Eda na qarava vakacava na itavi qo?

Meda cakacaka vata.

Meda lesuva na ivakarau ni noda bula makawa ni Solesolevaki.

Meda kua ni vakararavi vakalevu ina Matanitu, ia meda vakayagataka na noda iyaubula, noda iyau, me rawa nida qarava kina na noda vuvale.

Na qele e dua na ivurevure ni bula vinaka. Kevaka o taukena e dua na tiki ni qele, vakayagataka.

Niu se vakamacalataka tiko na qele, au via vakadeitaki kemuni ni maroroi vinaka tiko na noda qele na itaukei. Na Yavu ni Vakavulewa ni 2013 e maroroi vinaka tu kina na nomuni qele. E vakadeitaki tale ga ena ruku ni Lawatu ni iTaukei ni Qele – na iTaukei Lands Act. Na taukeni ni qele ena sega tale ni basika – ka na sega tale ni vakavu leqa mai muri.

Na Lawatu na iTaukei Lands Trust Act e qaravi vakatabakidua

ga kina na qele lisitaki. E dodonu meda na kila tiko na duidui e tiko ina rua na Lawatu qori, meda kua ni okati rau vata, ka me vakavu veitalanoa vei keda, ena veigauna mai muri.

Au sa kerei keda ena mataka edai, meda na cakacaka vata; meda tara cake na noda vanua ka me kua sara nida kauwaitaki ira, era saqata tiko na noda sasaga. Eda vakamura tiko e dua na ituvatuva levu, ka da sa raica na kena vinaka.

Au gadreva meu tinia na noqu vakaitavi ena nona vosa na Talatala Qase ka Tauyavutaka na lotu Wesele e Vuravura, o Jone Wesele,

“Mo guta na Caka vinaka, ena nomu ivakarau, ena nomu itovo, ena veivanua kece, ena veigauna kece, vei ira kece na tamata, ena nomu bula taucoko, mo caka vinaka tiko ga.”

Ena Kalatia wase 6 tikina e 9, “Ia meda kakua ni ceguoca ena caka vinaka, nida na tamusuka ena kena yabaki, kevaka eda sega ni oca.”

Meda kua ni vakacau-oca, me rawa nida tauca na vua ni noda gumatua, ena noda tara cake na tubu ni noda vanua, me vanua qaqa.

M vakalougatataki keda na Kalou.

Ka me vakalougatataka na noda vanua.

Noda Viti



Minisita ni Teitei Dr Mahendra Reddy vata kei ira na ivakalesilesi ni tabana ni susu manumanu.

Tavoci na vei qaravi ni vesu manumanu

JOSEFA ULUILAKEBA

ERA sa mai tavoca na Minisitiri ni Teitei kei na Susu Manumanu edua na porokaramu mera vakarau vesu na manumanu kece era dau lakosese mai na nodra bai ni susu manumanu.

Tavoca na vei qaravi oqori na Minisita Dr Mahendra Reddy ka veitokoni mai kina na veitabana veiwekani ni matanitu. Era sa vakananumi kina na dauteitei susu manumanu mera maroroya Vinaka na nodra manumanu ka mera makatiki kina vakavinaka baleta mera kua ni vesu se vakamavoataki vakacalaka ena gauna ni veivesu oqo. Edu ana ka levu oy ana law ani susu manumanu edodonu mesa matata tiko ena nodra bula na lewenivanua era vakaitavi taki ira tiko ena susugi ni manumanu. Esa tiko talega na itotogi mena solia kevaka esega ni muria tiko na lawa o dauteitei susu manumanu ka kerei mera sa vakayadrati ka kusa saraga mera taqomaki ira na nodra manumanu.

Ciqoma ko Tui Macuata na itutu ni Peresitedi

JOSEFA ULUILAKEBA

“SA ciqoma na noqu vakatutu me taura na veilutaki ni noda matanitu na Tui Macuata, Ratu Wiliame Katonivere, vakaraitaka ko Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama.

“Au na cavuta na yacana ena buturara ni Palimedi me Peresitedi tarava kei Viti. Au sa kilai Ratu Wiliame ni dua vei ira na noda dau boletaka na taqomaki ni wasawasa kei na nodra dodonu na itabatamata ena boletaki na draki savasava, taqomaki ni veikabula.”

E kaya ko Paraiminisita Bainimarama ni ko Ratu Wiliame e iliuliu tudei e Macuata, ka sa vei qaravi oti vakadauniveiqaravi ena *Great Sea Reef*, na ikatolu ni itatarovi levu se cakau duadua e vuravura.

“Ena 2018, keitou a droinitaka vata mai e dua na laini karakarawa tudei ni veiliutaki me taqomaki kina na itikotiko bibi ni wasawasa oya, ka taqomaka na itikotiko ni 55 na pasede ni ika koro e Viti, 74 na pasede ni neitou kolo kilai, kei na 40 na pasede mai vei ira kece na sotia mataivalu era kilai tu ena neimami yanuyanu.”

Ena palimedi era sa vakadonua talega na lewenibose lawa na yacai Ratu Wiliame me isosomi kei Peresitedi Jioji Konrote.

E sa ika ono ni Peresitedi digitaki kei Viti qo ko Ratu Wiliame ka muria mai na laini ni veiliutaki vakaTuraga ena Vale ni Kovana ka sa vakatokai tiko ni kua me Vale ni Veiliutaki ni Peresitedi kei Viti.



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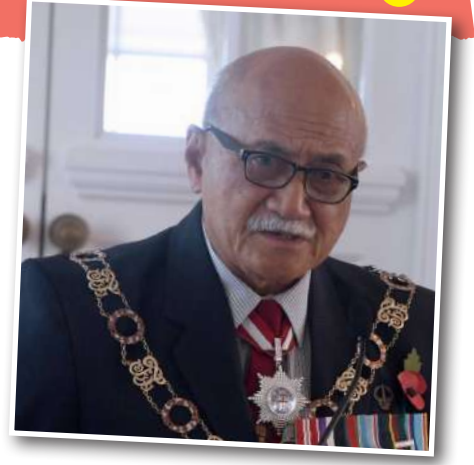
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प्रधान मंत्री वोरेंगे बईनिमरामा हाल में कुछ स्वास्थ्य कर्मचारियों से मुलाकात करते हुए

चित्र: ननिसे नईमिला

इसी महीने कई व्यापारों का संचालन शुरू होगा

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प्रधान मंत्री वोरेंगे बईनिमरामा ने जैसे घोषणा की थी फीजी अब अपने जवाब के अगले मोड़ पर आ गया है क्योंकि अस्सी प्रतिशत बड़े लोगों को कोविड-घरा से बचने की सुई लग गई है। कोमेस, ट्रैडिड, टूरिज्म तथा ट्रान्सपोर्ट मंत्रालय के नियमों के तहत ग्यारह नवम्बर से क्लब, बार शो मुनिसिपल मार्केट के दायरे के अन्दर और बाहर हैत एक जगह बैठकर भोजन वगैरह करने वाले स्थान, गर्दिमिंग वाली जगह सुरक्षित ढंग से दोबारा व्यापार शुरू करेंगे।

व्यापार दोबारा खोलने के लिए एक “पेर्मिट टू ऑपरेट” की ज़रूरत होगी जिसके लिए अर्जी ऑनलाईन कोविड पास पोर्टल के माफित www.covidpass.mcttt.gov.fj पर लगाई जा सकती है।

अर्जी लगाने वालों को इस साल तीस नवम्बर से पहले सभी ज़रूरी कागज़ात दर्ज करना होगा, जिनमें समझौते के नियम और मंजूरी के साथ मज़दूरों तथा मालिकों के वेकसिनईशन कार्ड शामिल है।

कोमेस, ट्रैडिड, टूरिज्म तथा ट्रान्सपोर्ट मंत्री फर्डियाज़ कोया ने इस महामारी के दौरान व्यापार

दोबारा खोलने के लिए सुरक्षित वातावरण बनाने की ज़रूरत पर जोर दिया।

“हमें स्थिरता और लचीलापन की दिशा में प्रयास करना चाहिए। हम किस तरह अपने काम वाली जगह और अपने लोगों में पुँजी लगाते हैं वो आने वाले सालों में हमारे विकास का प्रतिबिंब होगा। हमें अपने ग्राहकों, फीजिवासियों की देखभाल के कर्तव्य को हमेशा याद रखना चाहिए।”

हमें बहुत काम करना है। सीमाएं जल्द खुलने वाली हैं, तथा हजारों टूरिस्ट वापस फीजी आएंगे। ये टूरिस्ट न केवल सुरक्षित होटल की तलाश में

रहेंगे बल्कि रेस्टोरंट से लेकर खरीदबीन करने तक सुरक्षित फीजीयन अनुभव की ताक में रहेंगे,”मंत्री कोया ने कहा।

मंत्रालय के पास जबकि पब्लिक हेल्थ एक्ट के तहत यह ताकत है कि वो कोविड-सुरक्षा नियमों का पालन करने पर जोर दें लेकिन वकालत और जागरूकता की ज़रूरत बनी हुई है। अगर व्यापारी लगातार नियमों को तोड़ेंगे तो लोगों को जुर्माना भरने या उनपर कानूनी कार्यवाई हो सकती है। नियम के तहत दोनों सुई लग चुके लोगों को ही अज़ादी से व्यापार में स्वागत किया जाना चाहिए।



प्रधान मंत्री वॉरेन्गे बर्दिनिमरामा क्षेत्र के पाएलट से फीजी में आकर ट्रेनिंग हासिल करने की मांग करते हुए एक विमान का दौरा कर रहे हैं चित्र: मेरेयानी न्गोनेदुआ

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जो लोग फीजी आना चाहते हैं, को सुझाव दिया जा रहा है कि वे कोविड-19 की सुई लगवाएं।

हालमें राकीराकी, तावुआ, बा तथा लौतोका कोविड-19 कोमान्ड सेन्टर का दौरा करते हुए प्रधान मंत्री वॉ-

रेन्गे बर्दिनिमरामा ने ज़ोर दिया कि फीजियन सरकार कुछ कदम उठायी ताकि फीजी में दाखिल होने वाले तथा फीजीवासियों की सुरक्षा का ख्याल रखा जाए।

इसके अलावा उन्होंने कहा कि यह सभी की ज़िम्मेदारी है कि वे उन बीस प्रतिशत लोगों को सुई लगवाने

के लिए प्रोत्साहित करें जिन्होंने अभी तक सुई नहीं लगवाई है तथा गांव और बाहरी द्वीपों के निवासियों से मांग की जा रही है कि वे भी सुई लगवाएं ताकि वे भी आसानी से बाहरी द्वीपों तक सफर कर सकें।

प्रधान मंत्री ने पश्चिमी विभाग में सीमाओं पर काम करने वाले, नर्सस तथा सुरक्षाकर्मियों को उनकी कड़ी मेहनत तथा बलिदान के लिए प्रशंसा की।

फिलहाल, प्रधान मंत्री ने अन्य प्रशान्तीय एर्यालाईन कम्पनियों से मांग की है कि वे अपने वर्तमान के पाएलट तथा भविष्य में पाएलट बनने वालों के अलावा एर्यालाईन के अन्य अधिकारियों को ट्रेनिंग हासिल करने के लिए फीजी भेजें।

हालमें नान्दी स्थित फीजी एर्या वैस अविऐशन की नई अकडेमी का उद्घाटन हुआ जो कि प्रशान्त के बहेतरीन ट्रेनिंग सेन्टर में से एक है। प्रधान मंत्री ने कहा कि दुनिया भर से कोई भी यहाँ ट्रेनिंग हासिल

कर सकता है जो क्षेत्र में सबसे उच्च ट्रेनिंग प्रदान करता है।

“हम तेज़ प्रक्रिया से सेकन्ड ऑफ़्सरों को फेस्ट ऑफ़्सर तथा फेस्ट ऑफ़्सरों को कैप्टन के पदों तक तरक्की दे सकते हैं। लेकिन यह तेज़ प्रक्रिया भी काफी कठिन रहेगा और हमारे उच्च स्थानीय “चेक और ट्रेनिंग केप्टन्स” जो कुशल और बहुत अनुभवि पाएलट्स हैं, वो इन्हें प्रमाणित करेंगे।

प्रधान मंत्री ने कहा कि यह साधन माहीर पाएलट को देश में लाने की ज़रूरत कम करेगा।

प्रशान्त की उड़ान, प्रशान्तीय लोगों द्वारा ही होनी चाहिए। यह अच्छी तनख्वाह वाली नौकरियाँ हैं जो हमारे क्षेत्र को अच्छी सेवा प्रदान करती हैं। हमारे पास बहुत से हुनर हैं तथा युवा फीजीवासियों के पास इस अकडेमी में फ्लाईंग स्कूल से बाहर

निकलते ही हुनर को और निखारने का अच्छा अवसर मिलेगा।

पुँजीपतियों को अर्थ-व्यवस्था पर भरोसा

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नान्दी में चार मिलियन डोलर लागत ग्रेस रोड ग्रुप टूमाट सुपरमार्केट का उद्घाटन यह दर्शाता है कि पुँजीपतियों का फीजी की अर्थ-व्यवस्था पर भरोसा है।

औपचारिक उद्घाटन करते हुए प्रधान मंत्री वॉरेन्गे बर्दिनिमरामा ने कहा कि ग्रेस रोड ग्रुप ने सोच समझकर इस एंटरप्राइस में पुँजी लगाई है जो उन्होंने देश में बनाया है।

“यह फीजी की अर्थ-व्यवस्था और देश के भविष्य में भारी भरोसा दिखाता है। मेरा विश्वास है कि आप स्थानीय खरीदबीन और रेस्टोरन्ट की स्थापना का स्तर उँचा कर रहे हैं। सबसे ज़रूरी बात यह है कि आपने साबित किया है कि सामाजिक

प्रतिबद्धता तथा एक कोमेशल एन्टाप्राइस साथ-साथ चल सकते हैं, तथा एक व्यापार से भारी सामाजिक फायदा हो सकता है जब समाज को जो फायदा होता है वो एंटाप्राइस का केंद्र है।”

प्रधान मंत्री ने यह भी कहा कि इस तरह की पुँजी लगाने से हमारे नागरिकों को कई विकल्प मिलते हैं।

यही मेरी सरकार का भी एक उद्देश्य है कि एंटाप्राइस तथा होड़बाजी को व्यवस्थित करना ताकि आम फीजीवासियों को उत्पादन और सेवाओं में कई विकल्प मिलें।

राष्ट्रपति कोनरोते की विदाई हुई

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पद छोड़ रहे राष्ट्रपति महामहीम चियोची कोनरोते को पिछले हफ्ते रिटेन्ड सैनिक और एक्स सेविसमेन असोसिएशन के सदस्यों ने पारम्परिक तौर से सरकारी भवन पर विदाई दी।

असोसिएशन के प्रधान अवकाश प्राप्त केनर्ल रातु पेनी वोलावोला ने इस प्रतिनिधिमण्डल की अगुवाई की जहाँ उन्होंने राष्ट्रपति को उनकी अवधी तथा असोसिएशन के पईट्रन होने के लिए एक बैज भी दिया। रातु वोलावोला ने आभार व्यक्त किया और कहा कि कई अवकाश प्राप्त सैनिक गर्व के साथ समाज में सर उठाकर चल रहे हैं क्योंकि उनका अपना कोई देश का सर्व-उच्च पद सम्भाल रहा है।

“हम आज यहाँ आपको धन्यवाद देने आए हैं। अवकाश प्राप्त सैनिक आपको आपकी नेतागिरी तथा हमारा सच्चा मित्र बनने के लिए आपको धन्यवाद। पिछले छः सालों में देश ने कई प्राकृतिक विपत्तियाँ सही तथा कोविड महामारी के दौरान भी राष्ट्रपति ने बहुत अच्छा काम किया। राष्ट्रपति ने असोसिएशन के सदस्यों को धन्यवाद देते हुए कहा कि उनके समर्थन से वो राष्ट्रपति भवन में अच्छा काम किए तथा उन्होंने अगले राष्ट्रपति से भी इसी तरह काम करने की मांग की। राष्ट्रपति कोनरोते ने सदस्यों से तुरांगा ना तुई मदुआता रातु विलियामे कातोनिवरे का भी समर्थन करने की मांग की जब वो इसी महीने बाद में अपना पद सम्भालना शुरू करेंगे।



प्रधान मंत्री वॉरेन्गे बर्दिनिमरामा हालमें फीजी कॉरेक्शन सेविस के लिए एक नया चेपल और ट्रांसपोर्ट ऑफिस का उद्घाटन करते हुए चित्र: फिलिक्स लेसीनईवालू

सुरक्षित और दयालू देश बनाने की कोशिश

रोनल देव

प्रधान मंत्री वॉरेन्गे बर्दिनिमरामा का कहना है कि हम एक अपराधिक न्याय प्रणाली और एक सुधार सेवा के लिए प्रयास कर रहे हैं, जो एक सुरक्षित और एक दयालू देश बनाने में सफल हो।

अभी हालही में सूवा के कोरोवउ प्रांगन में फीजी कॉरेक्शन सेविस के लिए एक नया चेपल और ट्रांसपोर्ट ऑफिस का उद्घाटन करते हुए श्री बर्दिनिमरामा ने कहा कि उन्हें किसी को यह बताने की ज़रूरत नहीं है कि

सरकार सभी का समर्थन करती है तथा यह नया दफ्तर इस संस्था के प्रति कई तरह से लम्बे समय के लिए हमारे प्रतिबद्धता को दर्शाता है।

“जो अच्छे काम आप करते हैं उसके लिए आप सभी को धन्यवाद तथा फीजी को सुरक्षित रखने के लिए अच्छा कार्य करते रहे और कॉरेक्शन सेवा के अच्छे संचालन से देश और देशवासियों की भलाई करते रहे,” श्री बर्दिनिमरामा ने कहा।

आप ही फीजी कॉरेक्शन सेविस हैं - और जो सेवा आप प्रदान करते हैं के द्वारा समाज में उन लोगों को वापस स्वीकार किया जाए जिन्हें जेल

की सज़ा हुई है तथा हमने देखा है कि जिन लोगों ने अपनी सज़ा न्यायपूर्वक पूरी कर ली है अब शान्ति से कानून का पालन करने वाले नागरिक बन गए हैं।”

प्रधान मंत्री ने कहा कि उन्हें गर्व है कि दो सालों के अन्दर, एफ सी एस का फिर से अपराध करने का दर 1.06 प्रतिशत है जो कि दुनिया में सबसे कम में से एक है। कॉरेक्शन सेविस के कर्मचारियों ने नए चेपल के लिए एक लाख चालिस हजार डोलर (\$140,000) बटोरा था जबकि फीजियन सरकार ने ट्रांसपोर्ट दफ्तर के लिए \$142,245 दिया है।



महिला मंत्री रोजी अकबर हालही पिंकटोबा के एक आयोजन में हिस्सा लेती हुई चित्र: प्रदान किया गया

ब्रेस्ट केन्सर का इलाज है जल्द इसका पता चलना-अकबर

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हम एक साथ मिलकर गुलाबी रंग के अलावा किसी और चीज़ के लिए अपनी आवाज़ का समर्थन और इस्तेमाल कर सकते हैं जिसमें ब्रेस्ट केन्सर के साथ जीने के कई पहलु शामिल हैं और अक्टूबर ब्रेस्ट केन्सर से पीड़ित लोगों के लिए खास महीना है।

विमन, चिल्लन और पोवटी अलिविएशन मंत्री रोजी अकबर ने इसका उद्घाटन करते हुए प्रकाश डाला जब अभी हाल ही आशियाना अवथेन्टिक रेस्टुरंट सुवा में जी प्रसाद एन असोसियट्स ने पिंकटोबर मॉर्निंग टी की आयोजना की। मंत्री अकबर ने कहा कि फीजी में हर साल छः सौ केन्सर के मामले पाए जाते हैं।

“स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय के अनुसार हर साल पुरुषों और महिलाओं दोनों में साठ-सत्तर ब्रेस्ट केन्सर सर्जरी और एक सौ तीस ब्रेस्ट केन्सर के मामले पाए जाते हैं। हम जानते हैं कि महिलाएं अपने स्वास्थ्य की प्राथमिकता नहीं देती- परिवार, घर या बाहर व्यस्त रहती हैं जिसके कारण उनके पास अपने लिए समय नहीं रहता और न ही अपने लिए समय निकालती हैं” मंत्री अकबर ने कहा।

ब्रेस्ट केन्सर का इलाज है जल्द इसका पता चलना। महिलाओं में ब्रेस्ट केन्सर का शीघ्र पता लगाना रोग के प्रभावी प्रबंधन के लिए जरूरी है। यही कारण है कि महिलाओं को सबसे पहले अपने स्वास्थ्य पर ध्यान देने की आवश्यकता है।

मंत्री अकबर ने कहा कि यदि आप ब्रेस्ट केन्सर के किसी भी लक्षण जैसे गाँठ या अपने स्तन

क्षेत्र में बदलाव देखते हैं, तो आपको तुरंत अपने डाक्टर से बातें करनी चाहिए।

मंत्री अकबर ने पिंकटोबर मॉर्निंग टी में शामिल जी प्रसाद एन असोसियट्स और अन्य हितधारकों को धन्यवाद दिया और सभी सरकारी एजेंसियों, गैर-सरकारी एजेंसियों और व्यवसायिक क्षेत्रों को केन्सर जागरूकता को बढ़ावा देने में फीजी केन्सर सोसायटी की सहायता करने के लिए प्रोत्साहित किया।

“दिन के अंत में, यह केवल इलाज या उपचार खोजने या धन बटोरने के बारे में नहीं है। यह एक ऐसा कार्य है जो रोकथाम और शिक्षा के माध्यम से पुरुषों और महिलाओं को एक साथ जोड़ता है”

जी प्रसाद एन असोसियट्स ने फीजी केन्सर सोसायटी को कुल \$6,800.00 दिए।

वनुआलुवु और अन्य समुद्री द्वीपों में आना-जाना

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दस अक्टूबर को प्रधानमंत्री वोरेंगे बईनिमारामा ने स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय, रूरल एंड मरिटायम मंत्रालय, तथा कोर्मस, टैड, टुरिज़्म और ट्रांसपोर्ट मंत्रालय के साथ मिलकर सलाह दे रही है कि वनुआलुवु और अन्य बाहरी द्वीपों की यात्रा सक्त कोविड सुरक्षित उपायों के साथ होगी।

जो लोग सफर करना चाहते हैं उन्हें रजिस्ट्रेशन करना होगा जिसके बाद उन्हें रजिस्ट्रेशन रफरंस नम्बर दिया जाएगा। लोगों को डोमेस्टिक रिपे-ट्रिअइयन पर रजिस्टर होने के लिए #163, MCTTT के फेसबुक पेज या domesticrepat@mcttt.gov.fj पर इमेल करना होगा।

जिन लोगों ने रजिस्ट्रेशन नहीं किया है उन्हें ऑनलाइन फॉर्म भरना होगा या रजिस्ट्रेशन के लिए 163 पर कॉल करे और ओपेशन दो दबाए। <https://forms.gle/Jj-huwdBQvczBMaTZ6> ऑनलाइन फॉर्म उपलब्ध है।

यात्रियों को स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय से नेगटिव स्वेब टेस्ट रिज़ल्ट लेना होगा।

सफर का टिकट खरीदने या बोट और हवाई जहाज में जाने से पहले यात्रियों को स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय से पास लेना आवश्यक है जो ओफिस ऑफ दी कमिशनर्ज (सेन्ट्रल और इस्टर्न डिवीज़न) से प्राप्त हो सकता है।

यात्रियों को सुई के दोनो खुराक लगे होने चाहिए और वाहन प्रदाताओं को यह सुनिश्चित करना चाहिए कि यात्री पूरी तरह से सुई के दोनो खुराक के प्रमाण प्रस्तुत करें।

यात्रियों को पुष्टिकरण या अनिवार्य सात दिनों का क्वारंटीन के लिए स्थान का प्रमाण देना होगा (घर पर क्वारंटीन करना या फिर सुविधा आधारित क्वारंटीन)। क्वारंटीन के दौरान यात्रियों को खाने का कुछ खर्च उठाना पड़ सकता है। जो लोग घर पर क्वारंटीन करना चाहते हैं उन्हें कोविड सुरक्षित उपायों का अनुपालन सुनिश्चित करने के लिए एक स्टेटुचरी डिक्लेरेशन प्रदान करना होगा।

जिन यात्रियों ने रजिस्ट्रेशन कराया है और उपर दिए गए मानदंडों को पूरा किया है, वे इन नंबरों पर संपर्क कर सकते हैं:

- केंद्रीय विभाग
· 9918962
· 3475084/3475086
· 3475088/3475089
· 3475100/3475104
पूर्वी विभाग:
· 3313400
पच्छिमी विभाग:
· 2231 959
· 2231 956
· 2231960
उत्तरी विभाग
· 9904557

फीजी में ग्रामीण महिलाएं और लड़किया अहम भूमिका निभाती

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फिजीयन ग्रामीण महिलाएं और लड़किया कृषि, सुरक्षा और पोषण, भूमि और प्राकृतिक संसाधन प्रबंधन, जलवायु लचीलापन के निर्माण, राजनीतिक उपलब्धियाँ, ग्रामीण गरिबी उन्मूलन और अवैतनिक घरेलू देखभाल कार्य में अहम भूमिका निभाती हैं।

पिछले सप्ताह सुवा में मंत्रालय के बोर्डरूम में ग्रामीण महिला दिवस सामारोह में विमन, चिल्लन और पोवटी अलिविएशन मंत्री रोजी अकबर ने इस पर बातें की।

“पंद्रह अक्टूबर को अंतर्राष्ट्रीय समुदाय ग्रामीण महिलाओं का अंतर्राष्ट्रीय दिवस को मनाया जाता है जो फीजी में हमारी ग्रामीण महिलाओं की प्रतिबद्धता और कार्य को मान्यता देता है।”



महिला मंत्री हालही पिंकटोबा के अवसर पर एक मार्च में हिस्सा लेती हुई चित्र: प्रदान किया गया

इस ग्रामीण महिला दिवस का विषय था “सभी के लिए अच्छे भोजन की खेती करने वाली ग्रामीण महिलाएं” जागरूकता बढ़ाने और दुनिया भर में महिलाओं और लड़कियों के प्रयासों का जश्न मनाने के लिए जो एक अधिक न्यायसंगत भविष्य को आकार देती हैं खाद सुरक्षा प्रदान करती हैं और कोविड-19 महामारी से उभारती हैं।

मंत्री अकबर ने फिजीवासियों को ग्रामीण समुदाय में हमारी समर्पित महिलाओं के अधिक प्रयासों और उनके सामने आने वाली चुनौतियों को याद रखने की आवश्यकता पर प्रकाश डाला।

मंत्री अकबर ने कहा कि फीजी सरकार ग्रामीण महिलाओं की सभी विविधताओं के लिए प्रतिबद्ध रहेगी; कोविड-19 महामारी में उनका

समर्थन करने के प्रयासों को बढ़ाए, भविष्य के संकटों के प्रति उनके लचीलेपन का निर्माण और उनके साथ काम करने, लैंगिक समानता को मजबूत करने और फीजी में महिला सशक्तिकरण में तेजी लाने के लिए कार्यवाही का आह्वान करना।

उन्होंने फीजी में सभी महिलाओं और लड़कियों को ग्रामीण महिला दिवस पर शुभकामनाएं दीं।



भीड़ वाली बस और मिनि बस उपयोग न करें
बेहतर होगा अगली बस का इंतज़ार करें



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कोविड-19 होने का शक हो
घर पर रहे और 158 पर कोल करें, एक पब्लिक हेल्थ टीम आप तक पहुँचेगी



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कोहनी में खाँसे या छीके दूसरों से दूर रहे - अन्य यात्रियों से
लगभग दो मीटर्स दूर बैठे



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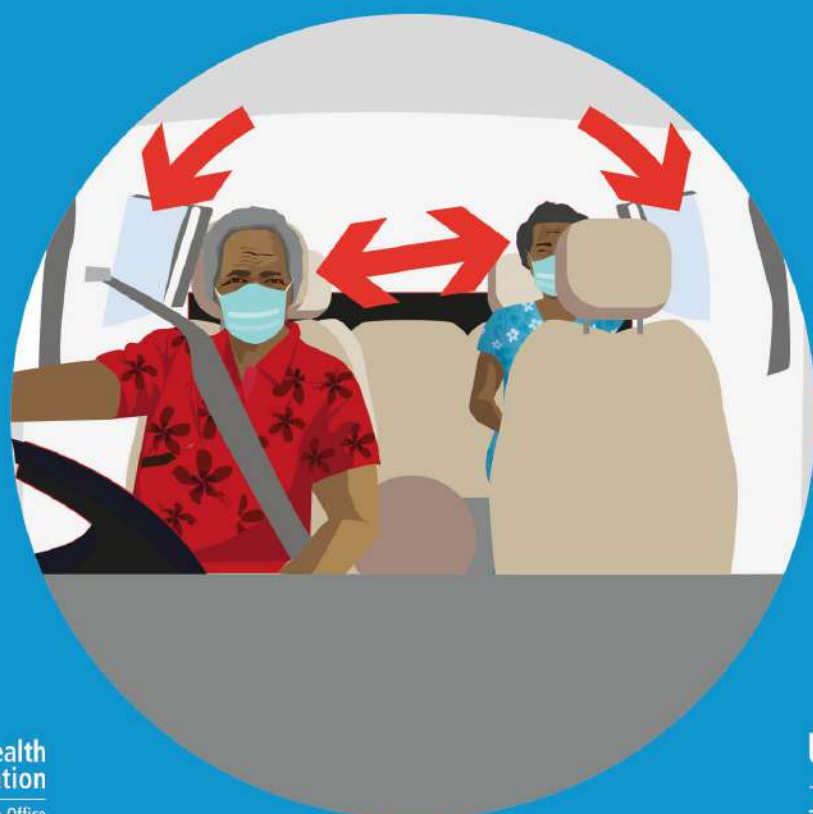


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इसी महीने बच्चों के लिए सुई आएंगी

कोविड से बचने वाली सुई लगवाकर कुछ युवा लोग खुशी जताते हुए चितः प्रदान किया गया

जबकि देखा गया है कि पूरी तरह सुई लगवा चुके लोगों की वजह से कोविड के मामले, मरीजों के अस्पताल में भर्ती होने तथा मौतों में भारी गिरावट हुई है।

उन्होंने दोहराया कि देश में उपयोग हुई सुई दानी देश जैसे ऑस्ट्रेलिया, निउ जीलेन्ड, जापान तथा भारत द्वारा प्रदान की गई थी।

मंत्री ने कहा कि भारी संख्या में लोगों द्वारा सामने आकर सुई लगाने के फलस्वरूप कोविड मामले तथा उससे हो रही मौतों की संख्या में भारी गिरावट देखी गई है।

फिलहाल, योग्य बड़े लोगों के 86.3 प्रतिशत से ज़्यादा लोगों को अब पूरी तरह सुई लग गई है जबकि 96.3 प्रतिशत लोगों को पहला डोस लग चुका है। पंद्रह से सत्ताह साल के बीच के तरह हज़ार आठ सौ से ज़्यादा विद्यार्थियों को पूरी तरह सुई लग गई

है जबकि तीस हज़ार पाँच सौ से ज़्यादा को पहला डोस लग गया है।

फिलहाल, एस्टाज़ेनेका सुई के दोनों डोस अब छः हफ्ते के अन्दर लगाई जा सकती है। इसकी समय सीमा आठ सप्ताह से घटाकर छः हफ्ते की गई है जिससे लोगों को और जल्द सुरक्षा प्रदान की जा सकती है।

अध्ययन दिखाते हैं कि सुई चाहे बारह सप्ताह, आठ सप्ताह या छः हफ्ते में लगाई जाए यह उसी तरह ही काम करेगी।

मंत्री डाक्टर इफैरैमी वॉगानबेते का कहना है कि बुआ सबडिविज़न में इसे सबसे पहले लागू किया जाएगा क्योंकि वहाँ लोगों को सुई लगने को दर निराशाजनक है। मंत्री ने कहा कि सरकार, उत्तरी विभाग में खास करके बुआ सब-डिविज़न में समुदाई क जुड़ाव पहल को और बढ़ाएगी।

अन्याय के खिलाफ खड़े हो: ए-जी



अटेनी जेनरल अईयाज़ सईयद खईयूम एक जलसे में हिस्सा लेते हुए

रेनल देव

इस्लाम समाज को अन्याय के खिलाफ खड़ा होना चाहिए, भले ही यह उनके साथ नहीं बल्कि अन्य लोगों के साथ हुआ हो।

लौतोका के जामे मस्जिद में मिलाद-उन-नबी के जलसे के मौके पर अटेनी जेनरल अईयाज़ सईयद खईयूम मुख्य मेहमान थे जिन्होंने कहा कि एक ईस्लाम होने का कर्तव्य यह है कि

अंतिम पैगम्बर का उद्देश्य था हमारे विश्वास को अनिवार्य रूप से बाँधना, और हमें अपना जीवन कैसे जीना चाहिए, इसपर अंतिम मार्ग दर्शन करना।

अईयाज़ सईयद-खईयूम अटेनी जेनरल

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स्वास्थ्य मंत्री डाक्टर इफैरैमी वॉगानबेते ने पुष्टि की है कि अगले महीने निउ जीलेन्ड से कोविड-19 की और भी सुई आ रही है जो बारह से चौदह

साल के बच्चों को लगाई जाएंगी ताकि उन्हें भी सुरक्षित की जा सके। यसावा में कोरोवासियों से बातें करते हुए स्वास्थ्य मंत्री ने कोविड-घश सुई स्वीकार करने के लिए फीजीवासियों की प्रशंसा की

राष्ट्रपति कोनरोते अभारी

वीरेंद्र लाल

राष्ट्रपति महामहीम चियोची कोनरोते का कहना है कि वो व्यक्तिगत रूप से अभारी है कि वो राष्ट्रपति का यह पद तुरांगा न तुई मदुवाता रातु विलियामे कातोनिवेरे को सौंप रहें हैं।

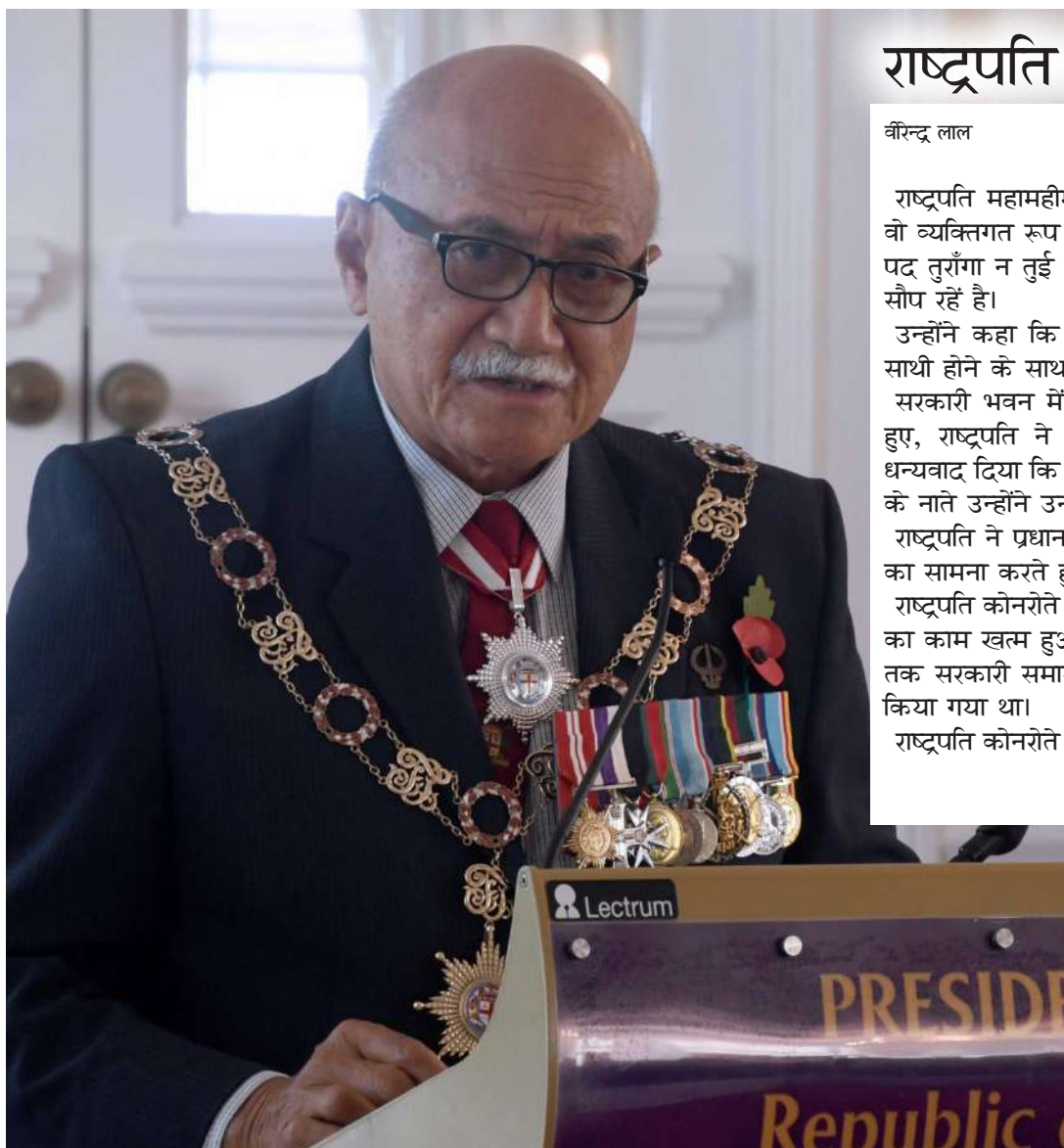
उन्होंने कहा कि रातु विलियामे, सेना में उनके पुराने साथी होने के साथ-साथ एक जलवायु चम्पयन है।

सरकारी भवन में आखरी अलंकरण समारोह में बोलते हुए, राष्ट्रपति ने प्रधान मंत्री वॉरेनो बर्डिनमारामा को धन्यवाद दिया कि पिछले छः सालों से एक राष्ट्रपति होने के नाते उन्होंने उनपर विश्वास, भरोसा रखा।

राष्ट्रपति ने प्रधानमंत्री से कहा कि अच्छे और बुरे दिनों का सामना करते हुए वे लम्बा सफर तय कर चुके हैं।

राष्ट्रपति कोनरोते ने कहा कि सरकारी भवन पर मरम्मत का काम खत्म हुआ जबकि लगभग दो और आधा सालों तक सरकारी समारोह के लिए बोरन हाउस का उपयोग किया गया था।

राष्ट्रपति कोनरोते की अवधि इसी महीने खत्म हो रही है।



अन्याय के खिलाफ खड़े हो तथा आवाज़ उठाओ। जातिवाद के लिए खड़े न हो।

गरीबों पर हो रहे अत्याचार के खिलाफ सिर्फ खड़े न हो बल्कि कुछ सकरात्मक करें क्योंकि यही हमारे पैगम्बर की विषेशता है।

उन्होंने आगे कहा कि मुस्लिमों को इन अवसरों का इस्तेमाल इस बात पर चिंतन करने के लिए करना चाहिए कि वे इन मूल्यों, प्रथाओं और शिक्षाओं को अपने जीवन में कैसे एकीकृत कर सकते हैं।

“अंतिम पैगम्बर का उद्देश्य था हमारे विश्वास को अनिवार्य रूप से बाँधना, और हमें अपना जीवन कैसे जीना चाहिए, इसपर अंतिम मार्गदर्शन करना।”

हमारा मुख्य उद्देश्य है जन्म जाना। यही मूल मुद्दा है। कभी-कभी इन्हें अपने जीवन में उतारना बहुत ही मुश्किल हो जाता है।

हम अपने दैनिक जीवन, दुनियादारी तथा समाज में अपनी पदवी के बहकावे में आ जाते हैं।

अटेनी जेनरल ने कहा कि ईस्लाम शान्ति के बारे में है, और अगर हम इन गलतियों और पापों को लगातार करते रहेंगे, तो इससे लोग एक दूसरे से नफरत करेंगे तथा उनके बीच टकराव होगा जिससे केवल नुकसान ही होगा।

कोरोवासियों के लिए नया रास्ता बन रहा है

रोनल देव

नईतासिरी के भीतरी इलाकों के कोरोनावासियों की खुशियों का ठिकाना नहीं है जब सरकार ने उनके लिए एक नया रास्ता बनाया।

पिछले कई सालों से कोरोनावासियों का सपना था कि उनके पास नई सड़क हो जो अब पूरी हो गई है।

पंद्रह अक्टूबर को कोरोनावासियों ने अपने कोरे में पहली गाड़ी सड़क पर चलते देखी जो एक सरकारी मंत्री को लेकर कोरे पहुंची।

नकिंदा विलज रास्ते पर अभी भी काम चल रहा है जो नवाई सोमो रास्ता तक जुड़ता है। नकिंदा, नईतासिरी की भीतरी इलाकों का एक कोरे है जहाँ तक पहुँचने के लिए सड़क नहीं थी तथा सरकार द्वारा वहाँ रास्ता बनाना एक आर्थिक वाद से कम नहीं है जिससे कोरोनावासियों के लिए आर्थिक विकास होगा।

संसाधन मंत्री चोने उसामाते ने कहा कि सरकार, जनता की सेवा के लिए है जो यह देख रही है कि हर एक फीजीवासी को विकास करने के बराबर के मौके मिलें।

अन्य सरकारी कर्मचारियों के साथ मंत्री उसामाते नए रास्ते से होते हुए यह देखने गए थे कि काम में कितना विकास हुआ है।

“मुझे बेहद खुशी हो रही है कि मैं दो सालों बाद यहाँ गाड़ी से पहुँचा हूँ बल्कि इससे पहले मैं यहाँ दो अन्य मंत्रियों के साथ पैदल गया था। भरोसा रखें कि सरकार आपकी सेवा करने के लिए है और हम यह ध्यान में रखेंगे कि कोई पीछे न रह जाए जबकि हम हर एक फीजीवासी की जिन्दगी आसान बनाने की योजना बना रहे हैं, खास करके हमारे ग्रामीण समाज में,” मंत्री ने कहा।

“अभी भी बहुत काम बाकी है, जो ज़रूरी स्तर तक पूरा होने पर इसे हम फीजी रोड्स अथोरिटी को सौंप देंगे,

नकिंदा के एक कोरोनावासी पचहत्तर साल के सेमी से-नोकोनोको का कहना है कि वे पिछले तीन दशकों से नए सड़क की माँग कर रहे थे तथा सरकार द्वारा उनका सपना पूरा करना जैसे जन्नत से उन्हें तोहफा मिलने जैसा है। हम वर्डिनिबुका स्थित

नईबुलिनी के नज़दीक है लेकिन उन्हें वहाँ पैदल पहुँचने में तीन से चार घण्टें लगते हैं। अगर हमें बाँस से बनी नाव में नदी के मार्फत जाना है तो हमें चार से पाँच घण्टें लगेंगे। हमें वहाँ से फिर नकोरोसुले जाना पड़ता था जहाँ से बस के द्वारा हम बुनिदावा या सूवा जा सकते हैं,” सेनोकोनोको ने कहा।



महिला मंत्री रोज़ी अकबर केन्सर की जागरूकता पर बल देती हुई चित्र: प्रदान किया गया

केन्सर की जागरूकता की ज़रूरत

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महिला मंत्री रोज़ी अकबर ने हालही पिं कटोवा के अवसर पर कहा कि केन्सर बारे में केवल अक्टूबर महीने में नहीं

बल्कि बाकी महीनों में भी जागरूकता फैलाने की ज़रूरत है।

जागरूकता अभियान का मतलब अलग लोगों के लिए अलग होगा। कुछ लोगों के लिए यह शक्ति और जिवित

बचने का जश्न मनाने का समय होता है,” मंत्री अकबर ने कहा।

मंत्री अकबर ने स्तन केन्सर से बच चुके लोगों से माँग की है कि वे जहाँ तक हो सके अपनी कहानी सुनाए ताकि अन्य लोगों को कुछ सहारा मिले जो उसी स्थिति का सामना कर रहे हैं।

“कई महिलाओं ने हौसले से भरी अपनी कहानियाँ बताई हैं कि किस तरह से उन्होंने स्तन केन्सर का सामना किया। पिंगटोवा में हम जोर देते हैं कि स्तन केन्सर के बारे में जल्द पता लगाना बेहद ज़रूरी है। कई महिलाएँ जिन्हें स्तन केन्सर था और अब ठीक हो गई हैं ने अन्य महिलाओं को संदेश दिया है कि इसका पता कैसे चल सकता है तथा इलाज कैसे होता है।

इक्तालिस साल की एक अष्टापिका अंगेला तुईवाइनुनु जो स्तन केन्सर से पीड़ित थी इस समारोह में उपस्थित

थी जिन्होंने अपनी कहानी बताई कि किस तरह उन्होंने केन्सर के साथ जंग किया।

“मुझे स्तन केन्सर के बारे में टज़घश में पता चला और एक साल के अन्दर मैं औपरेशन हुआ। मेरी किस्मत अच्छी थी कि केन्सर के बारे में जल्द पता चला। मैं जल्द ठीक भी हो गई। मैं फीजी केन्सा सोसाएटी की बहुत अभारी हूँ तथा सूवा अस्पताल के डाक्टर और नर्सस ने अच्छी देखभाल भी की। सभी महिलाओं को मैं संदेश देना चाहती हूँ कि वे हिम्मत न हारे क्योंकि इसका सामना करने से ही इसे हराया जा सकता है। कई स्तन केन्सर, लम्प के साथ शुरू होता है तथा इसका इलाज फीजी में सफलता पूर्वक हो सकता है।

महिला मंत्रालय ने फीजी केन्सा सोसाएटी को दो हज़ार डोलर भी प्रदान किया।



संसाधन मंत्री चोने उसामाते ताईलेवू के एक कोरे में एक रेज़ावो पर हुए सुधारकार्य को देखते हुए चित्र: प्रदान किया गया



संसाधन मंत्री चोने उसामाते ताईलेवू में पानी वाली योजना का दौरान करते हुए चित्र: प्रदान किया गया

ताईलेवू में पानी वाली योजना का दौरा

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संसाधन मंत्री चोने उसामाते ने हाल में ताई लेवू स्थित पानी वाली दो योजनाओं का दौरा किया ताकि पता चल सके कि नमेका और नईमासीमासी कोरे में पानी वाली योजनाओं में किस तरह के सुधार की ज़रूरत है।

नमेका वाली योजना में एक लाख बासठ हज़ार से ज़्यादा जबकि नईमासीमासी में एक लाख छिहत्तर हज़ार डोलर से ज़्यादा खर्च हो गे ताकि कोरे में बढ़ रही आबादी की माँग पूरी हो सके।

मंत्री उसामाते का कहना है कि सरकार की प्राथमिकता है कि ग्रामीण इलाकों के लोगों को भी सुरक्षित और साफ पानी उपलब्ध कराई जाए।

इस दौर में एक अच्छी बात सामने आई

कि इन कोरे के केचमन्ट में बहुत पानी है तथा कोरोनावासियों को दिन के किसी भी समय साफ पानी मिलता है। नमेका वोटा सोस में एक डेम का निर्माण होने से पानी वाली समस्या खत्म हो गई है जबकि नई मासीमासी में पुराने डेम में सुधार किया गया तथा नए पाईप भी लगाए गए।

दोनों कोरे में नया वोटा टेन्क बिठाना भी योजना का हिस्सा था जहाँ नमेका में एक लाख पाँच हज़ार लीटर का टेन्क बिठाया गया और नईमासीमासी पचान्वे हज़ार लीटर का टेन्क बिठाया गया है।

मंत्री उसामाते ने जोर दिया है कि वोटा अथोरिटी ओफ फीजी के अधिकारियों तथा कोरे और ग्रामीण समाज के बीच साझेदारी बेहद ज़रूरी है।

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नहीं

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कोशिश

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इलाज है जल्द इसका
पता चलना-अकबर

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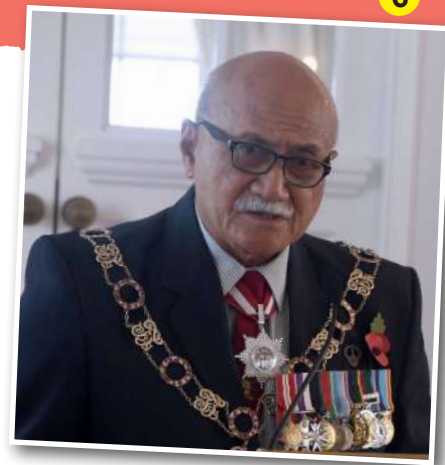
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रेनल देव

अटेनी जेनरल तथा अर्थव्यवस्था मंत्री अईयाज़ सईयद खईयूम ने हाल में विभिन्न साझेदारों जिनमें सरकारी और प्रायवट सेक्टर शामिल हैं से मुलाकात की जहाँ फीजी की सीमाएं फिर से खोलने की योजना पर बातचीत हुई। इस सभा में कोमिस, ट्रैड, टूरिज़्म तथा ट्रांसपोर्ट मंत्री फईयाज़ कोया, इंडस्ट्री ट्रैड और टूरिज़्म मंत्रालय के पेमनन्ट सकेटरी शहीन अलि, स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय के पेमनन्ट सकेटरी डाक्टर

जईम्स फोन्ग, सरकारी सेवा की पेमनन्ट सकेटरी सूज़न किरण, अर्थ व्यवस्था मंत्रालय के स्थानापन पेमनन्ट सकेटरी श्री गाउन्डर, कोमुनिकईशन्स मंत्रालय की स्थानापन पेमनन्ट सकेटरी तुपुउ'तुआ बराविलाला, फीजियन इमिग्रेशन विभाग के डायरेक्टर अमेलिया कोमाईसवाई तथा फीजी एर्यावैस की एक्ज़ेक्टिव जेनरल मेनेजर कौपरट अफेयस सेहनाज़ वोस शामिल थी। इस सभा में इस साल दिसम्बर में सुरक्षित सीमाएं दोबारा खोलने, वेक-

सीन पासपोर्ट और सेंटिफिकेशन की प्रक्रिया, यात्रा नियम की सीमा पार मान्यता तथा अन्य संबंधित कोविड सुरक्षा नियम जिसका पालन टूरिस्टों, टूरिज़्म औरपेटस तथा अन्य व्यापारों को करना होगा। फिलहाल, अटेनी जेनरल अईयाज़ सईयद खईयूम का कहना है कि फीजी एर्यावैस में नए हिस्से मिलने के बाद फीजियन सरकार अब कम्पनी का बहुमत हिस्सेदार हो गया है जिनके पास 74.56 प्रतिशत हिस्से हो गए हैं। संसद में फीजी एर्यावैस के कर्ज लेने

को सरकारी गरन्टी बढ़ाने का प्रस्ताव पेश करते हुए सईयद-खईयूम ने कहा कि इस साल नौ अगस्त को फीजी एर्यावैस की एक खास सभा हुई जहाँ हिस्सेदारों को बताया गया कि कोविड-19 महामारी के दौरान खुद का समर्थन करने के लिए नकद जुटाने की खातिर दो सौ मिलियन डक्वीटी जुटाने का इरादा रखता है। उन्होंने कहा कि फीजी एर्यावैस में फीजियन सरकार का इक्वावन प्रतिशत से बढ़कर अब 74.56 प्रतिशत हिस्से

हो गए हैं। उनके अनुसार फीजी एर्यावैस में अन्य हिस्सेदारों में शामिल है, क्वान्टस एर्यावैस का चौबीस प्रतिशत हिस्सा, एर्या निउ जीलेन्ड का एक प्रतिशत, किरिबास सरकार, तोन्गान सरकार, सामोआ की सरकार और नाउरू की सरकार के हिस्से। अटेनी जेनरल ने कहा कि अगर हमारे पास राष्ट्रीय हवाई जहाज़ नहीं होते तो पहली दिसम्बर से फीजी आने वाले टूरिस्टों की संख्या बेहद कम आंकी गई होती।