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Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama during the 5th Pacific Urban Forum - inclusive multi-stakeholder platform for policy dialogue towards a sustainable urban future for the Pacific region in Nadi. Photo: ISAAC LAL

Time to restore hope, dignity

PM makes case for informal settlements at Pacific Urban Forum

ISAAC LAL

FIJI will explore all avenues to restore ownership, and dignity in its efforts towards regularising informal settlements in the country, Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama has reiterated.

Prime Minister Bainimarama made the comments while addressing the 5th Pacific Urban Forum – inclusive multi-stakeholder platform for policy dialogue towards a sustainable urban future for the Pacific region in Nadi this week.

“As we’re seeing through the regularisa-

tion of our informal settlements in Fiji, we are restoring ownership, dignity and community engagement,” he said.

“In Fiji today, we’re righting that historic injustice by handing over 99-year leases to squatter families on land they’ve called home for decades. I’ve officiated at

several of these title handovers. I’ve met personally with many of those families and I’ve seen the tears of joy, I’ve heard – first-hand – how their lives have been changed for the better but what has stayed

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Prime Minister

NUMBERS

24.98m

The amount owed in rental arrears by leaseholders on State land for the current financial year and previous years.

TWEET OF THE WEEK



Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum (@FijiAG)

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PM will open 2019 Agriculture Show

PRIME Minister Voreqe Bainimarama will today open the three day 2019 Agriculture Show organized by the Ministry of Agriculture at the Valelevu Grounds in Nasinu.

The Agriculture Show, an annual event in the Ministry's calendar, always attracts a big turnout as it provides the opportunity for

Fijians to view the various programmes and services delivered by the Ministry.

One of the major attraction of the show is the farmers' awards while other events such as crop technology display, livestock display, fisheries display, wood tannery display and farmers' village will surely draw interest from members of the public.

The show inspires young minds to dwell on the importance of agricultural sector which feeds the nation through the school oratory contest and the interesting displays.

This year's theme for the show, which will held from July 3rd to 5th, 2019, is "Agriculture: our hope, our future, for a healthy and wealthy Fiji." news@govnet.gov.fj

SME owners apply for business awards

MEREANI GONEDUA

SMALL and medium business enterprises have been encouraged to apply for the 2019 Prime Minister's International Business Awards.

Officiating at the launch, Minister for Industry, Trade, Tourism, Local Government, Housing and Community Development Premila Kumar highlighted that the awards give recognition to businesses regardless of their size, which punch above their weight and have sustainability and ingenuity at the heart of their corporate plan.

"It is encouraging to see how the awards has grown and gained significance in the business community, especially with the focus on small and medium enterprises and young entrepreneurs."

"I encourage small businesses, young entrepreneurs, companies that have demonstrated remarkable success in the Fijian economy, to apply for the Awards. Keeping in mind, this is your awards and your achievements being celebrated."



Minister for Industry, Trade, Tourism, Local Government, Housing and Community Development Premila Kumar (right), during the launch of 2019 Prime Minister's International Business Awards. Photo: MEREANI GONEDUA

Minister Kumar also stated that the 2019/2020 National Budget has a number of incentives for emerging and existing businesses that will support growth in the areas of tourism, manufacturing, transportation, housing, retirement villages and aged care, ICT, research and development and waste

recycling and the audiovisual industry.

"We look forward to many of you capitalizing on these incentives for the growth of your businesses or to venture into new sectors."

Meanwhile Investment Fiji chairman Truman Bradley highlighted that Investment Fiji has been host-

ing the awards for 27 years now and acknowledged the various sponsors for recognizing the various successful Fijian businesses for their innovative business style.

The awards has 12 categories and businesses can visit www.iba.org.fj to know more and apply for the prestigious awards.

Ministry readjusts policies for climate impacts

LITIA VULDAIDUSIGA

IN the face of a changing global environment, the Government continues with reform programs to readjust public health policies and skills that would align Fijian health sector more effectively to climate change impacts.

"From children to the elderly, every Fijian is vulnerable to the health impacts associated with climate change, now and in the future. From rising sea levels, coastal erosion, water shortages, large scale flooding and increase in vector borne diseases the threats are real and growing, and likely to increase as impacts of climate change become more pronounced," said Minister for Health and Medical Services, Dr. Ifereimi Waqainabete.

Minister Waqainabete highlighted these realities at the annual conference of the Fiji Col-

lege of General Practitioners' Western Faculty in Nadroga.

"Climate change is expected to alter the geographic and seasonal distributions of existing vectors and vector-borne diseases, such as malaria, dengue, and other diseases spread by vectors like mosquitoes."

The Government's health vision is aligned to the World Health Organization's Universal Health Coverage standard, to ensure that Fijians from all walks of life access health care without being financially burdened.

"Against the background of climate change and an increasingly inter-connected world, we must also remain constantly alert to the threats of new, emerging diseases like ebola, zika, chikungunya, avian influenza and the re-emergence of diseases such as measles. The work that we do and its impact must be felt by the ordinary Fijians."

Towards these efforts, public private partnerships (PPP) at the Lautoka and Ba Hospital have been instrumental initiatives to offering Fijians the latest health care facilities, and maximize the quality of health care.

"Moreover, our service delivery is committed to improving the health and well-being of all Fijians, regardless of income or geographic location. Our service extends to every Fijian and ensures that the unreachable are reached and that no-one is left behind," Minister Waqainabete emphasized.

The Government continues to be a significant global voice on climate action and adaptation, and will next month host the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum on Global Health.

This forum is open to 30 countries, under the theme 'Enhancing the Role of Parliamentarians in Addressing Climate Change and Health'.

Time to restore hope, dignity

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with me most vividly, is hearing the dreams these families now aspire to achieve after finally being granted a level of ownership over their communities.

“These are among the most effective tools we wield in building climate resilience, in urban and rural areas alike. I mention rural areas as well, because rural regions must be considered as part of a more holistic approach to national development.”

The Fijian Head of Government highlighted that it was almost never any family’s first option to pack up their entire lives and make the costly and risky move from their rural home to an urban area.

“In Fiji, that is why we’re bringing the security and conveniences of city life directly to our rural areas, extending services, high quality infrastructure and opportunity to these communities that allow their residents to lead safe and fulfilling lives where they already live, and where they’d generally prefer to remain,” PM Bainimarama said.

“Empowered by the dignity of long-term tenure, these families see the world through a new lens. When parents look to their children, they can think more seriously about the communities they will leave behind, as they can now build to better standards that will last for generations. With land as collateral, they can fully step into our financial sector, access loans from mainstream banks and build better, stronger and more resilient homes, business and communal buildings.”

Prime Minister Bainimarama added that with this in mind, the Government has drawn up a medium and long term goal to ensure that the blueprints charted, continue to reflect future growth.

“We’re thinking differently, prioritising future growth and development from the start of every development project.

“Our 5-Year and 20-Year National Development Plans have set out comprehensive blueprints for our national development, with specific benchmarks to measure progress and regular reviews to keep our eyes set on updated long-term aspirations,” he said.

PM: We are all Fijians

PRIME Minister Voreqe Bainimarama has reiterated his Government’s stance on the definition of Fijians.

“Let’s be clear: No Fijian is a

vulagi in our country. We are all Fijians, we all share a destiny and we all hold equal value in our democracy, no matter who we are, no matter our ethnicity, our gender,

our religion or our socioeconomic status.”

“There’s only one way we keep building a better Fiji, and that’s by working together. United as

common and equal citizens and bonded by shared purpose, there is nothing we cannot achieve.”

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Gender violence ‘consuming our societies’

PRASHILA DEVI

VIOLENCE against women and girls is a cancer consuming the society with 72 per cent of women in Fiji having experienced one or more types of violence in their lifetime from their husbands or intimate partner.

Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, Mereseini Vuniwaqa, did not mince her words as she called out men who used violence as a weapon that in extreme cases have led to death of their partners.

“Just over this past weekend, a 21-year-old man allegedly murdered his intimate partner – a 19-year-old young woman over a Facebook message she had sent to a relative.”

Minister Vuniwaqa said news like these hits the dailies so frequently that it was no longer the Fiji where people could keep track of every murder in a decade because it was so rare.

“Fijian women are getting stabbed in public parking lots, getting punched in the privacy of their homes or in the streets, getting raped in their own homes, and getting killed in unimaginable situations over the most trivial things! The violence against our women is ugly,” she said.

“It is a matter of shame and disgrace that violence against women is reported in such high numbers in our beloved Fiji, a nation we claim is the way the world should be. Our combined action is well overdue if we are to combat this life threatening problem.”



Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation, Mereseini Vuniwaqa with Fiji Womens Crisis Centre (FWCC) co-ordinator Shamima Ali during the Gender Violence Against Women and Human Rights Training workshop held in conjunction with FWCC at the Warwick Fiji Resort in the Coral Coast on Monday. Photo: LITIA VULAI DAUSIGA

Minister Vuniwaqa made these blistering comments at the Gender, Violence against Women and Human Rights Training for the ministry staff held in conjunction with the Fiji Women’s Crisis Centre at the Warwick Fiji Resort in the Coral Coast on Monday this week.

She said whilst it was true that men can also be victims of such violence, statistics show that such incidences are negligible when compared to incidences where women are the victims.

“The ferocity, frequency and consistency of

men’s violence against women are statistically and significantly higher. Gender-based violence in a domestic setting thrives in a shroud of silence.”

Minister Vuniwaqa said it was therefore important to speak about gender-based violence and discuss it at every opportunity.

“The message needs to be consistently loud, clear and unequivocal that Violence against Women and Children is illegal and it needs to be punished.”

Workshop upskills officers on human rights

LITIA VULAI DAUSIGA

A GENDER Violence Against Women and Human Rights Training workshop continues to be integral to upskilling officers of the Ministry of Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation.

As noted by Minister, Mereseini Vuniwaqa, such training has been particularly necessary to addressing violence against women.

“I had wanted this training for all staff of our ministry because gender is a cross cutting issue and as caseworkers -and contributors to policies directly and indirectly-dealing with children and families on a daily basis must be fully gender sensitized to understand the issues of our clientele better and provide proper redress to their problems,” she said at the recent workshop.

“As officers of the ministry, this training will go a long way in understanding the dynamics behind



Participants at the Warwick Fiji Resort in the Coral Coast on Monday. Photo: LITIA VULAI DAUSIGA

gender-based violence. It equips you to be sensitive to the nuances of violence that may present itself in cases that you deal with on a daily basis at work and even at home.”

The Minister said Fiji could no longer afford to let its women and girls suffer in silence.

“Our domestic violence helpline is going to further break the silence on violence. But a lot is left to be done and we have to work together in eliminating violence against women and girls to ensure that they enjoy their human rights just as well as men and boys do.”

Too many Fijian children, she

noted, witness domestic violence within their homes daily, and they were the very children dealt with by welfare officers when they became victims.

The workshop was facilitated by the Fiji Women’s Crisis Centre, a close partner of the ministry.



Alaseini Lewabau of Savusavu receives her licence to sell her handcrafted materials from Minister for Industry, Trade, Tourism, Local Government, Housing and Community Development. **Photo: NANISE NEIMILA**



Observing her handiwork materialise makes one marvel at how this woman has the patience and creativity to be able to put together a lovely piece of art. **Photo: NANISE NEIMILA**

Business helps carve better life for Lewabau

NANISE NEIMILA

BEING able to cross path with a mother of three and business entrepreneur was inspirational because of the drive and energy she has to use all the opportunities provided to carve out a better life for her children.

This is an inspirational story of 39-year-old Alaseini Lewabau of Savusavu, who for the first time was given the opportunity to display her hand-crafted pearl necklaces, rings and bracelets at the 2019 National Women's expo held in Suva recently.

Mrs Lewabau shared her struggles as young person with a family and how having to juggle work with motherhood was not an easy task for a mother of three.

"Being talented is one thing and having responsibilities is another and there needs to be an earnest commitment in fulfilling both roles."

"My passion for business began at the age of 25, I used to sell my handicraft to tourist on cruise ships and tourists visiting Savusavu and on Tuesdays we have our market days at the hotels. So this

is where I earned the little revenue to begin with."

Observing her handiwork materialize makes one marvel as to how this woman has the patience and creativity to be able to put together a lovely piece of art.

Mrs Lewabau recalls that not much was earned during the initial phase of the business with whatever income generated used up for essentials like buying food and meeting the basic necessities for the family.

"It was hard because I was running on a loss, whatever I earned was used to buy things for my children and also replacing the materials I used for my handicraft. So in other words I was not saving and that is when I decided to seek assistance."

"Just last year, I was invited to be part of the Savusavu Women's Expo and I was lucky to be chosen to take part in this year's National Women's Expo. Nothing comes easy and I believe this is stepping stone to grow my business locally and then maybe sell internationally."

Being a mother and venturing into a demanding market is a chal-



Alaseini Lewabau sells her hand-crafted materials at the recent 2019 Fiji Women's Expo at FMF National Gymnasium in Suva. She recalls that not much was earned during the initial phase of the business with whatever income generated used up for essentials such as buying food and meeting the basic necessities for the family. **Photo: NANISE NEIMILA**

lenge but Mrs Lewabau sees this through her love for handicraft and ensuring that whatever she does is for the benefit for her family and most importantly providing a better life for her children.

"We never realize our own talent but once I started it has been a sweet journey for me, not only have I learnt the art but most importantly I'm marketing my handicraft with other women that have been in the business for years and have earned a name for themselves."

"It's a challenge but what women need to understand is that in this day and age gone are the days where women are only staying at home, we need to rise up and earn that dignity in society. We need to challenge ourselves to be more productive and also contribute to the welfare of our families."

Mrs Lewabau was part of the 26 local entrepreneurs that received their licenses from the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism during the expo in Suva.

"Receiving this license allows me as an individual entrepreneur to earn money and also to save a lot and even if God permits then

I will one day secure a market internationally and a brand name for my products."

She was able to earn more than what she anticipated and she thanked the Government for the opportunity to showcase her work for the three days.

Minister for Industry, Trade and Tourism, Local Government, Housing and Community Development Premila Kumar commended the local women and men entrepreneurs for their sheer determination to deliver quality products that led to many of them carrying the "Fijian Crafted" brand during the expo.

"The Fijian Made logo easily distinguishes Fijian made products and services from those that are imported into the country," Minister Kumar said.

"When you purchase a Fijian made product or service, you are helping to create jobs and promote growth. Your purchases ensure that the money spent in Fiji stays in Fiji. You are reinvesting in the economy and the community."

The Fijian Made-Buy Fijian Campaign began in 2011. The

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purpose was to encourage consumers and organizations to buy Fijian Made goods and services. The Campaign provides a branding platform through labels, such as, Fijian Organic, Fijian Crafted, Fijian Packed, Fijian Made, Fijian Product, Fijian Grown, Fijian Sewn, Fijian Assembled, and Fijian Designed.

Minister Kumar said since 2016, at the National Women's Expo alone, 176 women have been included in the Fijian Made family.

"This year, we are adding another 76 to this list of successful entrepreneurs. Out of the 76 new license holders, 54 will be awarded the Fijian Crafted Emblem, nine Fijian Sewn Emblem, seven Fijian Crafted and Sewn Emblem, three Fijian Crafted and Designed Emblem, two Fijian Designed and one Fijian Crafted/Made and Designed Emblem. This shows the range of skills and knowledge you all have. I congratulate each and every one of you."

Minister Kumar adds for those receiving their license at the expo, the Fijian Crafted emblem would mean more exposure for their products.

"There is a possibility that your products can be presented in meetings and functions. This includes expos or symposiums organized and coordinated by the Government whether it is nationally, regionally or internationally."

Mining sector hopes to create jobs, investment

NANISE NEIMILA

FIJI'S mining sector hopes to create more investment opportunities and provide employment for Fijians around the country.

Earlier this year the Minister for Lands and Mineral Resources Ashneel Sudhakar and team of Government officials visited mines in the Western Division as part of a familiarisation tour.

The visit provided him the opportunity to meet with the management of three mining companies that look after mines in Vatukoula, Ba and Nadi.

Amex Resources Limited Delta Iron Magnetite Project in Ba has invested a total of \$300 million in capital investment to develop the project including a new port facility as well. They hope to also procure new vessels for dredging, processing, stockpiling and export of magnetite.

Minister Sudhakar said this was a significant investment for the local mining sector.

"I met with the management to discuss the progress of its mine development and also visited the new port facility as well as one of its non-propelled vessels known as a concentrator."

"When this project gets underway we are looking at the employment of over 300 workers. And I am told that this iron magnetite is the first of its kind in Fiji and will have a positive impact on the mining sector's contribution to the country's GDP."

Lion One Limited Tuvatu Gold Project in Korobebe Nadi is Fiji's newest underground gold mine and the company plans to inject \$140m in capital works for the development of the mine.

Minister Sudhakar said the mine in its exploration stage has been predominantly managed by local workers which shows the potential of mineral exploration expertise within Fiji.

"When the mine commences production, it will create 275 jobs and is bound to increase as the company ramps up production."

"The company also has invested in a state-of-the-art laboratory for the analysis of its mineral samples. It also plans to have an accredited lab which can then be used by other mineral exploration, given that these companies currently export their samples overseas which is costly."

Minister Sudhakar met with the management to discuss the companies' future plans, and was also provided an opportunity to see firsthand the construction of their new lab and an underground excavation primarily excavated to assist with mineral exploration.

\$24m lease arrears a concern for ministry

NANISE NEIMILA

ONE of the major setback for the Ministry of Lands and Mineral Resources is the rental arrears which is owed by leasees.

Minister for Lands and Mineral Resources Ashneel Sudhakar said State land leaseholders owe the Government \$24.98 million as rental arrears for the current financial year and as outstanding arrears for the previous years.

"We have a team visiting leasees and issuing notices for payment and the site inspections have been undertaken in Nadi, Lautoka and Sigatoka as well as in the central division. Planned visits has been arranged for the

Northern division with the aim of visiting the top 50 defaulters."

"We have also conducted face-to-face meetings with the outstanding defaulters to ascertain reasons for outstanding payment and provide advice to them."

Minister Sudhakar outlined that the Ministry has embarked on awareness drives and distributed pamphlets for leasees to make timely payments to ensure that the lease conditions are being followed.

"We require leasees to strictly comply with lease conditions, one of which is the payment of rent, they should expect to be penalized by the Ministry if they do not fulfil their responsibilities."

"We also would like to advise leases if they

change their mailing addresses to kindly inform the ministry so they are able to receive the statements on time and make payments."

The Ministry will also target the top defaulters, especially those who make great profits without caring to pay their land rental while breaching the lease conditions.

In financial year 2019/2020, Minister Sudhakar is urging all leasees to be cautious and for those who owe rental arrears to pay as soon as possible in order to continue enjoying the benefit of their leases.

"Such payments will contribute to revenue and build a more self-reliant economy and help fund developments that will meet our citizen's needs."



Minister for Lands and Mineral Resources Ashneel Sudhakar, Ministry of Lands staff and management of the Tuvatu Gold Mine at the mine site. Photo: SUPPLIED

Govt looks at mine safety practices

NANISE NEIMILA

THE Ministry of Lands and Mineral Resources is the only regulating body that looks after Fiji's mining industry.

As mining is associated with hazardous work environment, the ministry closely works with mining operators in ensuring that mining practices are aligned to the statutory requirements as per the Mining Act and Regulations.

This also encourages the operators to adopt and implement proven modern mining best practices.

Minister for Lands and Mineral Resources Ashneel Sudhakar said that the ministry is not

oblivious to the primary duty of any mining operation which is to ensure there are reasonable practices and that miners are not exposed to health and safety risks arising from mining activities.

The ministry, Minister Sudhakar assured, will continue to work with mining companies.

"We are ensuring that effective self-regulation of mining operation and integration of continuous improvement principles in the management of mining operation."

"The adoption and implementation of proven best practices are consistent with the nature of mining."

Minister Sudhakar has also directed the Mineral Resource

Department to increase the frequency of mine inspections and provide assistance and guidance to these mining companies as and when the need arises in terms of improving safety controls.

"The department works closely with mining companies in implementing systems and processes, aligned to continuous improvement principle with the ultimate objective being a safe working environment mineworkers in terms of welfare, safety and health."

Minister Sudhakar pointed out that the Ministry does not only regulate the mining industry it also facilitates the investment part of this sector.

"In terms of mineral extraction, first and foremost is safety in the mines, and then mineral production so the objective for mineral extraction in Fiji that is set by the Ministry and safe production."

"We also encourage mining operators to continue with exploration whilst mining to build their mineral resource base, and overtime extend the life of these mining operations."

He adds that taking into consideration the mining economic climate is right, mining companies are encouraged to ramp up production to fully realize opportunities to maximize earnings presented by favorable economic conditions."



In a positive move for sugarcane growers, sugarcane delivery prices have increased to \$37.90 from \$32.22 per tonne. Photo: ISAAC LAL

Sugar tribunal allows cane delivery price increase

LITIA VULDAUSIGA

IN a positive move for sugarcane growers, sugarcane delivery prices have increased to \$37.90 from \$32.22 per tonne.

This follows a series of consultations by the Fiji Sugar Corporation (FSC), which obtained approval from the Sugar Industry Tribunal to recalculate the price under the Industry Master Award.

"FSC thanks the Sugar Industry Tribunal for consideration of the sugarcane delivery price calculation, enabling the delivery price to increase," said FSC chief executive officer, Gra-

ham Clark.

This is all against the background of the guaranteed cane price of \$85 per tonne by the Government; an increase welcomed in the volatile commodity that the FSC operates in.

The FSC is also complying with new weight restrictions for 6-wheeler trucks during the crushing season, in light of significant damage caused to roads and bridges by overlaid trucks.

"Key considerations noted were that last year, the weight limit for 6-wheeler trucks was 17 tonnes and the average cane load delivered was 11.1 tonnes," Mr Clark said.

"The average tare weight of a six-wheeler truck was 5.4 tonnes. With the 16.5 tonnes introduced this year and assuming the same average tare weight of a six-wheeler truck being 5.4 tonnes, this will enable an average cane load of 11.1 tonnes, unchanged from the average delivery of last year".

The FSC has also met with the Fiji Cane Lorry Transportation Association, which is committed to road safety and supports load dimension restrictions of a maximum load width of three metres and a maximum height of 4.3 metres from ground level.

Grower welcomes truck carting help

ISAAC LAL

SUGARCANE farmers in the western division have welcomed Government's assistance through the Fiji Sugar Corporation which from the current crushing season will provide trucks for the ease of cutting cane to mills.

One such farmer, 56-year-old Ramend Chand of Lomolomo, Lautoka said the extra trucks would greatly assist farmers.

"I feel that with the new trucks that was announced by the Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama earlier this month would ensure that no cane will remain in the fields when crushing ends," Mr Chand said.

"This is a very good initiative because in the past, our trucks would breakdown along the highway causing delay in the delivery of our produce in reaching the mills."

Mr Chand said while he was not fully aware of all the initiatives announced, he was adamant that Government would not let the industry down.

"There are many initiatives that



Ramend Chand, (middle) with fellow sugarcane cutters at a sugarcane field in Lomolomo, Lautoka. Mr Chand said while he was not fully aware of all the initiatives announced, he was adamant that Government would not let the industry down. Photo: ISAAC LAL

have been announced and we are grateful that Government is also exploring the initiative of improving the rail road as well. Subsidies for our fertilizers are also increasing which is helping farmers like myself to ensure that we have enough money left to spend on our families," he added.

"A guaranteed cane price of \$85 per tonne is also welcomed," he said with a smile. "With rising cost of living, and costs associated with cane farming, we are very, very happy that cane price is now stable for local farmers."

Prime Minister Bainimarama had earlier in the crushing season indicated that various forms of initiatives such as the fertiliser subsidy which has gone up by 50 per cent since from 2016 to 2018 would continue.

"And this year, we're making that subsidy even more generous by raising it to \$25.59 per tonne and our funding towards the weedicide fertilisers will continue as well," PM Bainimarama said.

"The 30 new tractors we received last year have been deployed in cane fields across the

country in addition to 72 mechanical harvesters, with another three on the way to Fiji."

"The 117 six-wheeler trucks will also be deployed around the country by the Fiji Sugar Corporation. These trucks will be put to use transporting cane from farms to the mills and we won't hesitate to assist any farmers whose harvest is being held up for any reason," the Fijian Head of Government added.

The provision of cane carting trucks will be available in the Western and Northern divisions.

PM: Yoga can help combat NCDs

PRASHILA DEVI

PRIME Minister Voreqe Bainimarama has encouraged the incorporation of physical activities like yoga into the school curriculum to address the growing problem of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) amongst the other benefits.

To achieve this, the Head of Government, during a courtesy call from the Indian High Commissioner to Fiji, Ms Padmaja, proposed that the Ministry of Education work closely with the High Commission to update their notes on yoga exercises which have been circulated in schools since 2016.

"Physical exercise is one critical pro-active strategy to prevent a further rise in NCDs, and I believe that yoga, as well as other forms of exercise, should be practised more widely throughout the country, including in our schools," Prime Minister Bainimarama said.

Prime Minister Bainimarama came up with the proposal as there is a high prevalence of NCD's in Fiji.

"Every Fijian knows someone who is affected by NCDs or has lost someone they love to one of these deadly diseases. For all of us, this is a personal issue. And we all need to commit to building a healthier Fijian society by encouraging healthier living among our people."

Similar sentiments were expressed by the permanent secretary for the Office of the Prime Minister, Yogesh Karan as he officiated at the International Day of Yoga and Vegetarian Food Festival which was organised by the Indian High Commission last month at My Suva Park and attended by over 200 people.

"Yoga plays an important role in maintaining fitness and mental stability and it leads to the healthy development of the mind, body and soul, and improves brain functions, memory and concentration. It also improves posture and plays a very important role in helping you cope with stress," Mr Karan said.

"The benefits of yoga are infinite and it has the potential to cure many diseases. Many people are practicing yoga in today's world to remain healthy. For aged people who cannot do intensive exercises, yoga proves to be a best choice for them."



HG Leach (Fiji) Pte Ltd general manager, Paul Evers at the Naboro Landfill. **INSET:** The use of plastic bags in Fiji is choking the life out of our environment, particularly marine life. **Photos:** HALITESH DATT

EMI KOROITANO

THE solid waste that ends up in Naboro landfill will degrade faster, now that the Fijian Government is well on track to ban single-use plastics by January 1, 2020.

HG Leach (Fiji) Pte Ltd general manager, Paul Evers, said they are in support of the recycling industry.

“The recycling industry here is very small and hasn’t had the support of government until recently in the new budget that came up which is fantastic to see,” Mr Evers said.

The Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Aiyaz Saiyed-Khaiyum, during the 2019/2020 National Budget address, emphasized that the most responsible way to deal with plastics is to never use them in the first place.

“These bags - which have a thickness of less than 50 microns - are the thin bags we have grown used to shopping with at the supermarkets,” the A-G said.

He said their use in Fiji is choking the life out of our environment, particularly marine life.

“In the next financial year, we will also be increasing the duty on plastic bags with a thickness of more than 50 microns,” the A-G said.

He also said products branded as “biodegrade plastics” can take up to 300 years to actually decompose.

“But the next best thing we can do is ensure that plastic waste is properly recycled. Fiji doesn’t have a recycling plant at the moment.”

The A-G added that there is a need for a local, Fijian waste management industry.

“That is why we’ll be establishing a tax-free zone in Naboro for waste management businesses,” he said.



UNHRC membership can raise climate challenges

NANISE NEIMILA

FIJI’s election into the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) provides the country a unique opportunity to present on the human rights dimensions of climate change.

Fiji’s Permanent Representative to the United Nations (PRUN) based in New York Dr Satyendra Prasad said the membership into the council is matter of great pride because it was the first for a Pacific Island country to be part of the council and this was quite unique.

Fiji has “punched above its weight” in terms of being vocal on climate change issues on international platforms through its presidency of the 23rd session of Conference of Parties, co-chairing the Oceans Conference with Sweden in 2017 and more recently as the chair of the Pacific Small Islands Developing States (PSIDS).

“Catastrophes are striking more frequently than it used happen before, in the same year we might be

facing a hurricane we may face a drought or even have flooding in the same year. It’s not like before where you have long intervals between these climatic events,” Dr Prasad said.

“As a consequence people’s livelihoods are being destroyed, their agricultural produce are being destroyed, they need to repair their houses within two-three years. Banks will not be able to lend money to farmers because they think that farmers will not be able to service their loans.”

Dr Prasad highlighted that Fiji’s membership allows it to articulate this and talk about this for the rest of the world to know of how it is affecting not just Pacific island nations but every country in the world.

“This is very difficult as people have deep connections to the land, there are deep ancestral connections and there is also the human rights dimension that we need to take on board,” Dr Prasad said.

“This also allows us to present to the world the unique challenges that we facing and the unique responses, challenges and great opportunity for Fiji.”

Dr. Prasad highlighted that Fiji will continue to build bridges between the international human rights and climate change communities so that human rights obligations and commitments may inform and strengthen the implementation of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Paris Agreement.

“Fiji will focus, in particular on ensuring that climate policy takes into account the particular vulnerabilities and potential (agents of change) of women, children and persons with disabilities.

Prime Minister Frank Bainimarama in his recent address at the High Level Segment of the 40th United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva said Fiji is the first Pacific island nation to hold a

seat on this council.

“We also had the privilege of leading the world in the United Nation climate negotiations, as President of COP23,” PM Bainimarama said.

“Fiji plans to imbue our membership to this council with the passion and legacy of our climate action leadership. It is for this reason that we have pledged to champion global recognition of the universal right to a safe and healthy environment.”

PM Bainimarama also acknowledged the rights-based approach endorsed by this body, which considers the impact on migration, internal displacement, women and other vulnerable groups.

“Many of the most vulnerable countries are not the major contributors to the harmful emissions warming our planet, yet they find themselves facing the greatest existential threat. Even in a best-case scenario for climate action, those impacts are going to grow much

more serious before they ever start getting better,” PM Bainimarama said.

“In a worst-case scenario, they will grow to a scale that is beyond any nation’s ability to address. We cannot allow that future to come to pass, or the right to life, for countless vulnerable people, will be irreparably stripped away.”

He urged nations represented on this council, as well as all nations on earth, to not only honour their commitments under the Paris Agreement on climate change, but to raise the ambition of those commitments, in pursuit of limiting global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels.

“I urge greater access to financial resources to fund vital work to adapt vulnerable economies to the cyclones, the rising sea levels and other climatic impacts that already pose grave risks to progress, development and human rights the world over.”



Schools mark Early Childhood Education Week celebration

School children around the country took part in Early Childhood Education Week celebrations, which marks the transition to primary school and later life. Speaking at one such celebration at Waigana District School, west of Suva, Assistant Minister for Youth and Sports Alipate Nagata stressed that it was important for young people to abide by the values they are taught at home. He spoke of several areas that the ECE week celebrated.

"This week we commemorate our fight against drugs that are illegal and have drastic effects on your community and nation," Assistant Minister Nagata said. "The fight against drugs begin at home, home is where early childhood begins and teachers complement and strengthen what a child learns from

home. He said it was important for children to consider sports, music and art as viable career options. Meanwhile, at Nadrau Primary School in the interior of Viti Levu, Major-General (ret'd) President Jioji Konrote made a plea to students there.

"You children are the future of leaders of Fiji and if there is anything, I may ask of you- it is that you study hard. Try your best and work hard," he said. The themes for ECE Week were "Holistic and Inclusive Early Childhood Care and Education - Last A Life Time" and "Healthy Child, Protective Family, Safer School, Better Fiji".

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173,000 students, adults join World Tooth Brushing

Students of Rishikul Primary School in Nasinu were part of the launch for World Tooth Brushing Day celebrations this week. The annual event creates a practical awareness about the importance of tooth brushing in the prevention of dental cavities and tooth loss. While officiating at the event, Minister for Health and Medical Services Dr Ifereimi Waqainabete urged students to always maintain good oral health. With the importance of tooth brushing and maintaining good oral health, this year's event has recorded more than 173,000 students and adults brushing their teeth around the country.

Photos: NANISE NEIMILA



President takes initiative to highlands of Viti Levu

Major-General (ret'd) President Jioji Konrote took the 4 Million Trees in 4 Years initiative to the interior of Viti Levu, delivering newly launched backyard gardening kits to spur household vegetable plantations in Nadarivatu and Nadrau. While promoting the initiative launched by the Ministry of Forestry, the President also took the opportunity to visit schools damaged in the wake of Tropical Cyclone Winston in 2016. Villagers and education officials also briefed the President on the impact of climate change they were experiencing,

especially deforestation. As a champion of combatting non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and physical fitness, the Head of State led the exercise where trees were planted at the Nadarivatu District Office, Nadrau Village, Nadrau Nursing Station and Nadrau Primary School, which sit atop the country's highest plateau. The 4 Million Trees in 4 Years initiative is to help build a greener and more climate resilient Fiji, where the forestry sector is a sustainable source of prosperity for all Fijians.

Photos: LITIA VULAI DAUSIGA



\$12.6m aquatic centre project takes shape

ISAAC LAL

LAUTOKA'S new aquatic swimming pool is on schedule to complete by October, Lautoka City Council chief executive officer Jone Nakauvadra has confirmed.

Mr Nakauvadra said work on the \$12.6 million project was progressing well with the favourable weather conditions and the council was looking to adding the state-of-the-art aquatic centre to its impressive list of sport-

ing facilities.

"Just a few more months to go before we unveil the jewel of the western division as we will allow our patrons to try our latest world class facility right here in Lautoka," he said.

The aquatic centre will have an Olympic standard 50 by 10 metres laned competition pools and a 25 by eight metres laned warm up pools and a children's pool with relevant facilities.

The second phase of the project would see the construction of a modern pavilion which

would allow the hosting of international swimming competitions.

"As of now we have completed the competition and warm up pools and are currently touching up the final works," Mr Nakauvadra said.

"That means around 90 per cent of the works have been completed and the good weather in the West has helped the project move along.

"The children's pool is around 80 per cent complete as well."

Income generation boost for village women

LITIA VULDAUSIGA

STIMULATING their income-generating project, the delivery of new resources has been a welcome provision for the women of Navuavua Village in Ra.

The Navuavua Women's Group received a sewing machine, kitchen and cooking equipment, folding tables and chairs as the Government continues to invest in creating the economic enabling environment of grassroots women.

"Investing in women's economic empowerment sets a direct path towards gender equality, poverty eradication and inclusive economic growth," noted the Assistant Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Eradication, Veena Bhatnagar.

Alongside the Ministry permanent secretary, Jennifer Poole, she led a ministerial delegation to handover the resources.

"Women make enormous contributions to economies, whether in businesses, on farms, as entrepreneurs or employees, or by doing unpaid care work at home," the Asst. Minister Bhatnagar said.

The Department of Women is embarking into new approaches and strategies of establishing meaningful partnerships to bring about changes and progress that will last.

"In all our economic programs, we are reaching out to all women be it in the maritime, interior or urban areas. We are working with men and women, youths and children in the familiar environment of their homes, villages and settlement to work with the Government in our vision to bring prosperity, peace and progress."

The Department of Women aligns its work from global commitments that supports women's economic empowerment, including the Beijing Platform for Action and the Convention on the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women on gender equality.

Rural water project benefits villagers

LITIA VULDAUSIGA

ARURAL water project for Nasukamai Village in Ra marked a new era for 450 community members.

They now join 78 percent of Fijians who enjoy the convenience and necessity of accessing safe, clean water.

"In the last five years, the Government through Water Authority of Fiji has allocated \$4.5 million towards rural water projects in the province of Ra," noted Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Disaster Management and Meteorological Services, Jone Usamate.

Accordingly, a total of 69 rural water projects have been implemented in the country's largest province.

"It is Government's intent that no one is left behind particularly our rural dwellers in all provinces including Ra. The construction of this water project has cost \$125,000 and it is an investment we are happy to make, because from clean water flow many benefits that keep us more productive and more resilient to environmental hardships.

"To guarantee a clean and steady flow of water to the people of your community, there is a construction of a new dam, lying of 0.9km of pipeline, and installation of standpipes."

A total of 100 households are now connected to the water system, with a village water committee overseeing conservation measures.

Through the WAF, the Fijian Government has allocated \$11.3 million for 32 water schemes in rural areas, under the National Budget 2019/2020.

Through the WAF Rainwater Harvesting Scheme, over 11,400 water tanks have been distributed across the country, with a provision of \$3 million in the new national budget to continue these essential resources.



Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Disaster Management and Meteorological Services Jone Usamate during the commissioning of the rural water project at Nasukamai Village in Ra. Photo: LITIA VULDAUSIGA

Ministry combats teen pregnancy

LITIA VULDAUSIGA

WITH complications from pregnancy being the leading cause of death for girls aged 15-19 years around the world, the Ministry of Youth and Sports is taking pragmatic steps to combat this for Fijians.

"We have heard in the news recently that 104 of your peers

became pregnant while in school last year (2018) alone and this is a cause of alarm for all of us," the line Assistant Minister, Alipate Nagata highlighted while addressing Girl Guides of Koronubu Zone in Ba.

"We know that one of the most effective ways to prevent teenage pregnancy is by keeping girls in school, and to provide them with sexual and reproductive health

education and services."

"It is therefore very important that you make good use of your education while still in school and at the same time listen to your parents and adhere to your upbringing from home young ladies. The teachings of our elders and our faith is very important in the age you are in right now."

The country is home to over 800,000 Fijians, and with 62

percent of the population aged 15-40, has the largest youth population in Fiji's history.

As noted by the Assistant Minister, these pose challenges such as adolescents' not attending school, increasing school drop outs, youths roaming urban centres, sexual assaults and physical and cyber bullying and sexual harassment.

"Advocate for those that may

not be able to speak up and take advantage of training opportunities that will develop your character to become responsible and service oriented citizens in your respective communities," he urged.

Asst. Minister Nagata praised the Girl Guides Association for empowering young Fijians with skills to help them navigate the world safely.

Mum beats odds, runs successful business

JOSAIA RALAGO

THE old saying “when the going gets tough, the tough gets going” best defines the attitude of Vani Valatea when faced with hardships and it has kept her going forward.

Now a successful businesswoman, she operates her own canteen business in her village of Nawaca in Bua, Ms Valatea, 49, had to encounter some trying times to be where she is today.

This was made possible through the Government assistance available to all Fijians through the Northern Development Programme.

Listening to her story, one would conclude that such a journey was certainly not for the faint-hearted.

The mother of five was left by her husband when her eldest child was only 10-years-old and her youngest was one.

“It was not an easy feat. There were days when I thought I couldn’t take it any more with people brushing us aside and playing the roles of being the breadwinner, a father and a mother to my children,” Ms Valatea recounts.

“In order to provide for my family, I had to make sacrifices so my children could have what they need. I did not receive any support from my husband, so I knew I had to do something to earn our living.”

So with the little that she had, Ms Valatea started selling sweets from the comforts of her home with the dreams of one day operating her own canteen.

In 2001, she left for Suva in search of better opportunities and was able to land a job where she worked for 12 years, supporting her children on her own.

“I then went to Samoa to work for two years before returning to the village in 2016,” Ms Valatea said.

“When I returned to the village, I heard of the grant that was being given by the NDP from a friend so I applied.

“I’ve been operating this canteen business from 2017. It has been my main source of income and I would like to thank the Government for opening such opportunities for us rural Fijians.”

She has called on all Fijians especially women to take advantage of these opportunities and to be financially independent.

Church groups have role in environment protection

JOSAIA RALAGO

“WE have abused the authority that have been given to us and instead of protecting the environment we are damaging it.”

These were the sentiments shared by the Fiji Council of Churches (FCC) general-secretary Reverend Iliesa Naivalu speaking on the sidelines of the REDD+ (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation) dialogue for religious leaders in Vanua Levu.

The dialogue which was hosted by Grace Trifam Ministries in collaboration with the FCC and Interfaith Search Fiji, encouraged the involvement of religious institutions in REDD+ and environment stewardship.

“We have abused the authority that have been given to us and instead of protecting the environment we are damaging it just because of the money and given the events, we do not relate it to the assignment that has been given to the human race from the beginning,” Reverend Naivalu said.

He said in this accord, religion played a very important role in raising awareness to protect the environment.

“You know in any other organisations it can stop at the district level but the church, you give us the methods today, by this Sunday we will spread the message to all the churches whether you’re in the coasts of Udu Point or in the town of Labasa, that’s the strength the church has,”



Commissioner Northern Jovesa Vocea with religious leaders during a dialogue on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation hosted by Grace Trifam Ministries in collaboration with the Fiji Council of Churches (FCC) and Interfaith Search Fiji. Photo: JOSAIA RALAGO

Reverend Naivalu said.

“You just have to utilise that (platform) and implement the programs.”

He said incorporating these messages were in the initial stages but they would surely move towards it.

“We will keep playing our part and it’s good that these NGO’s (non-governmental organisations) recognise the significance of the church and its role amongst the people.”

The Northern Then India Sanmarga Ikya Sangam (TISI) president Salend Chetty said this was a positive move towards collective efforts in

protecting the environment.

Mr Chetty said the message he has taken from the dialogue would be passed to all the arms of the organisation including the youth and women branch.

“We all have a role to play in this and this institution will ensure that it plays its role,” he said.

“We destroyed the environment in the name of development and now we must teach the importance of protecting our environment, and also practice it.

The dialogue was held at the Macuata House in Labasa.

Practice sustainable agriculture, farmer urges

JOSAIA RALAGO

A FARMER in Coqeloa, Labasa is calling on other cultivators to practice integrated agriculture and other sustainable farming practices to maximise production.

Parma Nand, who used to cultivate only sugarcane on his piece of land in previous years, said in order to get good results, farmers would need to practice sustainable agricultural practices.

During a tour of Mr Nand’s farm, a variety of crops being planted on his piece of land which included pineapples, cassava, sugarcane and even vegetables can be seen.

“We have also planted some trees which assists in adding nutrients like nitrogen to the soil,” he said.

In this way, farmers would not need to add fertilizers which can be detrimental to the soil and the environment.

“If there is one thing I have learned is that if you keep the soil healthy, your produce would be healthy and in this way we can maximise outcomes,” Mr Nand said.

“Before I never knew about all these practices but through the Ministry of Agriculture, they were able



Commissioner Northern (second from left) Jovesa Vocea and Coqeloa farmer Parma Nand (third from left) at his farm. Photo: JOSAIA RALAGO

to help me see that this is definitely a way forward for us.

“Sustainable land management is very important to keep the soil healthy.”

In a statement to mark the 25th year of World Day to Combat Desertification, the Minister for Agriculture Dr Mahendra Reddy said the United Nations Convention takes a holistic view of development and

environmental sustainability.

“It encourages the integration of poverty eradication strategies in action to combat desertification and recourse to existing multilateral and bilateral financial mechanisms and arrangements. It also places emphasis on a bottom-up approach and promotes the participation of vulnerable populations,” Minister Reddy said.

“We argue that land – its health and productivity – is vital for any effective effort to counter these worrying trends.

“Addressing land degradation in Fiji will involve long-term integrated strategies that focus simultaneously on the improved productivity of land and the rehabilitation, conservation and sustainable management of land and water resources.”



Budget 'builds stronger economy'

FELIX LESINAIVALU

THE National Budget for 2019–2020 builds on a plan for a stronger economy, an economy that benefits you, your family and your businesses.

This was according to the Minister for Industry, Trade, Tourism, Local Government, Housing and Community Development Premila Kumar during her response in support of the 2019/2020 National Budget.

"This Budget is a continuation of the Fijian Government's commitment to the Fijian

people, one that encourages investment, enhancing innovation and drives productivity and living standards, more importantly, and it is a responsible Budget," she said.

"The 2019-2020 Budget is about collaboration and working smarter to perform better and more with less."

Minister Kumar highlighted that the focus is on increasing productivity and multi-tasking, and not creating new positions for new projects.

"The Fijian economy is projected to maintain a 2.7 per cent growth in 2019, with a

three per cent growth for 2020," she said.

"The bottom line remains that by helping our businesses grow, we are helping Fijian families earn a livelihood, have better standard of living and secure their and their children's future."

She said the suite of tax incentives for the audio visual industry with increased investment and film production in Fiji, these productions have and will showcase the best of Fiji to the world.

"My ministry will be able contribute towards sustaining the Bainimarama Boom

through our programmes and initiatives."

"The Fijian Government aims to increase affordable and quality housing to low middle income household and people living in informal settlements and is keen to explore a well-structured solution."

Minister Kumar said this budget was about the future.

"This Budget provides the much needed confidence in the country's economy. It paves the way for bigger successes for our businesses and for all Fijians."



Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Disaster Management and Meteorological Services Jone Usamate during the commissioning of the grid extension at Qiolevu .

Ministry plans to work smarter, cut the 'fat'

PRASHILA DEVI

WE will work with the decrease in budget by working smarter and cutting out the 'fat' to deliver the same services, says Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Disaster Management and Meteorological Services Jone Usamate.

With over three quarter billion dollars allocated by Government to improving infrastructure and utilities in the country, Minister Usamate, through a ministry allocation of \$89.6m, told Parliament that the Ministry will provide the same service and meet its targets.

In his contribution to the 2019/2020 National Budget debate recently, the Minister outlined the various programmes in place with the specific budgetary allocations towards the implementation.

"We have \$74.2 million been provided for renewals and replacement of roads and at the same time, we are taking a stronger, preventative approach to making sure that we do not have potholes in the first place."

Another \$67.6 million, Minister Usamate said, has been allocated for the upgrade and replacement of bridges.

"The responsibility to provide access to transportation for all Fijians is divided between the Fiji Roads Authority, the Land Transport Authority and the Department of Transport."

Minister Usamate said this will be done through the provision of an efficient and sustainable transport network for the country in collaboration with these agen-



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cies through their budgetary allocation as follows:

- 1) \$419 million has been allocated to the Fiji Roads Authority;
- 2) \$26.68 million to LTA; and
- 3) \$2.8 million to the Department of Transport.

The Minister said a further \$248 million has been allocated towards improving the accessibility, reliability and sustainability of energy services to all Fijians.

"We will extend the electric grid, in order to improve the access to electricity to nearly 1,800 households, attracting 9,000

individuals at the cost of \$9.2 million; \$3.2 million will be invested for House-Wiring Initiative for 3000 households, benefiting 15,000 individuals."

Furthermore, Minister Usamate said another essential service to all citizens of Fiji was the provision of clean water and access to waste water systems.

"The sum of \$807,900 has been provided to the Department of Water to ensure that the Department is able to deliver its services throughout the year and a further \$258.7 million has been allocated to the Water Authority of Fiji."

Rehab programmes give inmates skills, experience

AZARIA FAREEN

THE Rehabilitation programs under the Fiji Corrections Service (FCS) offers inmates the opportunity to learn and gain experience in their field of interest to enable them to address social and economic problems of the country.

The Attorney-General and Minister for Economy Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, while speaking in Parliament during the debate on the 2019/2020 National Budget, highlighted the opportunities provided by Government to the inmates.

"They have all undertaken the rehabilitation programme relevant to their offending behaviour whilst being incarcerated, and they should undergo business training before released under the next man programme," the A-G said.

"Those who have exhibited the desire to change and expressed good behaviour are entitled to a maximum of \$1,000 for any project which will improve their standard of living and enhance stability in their lives upon their release."

The A-G said the idea is to help those who want to be helped and that is why they go through particular training programs.

"There could be female inmates who may not be interested at all and we can't force them as it is up to the individual to make a choice, but a lot of people whilst incarcerated actually have shown a lot of interest," he added.

"The Yellow Ribbon Project has had a number of people actually becoming very successful and this is completely indicated through the rate of the recidivism that has dropped dramatically in Fiji."

A sum of \$80,000 has been set aside towards bakery expenses which will cater for the supply of smaller stoves and ovens to smaller institutions under FCS in Ba, Tavuni and various other places to enhance the skills of inmates in small scale baking.

The A-G said this will enable the inmates to not only gain experience but actually, start a business after their release.

FCS has received a total of \$35.8 million in the 2019-2020 National Budget, a decrease of \$5.3 million compared to the budget allocation in the previous financial year.

Economic development 'important for security'

FELIX LESINAIVALU

“ECONOMIC development is important for security, and at the same time security is also important for economic growth.”

This was highlighted by Minister for Defence, National Security and Foreign Affairs, Inia Seruiratu in Parliament during the debate on the 2019-2020 National Budget recently.

“We have to create the environment, an investor-friendly environment, and that is why national security and defence is so important and cannot be compromised,” Minister Seruiratu said.

“We cannot bring in investors if people are being robbed at knifepoint, and that is why the role of the police is so important, that is why we need a strong and very efficient military and, of course police force for the policing and maintenance of security.”

He said the Ministry of Defence and National Security is one of the four Ministries that has had its budget increased through the allocated budget of \$16.5 million and this consists of \$15.5m for operating expenditure and \$700,000 for capital expenditure.

“Considering Fiji’s vast EEZ (exclusive economic zone) and the porous borders, there is a need to enhance maritime surveillance capabilities of the Naval Division.”

He said the provision of RFNS Savenaca and RFNS Volasiga would enhance the Naval Division capabilities when it comes to Fiji’s vast EEZ.

“The allocation of \$1.1 million for the recruitment of 40 personnel to operate the two vessels is, therefore, timely.”

“In modernising the RFMF (Republic of Fiji Military Forces) facilities and capability development, \$2.2 million is allocated to the upgrade and renovation of military facilities and procurement of specialised equipment.”

Minister Seruiratu said that the fight against drugs will continue and the new allocation of \$800,000 to the Fiji Police Force. It will provide law enforcers with the capability to meet operational needs complemented by the provision of \$7.5m for the construction and maintenance of critical infrastructure.

Budget ‘helps develop skilled workforce’

EMI KOROITANO

THE 2019/2020 National Budget fortifies the development of a skilled workforce to meet current and future demands.

This was according to the Minister for Employment, Productivity and Industrial Relations Parveen Kumar during the debate in Parliament on the 2019/2020 National Budget.

“The budget in its allocation allows through a multi-sectoral approach for the foundation of a knowledge-based nation and a skilled nation,” Minister Kumar said.

He also said the budget provides for enablers to ensure a country filled with skilled and productive workers in all sections of the

economy.

“From the farms to fisheries, to the digital world that we are embracing,” Minister Kumar said.

Meanwhile, the Attorney-General and Minister for Economy Aiyaz Sayed-Kaiyum had outlined that such programmes are necessary as they play “catch up” after years of neglect.

Minister Kumar added that the achievements of the Government in rebuilding and refocusing must be framed.

“This rebuilding of Fiji in all aspects of Fijian lives is perhaps best displayed in the way the Fijian Government undertook to rebuild with purpose after a series of extreme weather events headlined by TC Winston,” he said.

He said the Government refrained from tak-

ing shortcuts but instead opted for rebuilding processes through mitigation against such future events which have been included in the planning and implementation of the post-disaster process.

Furthermore, a total budget of \$13.4 million had been allocated to the Ministry of Employment, Productivity and Industrial Relations in the 2019/2020 national budget.

The budget comprised of \$13 million for operating expenditure.

With the new funds, some of the Ministry’s major initiatives include the Pacific Labour Scheme (PLS), the National Job Fair, Workmen’s Compensation Programme, Apprenticeship Schemes, Foreign Employment Service Unit and the Fiji Volunteer Service Scheme.



To arrest the rising case of NCDs and communicable diseases in the , the Ministry of Health and Services will embark on new approaches. Here, line Minister Dr Ifereimi Waqainabete meets students during the World Blood Donor Day.

Ministry sets approach to disease battle

EMI KOROITANO

IN a bid to fight both communicable and non-communicable diseases, the Ministry of Health and Medical Services will embark on new approaches.

In his contribution to the Parliamentary debate on the 2019/2020 National Budget, recently, line Minister Dr Ifereimi Waqainabete said there was a rise in non-communicable diseases and communicable diseases like HIV/AIDS that requires a new approach.

Minister Waqainabete said the new approach is not only wide-reaching but also holistic as it provides preventative, curative and rehabilitative care and treatment to encourage healthy lifestyles.

“As the Minister responsible for health and wellbeing, it is incumbent on me and our staff to ensure that the people are knowledgeable and health conscious,” he said.

“In our effort to achieve this, our people have visited formal and in-

formal settlements in our peri-urban areas and communities in the maritime zone, in the highlands of both Viti Levu and Vanua Levu, sharing the vision of Government to empower Fijians to take ownership of their own health and lead longer, healthier lives.”

Visitations by staff members of the ministry included informal settlements such as Tauluga in Lami, Veiraisi in Nasinu, Wailea in Vatuwaqa, Matanagata in Vatukoula, Waisere in Naitasiri

and many more.

Furthermore, the Ministry was allocated a total of \$349.8 million for the 2019/2020 financial period.

The funds comprise of \$303.5m for operating expenditure, \$34.7m for capital expenditure.

Furthermore, from the ministry’s allocated funds, a total of \$19.1m has been allocated to major infrastructure projects, refurbishment, upgrading and extensions of health facilities around the country.



Sports, arts, music 'are career paths'

FELIX LESINAIVALU

CHILDREN should understand that Sports, Music and Arts are also career paths.

This was highlighted by Waiqanake District School Principal Rajesh Lal, at the Early Childhood Week (ECE) and International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking commemoration day at Waiqanake District School.

"That is why we brought Assistant Minister for Youth and Sports, for the children to consider sports, music and arts as an alternative for an academic career or a white collar job," Mr Lal said.

The schools plans for the one week ECE cel-

ebrations was to do tree planting, play sports, and have art work exercises.

"We want the children to appreciate and get inspired and to have direction in their lives."

Mr Lal said he wants to move away from just talking about drugs and instead they want the students to start making life choices.

Assistant Minister for Youth and Sports Alipate Nagata emphasized that it was important for young people to abide by the values they are taught at home.

"This week we commemorate our fight against drugs that are illegal and have drastic effect on your community and nation."

Asst. Minister Nagata said that the day was significant because it coincided with the start

of the Early Childhood Education week.

"The fight against drugs begin at home, home is where early childhood begins and teachers complement and strengthen what a child learns from home. Early childhood education is an important phase of your education as it prepares you for the transition to elementary school and later in life."

He said it carries an important role in the children's emotional, social and physical development and has a direct effect on their overall progress to the adults they will become.

The themes for both programs are 'Holistic and Inclusive Early Childhood Care and Education – Last a Life Time' and 'Healthy Child, Protective Family, Safer School, Better Fiji'.

Take advantage of budget initiatives, investors urged

FELIX LESINAIVALU,
ROMEKA KUMARI

INVESTORS should take advantage of the 2019-2020 National Budget initiatives that has been set by the Government for the next financial period.

This was according to Construction Industry Council chief executive officer, Vijay Naidu while speaking on the incentives for renovations of buildings provided as part of Government's fiscal measures.

"I'm happy that the Attorney-General has mentioned that there is some money for the industry and we are certainly going to need it to carry out the various programs. Well for the industry I think it's a good budget, some of the incentives provided is excellent."

The incentive for renovations of buildings is that the threshold to qualify for the 25 per cent investment allowance under the income tax (Renovation of Building Incentive) Regulations will be reduced from \$1 million to \$250,000.

Also, the incentive will be extended to other buildings apart from those in towns and cities but will only be available to commercial buildings.

Another Initiative is the Residential Housing Development Incentive which states that income tax (Residential Housing Development Package) Regulations 2016 will be amended to provide clarification on a ceiling on the sale price of residential housing so that it is affordable to potential average Fijian home buyers.

The incentive will only be available with the following condition to a multi-storey development that each storey to have at least 15 per cent of the units below the price ceiling of \$300,000.

This requirement only applies to the first five storeys of the development. The incentive will also be available for a ground level multi-unit housing developments which includes income tax exemption on developer profits for the entire project, import duty exemption on the importation of capital equipment, plant and machinery and subsidy on the proportion of capital investment incurred for the development of the housing units.

The rate for these incentives are as follows:

- Less than \$100,000 – seven per cent,
- \$100,000 to \$200,000 – five per cent
- and \$200,001 to \$300,000 – three per cent.

Garment factory invests in child care facilities

AZARIA FAREEN

THE Government has once again put the needs of its people first by allocating funding for an exploratory committee to establish day-care centres near major hubs of employment around the country.

The initiative, which is in co-operation with United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women or UN Women, gives parents the flexibility to focus on their careers, while trusting that their children will be cared for in safe, nurturing and educational environment throughout the work day.

This comes after the International Finance Corporation recently made an announcement that the lack of quality, affordable and reliable child-care services in Fiji is causing public and private employers to lose over 12 work days per employee every year.

Prior to the announcement, one company took charge to pave the way for other businesses by starting an in-house day care centre for its employees' children.

Mark One Apparel director Mark Halabe said it took the company two years from the concept, consultation and approval stage for employees to approve before commencing on the demolition of the toilet block to complete the day care facility.

"We designed the child care centre for 30 children and it has officially been open for two months.

"Currently we are taking in children who are three years and above and slowly build the

number up from 11 we have now," Mr Halabe said.

He said some of the nearby local companies like Lyndhurst, ANZ Bank and Mind Pearl have been welcomed to send their children to use the facility as it is currently not being utilised to its full capacity by Mark One Apparel employees.

"We charge \$5 per day from the staff and \$10 per child for those that are not working here - which is subsidized - but it is costing us \$15 per day to actually run the centre," Mr Halabe said.

"In my unique case, I needed skilled labour and after training the staff for many years, the women don't come back to work after their maternity leave because they can't find safe and secure child care," he added.

"The idea was to entice the mothers back to work by giving them the opportunity for a reliable, safe, good quality and affordable childcare. We are now able to attract skilled sewing machinists who have been staying at home because of the lack of child care facility."

A lecturer from Australia comes in to oversee the centre regularly and a local staff trained from Australian Pacific Technical College (APTC) runs the centre with two apprentices.

The cost of the facility is approximately \$400,000 with the Market Development Facility providing a \$50,000 grant for the architects plan and APTC assisting with the overall design and set-up of the centre. The facility has a play area, sleeping area, kitchen, medical room, toilet facilities and a



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Means test for informal settlers

LITIA VULDAUSIGA

TESTS to determine eligibility for Government assistance will be conducted to establish the financial circumstances of residents seeking leases in informal settlements.

Minister for Local Government, Housing and Community Development, Premila Kumar visited several settlements that are being formalized in the Western Division into residential subdivisions, and noted the

necessity to ascertain eligibility.

“In other subdivisions, people rent out houses and own properties outside of that settlement, while having a home in the settlement for free,” Minister Kumar said.

“It shows the greed of some people. A means will be conducted to determine who really needs houses, so that people who really need a place do get a place. And this is to not encourage land-grabbing. The means test is to see who already has homes.”

Residents have also been urged to be cooperate with contractors when infra-structural developments get underway in their settlements.

“The Government decides where to place infrastructure to develop subdivisions. Contractors cannot proceed with work when there is so much fighting by the community. It causes unnecessary delays, so we are taking a well-thought-out approach. Whoever is not ready – their names will go to the bottom.

“There has to be a lot of cooperation. There is one agenda for all, to get leases. And so, you should allow the placements of infrastructure because it’s for the subdivisions.”

She said 43 of some 250 squatter settlements around the country are being formalised.

The Government’s provision of infrastructure and security of tenure are amongst the initiatives to cater to increasing urbanization.

Stakeholders ‘must play financial literacy role’

ROMEKA KUMARI

Fiji is the leading country in the region to inculcate financial literacy education through its core curricula but there’s a need for all stakeholders to play their role.

“Financial Education is one of the curriculum perspectives aligned from Education for Sustainable Development as adopted by the United Nations General Assembly resolution to establish the decade of Education for Sustainable Development (ESD),” Minister for Education, Heritage and Arts Rosy Akbar said recently.

Speaking at the official launching of the South Pacific Stock Exchange (SPX) 2019 National Poster Competition at the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial School in Nabua, Minister Akbar said there has been an increasing recognition of the importance of financial education in both the advanced



Minister for Education, Heritage and Arts Rosy Akbar (sitting fourth from left), permanent secretary Alison Burchell (sitting first from left), South Pacific Stock Exchange (SPX) chairperson Dr Nur Bano Ali (sitting fifth from left) and Member of the Opposition Adi Litia Qionibaravi (sitting sixth from left) with staff and students of Mahatma Gandhi Memorial School at the official launch of the SPX 2019 National Poster Competition. Photo: ROMEKA KUMARI

and developing economies.

“Financial education has been an important foil to market conduct and prudential regulation, and as a result improving individuals’ financial knowledge and behavior has become a long-term policy priority in many countries,” she stated.

The minister also remarked that the ministry has laid a strong foundation for improving the fi-

nanacial literacy and capability of all Fijians but that this cannot be achieved by the ministry itself.

“We must work together closely to help achieve our shared goal of raising Fiji’s financial literacy and competency,” she said.

Minister Akbar also stated that over the years, MOE launched education initiatives in schools around Fiji for students to be financially competent and be able

to contribute positively to the country and economy.

The Minister says that the Fiji Curriculum National Framework encourages the development of skills such as personal money management as it is a life skill which is needed in the daily lives of individuals.

“I was very optimistic about the Be Money Wi\$e (BMW) Programme which specifically tar-

geted school children to consider long term investments in shares from financial institutions like Unit Trust of Fiji, Fijian Holdings or the South Pacific Stock Exchange,” Minister Akbar stated.

Minister Akbar thanked the SPSE for organizing poster competition in schools which helps students to make practical and effective financial decisions in their daily lives from a young age.

\$93K investment brings light to settlement

LITIA VULDAUSIGA

FOR residents of Vunayawa Settlement, the commissioning of their rural electricity grid is a life-changing transformation that has been long waited.

Students have, for the longest time, studied by dimly lit lamps and watched their parents labour under the pressure of manual chores.

Now with a \$93,000 investment by the Government, the extensive convenience of lighting and electric appliances are improving the quality of life for close to 100 Fijians in this community.

“It was really hard before because our children had to study beside the lamp and everything is done manually,” said Serai Tinau, a long-time resident.

“Now electricity has also made the community safer, and we can run small business from home such as selling frozen goods and ice-blocks, and earn some income from that.”

Cheers erupted as Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Disaster Management and Meteorological Services, Jone Usamate flicked on a

switch to celebrate the electrification project, which covers a \$75,000 grid extension and \$18,000 in house wiring works.

“In our rural communities, we are putting in place a solid foundation of essential services so that ordinary men and women can go about their lives without worrying about finding water, keeping the lights on at night or staying connected with the rest of our nation. This project is part of that vision,” Minister Usamate said.

“Before, communities who wanted electricity needed to contribute around five to 10 per cent of the project cost before Government would help. We’ve done away with that old practice for the benefit of our people and no community contribution is needed at all.”

The Government is also funding 50 per cent of monthly electricity bills for families who earn less than \$30,000 a year up to 100 kilowatt hours.

More than 25,000 Fijian households have benefited from rural electrification, with over \$224 million committed by the energy sector in the past five years by the Government.



Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Disaster Management and Meteorological Services Jone Usamate (with garland) joins residents of Vunayawa Settlement in Sabeto, Nadi, during the commissioning of their rural electricity grid. Photo: LITIA VULDAUSIGA

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President Major-General (Ret'd) Jioji Konrote with students of Nadrau Primary School in Nadarivatu. Photo: ISAAC LAL

PRESIDENT LEADS

Community outreach for 4 million trees initiative

LITIA VULDAUSIGA

IN the mountainous centre of Viti Levu, a community outreach program led by the President Major-General (Ret'd) Jioji Konrote couldn't be timelier.

As a champion of combating non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and physical fitness, the Head of State ardently demonstrated the benefits of Fiji's 4 Million Trees in 4 Years initiative and delivered newly launched backyard gardening kits to spur household vegetable plantations in Nadarivatu and Nadrau.

"Aside from climate change, human activities such as deforestation and large clearings for farming have affected the vegetation distribution of our surroundings," said Nadrau Primary School headteacher, Salote Natuna.

The high-altitude school was severely impacted by Tropical Cyclone Winston in early 2016 and will be reconstructed via a provision in the new National Budget 2019/2020.

"We appreciate the initiative that it will also impact our lives and our existence together with the future generations."

For this high-altitude community, the visit by the Fijian President and a large entourage of State House staff and Government officials also coincided with the closing of Early Childhood Education Week.

"You children are the future of leaders of Fiji and if there is anything, I may ask of you - it is that you study hard. Try your best and work hard," President Konrote urged the school's 91 students, 15 kindergarteners and four teachers.

Alongside Nadrau Village, the management of Nadrau Primary School were also presented with backyard gardening kits and

tools, for their school plantation.

"We are really happy with these kits because we plant a variety of vegetables and this will further encourage students to carry our backyard gardening," Ms Natuna said.

Trees were planted at the Nadraivatu District Office, Nadrau Village, Nadrau Nursing Station and Nadrau Primary School, which sit atop the country's highest plateau.

The 4 Million Trees in 4 Years initiative is to help build a greener and more climate resilient Fiji, where the forestry sector is a sustainable source of prosperity for all Fijians.

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सरकार देश में रईलवय सिस्टम्स में सुधार करेगी

वीरेन्द्र लाल

गन्ने के किसानों को गन्ने मिल पहुँचाने में मदद करने के इरादे से सरकार, रईलवय सिस्टम्स सुधारने के लिए भारत की सरकार के साथ मिलकर काम कर रही है।

पिछले मंगलवार को भारतीय उच्चायुक्त महामहीम पद्मजा से मुलाकात करते हुए प्रधान मंत्री वीरेन्द्रो बड़निमारामा ने कहा कि यह प्रस्तावित योजना, फीजी के लिए बहुत बड़ा विकास रहेगा।

प्रधान मंत्री बड़निमारामा ने बताया कि इस प्रस्तावित योजना को लेकर उन्होंने भारत के रेल मंत्री से मुलाकात की थी।

उन्होंने बताया कि इस योजना से किसानों को गन्ने चीनी मिलों तक पहुँचाने में बहुत सहूलियत होगी।

हाल ही संसद में बजट पर बहस के दौरान प्रधान मंत्री ने कहा था कि इस योजना पर भारत की सरकार से पूरी रिपोर्ट अभी नहीं मिली है।

प्रधान मंत्री बड़निमारामा ने बताया कि रईलवय सिस्टम्स के ज़रिए कम समय में ज्यादा गन्ने मिल पहुँचाए जा सकेंगे और इसमें कम खर्च भी बैठेगा।

सरकार अभी किसानों को गन्ने काटने वाली मशीन, ट्रैक्टर और ट्रैक्स से मदद पहुँचा रही है।

प्रधान मंत्री बड़निमारामा ने बताया कि सरकार गन्ने के किसानों की ज़रूरतों को प्राथमिकता देना जारी रखेगी और कहा कि वे चीनी व्यवसाय से जुड़े लोगों का साथ देते रहेंगे।

भारतीय उच्चायुक्त महामहीम पद्मजा ने बताया कि भारतीय सरकार रिपोर्ट पर गौर कर रही है और प्रस्तावित योजना के लिए अनुमानित खर्च पर काम कर रही है।

फीजी में दो लाख (200,000) से ज्यादा लोग, चीनी व्यवसाय पर निर्भर हैं।

सरकार गन्ने मिल पहुँचाने की अच्छी सुविधा प्रदान करके, गन्ने के उत्पादन बढ़ाना चाहती है और गन्ने के स्तर के आधार पर पर्यमेट सिस्टम लागू करना चाहती है।



प्रधान मंत्री वीरेन्द्रो बड़निमारामा से मुलाकात करती हुई भारतीय उच्चायुक्त महामहीम पद्मजा फोटो: एरोनी वलीली



भारतीय उच्चायुक्त महामहीम पद्मजा ने प्रधान मंत्री वीरेन्गे बडिनिमारामा को चेक प्रदान किया
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देश में छोटे व्यापारों की मदद करने के लिए भारत की सरकार की ओर से दो मिलियन डोलर मिले हैं।

फीजी में भारतीय उच्चायुक्त महामहीम पद्मजा ने प्रधान मंत्री वीरेन्गे बडिनिमारामा को पिछले मंगलवार को यह चेक प्रदान किया। चेक स्वीकार करते हुए प्रधान मंत्री ने भारत की सरकार को धन्यवाद दिया और कहा कि इस पैसे से देश में कुछ आम लोगों के जीवन में सुधार आयेगा।

“भारतीय प्रधान मंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी ने नवम्बर दो हजार चौदह (2014) में फीजी के अपने दौर पर फीजी में छोटे व्यापारों को अमरीकी पाँच मिलियन डोलर देने का वायदा किया था। भारतिए

सरकार अभी तक फीजियन सरकार को फीजियन आठ मिलियन चार लाख डोलर (\$8,400,000) दे चुकी है जिनसे लगभग आठ हजार छः सौ (8,600) व्यापारों की मदद की गई है। इससे इन लोगों की आमदनी में बढ़ती हुई है। आज प्राप्त हुए पैसे से और दो हजार छोटे व्यापारों की मदद की जाएगी।”

प्रधान मंत्री बडिनिमारामा ने बताया कि भारत से प्राप्त सहायता से मुर्गी पालन, भेड़, बकरियों और सुअर पालन, मधु मखखी पालन, केंट्टीन चलाने, कईक, ब्रेड वगैरह बनाने, सिलाई करने, प्रिंटिंग, हेंडिकाफ्ट, भोजन बनाकर बेचने और फूल वोकर बेचने में शामिल लोगों की मदद की गई है।

“फीजियन लोगों की ओर से मैं आपको धन्यवाद देना चाहता हूँ और यह आश्वासन देना चाहता हूँ

कि मिनिस्ट्री ऑफ़ इनडस्ट्री, ट्रेड एंड टुरिज़म के ज़रिए इस पैसे का सही प्रयोग, सही जगह पर किया जाएगा”।

प्रधान मंत्री ने आगे कहा कि वे भारतीय सरकार के साथ और खासरूप से फीजी में भारतीय उच्चायोग के साथ मिलकर काम करना जारी रखेंगे।

भारतीय उच्चायुक्त महामहीम पद्मजा ने कहा कि भारतीय सरकार, उसकी पहुँच के क्षेत्र में फीजी की मदद करने के लिए हमेशा तैयार रहेगी।

बडिनिमारामा सरकार के तहत, फीजी की राष्ट्रीय विकास योजना में यह स्पष्ट है कि छोटे व्यापारों की मदद की जाएगी। सरकार इस तरह के व्यापारों का बढ़ावा दे रही है ताकि आम लोग इस तरह के व्यापार में शामिल हो सकें और फलस्वरूप राष्ट्र की अर्थ-व्यवस्था में सहयोग दें।

कृषि उत्पादनों पर ज्यादा ध्यान

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कृषि मंत्रालय इस नए बजट साल में शाख भाजी और पशु पालन पर ज्यादा ध्यान देगा।

कृषि मंत्री डाक्टर महेन्द्र रेड्डी ने संसद में बजट पर बहस के दौरान कहा कि कोप एक्सटेंशन सेविस प्रोग्राम के लिए ज्यादा पैसे अलग किए जायेंगे।

डाक्टर रेड्डी ने बताया कि डालो, यंगोना, अदरक, नारियल और चावल के उत्पादन बढ़ाए जायेंगे और कोशिश की जायगी कि घरेलू खपत के अलावा इन समानों को निर्यात किया जाए।

“पिछले पाँच सालों से इन समानों के उत्पादन बढ़ रहे हैं। यंगोना औसतन तीस (30) प्रतिशत से बढ़ रहा है, अदरक सोलह (16) प्रतिशत से बढ़ रहा है, नारियल छः (6) प्रतिशत से बढ़ रहा है और चावल में तीन (3) प्रतिशत की वृद्धि हो रही है” मंत्री ने कहा।

डालो की स्थानिए और विदेशी माँगों की पूर्ती करने के लिए मंत्रालय डालो के किसानों को अतिरिक्त सहायता प्रदान करेगा। डालो के किसानों को डालो के बीज प्रदान किए जायेंगे और डालो बोने के लिए खेत तैयार करने में किसानों की आर्थिक मदद की जायेगी।

यंगोना की खेती करने वाले किसानों के लिए एक संस्था की स्थापना की जायेगी जो मंत्रालय के साथ मिलकर काम करेगा।

मंत्री ने बताया कि नम्बउवालु और रेकेती में अब विलज राईस फार्मिंग प्रोजेक्स् शुरू किए गए हैं और वे फीजी राईस लिमिटेड के साथ मिलकर देश के अन्य भागों में राईस कोलेक्शन सेन्ट्रल की स्थापना करेंगे। मंत्रालय ने हाल ही दो नई किस्म के चावल - दांगिवउ और सितारा तैयार किया है जो साल भर सूखी ज़मीन पर बोए जा सकते हैं।

मंत्री रेड्डी ने बताया कि चौवा पालन के क्षेत्र के लिए भी काफी पैसे अलग किए गए हैं जिससे उत्पादन में वृद्धि हो। उन्होंने बताया कि खेतों में तार लगाए जायेंगे और खेत जाने वाले रास्ते बनाए जायेंगे।

“मंत्रालय रिसेज और डिवेलपमेंट पर भी ध्यान देगा जिससे पशु बीमारी से दूर और चुनौतिपूर्ण वातावरण में स्वस्थ रहें” मंत्री ने बताया कि बुसेलोसिस एन्ड टुबाक्लोसिस एराडिकेशन केम्पेईन और बुसेलोसिस एन्ड टुबाक्लोसिस फी फार्म प्रोग्राम के लिए भी पैसे अलग किए गए हैं। डाक्टर रेड्डी ने बताया कि बुसेलोसिस एन्ड टुबाक्लोसिस के खिलाफ लड़ाई जारी रहेगी जबकि इन दोनों बीमारियों से दोनों मानव और पशुओं के जीवन पर बुरा असर पड़ता है।

बुसेलोसिस एन्ड टुबाक्लोसिस एराडिकेशन केम्पेईन पिछले साल अगस्त से जारी है और इस दौरान कई फाम्स् का प्ररिक्षण किया गया है। इस बजट में भी इस कार्य के लिए पैसे अलग किए गए हैं और परिक्षण पश्चिमी और उत्तरी विभाग तक बढ़ाया जाएगा।

रारावाई चीनी मिल नौ जुलाई को पेराई शुरू करेगी

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रारावाई चीनी मिल नौ जुलाई को पेराई शुरू करेगी। लौतोका और लम्बासा चीनी मिलें पेराई करने लगी हैं और रारावाई मिल इस मौसम में पेराई शुरू करने वाली आखरी मिल रहेगी।

रारावाई मिल में फिलहाल कुछ सुधार-कार्य किए जा रहे हैं और एंजिनियज़ सातो दिन चौबीसो घण्टें मिल पर काम कर रहे हैं ताकि मिल पेराई करने के लिए समय पर तैयार हो जाए।

फीजी शुगा कोर्पोरईशन के चीफ एक्ज़ेगिटिव्य अफसर ग्रेहम क्लार्क ने बताया कि तीन जुलाई को मिल के नया बोर्डला टेस्ट किया जाएगा। उन्होंने बताया कि सभी सुधार-कार्य जून के अन्त तक समाप्त हो जाने चाहिए।

ऐसी भी व्यवस्था की गई है कि जबतक रारावाई मिल सुचारू रूप से पेराई नहीं करने लगती, बा, तावुआ और राकीराकी इलाकों से गन्ने लौतोका मिल भेजे जाएं।

लौतोका मिल में तेरह जून को पेराई शुरू हुई और फिलहाल मिल अच्छी तरह से चल रही है।



प्रधान मंत्री वीरेन्गे बडिनिमारामा एफ.एस.सी के उच्च अधिकारियों के साथ फोटो: आएंजेक लाल



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भारतीय उच्चायुक्त महामहिम पद्मजा ने पिछले सप्ताह मंगलवार को प्रधान मंत्री वीरेन्द्रो बड़निमारामा से मुलाकात की। इस दौरान फीजी और भारत के बीच द्विपक्षीय सम्बंध और मज़बूत करने पर बात-चीत हुई। फीजियन लोगों के जीवन और स्वस्थ बनाने के बारे में भी चर्चा हुई।

सूवा में भारतीय उच्चायोग द्वारा सफल अंतराष्ट्रीय योग दिवस आयोजित करने के लिए प्रधान मंत्री बड़निमारामा ने भारतीय उच्चायुक्त को बधाई दी। फीजी में जीवन जीने के तरीकों से होने वाली बीमारियों (NCDs) की संख्या को ध्यान में रखते हुए प्रधान मंत्री ने कहा कि फीजी में योगा जारी रखना चाहिए खासकर स्कूलों में।

“हर फीजियन को ऐसा एक व्यक्ति के बारे में पता है जो जीवन जीने के तरीकों से होने वाली बीमारी से पीड़ित है या जिसने इन बीमारियों के कारण अपनी जान गवां दी है। हम सब के लिए यह व्यक्तिगत विषय है और हम सबको एक स्वस्थ समाज के निर्माण में सहयोग देना चाहिए। व्यायाम के जरिए जीवन जीने के तरीकों से होने वाली बीमारियों को बढ़ने से रोका जा सकता है और मेरा विश्वास है कि योगा देश भर में करना चाहिए, स्कूलों में भी। योगा भारत की देन है और भारत इस दिशा में फीजी के साथ बहुत कुछ बाँट सकता है” प्रधान मंत्री बड़निमारामा ने कहा। प्रधान मंत्री ने भारतीय उच्चायोग के समक्ष एक प्रस्ताव रखा है कि वह शिक्षा मंत्रालय के साथ मिलकर काम करे और स्कूलों को योगा पर जानकारी प्रदान करे। प्रधान मंत्री ने आगे कहा कि वे भारतीय सरकार के साथ और खासरूप से फीजी में भारतीय उच्चायोग के साथ मिलकर काम करना जारी रखेंगे।

भारतीय उच्चायुक्त महामहिम पद्मजा ने कहा कि भारतीय सरकार, उसकी पहुँच के क्षेत्र में फीजी की मदद करने के लिए हमेशा तैयार रहेगी। देश में छोटे व्यापारों की मदद करने के लिए भारत की सरकार की ओर से दो मिलियन डॉलर मिले हैं।



सुरक्षा मंत्रालय के डेपटी सेक्रेटरी इलार्ड मोदेईदा तानोआ प्लाज़ा सुवा में नार्कीटिक कार्यशाला में भाग लेने वालों के साथ फोटो: सप्लाईड

नशीले पदार्थों के खिलाफ राष्ट्रीय अभियान जारी है

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हर साल की तरह इस साल भी देश भर के प्राथमरी और सेकन्ड्री स्कूलों में बच्चों को नशीले पदार्थों के प्रयोग से पड़ने वाले विपरीत असर के बारे में समझाया गया जिससे बच्चे इन नशीले पदार्थों से दूर रहें।

नशीले पदार्थों के दुरुयोग के खिलाफ अंतराष्ट्रीय दिवस के अवसर पर सबस्टन्स अबिउज़ एडवायज़री कौंसिल, दो हजार आठ से हर साल देश भर के स्कूलों में नशीले पदार्थों के खिलाफ अभियान चलाता है।

इस साल यह अभियान चौबीस से अट्ठाईस जून

तक चला गया और इसका थीम है - स्वस्थ बच्चे, सुरक्षा प्राप्त परिवार, सुरक्षित स्कूल, बेहतर फीजी। इस दौरान यह समझाया गया कि परिवारों को बच्चों को सुरक्षा प्रदान करना चाहिए, उनमें अच्छे संस्कार डालने चाहिए और उनके साथ प्यार और इज़्जत से पेश आना चाहिए। स्कूलों को भी ऐसा वातावरण कायम करना चाहिए जो सुरक्षित हो और जहाँ बच्चे बिना डर के खुलकर बातें करें और शिक्षा हासिल करें। जब बच्चे, माता पिता और अध्यापक मिलकर काम करेंगे, तब बहुत कुछ हासिल किया जा सकेगा और फीजी रहने के लिए बेहतर जगह होगा।

इस अभियान के दौरान बच्चों को नशीले पदार्थों

के प्रयोग से पड़ने वाले विपरीत असर के बारे में समझाया गया और यह बताया गया कि नशीले पदार्थों के प्रयोग से जीवन जीने के तरीकों से होने वाली बीमारियाँ (NCDs) होंगी।

बच्चों को उनके खिलाफ होने वाले अपराधों के बारे में भी बताया गया, यौन बीमारियों के बारे में समझाया गया और लड़कियों तथा महिलाओं के खिलाफ सभी प्रकार की हिंसा से दूर रहने के बारे में सिखाया गया। बच्चों को नशीले पदार्थों से दूर रहने के बारे में बताया गया जबकि नशीले पदार्थों के सेवन करने से वे कई अन्य गैरकानूनी कारवाइयों में फँस सकते हैं जिससे उनका जीवन खराब हो सकता है।



यूथ एंड स्पोर्ट्स के सहायक मंत्री अलिपाते नन्गाता, वईगेनाके डिस्ट्रिक्ट स्कूल के छात्रों और अध्यापकों के साथ फोटो:आएज़ेक लाल

घर से शिक्षा की शुरुआत

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यह बहुत ज़रूरी है कि बच्चों को घर पर मानव मूल्यों के बारे में सिखाया जाए।

यह कहना है यूथ एंड स्पोर्ट्स के सहायक मंत्री अलिपाते नन्गाता का। वे वईगेनाके डिस्ट्रिक्ट स्कूल पर येली चाएलडहूड वीक और इनटानेशनल डय अगईस्ट ड्रग अबिउज़ एंड इल्लिसिट ट्रेफिकिंग डय के अवसर पर बोल रहे थे।

“हम गैरकानूनी नशीले पदार्थों के खिलाफ लड़ाई लड़ रहे हैं जिनसे हमारे सामाज और राष्ट्र पर विपरीत असर पड़ता है। नशीले पदार्थों के

खिलाफ लड़ाई घर पर शुरू होनी चाहिए, घर जहाँ बचपन शुरू होता है।”

सहायक मंत्री ने बताया कि अध्यापक तो बस उसे और ठोस करते हैं जो बच्चे घर पर सीखते हैं।

“येली चाएलडहूड एजुकईशन, शिक्षा का एक बहुत खास दौर है, जो आपको आगे की पढ़ाई और बाद में जीवन के लिए तैयार करता है।” श्री नन्गाता ने कहा कि येली

चाएलडहूड एजुकईशन, बच्चों के मासिक, शारीरिक और सामाजिक विकास पर असर करता है और यह निर्धारित करता है कि बड़े होकर वे किस तरह के व्यक्ति बनेंगे।

इन दोनों प्रोग्रैम्स का थीम है “होलिस्टिक एंड इनक्लूसिव येली चाएलडहूड केया एंड एजुकईशन - लास्ट अ लाईफ टायम” और “हेल्थी चाएलड, प्रोटेक्टिव फेमिली, सईफा स्कूल, बेटा फीजी।”



आँखों की रोशनी बचाई गई

पाँच हजार से ज्यादा फीजीवासियों का इलाज मधुमय रेटिनोपैथी कार्यक्रम के तहत किया गया है। इस कार्यक्रम को फीजी में फेड होलेस फाउन्डेशन के मार्फत, क्वीन एलिज़बेथ डायमंड जुबली ट्रस्ट से आर्थिक सहायता मिलती है। पिछले पाँच सालों में फाउन्डेशन देश में स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय के साथ मिलकर काम कर रहा है। इस कार्यक्रम के तहत उन लोगों की आँखों का इलाज किया जाता है जिन्हें मधुमय के कारण नेत्रहीन होने का खतरा रहता है।

फोटो: हालिंश दत्त



मंत्री कुमार ने लोगों की चिन्ताएं सुनी

रिवा गैड नरें के निवासियों ने हाउजिंग तथा सामाजिक विकास मंत्री प्रेमिला कुमार और संसाधन मंत्री चोने उसामाते के समक्ष अपनी चिन्ताएं रखी। बड़ी संख्या में लोगों ने उपस्थित होकर दोनों मंत्रियों से साफ पानी, बिजली, अच्छी सड़क तथा जमीन की सुरक्षा की मांग की।

फोटो: एमी कोरेईतानेज़

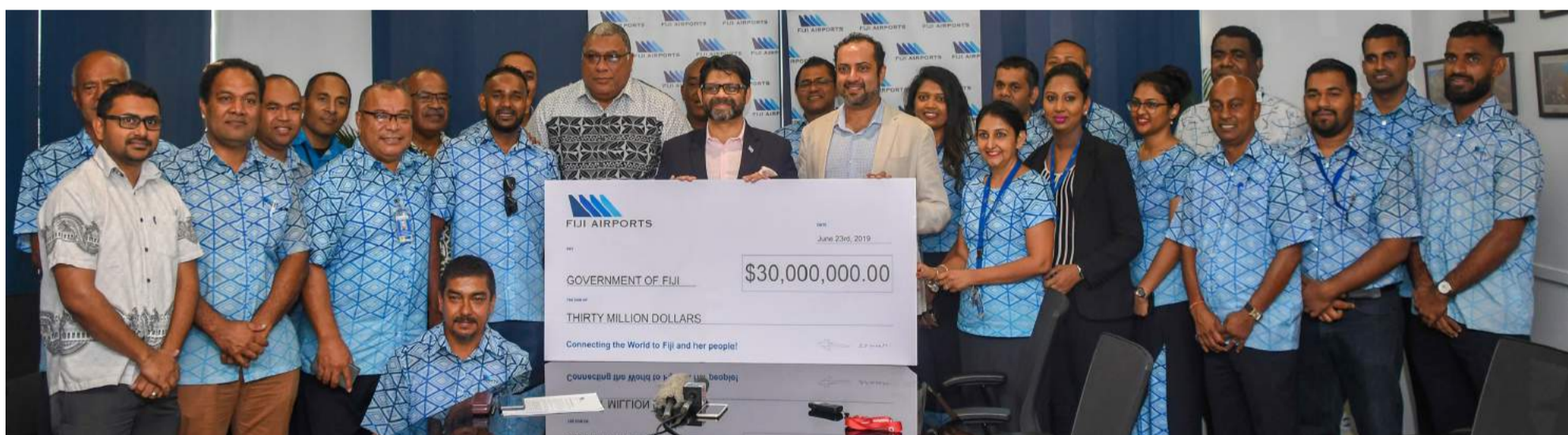


योगा से लोगों को फायदा उठाना चाहिए - योगेश करण

प्रधान मंत्री के दफ्तर के स्याई सचिव योगेश करण ने तेइस जून को अंतराष्ट्रीय योग दिवस और शाकाहारी भोजन समारोह के अवसर पर एकत्रित लोगों को सम्बोधित करते हुए कहा कि योगा लोगों को स्वस्थ रखने में बड़ी भूमिका निभाता है। करण ने कहा कि योगा से मानसिक विकास में तेज़ी आती है, दिमाग अच्छी तरह से काम करता है, याददाश्त अच्छा रहता है और ध्यान देने में मदद मिलती है तथा योगा करने से तनाव से

भी सहज ही से निपटा जा सकता है। उन्होंने बताया कि योगा से बहुत सी बीमारियाँ ठीक होती हैं। उनके अनुसार बहुत लोग आज स्वस्थ रहने के लिए योगा करने हैं और जो बुजुर्ग ज्यादा व्यायाम नहीं कर सकते हैं, उनके लिए योगा सब से अच्छा है।

फोटो: सख्नाईड



तीस (30) मिलियन डोलर डिबिडन्ड भरे गए

अटोनी जेनरल तथा अर्थ-व्यवस्था मंत्री अईयाज़ सईयद खईयूम को फीजी एर्योपोर्ट्स ने तीस (30) मिलियन डोलर का डिबिडन्ड चेक दिया। कम्पनी ने पिछले साल उन्नासी दशमक दो (79.2) मिलियन डोलर का मुनाफा किया था। चेक स्वीकार करते हुए अटोनी जेनरल ने कम्पनी को लगातार अच्छा काम दिखाने और योगदान के लिए धन्यवाद दिया।

फोटो: रुपेनी बागाबोनी



स्वस्थ जीवन का बढ़ावा - सरकार की प्राथमिकता

वीरेंद्र लाल

सरकार स्वस्थ जीवन का बढ़ावा देना जारी रखेगी ताकि ज्यादा से ज्यादा लोग स्वस्थ जीवन अपनाएं। लोग योगा अपनाकर जीवन जीने के तरीकों से होने वाली बीमारियों (NCDs) से बच सकते हैं जबकि इन बीमारियों से काफी लोगों की मृत्यु हो रही है।

प्रधान मंत्री के दफ्तर के स्थाई सचिव योगेश करण तेइस जून को अंतरराष्ट्रीय योग दिवस और शाकाहारी भोजन समारोह के अवसर पर एकत्रित लोगों को सम्बोधित करते वक्त बोल रहे थे। “योगा लोगों को स्वस्थ रखने में बड़ी भूमिका निभाता है। इससे मानसिक विकास में तेज़ी आती है, दिमाग अच्छी तरह से काम करता है, यादाश्त अच्छा रहता है और ध्यान देने में मदद मिलती है। योगा करने से तनाव से भी सहज ही से निपटा जा सकता है” करण ने कहा।

उन्होंने बताया कि योगा से बहुत

सी बीमारियाँ ठीक होती हैं। उनके अनुसार बहुत लोग आज स्वस्थ रहने के लिए योगा करते हैं और जो बुजुर्ग ज्यादा व्यायाम नहीं कर सकते हैं, उनके लिए योगा सब से अच्छा है।

इस अवसर पर एक विडियो संदेश में भारतीय प्रधान मंत्री श्री नरेन्द्र मोदी जी ने कहा कि योगा के अन्य अच्छाईयों के अलावा, योगा के ज़रिए लोग अपने जीवन में बदलाव ला सकते हैं और तनाव मुक्त वातावरण कायम कर सकते हैं। प्रधान मंत्री मोदी ने कहा कि योगा के ज़रिए लोग एक संतुलित जीवन जी सकते हैं।

भारतीय उच्चायुक्त महामहीम पद्मजा ने कहा कि लोगों को एक स्वस्थ जीवन प्रदान करने के लिए इस कार्यक्रम की आयोजना की गई है।

अंतरराष्ट्रीय योग दिवस और शाकाहारी भोजन समारोह की आयोजना भारतीय उच्चायोग ने माए सुवा पार्क पर की थी।



प्रधान मंत्री के दफ्तर के स्थाई सचिव योगेश करण फोटो: सप्लाइड

कम्पनी ने चाएडकेया में पूँजी लगाई

अज़ारिया फरीन/वीरेंद्र लाल

सरकार यू एन विमन के साथ मिलकर, देश भर में नौकरी करने वाली खास खास जगहों में डय केया सेंटज़ की स्थापना करने पर काम कर रही है जिससे काम काजी माता पिताओं को काम के दौरान बच्चों के बारे में चिन्ता न करना पड़े और बच्चे भी सुरक्षित वातावरण में रहकर शिक्षा हासिल कर सकें।

इस योजना पर काम तब शुरू हुआ जब इनटानेशनल फायनेंस कोर्पोरेशन ने हाल ही घोषणा की कि फीजी में विश्वसनीय, अच्छे स्तर के और सस्ते चाएडकेया सेवाएं न रहने के कारण, कर्मचारी हर साल बारह से ज्यादा दिनों तक काम पर नहीं जा पाते हैं।

इस घोषणा से पहले एक कम्पनी ने अपने कर्मचारियों के बच्चों के लिए इन-हाउज़ डय केया सेंटा की शुरुआत कर दी थी। मार्क वन अपेरल के डायरेक्टर मार्क हेलवि ने बताया कि डय केया फेसीलिटी बनाने से पहले कर्मचारियों से उनकी अनुमति ली गई थी।

“हमने तीस (30) बच्चों के लिए चाएडकेया सेंटा तैयार किया और दो महिनों से यह सेवा प्रदान कर रहा है। हम तीन साल से ज्यादा उम्र के बच्चों को ले रहे हैं और बच्चों की संख्या बढ़ रही है” श्री हेलवि ने कहा।

श्री हेलवि ने बताया कि जगह रहने पर नज़दीक की स्थानिए कम्पनियाँ जैसे लिंडहेस्ट, आई एन ज़ेड बैंक और माइंड पेरल के कर्मचारी भी अपने बच्चे वहाँ ले जा सकते हैं और फेसीलिटी से फाएदा उठा सकते हैं।

“हम अपने कर्मचारियों को पाँच डोलर प्रति बच्चा प्रति दिन चार्ज करते हैं जबकि कहीं और काम करने वालों को दस डोलर प्रति बच्चा प्रति दिन चार्ज करते हैं। सेंटा चलाने में हमें पन्द्रह डोलर प्रति दिन का खर्च लगता है” श्री हेलवि ने बताया।

उन्होंने बताया कि उन्हें हुनरदार कर्मचारियों की ज़रूरत है और कई सालों तक प्रशिक्षण प्राप्त करने के बाद, बच्चे को जन्म देने पर महिलाएं काम पर नहीं लौटना चाहती क्योंकि उन्हें बच्चे की देख-भाल करने के लिए कोई अच्छा नहीं मिलता है।

श्री हेलवि ने बताया कि इन महिलाओं को वापस काम पर लाने के लिए उन्होंने उनके बच्चों की देख-रेख के लिए चाएडकेया सेंटा की स्थापना की। उन्होंने कहा कि ऐसा करने से यह अनुभवी और हुनरदार महिलाएं अब काम पर वापस आने लगी हैं। उनके अनुसार चाएडकेया सेंटा न रहने के कारण यह महिलाएं घर पर रह कर अपने बच्चों की देख-भाल करती थीं।

ऑस्ट्रेलिया से एक लेक्चरार समय समय से आकर सेंटा देखती हैं जबकि एक स्थानिए कर्मचारी जिन्होंने ऑस्ट्रेलियन पेंसिफिक टेक्निकल कोलज (APTC) से प्रशिक्षण प्राप्त की है, दो लोगों के साथ मिलकर सेंटा चलाती हैं।

सेंटा का औसतन खर्च लगभग चार लाख डोलर (400,000) है। मार्केट डिवेलप्मेंट फेसीलिटी पचास हजार डोलर (50,000) का ग्रांट प्रदान करता है। सेंटा में खेलने की जगह, सोने की जगह, किचन, मेडिकल रूम, टोएलट की व्यवस्था और स्टोरज रूम है।

साथ मिलकर नशीले पदार्थों के खिलाफ लड़ाई जीती जा सकती है

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“जीवन बहुमूल्य है और हम सरकारी अधिकारियों को इसे सुरक्षा प्रदान करने की जिम्मेदारी दी गई है। इस जिम्मेदारी को हमें ठीक से निभाना चाहिए।”

सुरक्षा मंत्रालय के डेपटी सेक्रेटरी इलाई मोदेई दा पिछले सप्ताह तानोआ प्लाज़ा सुवा में नार्कोटिक कार्यशाला का उद्घाटन करते वक्त बोल रहे थे।

“हम बदलाव ला सकते हैं और हमें पूर्ण विश्वास है कि आप सभी भी अपने समय का सदुपयोग करते हुए नशीले पदार्थों की समस्याओं से घिरे हमारे लोगों की मदद करेंगे। मैं सभी को याद दिलाना चाहता हूँ कि यह केवल फीजी पुलिस फोर्स की जिम्मेदारी नहीं है”।

श्री मोदेईदा ने बताया कि कार्यशाला का लक्ष्य है नार्कोटिक नशीले पदार्थों के खिलाफ लड़ाई के लिए योजना तैयार करना और उनका विश्वास है कि सबको साथ मिलकर काम करने से ही ऐसा हो पायेगा।

उन्होंने बताया कि कार्यशाला में दुनिया भर में नशीले पदार्थों की समस्याओं पर बातें होंगी लेकिन फीजी के लिए समाधान ढूँढा जायेगा।

“इस विचार विमर्श से नेशनल ड्रग पोलिसी फर्डिम्बोक पर फिलहाल हम जो काम कर रहे हैं, उसे एक ठोस आधार मिलेगा” श्री मोदेईदा ने कहा। उन्होंने बताया कि सरकार की पाँच और बीस सालों की राष्ट्रीय विकास योजनाओं में यह स्पष्ट है कि सरकार की यह प्राथमिकता है कि सामाजिक और आर्थिक स्थिति का बढ़ावा दिया जाए तथा नशीले पदार्थों के खिलाफ लड़ाई लड़ते हुए, स्वास्थ्य और नैतिक मूल्यों की सुरक्षा प्रदान की जाए।



सुरक्षा मंत्रालय के डेपटी सेक्रेटरी इलाई मोदेईदा तानोआ प्लाज़ा सुवा में नार्कोटिक कार्यशाला का उद्घाटन करने के दौरान फोटो: सप्लाइड



लावारिस कुत्तों के खिलाफ अभियान

रोनल देव

कृषि मंत्रालय लावारिस कुत्तों पर काबू करने वाले अभियान में तेज़ी लायेगा।

हाल ही नान्दी में एक बच्ची अमारी विष्पी पर लावारिस कुत्तों द्वारा हमला करने वाली घटना के बाद ऐसा कदम उठाया जायेगा। प्रधान मंत्री वीरेन्गे बड़िनमारामा ने इस हमले पर चिन्ता व्यक्त करते हुए कदम उठाने की माँग की।

कृषि मंत्री डाक्टर महेन्द्र रेड्डी ने पुष्टी की कि मंत्रालय जल्द से जल्द लावारिस कुत्तों पर काबू करने वाले अपने अभियान को और बढ़ायेगा ताकि ऐसी घटनाएं दोबारा न घटे।

लावारिस कुत्ते, घर से भागे हुए होते हैं, या लोग इन्हें जानबूझकर घर से दूर छोड़ देते हैं। इन कुत्तों की अच्छी देखभाल न होने के कारण वे कई आर्थिक, वातावरण, सामाजिक और स्वास्थ्य समस्याएं पैदा करते हैं।

“लावारिस कुत्तों को काबू में करने के लिए सभी को साथ मिलकर काम करना चाहिए। इनमें कुत्तों के मालिक, शहर या नगर के अधिकारी, जानवरों की देखभाल करने वाले दल तथा इनसे जुड़े लोग शामिल हैं जो कुत्तों को काबू में करने के कई तरीके अपनाते हैं,” कृषि मंत्री ने कहा।

पिछले सप्ताह से लेकर अगले आठ हफ्तों तक लावारिस कुत्तों पर काबू करने का कार्यक्रम जारी रहेगा। कृषि मंत्रालय, नगरपालिका मंत्रालय, फीजी पुलिस फोर्स तथा जानवरों की देखभाल करने वाली संस्थाएं साथ मिलकर काम कर रही हैं। लावारिस कुत्तों पर काबू करने के तरीकों में शामिल हैं, इन्हें ज़हर देना, चारा डालकर फँसाना, सूई लगाना ताकि इनकी संख्या न बढ़े, कुत्तों के मालिकों को शिक्षित करना, जागरूकता लाना, लायसन्स देना तथा रेजिस्ट्रेशन करना। सार्वजनिक जगहों पर कुत्तों को चारा डालकर फँसाया जाता है जबकि खेतों और दूर-दराज़ के इलाकों में इन्हें ज़हर देकर मारा जाता है।

आम जनता को याद दिलाई जाती है कि वे अपने पालतू जानवरों के प्रति ज़िम्मेदार रहें, उन्हें अच्छे से भोजन कराएं, पानी पिलाएं, उनके रहने के लिए अच्छी जगह बनाएं तथा उनके स्वास्थ्य की देखभाल करें। लोगों से माँग की जा रही है कि वे अपने पालतू कुत्तों को अपने आँगन में ही रखें तथा उनका सालाना लायसन्स भरें। आम जनता को अपना कूड़ा-कर्कट अच्छी तरह रखना चाहिए ताकि लावारिस कुत्ते इनकी ओर आकर्षित न हों। लोगों से माँग की जा रही है कि वे लावारिस कुत्तों पर काबू करने में मंत्रालय के काम का समर्थन करें, कुत्तों के लिए बिछाया गए जाल के साथ छेड़-छाड़ न करें तथा फँसे हुए कुत्तों को न छुड़ाएं।

लोगों को अपने इलाकों में लावारिस कुत्तों को लेकर अगर कोई सहायता चाहिए, तो उन्हें अपनी नज़दीकी कृषि दफ्तर, पुलिस स्टेशन या टाउन और सिटी काउन्सिल को संपर्क करना चाहिए।

हरजाना से लोगों को मिली राहत

रोनल देव

एक्सिडेंट कोम्पेंसेशन कमिशन फीजी ने पिछले साल से लेकर अभी तक हरजाना के रूप में साठ (60) लोगों को तीन दशमलव पाँच (3.5) मिलियन डॉलर दिया है जिन्हें स्कूल में, नौकरी पर या सड़क दुर्घटनाओं में चोट लगी या जिनके परिवार वालों की इन जगहों पर घटी दुर्घटनाओं में मौत हुई।

कमिशन के चीफ एक्ज़ेक्यूटिव अफसर परवेज़ अक्बर का कहना है कि उन्हें इस साल नौकरी पर मौत होने वाली आठ अर्ज़ियाँ मिली हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि अभी इन अर्ज़ियों पर गौर किया जा रहा है।

उनके अनुसार दुर्घटनाओं की गम्भीरता को देखते हुए अर्ज़ियों पर काम किया जा रहा है।

“जब किसी की दुर्घटना में चोट लगती है, तो हरजाना देने से पहले प्रकृया का पालन किया जाता है जहाँ डाक्टर भी मरीज़ की हालत सुधरने का इंतज़ार करते हैं जिसके बाद कोई आखरी फैसला लिया जाता है,” अक्बर ने कहा।

कमिशन को नौकरी पर दुर्घटना संबंधी एक सौ आठ (108) अर्ज़ियाँ मिली जिनमें चोट लगने की एक सौ तथा मौत होने की आठ अर्ज़ियाँ शामिल हैं।

उन्होंने आगे कहा कि स्कूल में दो विद्यार्थियों की मौत होने संबंधी उन्हें हरजाना के लिए दो अर्ज़ियाँ मिली थी जो ठुकरा दी गई है।

उनके अनुसार हरजाना तबही दिया जाता है अगर घटना स्कूल प्रांगण में स्कूल घण्टों के दौरान या स्कूल द्वारा आयोजित कार्यक्रम या समारोह के दौरान घटती हो। लेकिन इन दो मामलों में ऐसा नहीं हुआ था।

अई सी सी एफ के चीफ एक्ज़ेक्यूटिव ने कहा कि अहम बात यह है कि हरजाना देने के लिए वे यह नहीं पूछते हैं कि घटना में किसका दोष था। पहले सड़क दुर्घटनाओं के लिए हरजाना नहीं मिलता था अगर किसी व्यक्ति की गलती



अई सी सी एफ के चीफ एक्ज़ेक्यूटिव, परवेज़ अक्बर

की वजह से उसे चोट लगती थी या उसकी मौत होती थी। उनके अनुसार किसी भी घटना पर हरजाना के लिए काम शुरू करने से पहले उन्हें अन्य ज़रूरी कागज़ातों के अलावा पुलिस रिपोर्ट की ज़रूरत है जिसके बिना वे आगे नहीं बढ़ेंगे। ऐसा इसलिए ताकि लोग इस सहायता का गलत फायदा न उठाएं।

उन्होंने यह भी कहा कि आगे चलकर वे देश में उन खिलाड़ियों को भी हरजाना देने पर गौर कर सकते हैं जिन्हें खेलकूद के दौरान चोट लगेगी। उनके अनुसार अभी वे अपनी सेवाओं के बारे में जागरूकता लाने पर ध्यान दे रहे हैं ताकि आम जनता अपने हक के बारे में शिक्षित हो। उन्होंने सलाह दी है कि हमें अपनी और दूसरों की सुरक्षा का ख्याल रखना चाहिए।

आम जनता को उन्होंने संदेश दिया है कि किसी बात को लेकर अगर वे उलझन में हैं तो वे कमिशन को www.accf.com.fj या उनके फेसबुक पेज पर संपर्क कर सकते हैं। अक्बर ने लोगों से माँग की है कि वे लीगल अईड की सहायता लेकर मुफ्त में अपना वसीयत बनवाएं।



इनफास्ट्रक्चर मंत्री जोने उसामाते रा प्रांत में पानी वाली एक योजना का उद्घाटन करते हुए फोटो: आपज़ेक लाल

राकीराकी में पानी वाली एक और योजना

वीरेन्द्र लाल

सरकार ग्रामीण इलाकों में लोगों के लिए पानी वाली योजनाओं में पैसे लगा रही है।

हाल ही इनफास्ट्रक्चर मंत्री जोने उसामाते ने रा प्रांत में एक लाख पचीस हज़ार (125,000) डॉलर

मूल्य की इस तरह की एक योजना का उद्घाटन किया। योजना का उद्घाटन करते हुए मंत्री ने कहा कि जब पानी की बात आती है तो सरकार किसी को भी पीछे नहीं छोड़ेगी चाहे वह जहाँ भी रहते हों।

“हर व्यक्ति का यह अधिकार है कि वह साफ पानी प्राप्त करे। सरकार इस तरह की सेवाओं को प्राथमिकता देती है। ग्रामीण समाजों तक यह सेवा पहुँचाना, सरकार की प्राथमिकता है। पिछले पाँच सालों में सरकार ने वोटा ओथोरिटी ओफ्

फीजी के ज़रिए, रा प्रांत में इस तरह की योजनाओं के लिए चार दशमलव पाँच मिलियन (4.5) डॉलर दिया है और इन पैसें से वहाँ पानी वाली अइसठ (68) योजनाएं शुरू की गई हैं।”

मंत्री उसामाते ने कहा कि इसके अलावा लगभग एक किलोमीटर पाएप बिटाए गए हैं जिससे और चार सौ पचास (450) लोगों को नल का पानी मिलेगा।

फीजी के अन्य इलाकों में इस तरह की बत्तीस (32) योजनाएं जारी करने के लिए सरकार ने इस साल

के बजट में ग्यारह मिलियन तीन लाख (11,300,000) डॉलर अलग किया है।

इसके अलावा वोटा ओथोरिटी ओफ् फीजी के रईनवोटा हावेस्टिंग स्कीम के ज़रिए जहाँ नल का पानी नहीं है, वहाँ लोगों को वोटा टैंक्स बाटे जा रहे हैं और इसके लिए बजट में तीन मिलियन (3,000,000) डॉलर अलग किए गए हैं।

जबसे रईनवोटा हावेस्टिंग स्कीम शुरू हुआ है, देश भर में ग्यारह हजार चार सौ (11,400) से ज्यादा वोटा टैंक्स बाटे गए हैं।

फीजी फोकस



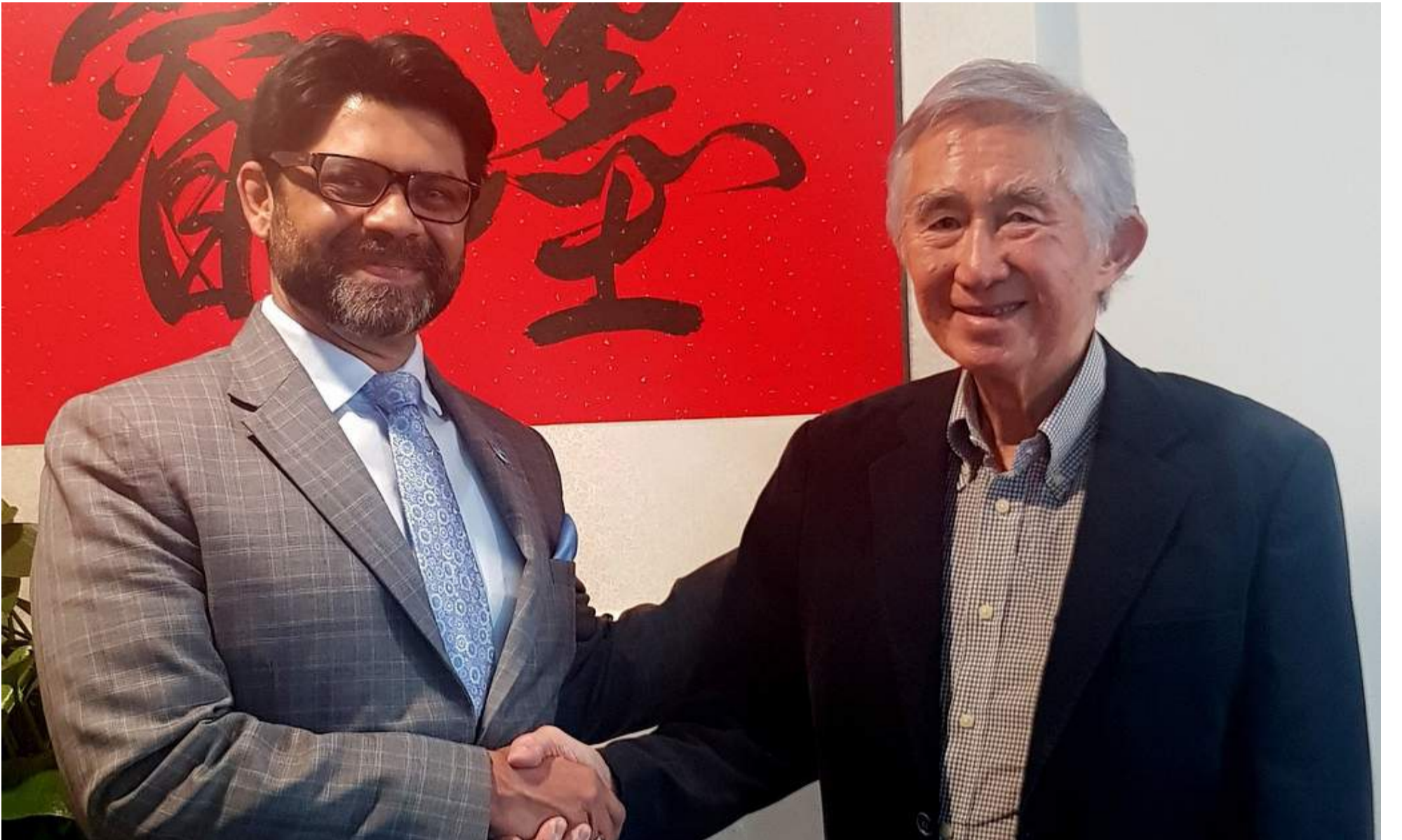
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अटोनी जेनरल तथा अर्थ-व्यवस्था मंत्री अईयाज़ सईयद खईयूम सिंगापुर में मोरो आखिटेक्स् एन्ड प्लेनज़ के चेयामेन डाक्टर लिउ थाई खेर से मुलाकात करते हुए। फोटो: सप्लाईड

फीजी के शहरी इलाकों को और आकर्षित बनाने की योजना

वीरेंद्र लाल

फीजी के शहरी इलाकों को और आकर्षित बनाने के इरादे से अटोनी जेनरल तथा अर्थ-व्यवस्था मंत्री अईयाज़ सईयद खईयूम ने सिंगापुर में मोरो आखिटेक्स् एन्ड प्लेनज़ के चेयामेन डाक्टर लिउ थाई खेर से मुलाकात की।

डाक्टर लिउ जिन्हें सिंगापुर में “फादर ऑफ एबन प्लेनिंग” यानि शहरी इलाकों के प्लेनिंग करने के पिता माना जाता है, को सिंगापो कोर्पोरेशन एनट्राप्राइज़ ने अपने साथ शामिल

किया है ताकि वे फीजियन सरकार की मास्टा प्लेनिंग योजना में मदद कर सकें।

डाक्टर लिउ फीजी आय थे जहाँ उन्होंने लौकल गवमेंट मंत्री और अन्य नेताओं से मुलाकात की।

अटोनी जेनरल के साथ हुई सभा में डाक्टर लिउ ने फीजी के शहरों के लिए प्रस्तावित सुझावों और एबन प्लेनिंग योजना के स्तर के बारे में बताया। अर्थ व्यवस्था मंत्री ने फीजी सरकार की ओर से डाक्टर लिउ के अनुभव और इनडस्ट्री को लेकर जानकारी का स्वागत किया।

“हम जिस तरह से अपने शहरों को देखते हैं और लम्बे समय के लिए योजना बनाते हैं, इसमें बदलाव लाने की ज़रूरत है। पिछले बीस तीस सालों में जो अनियोजित योजनाएं अपनाई गई हैं, उन्हें सुधारने के साथ साथ हमे अगले पचास से सत्तर सालों के लिए योजनाएं अपनानी है। इसके लिए सभी को सरकार, व्यवस्था करने वाली संस्थाएं, सामाजिक संस्थाएं, व्यापार, और व्यक्तिगत लोगों को लम्बे समय के लिए देखना है, हमे दूर तक सोचना है अगर हम और नया,

कार्यकुशल और आकर्षित शहर चाहते हैं” अईयाज़ सईयद खईयूम ने कहा।

फीजियन सरकार सुवा, नांदी और लौतोका शहरों को और नया, कार्यकुशल और आकर्षित करना चाहती है जहाँ सभी सुविधाएं उपलब्ध हों।

अटोनी जेनरल एशिया पेसिफिक आए सी टी मिनिस्टेरियल मिटिंग और स्टर्इट्स डिजिटल एक्सचेंज में भाग लेने तथा वोल्ड बैंक और आए एम एफ जोईंट रिमिउनरईशन कमिटी मिटिंग चेया करने सिंगापुर गए थे।

Noda Viti

Bibi na itavi ni qasenivuli ni sova ni vuli

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\$346m kina nomuni akaude ni FNPF

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Tamusuki na paini ni tara na vale

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Ikocovi ni bisinisi nei Paraiminisita

Mai tavoci na icocovi ni bisinisi nei Paraiminisita ena macawa oqo ka tukuna kina ko Minisita ni Bisinisi, Veivoli kei na Saravanua, Tauni kei na Veivakatorocaketaki ena itikotiko Premila Kumar ni bibi nodra cakacaka oira oqo. Vakatokai ira kina okoya mera idini ni vakatubuilavo ena noda vanua ka dodonu kina kivua na matanitu me dau tokona ka karona na nodra cakacaka.

Era na vakatakilai kina na daunibisinisi lalai kece saraga era vakatubuilavo tiko ena noda vanua me vaka nira sega walega ni vukea na raiyawa ni matanitu era sa tokona vakaukauwa saraga na tuvatuva ni matanitu me baleta na rawaka vakailavo.

“E ka ni marau nida vakila na veivakauqeti era vakayacora tiko na daunibisinisi lalai ena noda vanua me baleta na bisinisi ena noda vanua,” kaya ko Minisita Kumar “Au sa uqeti talega ena soqo ni soli icovi oqo niu kila ni sa tubu tiko ka sa vakilai ena noda loma ni vuvale na daunibisinisi kei na nodra uqeti na bisinisi lalai kei ira na kena dau ni bisinisi lalai.”

E 12 kece na itagede ni icovi ni bisinisi oqo ka sa uqeti na lewenivanua daunibisinisi mera vakatovolea mai. Rawa ni laurai na kena imatailalai ena www.iba.org.fj

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PM: Daumaka tiko na ituvaki ni noda ilavo

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

SA veivakadeitaki ko Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama baleta na tukutuku vakailavo kei vuravura.

“Ni na rogoca tiko na veiba e yaco tiko ena veiyasai vuravura. Me vaka na veibatiki ni saumi ni ivakacavacava ena kedrau maliwa ko Jaina kei Amerika. Na biubiu mai ko Peritania mai na *European Union*. Na nodrau veiba o Iran vata kei Isireli. Na veika taucoko oqo esa raica tiko mai

na IMF vata na *World Bank*,” kaya o PM Bainimarama.

“Sa tukuna tiko mai ni na yabaki mai oqo yabaki mai muri esa na lutu sobu mai vakalailai na kaukauwa ni ilavo ena noda vuravura. Koya sa vakavakarau tiko kina oqo na matanitu ke mani yaco vakakina medatou na raici me tou lako sivita na veika dredre eda vakarau sotava kina.”

“Na veitalanoa ni cagilaba levu koya a tarai keda ena vica na yabaki sa oti. Vakakinana kina lutu na ilavo ni noda vuravura

ena 2008 – 2009.”

“Na kaukauwa tiko ni nodatou ilavo ena gauna oya e kauta kedatou mai e sega ni vakaleqa na bula vakailavo na noda vanua.”

“Na kaukauwa ni ilavo ena gauna e tarai ekeda kina na cagilaba levu ena yabaki sa oti sa rawa kina veikeda meda bula tale mai vakailavo sega ni dua na ka e veisau.”

“E vinaka tu na ituvaki ni ilavo ni matanitu ena gauna oqo.”

“Na noda dinau na umalevu ni ilavo ni

matanitu ena GDP e rauta tiko oqo ni 13 vakacaca na bilioni.”

Kaya o PM Bainimarama ni iwasewase ni noda dinau ena ilavo levu oya e rauta tiko-ga na 46.7 na pasede. Se tekivu mai ena 56 na pasede sa lutu sobu tiko mai me yaco tiko mai ena gauna oqo.

“Keitou nanuma tiko ni kena sa vakalailaitaki na vakayagataki ilavo ni matanitu sa rawa ni lutu sara kina 45 na pasede ena loma tiko ni tolu na yabaki mai oqo.”



Era taba tu oqo na ivakaillesilesi era dau vei qaravi me baleta na qarauni ni wai gaga ni veivakamatenitaki ena nodra bose ena Tanoa Plaza e Suva. E vakasalusalu toka e loma donu na ivukevuke ni Vunivola Tudei ni Minisitiri ni Veitaqomaki ko Ilai Moceica. iTaba: **FELIX LESINAVALU**

Sasaga na taqomaki ni bula mai na wai gaga

VILIAME TIKOTANI

NA noda bula e vakamareqeti ko ya na vuna sa itavi kina ni Matanitu me taqomaki tiko e veigauna na bula ni lewe ni vanua mai na wai gaga ni veivakamatenitaki.

Oqori e dua na tikina e vakabibitaka na ivukevuke ni Vunivola Tudei ni Veitaqomaki ko Ilai Moceica nona dolava tiko na bose baleta na waigaga ni veivakamatenitaki ena Tanoa Plaza e Suva.

“Au vakabauta na nodra veitauniligataka na kena vunautaki na leqa e kauta mai na wai gaga ni veivakamatenitaki ena noda vanua kei na kena iwali.”

“E na rawati duadua ga na ivalu oqo kevaka eda cakacaka vata na lewe ni vanua kei na veitabana kece ni veitaqomaki ena noda vanua lomani vaka kina na tabacakacaka ni bula,” kaya ko Moceica.

E kaya tale ga ko koya ni se sega tiko ni dua na tabana ni nodra vakacokotaki vakayago vakayalo se vakavakasama na vakaleqai ena waigaga ni veivaamatenitaki me vaka era tu ena veivanua lelevu mai vavalagi.

“Ena maliwa ni 2017 kina 2018 era curu kina vale ni bula ni mona na St Giles Hospital e 100 na lewei Viti ena vuku ni vakayagatiki vakasivia ni waigaga ni veivakamatenitaki.”

Kaya ko Moceica ni vakadinadinataki e Viti

ni wai gaga e vakayagatiki tiko vakasivia ko ya na maruana, *methamphetamine*, na tavako, na yaqona, kei na yaqona ni vavalagi.

“Na vei qaravi ni tabana ni ovisa e vakaiyalayala walega ena nodra vaqaqa na wai gaga ka sa gadrevi kina na noda duavata kece kina na lewei Viti.”

“Me da duavata ena kena vakalailaitaki na kena vakayagatiki kei na kena teivaki.”

E vakaraitaka taumada na iliuliu ni tabacakacaka ni ovisa ko Sitiveni Qiliho ni sega ni cegu rawa na ivalu ni tarovi ni vakayagatiki ni wai gaga.

Ena yabaki 2018, era veuska rawa kina na ovisa na waigaga ka tiko na kena isau ena US\$94 na milioni.

Vale ni meimei ni gone

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

SA vakagolea e rauta ni \$25,000 na ilavo na Matanitu me vukea na kena dikevi tale mada na gagadre baleta na vale ni meimei nodra na lalai kei na gone.

Yaco na votai ni ilavo oqo ena kena mai ripotetaka na matabose ni veika vakailavo e vuravura ni lailai tiko na vale ni meimei ena noda vanua mera qaravi kina na luvudra na tamata cakacaka ena noda vanua, ena gauna era via vakaluvuni kina ka me ra tomana tikoga nodra cakacaka.

Na rai etiko oya ni levu na marama tamata cakacaka eradou sega ni lesuva tale nodra cakacaka baleta nira sa mai vakaluvuni ka ra sega ni dua e meimei vei ira ka me rawa ni vukei ira talega kina.

Na ripote oqo e tukuna talega ni so na vanua ni cakacaka era dau vakayali ira saraga na tamata cakacaka oqo ka dau dredre nodra kunei ira tale ka dau sau levu talega baleta nira mai vakavulici talega ka tereni taki ena oqo na vei qaravi.

Ko Mark Halabe edua na daunibisinisi ena culacula ena noda vanua ka sa tekivuna edua na nona vale ni veimei ena noda valenicakacaka me vukei ira na nodra daucakacaka ena kena vakaraici na nodra gone ena gauna era laki cakacaka kina.

Wali na leqa ni matadra e 5000

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

SA kacivaka na Minisitiri ni Bula ni sa walia rawa na leqa ni matadra e sivia na 5000 na lewei Viti ena loma ni lima na yabaki.

O ira oqo era sa vakabulai mai na dua na mataqali mate ni mata ka dau vu mai na mate ni suka.

Vakatokai na mate ni mata oqo me Diabetic Retinopathy. Vakailavotaki na nodra qaravi ena veitokoni ni Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Trust kei na Fred Hollows Foundation New Zealand e Viti.

Ka cakacaka vata kina kei na Minisitiri ni Bula ena noda vanua

Na porokaramu oqo e vakavuna na kena sau rawarawa na qaravi ni matadra na lewei Viti e tauvi ira na mate ni mata oya.

E tabaka na World Health Organisation (WHO) ni mate ni mata na Diabetic Retinopathy e vakavuna na 2.6 na pasede ni mataboko ena noda vuravura.

Sasaga me vakavinakataki na gaunisala ni sitima

VILIAME TIKOTANI

SA sasaga tiko vakaukauwa na Matanitu me cakacaka vata kei na matanitu mai Idia baleta na kena vakavinakataki na gaunisala ni sitima me rawa ni ra vakayagataka tale ga na dauni-veiqaravi ena tei dovuni.

Vakaraitaka na tikina oqo ko Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama ena nodra boseka kei na mata ni matanitu ko Idia ki Viti ko Ms Padmaja. Tukuna kina ko Paraiminisita Bainimarama ni oqo edua na cakacaka levu kevaka ena tekivutaki ka levu n aka vinaka era na votu mai kina.

Era a boseka talega na Paraiminisita kei na Minisitira ni Sitima mai Idia me baleta tikoga na sasaga oqo ni matanitu e Viti.

Me vaka ni sasaga oqo ena vukei ira vakalevu na dauteitei ena dovuni ena kena vakau na nodra itei kina na vale ni qaqi me laki qaqi kina

Vakaraitaka na tikina oqo ko Paraiminisita Bainimarama ena kacivaki ni tuvatuva vakailavo ni 2019/2020 ka tukuna

kina ni matanitu mai Idia esa tu vakarau me biuta mai edua na ripote vinaka me baleta na tuvatuva ni kena vakavinakataki na gaunisala ni sitima.

Na gaunisala vou ni sitima oqo ena vukea na kena dau vakau vakalevu na dovuni kina iqaqi ka vakalutuma talega na isau ni kena dau vakavodoki era lori ka vakau kina na iqaqi.

Na matanitu esa vakarautaka talega na veivuke ni lori vei ira na dauteitei mera usana kina nodra dovi kina iqaqi.

Vakaraitaka ko Paraiminisita Bainimarama ni matanitu esa tokona tikoga na cakacaka ni nodra vukei na dauteitei ka baleta na bisinisi ni suka ena noda vanua.

Vakadeitaka ko Ms Padmaja ni matanitu ko Idia esa ciqoma na ripote baleta na bisinisi ni suka ena noda vanua kei na dredre etiko kina ka san a vakarau me vakatulewa ena gaunisala me muria.

Na bisinisi ni suka esa vukea rawa tiko e 200,000 na lewenivanua ena noda vanua ka sa saqai tikoga oqo me vakavinakataki eso na gagacaga ni vei qaravi me rawa ni vakatuburi kina na bisinisi.



Sa sasaga tiko vakaukauwa na Matanitu me cakacaka vata kei na matanitu mai Idia baleta na kena vakavinakataki na gaunisala ni sitima me rawa ni ra vakayagataka tale ga na dauniveiqaravi ena tei dovuni.



Vakacaucautaki o ira na dausoko

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

NA nodra cau na dausoko ena bisinisi ni veisooyaki e Viti e sega ni yalani rawa na kena levu.

Oqori e dua na tikina e vakabibitaka na Minisita ni Veicakacaka lelevu, kei na Veilakoyaki o Jone Usamate ena nona a vulagi dokai ena marautaki ni Siga ni Dausoko ena noda vuravura ka vakayacori mai ena koro ni vuli ni soko mai Lau-

cala e Suva.

Vakacaucautaka talega o Minisita Usamate ni sa tubu tikoga na iwiliwili ni yalewa era cakacaka vakadausoko kani dau nanumi tuga e liu ni nodra cakacaka ga na tagane.

“Sa veisau sara tiko mai na noda rai me baleta na cakacaka vaka dausoko ni sa sega walega ni nodra cakacaka na tagane sa rawa talega nira cakava vinaka na yalewa.”

E vakabauta na isoqosoqo ni dausoko e vuravura ni 23,000

na yalewa era dausoko tiko e vuravura edaidai ka 91 na yalewa ni Viti mai na iwiliwili oya.

Vakabauta o Minisita Usamate ni o ira na yalewa era rawa ni veiliutaki vinaka talega me vakataki ira na tagane.

Na ikau ni siga ni dausoko ekaya vaka oqo ne; ‘*Au vodo tiko ni da raici vakatautauvata*’

“Au sa vakauqeti kemuni kece na tiko ena siga ni kua moni vakauqeti ira na yalewa mera tovolea na cakacaka vaka dausoko ena noda vanua.



Na Minisita ni Veicakacaka lelevu kei na Veilakoyaki o Jone Usamate ena soqo ni siga ni dausoko ka vakayacori ena koronivuli ni soko na Fiji Maritime Academy e Laucala e Suva.

Rerevaki tiko ga na veitaqomaki

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

SA qai vakarerevaki cake tiko ga mai na cakacaka ni veiqaravi ena veitaqomaki mai na buca ni valu ena veiyasai vuravura.

Sa tiko kina na gagadre me vakarautaki ka vakaukauwataki kina na kauwaitaki ni bula vakatamata ena cakacaka ni veiqaravi ni veitaqomaki ena Matabose Cokovata kei Vuravura.

Oqo edua na tikina bibi era mai wasea ka veitalanoataka na liuliu ni Matabose Cokovata kei Vuravura ko Antonio Gueterres ena siga va nodra mai wavoki ena noda vanua.

Vakaraitaka na Mata nei Viti kina Matabose Cokovata kei Vuravura Dr Satyendra Prasad ni cakacaka ni veiqaravi ena veitaqomaki ena veiyasai vuravura esa veisau tikoga ena veigauna ka sa qai vakarerevaki tikoga mai.

Sa vakasaga tiko kina na matabose kei vuravura me laki dolava eso vanua me rawa ni dau vakadewataki kina na veivuke ena kakana, wai kei na wainimate vei ira na marama, gone kei ira na lewenivanua raraba.

Kuria ko Dr Prasad baleta ni sa tubu cake tikoga na leqa ena veiyasai vuravura ratou sa saga tale tikoga kina vakaukauwa me ratou vakarautaka na veivuke oqo.

Oqo na vanua talega edau vinaka kina na matanitu o Viti baleta ni tokona tiko na mataqali veivuke vakaoqo ena gauna ni veitaqomaki ena buca ni valu.

Bau laki veisiko kina na keba ni mataivalu vou ena Blackrock e Nadi baleta nodra vakarautaki vinaka na noda sotia ena itavi ni veiqaravi mai na veiyasai vuravura.

Gadrevi na qasenivuli vakacegu

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

SA kacivaka na Minisitiri ni Vuli ni rawa ni ra vakacakacakataki tale na qasenivuli vakacegu era kenadau ena veilesoni bibi eso me vaka na fika (mathematics) kei na sainisi (science) vakakina na vosa vakaperitani (English).

Qoka ena vuku ni kena sa vakilai tiko ena noda veikoronivuli na lailai ni qasenivuli era

kena dau ena vei lesoni oqori.

Vakaraitaka na Minisita ni Vuli o Rosy Akbar ni yaco dina tiko na gagadre oqo e Viti ni kua.

“Keitou sa vakaraica tiko na iwali eso ni leqa oqo me vaka na nodra vakacakacakataki tale na qasenivuli vakacegu era kena dau dina ena veilesoni oya. Kei na nodra vakacakataki vakatotolo na vakaivola ena veilesoni oqo ni oti ga nodra tauri ivola,” kaya o minisita Akbar.

A taroga ena Palimedi na mata mai na ito ni

veisaqa o Aseri Radrodoro se cava sa cakava tiko ma minisitiri ena vuku ni leqa oya.

Sauma na Vunilawa o Ayaz Sayed Khaiyum ka kaya vakaoqo ne;

“O ira na qasenivuli era sa qasenivuli rawa tiko kara via kenadau ena dua na lesoni vaka oya sa tiko na sikolasivi erawa nira kerea vakabibi ena vulici ni fika (mathematics) sainisi (science), fisiki (physics) kei na vosa vaka Peritania (English).”



Ko ira na gone lalai lewe ni sova ni vuli edaidai era inuinui kei Viti ni mataka. iTaba: MEREANI GONEDUA

Bibi na itavi ni qasenivuli ni sova ni vuli

NANISE NEIMILA



E Viti edaidai e tiko kina e 875 na sova ni vuli ka ra tiko kina e 19,102 na gonevuli kei na 1479 na kena qasenivuli. iTaba: MEREANI GONEDUA

E kaya na Minisita ni Vuli o Rosy Akbar ena soqo ni macawa ni sova ni vuli ena Ramibisessar Primary School mai Nausori ni dua na itavi bibi e tiko vei ira na qasenivuli ni sova ni vuli.

“Ko ya na bucini vakavinaka ni nodra wakilakila na gone lalai.”

“Na kena dei na yavu ni nodra wakilakila na gone lalai ena lai taucoko kina na nodra vuli nira sa toso cake tiko na nodra kalasi.”

“Na nodra vakatavulici e ivakarau vinaka, ena kakana bulabula kina yago kei na ibalebale ni noda dau masu. Ni tomana tikoga na veika oqo ena nomuni veiqaravi vaqasenivuli ni sova

ni vuli.”

“Era se gone o ira oqo ka donu meda vakamareqeti ira.”

“E dina ni so beka na gauna oni dau vakadilo na qasenivuli ka sega beka ni dau vakavinakinakataki, ia ni tomana tikoga na cakacaka vinaka ni sa vakayacora tiko,” tukuna o Minisita Akbar.

“Na matanitu e vakabibitaka na vuli, ena tomani tikoga oya, ena soli tikoga na veitokoni me mamada kina na icolacola ni itubutubu.”

Kaya o Minisita Akbar ni gadrevi na qasenivuli e uasivi na itagede ni nodra veiqaravi.”

E Viti edaidai e tiko kina e 875 na sova ni vuli kara tiko kina e 19,102 na gonevuli keina 1,479 na kena qasenivuli.



Cabori na itatau ni timi ni Viti

Era laki vakacabora na nodra itatau na timi ni Viti ka ra matataki keda ena 2019 Pacific Games mai Samoa. Vakaraitaka ko Peresitidei Jioji Konrote ni ra tokoni mai vei ira na lewe ni vanua ena noda vanua

Ugeti ira ko koya mera vakaukauwa ena nodra vakaitavi ena veiqito kece saraga era matataki Viti kina. Vakayacori main a 7 kina 20 ni Julai mai Samoa 2019.
iTaba: FELIX LESINAIVALU



Marautaki na macawa ni sova ni vuli

Era marautaka na gonevuli muri vuli ena noda vanua na macawa balavu ni siva ni vuli. Vakaraitaka kina ko Minisita ni Vuli ko Rosy Akbar ni bibi nodra dau vakavulici vinaka na gone me ra ciqoma na ivakavuvuli vinaka baleta ni ogo ena vukei ira. Dodonu mera vakavulici ira na qasenivuli ena masu kei na vakabauta kei na itovo vinaka. Era lewe walu na drau vitu lima na wiliwili ni koronivuli ena noda vanua e qaravi kina na muri vuli.

iTaba: FELIX LESINAIVALU



Lagiti nodra veiqaravi na dau soko

Na veiqaravi vinaka ena bisinisi ni veisokoyaki erawa ni tukuna ni baleta na nodra veiqaravi vinaka na dausoko. Vakaraitaka na tikina ogo na Minisita ni Cakacaka, Veilakoyaki kei na Leqa Tubukoso, kei na Draki, Jone Usamate ena soqo ni vakananumi me baleta na nodra itavi na dausoko ena noda vuravura. Tukuna na

minisita ni nodra itavi erui bibi ena bisinisi ni veisokoyaki ka sega ni dau tauri tu vakabibi.

Oira ogo era na suitu ni veiqaravi ni veisokoyaki ka kena I kau ni soqo ogo oya na vakatauvatani ni bula cakacaka ena yalewa kei na tagane ena veitavi kece era qarava ena soko.

iTaba: EMI KOROTANOA



Bose ka ni veikau ena Mua-i-Ra

Era liutaka edua na mata boseka me baleta na veikau main a muaira na Univola Tudei ni Tabana ni Veikau Pene Baleinabuli. Era tiko kece kina na veitabana veiwekani ena veikau ka veitalanoataki kina na ta kau vakaveitalia kei na cakacaka vakailoa. Vakaraitaka ko Baleinabuli ni ogo edua na cakacaka ena saga vakaukauwa na matanitu me tarova.

iTaba: LITIA VULDAUSIGA





\$346m kina nomuni akaude ni FNPF

MEREANI GONEDUA

Ena ika matai ni siga ni vula ko Julai sa wasea tale kina Matabose ni ilavo musuki ni tamata cakacaka se Fiji National Provident Fund (FNPF) erauta ni \$346 na milioni ki na nodra akaude na tamata cakacaka e Viti.

E kaya ko Jaoji Koroi nai vakalesilesi liu ni FNPF ni oqo na ilavo levu duadua me ra wasea na tamata cakacaka e Viti era lewe ni

FNPF ka rawati mei ena tubu 6.75 na pasede.

Vakadonuya na soli ni tubu oqori na Matabose e cake ni FNPF ka cavu isausau talega kina ni voleka ni vakarautaki na ilavo a rawati ena 5 na yabaki sa oti.

Kaya ko Koroi ni dei koto ga na tubu oya ena loma ni 10 na yabaki sa sivi ena maliwa ni draki ni veisisivi vakabisinisi ni tomana tikoga na FNPF na kena vakalevutaki tiko na tubu e rawati me baleti ira tamata cakacaka era lewe ni FNPF.

“Au via vakadeitaka vei kemuni na lewe ni FNPF ni dei vinaka tu na ilavo e vakatuburi tiko ena FNPF. Ka me kua nira kuitaki ena vakalelewa ni veitabana ni vola itukutuku.”

“Na levu ni tubu ena gole kina vei akude ni meba yadua ena vakatau ena levu ni ilavo e vo tiko ena nodra dui akaude ena loma ni yabaki,” kaya o Koroi.

Sa rawa ni o raica na levu ni nomu ilavo ni FNPF kevaka o vakayagataka na FNPF App ena mona livaliva.

‘Ni vakayagataka na veivuke ni matanitu’

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

Ena sa uqeti na dau vakaitu-builavo me ra bvakayagataka na veivuke ni matanitu ka sa vakarautaki ena tuvata vakailavo ni 2019-2020.

Oqori na rai ni liuliu ni Matabose ni tara vale ena noda vanua ko Vijay Naidu ena nodra bouseka vakayabaki me baleta na tara vale ena noda vanua.

“Kevaka e tiko vei ira na ilavo, na kila kei na gauna esa dodonu mera vakayagataka na veivuke ni matanitu,” kaya ko Naidu.

“Au marautaka na veinanumi ni matanitu ena kena vakarautaki na ilavo ena tuvata vakailavo ni matanitu 2019-2020 ka mai kaci-vaka na Vunilawa.”

Na veivuke oqo oya ena soli vua na dauninibisi ka vinakata me vakavouia nona vale ena solia kina e 25 na pasede na veivuke ni musumusu mai na saumi ni vakacavacava mai na \$1 na milioni kina \$250,000.

Ena vakatetei na veivuke oqo kina veitauni kei na siti ka vakatabakidua vei ira na vale ni bisinisi.

Oqori eso na veivuke ka vakarautaki ena tuvata vakailavo ni 2019-2020.

Ciqomi vinaka na veivuke e Navuavua

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

Ena ciqoma vinaka na soqosoqo ni marama e Navuavua e Ra na veivuke vakamatanitu me baleta na kena vakaduri eso na bisinisi lalai ni rawa ka vakailavo ka vukei ira.

Soli kina vei ira e dua na misini ni culacula, dua na vale ni kuro kei na yaya ni vakasaqa, teveli kei na dabedabe me vukei ira na marama ena nodra sasaga.

Vakaraitaka na ivukevuke ni Minisita ni Marama, Gone kei na Valuti ni Dravudravua, Veena Bhatnagar ni nodra vukei na marama edua na cavuikalawa vinaka ena nodra vakatauvatani na marama kei na turaga ena sasaga ni bula torocake kei na rawaka vakailavo.

Era sala vata kei na nodra Vunivole tudei Jennifer Poole ena nodra laki veisoliyaka na iyaya oqo.

Kuria na ivukevuke ni minisita ni oira na marama era dau veitokoni ena rawaka vakailavo ena bisinisi, ena teitei, ena cicivaki ni bisinisi kei na nodra qaravi itavi ga mai vale.

Sa vakadavara kina na Minisitiri ni Marama evica na ituvatava me baleta na kena vukei na nodra lewe ni vanua mera semati vinaka kina mai na veivuke ni Matanitu.



O ira na tiko ena bouse ka baleta na veivakatorocaketaki ni veitauni ena noda vanua. **ITABA E LOMA:** NaMinisita ni Bisinisi, Veivolvi kei na Saravanua ko Premila Kumar. **iTaba:** LITIA VULDAUSIGA

Boseka ni tauni kei na veivakatorocaketaki

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

Ena maqusa na veimatanitu ena Pasivika kei ira na kena vakalesilesi mera mai bouseka baleta na veivakatorocaketaki ena loma ni tauni kei na vei siti.

Yaco tiko na lima ni bouseka oqo ena tauni ko Nadi ka ra lewena tiko e 22 na matanitu main a Pasivika ka laki dolava talega na bouseka oqo na Minisita ni Tauni ena noda matanitu ko

Premila Kumar.

Oqo edua na bouseka bibi baleta na kaukauwa ni kui ni veivakatorocaketaki esa vakayacori tiko ena noda yasani vuravura kei na leqa lelevu ni kena vakatani taki na veika bula era bula mailwai keda ena Pasivika.

E tiko talega ni bibi bouseka oqo baleta na leqa tubu koso kei na revurevu esa tarai keda tiko na lewenivanua ena Pasivika ena rai ni tara ni vale lelevu kei na kena vakamuri vinaka

na lawa kece ni tara ni vale me vakayagataka na kena gacagaca dodonu ka me kua ni dau vakaleqai se basuraki rawarawa na veivale oqo ena gauna ni cagilaba.

Salamuria tiko na bouseka oqo na tuvatuva ni matabose cokovata kei vuravura baleta na veikatuba eso me vakamuri ka me rawa ni vakaboui kina na veika ni taravale se ituvatuva ena loma ni tauni me dua na bula esa bulataki tiko ena gauna oqo.

Kakua ni mokuta na yalewa: Vuniwaqa

VILIAME TIKOTANI

SA kerea na Minisita ni Marama, Gone kei na Valuti ni bula dravudravua o Mereseini Rakuita Vuniwaqa ni dodonu me veitalanoataki na iwali ni kena tarovi na nodra dau vakamavoataki na yalewa.

Muria oqori na kena kaburaki na itukutuku ni nona a lausua e dua na yalewa mai vei nona itau ka



Ko ira na tiko rawa ena bouse ka ni kena sagai me vakalailaitaki na nodra moku na marama. Era taba vata tiko oqori kei na Minisita ni Marama ko Mereseini Vuniwaqa. **iTaba:** LITIA VULDAUSIGA

mani kau laivi sara kina na nona bula.

Kaya o Minisita Vuniwaqa ni sega ni dodonu me vakayacori

tiko na ivakarau kaukauwa vei ira na yalewa ka dodonu me veitalanoataki ena noda vei itikotiko kece e Viti.

“Meda kacivaka yani me rogolevu mekilai e Viti raraba me kilai ni cala tiko ka tawa dodonu na ivakarau vakaloloma oqo.”



Tamusuki na paini ni tara na vale

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

ERAUTA NI 45 na yabaki sa sivi era a teivaka kina na paini na turaga kei na cauravou ni koro e Naqara, Ono, Kadavu.

Era teivaka kina ena gauna oya e rauta ni 224 na ekatea na qele ena paini.

Ia, ena gauna oya a se qai sucu kina ko Joeli Bose e dua na lewe ni koro e Naqara ka sa yabaki 45 edaidai.

E dina ni so era vakabekataka ena gauna oya na kena sa rui sivia na paini e teivaki. Era veivakayaloqaqataki kina na turaga ni vanua o Naqara ena nodra kaya vaka oqo ne; ‘ni waraka na vua ni tei paini oqo’.

E daidai sa tara tiko e dua na vale kau nei Bose ka namaki me vakacavari na tara vale ena vula o Okosita.

“Keimami kalougata sara vakalevu ena nodra raiyawa na neimami qase keimami sa mai tauca tu ni kua na vua ni nodra yalomatua, raiyawa kei na buno na neimami qase,” kaya ko Bose.

Sa vakawati o Bose ka dua na luvena tagane yabaki 7 kei na dua na luvena yalewa yabaki lima. A biuta na siti o Suva ena tolu na yabaki sa oti o Bose me sa laki tauyavu ki dela ni yavu.

“Keu a tikoga mai Suva au na sega ni rawa ni tara e dua na neitou vale. Ia ena koro sa mai vakavotukana na noqu tatadra.”

Na Ono Pine Scheme era lewena na koro

o Vabea, Waisomo, Naqara, Nabouwalu, Narikoso, kei Natusara – na ono na koro oqo e vakasakiti na levu ni paini era sa matua tu kina edaidai.

Kaya na ivakaillesilesi ni Fiji Pine Trust ni tikina o Ono o Semesa Ducivaki ni yaga sara vakalevu vei ira na tu ena koro.

“Ni kua sa musu ga na paini kara dui tara nodra vale o ira na sega ni se vakavale ka vakavinakataki na vale eso sa yaga sara vakalevu na vua ni nodra buno na nodra qase,” kaya o Ducivaki.

“Me yacova mai edaidai sa tara oti e 14 na vale e Naqara, 2 e Nabouwalu, 3 mai Narikoso, ka 2 mai Natusara- kena levu taucoko 24 na vale.”

Sikova ira na veikoro oqori na Minisita ni Veikau o Osea Naiqamu k alai solia kina e rua na ivaro ni kau kina Ono Pine Scheme me vukea noda musu paini kei na taravale.

“Oni sa kalougata ni oni sega ni lako kina dua na kabani ni volitaki kau mai Suva moni lai voli kau mai kina ni sa voleka ga oqo na nomuni vei paini. Ni vakayagataka sara vakavinaka,” kaya o Minisita Naiqamu.

Marautaka o Minisita Naiqamu na nodra sa lesu tale tiko yani kina koro na cauravou ni Ono era tu ena koro vakavalagi nira kila ni sa rawa ni lai tara ki na koro na nodra vale mai na paini era se teivaka na nodra qase ena vasagavulu ka lima na yabaki sa sivi.



E duri tu oqori ena loma ni nona vale ko Joeli Bose ena koro ko Naqara, Ono e Kadavu. Na vale oqo e tara ena paini era se tea na nona qase ena 40 na yabaki sa sivi. iTaba: VAKARAUTAKI

Vakamuduo ko Taladrau

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

VAKAMUDUO na vanua ko Taladrau, tikina ko Nadrau e Nadarivatu ena nona veisiko yani ko Peresitedi ni Jioji Konrote.

Oqori na nona vosa na manidia ni koronivuli na Nadrau Primary School o Josua Natusa edua na turaga ni Nadrau.

Vakabibi ni se qai isevu ni Peresitedi e Viti me butuka na nodratou koronivuli.Me lai tekivuna na teikau ena nodra vanua.

Ka tiki tikoga ni sasaga ni matanitu me teivaki e 4 na milioni na kau ena 4 na yabaki.

“Ni kua edua na marau levu e sotava na koronivuli e Nadrau.Baleta ni se qai isevu ni gauna me veisiko mai e dua na Peresitedi kina neimami koronivuli.”

“Sa tini vakacaca na yabaki noqu manidia tikoni koronivuli e Nadrau. E dua ga na minisita e se gole mai ke o Filipe Bole ena nona gauna vaka Minisita ni Vuli.”

“Ni kua sa dua naka na neimami vakavinavinaka kina matanitu ni gole tiko mai na iliuliu ni noda vanua na turaga na Peresitedi. Keimami mai dabe vata, veivosaki vata, ka keimami mai kana vata ena siga ni kua.”

“Dua na marau levu keimami sotava.Dua na siga vou ena Nadrau na siga ni kua.”

“Sega ni dau tei tu na kau vuata e loma loma ni koronivuli. Ia ni kua e marau na itu-butubu, gonevuli, qasenivuli ni sa kau mai edua na itei vou na vuanikau keimami tea e koronivuli,” kaya o Natusa.

“Sa tu oqo na kena iyaya, nakena maniwa, kei na kena icakacaka sa kau vata mai ena siga ni kua.”

“Sa dua na siga vou e Taladrau ni kua ni mai tei kina na kau e tea saraga na iliuliu ni noda vanua.”

“Neitou koronivuli e tiko kina edua na bure, era maroro'i tiko kina na gonevuli ni koro o Naga.Era dau gole mai ena yakavi ni Siga Tabu, Moniti kina Vakaraubuka era mai tiko e bure.”

“Yakavi ni Vakaraubuka era sa dau lesu tale kina koro.”

“Era vuli tiko ena neimami koronivuli oqo na gonevuli mai Nadrau, Nabawaqa, Qalinavasavu. O iratou na gone mai Naga eratou vatawana tiko na bure. Nodra qaravi na gone ibure era veivakani tiko na lewe ni koro kece. Mataka, sigalevu, yakavi dua na mata-vuvale dua na siga.”

“O ira na gone era vuli suka tiko era kana vata tikoga kei ira na curu ibure ena gauna ni vakasigalevu.”



Sa tea tiko oqori na turaga na Peresitedi ko Jioji Konusi Konrote na kau vuata ena loma ni bai ni koronivuli na Nadrau Primary School ena tikina vakaturaga ko Taladrau. iTaba: LITIA VULIDAUSIGA

Noda Viti

Bibi na itavi ni qasenivuli ni sova ni vuli

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\$346m kina nomuni akaude ni FNPF

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Tamusuki na paini ni tara na vale

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Oqori na matadredredre era dau vakaraitaka ena nodra vaiqaravi e loma ni waqavuka na vakalesilesi ni noda kabani ni waqavuka na Fiji Airways. Sa kuria na matadredredre oqori na rawati ni icovi levu ni vuravura na Skytrax 4-Star rating ni World Airline Award. **ITaba: VAKARAUTAKI**

Vinaka Fiji Airways

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

E da vakavinavinaka kece na leweni-vanua o Viti ena kena soli na icovovi cecere ni veiqaravi uasivi ni vuravura kina noda kabani ni waqavuka na Fiji Airways. Oya na kena soli vua na icocovi ka vakatokai na Skytrax 4-Star rating ena soqo levu ni 2019 Skytrax World Airline Awards mai Parisi na koroturaga ni vanua o Varanise.

Lade cake mai na Fiji Airways mai na ika 4 ni itutu kina imatai ni itutu oya me taura na icovi naba dua ni “Best Airline Staff in Australia Pacific”. Sa soli kina vua na icovu naba dua ni “Kabani ni Waqavuku e uasivi duadua o ira na kena dau ni veiqaravi e Ositerelia keina Pasifika.” Sa vakila o vuravura na uasivi ni nodra dau veiqaravi na kena ivakalesilesi e loma ni waqavuka ka sivita na Qantas, Air New Zealand, kei na Virgin Australia me qoqota

kina na ulu ni icovi e vuravura. Na Skytrax Ratings era dau veisisivataka na veikabani ni waqavuka. E soli kina kabani e uasivi na ivakatagedegede ni nodra veiqaravi na kena ivakalesilesi eloma ni waqavuka vakakina ena rara ni waqavuka. Vakabauta o Mr. Andre Viljoen, na Fiji Airways Managing Director ka CEO talega, ni icovi levu oqo e vua ni nodra cakacaka vakaukauwa ena loma ni van a yabaki sa sivi na vakalesilesi ni kabani ki

vei ira na kena pasidia e macawa vakina e dela ni vanua. “Keimami doka vakalevu na icovi ni veidokai oqo ni Skytrax 4-Star rating ni Ositerelia kei na Pasifika. Keimami marautaka sara vakalevu. Baleta ni qoka na takete keimami a tekukivu taketetaka mai ena yabaki 2015.” “Sa vakavotukana na neimami guta me keimami vakaraitaki Viti ki vuravura ni vanua totoka,” tukuna o Viljoen.

VOQA NI DAVUI

Moniti - Tusiti

8.30pm (15 na miniti)

Radio Fiji One

Vukelulu - Lotulevu

8pm (15 na miniti)

Radio Fiji One

Vakarauwai

9pm (30 na miniti)

Radio Fiji One

Sigatabu

8.45pm (30 na miniti)

Radio Fiji One