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A young Nawaka District School student speaks to Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama about her experience of Tropical Cyclone Josie. The Prime Minister was visiting areas in the Western Division that suffered massive flooding, leading to fatalities. Ba Town was the worst affected. More on Cyclone Josie clean-up and rehabilitation on pages 3, 4, 5 and 14 Photo: ERONI VALILI

## FIJIAN FIGHTING SPIRIT HAILED BY HEAD OF GOVT

ISAAC LAL AND NANISE NEIMILA

# PM pays Tribute

**P**RIME Minister Voreqe Bainimarama has hailed the fighting spirit of Fijians affected by the flooding caused by Tropical Cyclone Josie.

This as individuals, neighbours and groups came forward to assist their fellow Fijians in need by providing food and shelter

The Head of Government toured flood-affected areas over the past few days where he said the resilience shown by Fijians in the face of disaster was truly inspiring.

Attorney-General and Minister for Economy Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, Minister for Rural and Maritime Development, National

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Prime Minister  
Voreqe Bainimarama

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**\$13.77m**

has been implemented through a total of **38** registered projects in terms of investment between Fiji and India in the past **3** years creating **49** employment opportunities

TWEET OF THE WEEK

Frank Bainimarama (@FijiPM)

*In typical Fijian character, you can see the resilience, people still smiling even though they have come through the harshest of times in the last few days. We will continue to bring aid and relief to affected areas and help get our communities back on their feet pic.twitter.com/zuzjs9eHDG*

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# A-G meets private sector

PRASHILA DEVI

ATTORNEY-GENERAL and Minister for Economy Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, in his interaction with private sector representatives, has encouraged them to explore "out of the box" solutions to issues they face.

In the 2018-2019 National Budget consultation held at Suvavou House in Suva recently, the A-G heard from representatives from businesses in the shipping, tourism and manufacturing sector highlight issues they faced and the areas where they needed assistance.

After giving an overview of the national economy he explained the direction in which the Government wanted to take the economy, which had grown for almost nine consecutive years.

The buzzwords during the consultation were "exemptions and concessions" which the A-G explained were given for a reason and at most times phased out after serving its purpose.

"We have cases where a particular industry has been adversely affected by a climatic

event. We step in to assist through these concessions so that these businesses don't close down because this will impact jobs of Fijians," the A-G said.

On the other hand, he pointed out that "at times when we have given concession to an industry to give them leverage, there have been cases of misuse" which has necessitated greater monitoring.

A lot of questions were posed on the various taxes such as the Environment and Climate Adaptation Levy (ECAL).

Explaining the rationale behind such a levy, the A-G said, "Soon we will publish the details of how the funds collected under ECAL are being used. This has not been done before, but as you know we are moving villages that have been inundated by seawater to higher locations and there are more of such relocations needed".

More consultations on the budget will be held in the coming weeks.

A budget submission tab has been created in the Fijian Government website

([www.fiji.gov.fj](http://www.fiji.gov.fj)), which Fijians can also use to put their views across.



## Corporal punishment discussed

PRIYANKA LAL

ATTORNEY-GENERAL and Minister for Education Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum has stressed that bringing back corporal punishment in schools is not the solution to improving students' behaviour.

The A-G made this comment while responding to Lelean Memorial School head boy Tevita Turaganivalu's recommendation during the 2018-2019 National Budget consultation at Vunimono Hall in Nausori recently.

Mr Turaganivalu, while raising concerns on students' behaviour, suggested reviving corporal punishment to assist teachers in addressing issues relating to lack of discipline among students.

He said children were exercising their rights, but often forgot that rights came with responsibilities, something that the A-G agreed with.

"This is the dilemma. What do you mean when you say little bit of corporal punishment? It's ok to talk about it, but you have to know what do you, in practical sense, mean by it. For some teachers that may be enough but for some, it may not be enough," the A-G said.

"It's not an easy issue, but the fact of the matter is that it is a behavioural issue and we need to look at our values system and how we can change it."

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Education banned corporal punishment in Fijian schools in 2002.

Corporal punishment is a criminal act under the Crimes Act.

Attorney-General and Minister for Economy Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum takes a selfie with students of Vunimono High School during 2018-2019 National Budget consultations.  
Photo: ERONI VALILI

## Extra emphasis on indigenous tree species

NATASHA BEGUM

"FOR decades in Fiji there has been no re-planting of indigenous species of trees in Fiji," says Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum.

He was speaking during a recent budget consultation in

Suva, highlighting the lack of reforestation over the years.

The A-G, while responding to a question, said that no serious consideration was placed on the planting of native seedlings such as Vesi and Dakua in Fiji.

However, he said the re-planting of Mahogany trees had increased now more than

ever before.

He added that indigenous species were valuable and although taking longer to grow it was an investment into the future.

The A-G highlighted that unscrupulous landowners and loggers had led to the cutting down of the native species, but more empha-

sis would now be placed through the Ministry of Forests reforestation programmes to ensure significance was placed on replanting.

The Ministry of Forests received an additional \$3million in the previous financial year towards reforestation programmes.



A Ministry of Health and Medical Services team at Navesau Adventist High School. Teams were sent out three weeks ago to assess and carry out tests on students who had been identified as having contracted the meningococcal disease. Photo: ERONI VALILI

# PM calls for hygiene and cleanliness

NANISE NEIMILA

PRIME Minister Voreqe Bainimarama has urged students of Navesau Adventist High School to keep their school clean and to maintain proper hygiene.

This follows the visit made by the Head of Government during the administration of the Meningococcal vaccination programme that was launched at the school last week.

“You need to keep your schools and, most importantly, your surroundings clean. There are 290 boarders so your boarding facilities and accommodation should be kept clean,” Prime Minister Bainimarama said.

“I have advised the district office and the Ministry of Education to estimate the cost of new beds, new chairs and desks and cooking stove and pots with pans, including utensils, to be replaced for your own convenience.”

Prime Minister Bainimarama stressed to the students to take ownership of their new school property and this included the new beds, chairs, desks and cooking utensils that would be provided by the Government.

School principal Sanaila Suno said, “I thank the Government for ensuring that the school’s needs will be facilitated because one of the major challenges in the school is proper water supply and we have advised the head of government and he has given us the reassurance that this will be looked into”.

“The only way to address cleanliness within our schools and surroundings if every student plays their part. This will only progress if it’s taught at their homes. In schools this is the second phase of learn-



A nurse vaccinates a student of Navesau Adventist High School as part of the Ministry of Health and Medical Services’ meningococcal vaccination programme in Fiji. Photo: ERONI VALILI

ing. We can only remind the students.” Minister for Health and Medical Services Rosy Akbar said teams were sent out three weeks ago to assess and carry out tests on students who had been identified as having contracted the disease.

“Such cases can be avoided provided the students, parents, teachers and the community work together to address the issue

of cleanliness and practicing proper hygiene,” Minister Akbar said.

“We need to ensure that our surroundings are clean and in support of the Prime Minister’s message, our team will be here to complete the vaccination programme and I urge all Fijians if you are sick and think that you have the symptoms of this disease visit the nearest health centre.”

## PM pays tribute

FROM PAGE 1

Disaster Management and Meteorological Services, Inia Seruiratu and other Cabinet ministers toured flood-affected areas.

PM Bainimarama said, “In the character of Fijians, they have come out in the past couple of days, the resilience. You can see people still smiling even though they have come through the harshest of times in the past few days”.

“Through the entire flood devastation that was what the people in the Western Division displayed – resilience – and getting on with their lives even before Government help arrived,” he said.

“It showed that the people have come to understand that this Government was going to be there to help them so while they waited, they did whatever they could.

“No one complained. Everywhere help was needed, one could see neighbours and friends joining in to lend a hand.

“Then there was this group travelling around in a four-wheel drive vehicle handing out food rations to people whose homes were flooded. Then there was a family who were travelling around in their car giving meals.

“It showed the true character of the Fijian people in looking out for the other person and sharing what little they have and this is inspiring me as their Prime Minister to make that extra effort in reaching out to them to assist them rebuild their lives.

“On behalf of my Government I would like to thank all Fijians for your resilience and bravery during this time of despair, I must assure you as your Prime Minister that my Government will assist all Fijians that have been affected by the flood.

“As I visited other parts of Ba, I could see the unity among every Fijian helping each other and I must commend them for this and even if we help that will mean a lot to the person who needs that assistance.”

Prime Minister Bainimarama visited Yalalevu and Nasolo villages in Ba and some parts of Rakiraki, where drainage continues to be a problem during heavy rain.



# Ministry surveys flood-prone areas

RONAL DEO

THE Ministry of Waterways has deployed teams of engineers and other resources to flood-affected areas to determine whether new drainage or desilting of existing drainage was needed.

Minister for Waterways Dr Mahendra Reddy said five teams were in the field from earlier this week to assess areas from Sigatoka to Rakiraki.

“We have invited contractors and got

their minimum base rates in metres for desilting or for different activities. The ministry has given contracts worth over \$230,000 for desilting and drainage works,” Minister Reddy said.

He added that over the past 20 to 30 years there have been developments, but the drainage system was not upgraded to cater for new developments.

Some of these drains, Minister Reddy said, were designed for smaller activities and smaller development.

He said the drainage system had be-

come a problem in terms of the ability to handle the influx of new volume of water and this needed to be examined in light of the impact of climate change.

“Flooding occurred in some new areas, which meant that these areas needed some drainage work but the volume of rainfall that was experienced this time around was probably never experienced before,” he explained.

Minister Reddy said there were activities upstream which may have

caused more water to flow downwards because of less retention of water upstream as a result of change in the landscape, which could be attributed to agriculture work and deforestation.

Added to these contributing factors, Minister Reddy said, was blocked drains caused by activities such as dumping of rubbish.

Members of the public are urged to be responsible by not disposing their rubbish into drains, rivers and creeks because that can lead to flooding.



Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama with Ranjana Devi's family members outside their family home at Vatulaulau, Ba, last week. Photo: ERONI VALILI

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Ranjana Devi

# Woman emotional as family flees floods

NANISE NEIMILA

IN the face of adversity, Ranjana Devi braved the heavy rain and floodwaters at her Vatulaulau home in Ba only to save her two sons and husband as floodwaters rushed into their home.

An emotional mother of two and pre-school teacher by profession, Mrs Devi thanked God that in the face of the flooding caused by Tropical Cyclone Josie that swept away their home, her family was safe.

“For the first time in my life that we had to experience this situation and this flood completely destroyed my home and I almost lost my family,” she said.

“At about 7am rain continued from the previous night and the residents living here never expected that

this heavy rain would destroy their homes and families would lose their loved ones.”

An emotional Mrs. Devi wept as she recounted the minutes and seconds that she struggled in her home to swim for safety and save her family from the raging currents.

“I was in another room with my youngest son while my eldest son swam outside of the house to look for help, I kept calling my husband he was in another room just to ensure that he was all right. This is when the water started to rise, almost covering our heads,” she said.

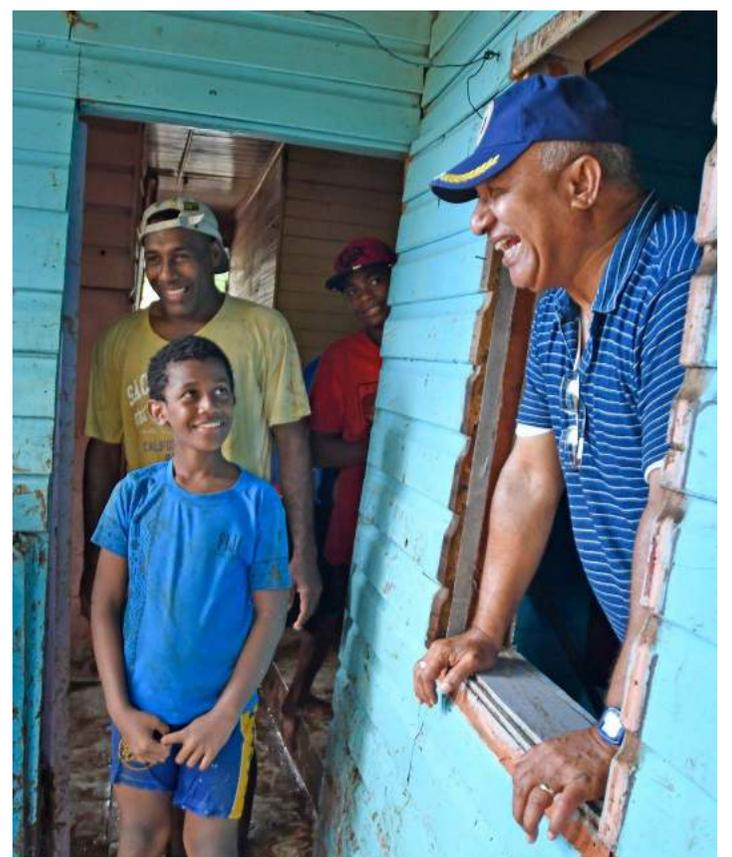
“It could have been our last day on earth, but I’m thankful to God for saving my family and even though none of us lost our lives my heart goes out to all Fijians who have been affected by the flooding.”

Mrs Devi relayed her story as the Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama led a team of government officials to visit places that have been affected by this natural disaster.

The family of four will have to start rebuilding their house but from their horrific experience, they were glad to be alive.

“I thank Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama for coming to visit us today because we even though we are without food, proper shelter and water his presence is reassurance that we stand as nation to tackle these hardships,” Mrs Devi said.

Commissioner Western Manasa Tagicakibau said food rations had been distributed to the various evacuation centres and carting of water to affected areas in Ba would continue until water supply normalised.



Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama shares a light moment with young boys at Vatulaulau, Ba, last week. Photo: ERONI VALILI



Families are advised to take simple preventative measures to protect themselves and their families from common sicknesses such as diarrhoea (diarrhoea is especially serious in babies and small children) and typhoid.

## Fiji spared from wrath of Josie

NANISE NEIMILA

**F**IJI might have been spared a direct hit from Tropical Cyclone Josie, but the death toll from the flooding still exceeded that of Cyclone Evan at the end of 2012.

This was highlighted by Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama at the launch of the virtual reality project “Our Home, Our people” last week.

He said as Fiji mourned the loss of loved ones in another extreme weather event it was important to remind ourselves that TC Josie, while it did not pack destructive winds, brought torrential rain that could be just as much of a killer.

“I want to issue an appeal to every Fijian today to treat incidents of flooding with the absolute seriousness they deserve. Do not attempt to cross swollen rivers and streams. Stay out of the floodwaters altogether,” he said.

“Don’t try to drive through water covering the road. Because, as we’ve seen, your vehicle can easily be swept away with tragic consequences. And parents: Keep your children from playing in or around flooded streets, creeks and drains. We all have a duty of care to our fellow Fijians.”

Prime Minister Bainimarama said extreme weather events were becoming more frequent and more severe because of climate change.

“As a nation, we are striving to build our resilience and adapt to the frightening new era that is upon us. Fiji is also doing what it can to address the root cause of these events through Fiji’s leadership of the global climate negotiations, COP23 (23rd session of Conference of Parties),” he said.

“Whatever the challenges at home, I continue to place the greatest importance on Fiji’s work as COP23 President. And it is to get the message out loud and clear to the entire world about the absolute need to confront this crisis head on.

Prime Minister Bainimarama has urged Fijians to limit global temperature increases to no more than 1.5 degrees Celsius above that of the pre-industrial age.

# Disinfectant spraying after floods

NANISE NEIMILA

**T**HE Ministry of Health and Medical Service’s Environmental Health Unit has embarked on a disinfectant spraying campaign in flood-affected areas.

This campaign was to control the spread of communicable diseases such as diarrhoea, leptospirosis, typhoid and dengue.

The disinfectant, Pynol, is a safe general-purpose disinfectant that is proven highly effective in eliminating germs and reducing the risk of infectious diseases.

It is used by around the world to combat germ contamination and the spread of infectious disease.

As of last week, health inspectors in the Western and Northern divisions have been visiting homes, schools and evacuation centres to spray disinfectant, particularly in the areas most severely affected by the flood.

The ministry is working with municipal councils to conduct these spraying and awareness activities in urban and rural communities.

Public health teams from the ministry that are based within respective districts have been working with several agencies to monitor the health status of people within flood-affected communities.

As part of the disaster response, the primary areas of focus for health teams are assessments of health conditions in evacuation centres and affected communities, assessments of water requirements, tests of water quality and general assessments of the hygiene and sanitation of these facilities.

Environmental health officers on-site are responsible for food

surveillance, monitoring the food preparation areas and assessing and advising on waste disposal and disinfectant spraying activities.

The ministry’s mobile outreach team continues to visit flood-affected areas to provide health checks and offer important medical advice.

The health team works together with the Emergency Operations Centre Team to distribute Wash and Hygiene Kits to communities affected by flooding.

Assistance has been provided to those who took shelter in the evacuation centres through medical screenings and medical care.

### DOS AND DON'TS

■ The ministry is advising families to maintain hand washing habits before eating and cooking, after visiting the toilet and even after touching any unclean surface.

■ People are advised to boil drinking water and practice proper hygiene when eating and preparing meals.

■ Families advised to take simple preventative measures to protect themselves and their families from common sicknesses like diarrhoea (diarrhoea is especially serious in babies and small children) and typhoid.

■ The ministry is urging everyone in flooded areas to avoid swimming/bathing in muddy water or flood waters as much as possible to avoid contracting diseases such as leptospirosis.

■ If you notice fever, headache, vomiting or blood in stool please go to your nearest local health facility to seek medical advice.



A health inspector spraying disinfectant at a school in the Western Division.



Medical officers conduct screening on evacuees at Nawaka District School in Nadi.



The Ministry of Health and Medical Services is urging everyone in flooded areas to avoid swimming/bathing in muddy water or flood waters as much as possible to avoid contracting diseases such as leptospirosis. Photo: ERONI VALILI



# Education, infrastructure top Government plans

RONAL DEO

THE Government will continue to prioritise education for the younger generation and huge investment in infrastructure development, says Attorney-General and Minister for Economy Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum.

He made the comment recently in talanoa sessions held in the Suva-Nausori corridor.

While outlining the Government's

plans, the A-G said resources would be dedicated to ensure that in the next four to five years, the younger generation must have some sort of qualification because the recent census found that Fiji had more young people.

He said it was critical for the younger generation to get some form of tertiary qualification for a brighter future so that they secured better paying and quality jobs.

The A-G stressed that after complet-

ing their education, these young Fijians would be given jobs based on merit and not on the basis of their race and gender.

"If he or she is capable of doing a particular job they should get it," he emphasised.

On the development of infrastructure, the A-G told residents of Waituri, outside Nausori, that travelling on dusty and muddy roads would be thing of the past because the tar-sealing of their road would start soon.

## Discussions for gas crematorium

RONAL DEO

DISCUSSIONS are underway to build a public gas crematorium at the Raralevu Cemetery, which is one of the oldest cemeteries in Nausori.

Attorney-General and Minister for Economy Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum recently visited the cemetery and had a meeting with the Raralevu Cemetery Committee regarding the issue.

"It will be convenient for you if there is a gas crematorium and this should be maintained by the members of the public. It really will bring comfort to those who eventually join their departed friends or family on the final journey that they could provide a decent farewell."

The A-G said the Government had set aside funding for this facility to allow families to give a decent farewell to their loved ones.

"A lot of mangrove is used for cremation in the Suva-Nausori corridor and as far as the environment benefit and marine life is concerned the Government is against the idea of cutting down mangroves. People in the Western Division do not use mangrove for cremation, instead they use rain tree," he said.

Talks are also underway to further upgrade the Raralevu Cemetery before installing this facility and engineering plans are being looked into.

The A-G stressed that there should be systems in place to look after the facility and ensure that there was no abuse.

In the past few years the Raralevu Cemetery had a major facelift and transformation. It now has a decent drive through, a waiting area, sighting area and caters for four cremations at any one time.

The Raralevu cemetery has provision for cremations and provides burial space to Christian and Muslim communities.

Meanwhile, the funeral rites facility at Vatuwaqa, Suva, has now been completed and is expected to be officially opened later this month.

The A-G said earlier that apart from Vatuwaqa, the Government would look at building proper funeral rites facilities in Nausori, the Western and the Northern divisions.



Minister for Industry, Trade, Tourism, Land and Mineral Resources Faiyaz Koya with graduates of the Young Entrepreneurs Scheme. Photo: JOSIA RALAGO

## Graduates praise YES initiative

JOSIA RALAGO

THE Young Entrepreneurship Scheme (YES) is one of the Fijian Government's initiatives targeted towards empowering young Fijians.

Minister for Industry, Trade, Tourism, Land and Mineral Resources Faiyaz Koya, while addressing 22 graduates of the YES Training in Labasa last week, said the scheme was targeted at people between the ages of 18 and 30.

"In the past, young Fijians had limited opportunity to succeed. With most, if not all, electing the path towards a desk job, rather than taking the path towards entrepreneurship or businesses," Mr Koya said.

"However, we are changing that for you – we are giving you more opportunities.

"Through YES we are investing in the abilities, intel-



Peni Drauna (closest to camera) said that the scheme was a wonderful platform for young people to achieve their goals in life. Photo: JOSIA RALAGO

ligence and skills of young Fijians.

"It is an effort to bring out the exceptional strengths of the younger generation that will not only be to their benefit, but also benefit the society and nation."

He added that YES was for young people with innovative business ideas that would give them a better start in life.

"Through entrepreneurship, harnessing the energy and innovation of our young people, there is an opportunity to lift the quantity and quality of jobs, and to generate inclusive and sustainable growth," Minister Koya said.

One of the participants, Peni Drauna, applauded the Government for the initiative saying that this would give

young people a better chance in achieving their lifelong dreams.

Interested applicants are to submit an innovative business proposal, which will then be vetted by a private board before they award the grant.

Minister Koya chaired a YES consultation at the University of the South Pacific Labasa Campus as well.



# Govt commends NZ support for COP23

PRIYANKA LAL

THE Government has commended New Zealand for supporting Fiji's presidency of the 23rd session of Conference of Parties (COP23) as well as its commitment to the struggle against climate change.

Prime Minister and COP23 president Voreqe Bainimarama said Fiji looked forward to working closely with the Government of Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern to achieve maximum action to reduce carbon emissions.

"We are forthcoming with the Talanoa Dialogue on raising the ambition of our Nationality Determined Contributions," Prime Minister Bainimarama said.

"It is important as a global community

to limit the temperature to no more than 1.5 degrees Celsius above that of the pre-industrial age. With the current NDC's we are heading for 3 degrees, which would spell disaster for everyone on the planet."

Prime Minister Bainimarama said Fijians and other Pacific Islanders looked to New Zealanders to stand shoulder to shoulder with them in the climate struggle.

New Zealand's Minister for Defence Ron Mark reiterated the continued support by New Zealand for Fiji's COP23 presidency.

Minister Mark said New Zealand sent military aircraft, ships and personnel to assist Fiji in the aftermath of the devastation wreaked by Tropical Cyclone Winston.

HMNZS Wellington and HMNZS Canterbury were deployed to northern Lau carrying emergency supplies and engineers from the NZ Defence Force and the Republic of Fiji Military Forces.

"NZDF engineers, the New Zealand Fire Service Urban Search and Rescue team and a New Zealand Medical Assistance Team were deployed to Tailevu, Ra and Koro," Minister Mark said.

"Following emergency response efforts, New Zealand committed \$NZ15 million (FJ\$22m) to assist with long-term recovery in Fiji. This includes \$NZ7million (FJ\$10m) for a recovery program for schools and government infrastructure in the northern Lau Group."

## Project aims to fix climate resilience

NANISE NEIMILA

THE Ministry of Lands and Mineral Resources has embarked on the CommonSensing Project in collaboration with international agencies.

Fiji will work with the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), Operations Satellite Programme (UNOSAT) and the UK Space Agency's International Programme (IPP).

CommonSensing project aims to improve resilience to the effects of climate change in three Commonwealth countries from Small Island Developing States (SIDS) that includes Fiji, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu.

This was highlighted by Minister for Industry, Trade and Tourism, Lands and Mineral Resources Faiyaz Koya while officiating at the 4th National Geospatial Information management annual conference.

Minister Koya said the main objective of the project was to improve resilience towards climate change, improve disaster risk reduction and contribute towards the sustainable development of the three selected SIDS countries.

"This will be achieved through direct interaction with existing programme within the Commonwealth Secretariat which includes the Climate Finance Access Hub," he said.

"In addition, activities will be implemented with the support of national government agencies and regional Commonwealth structures."



FROM LEFT: COP23 Secretariat director John Connor, Minister for Agriculture, Rural and Maritime Development and National Disaster Management and Meteorological Services and Fiji's High Level Climate Change Champion Inia Seruiratu and Fiji's Roving Ambassador to the Pacific, Ratu Tui Cavuilati, during the recent Climate Action Pacific Partnership (CAPP) technical experts meeting.

## PICs are 'agents of empowerment'

PRIYANKA LAL

PACIFIC Island Countries (PICs) are agents of their own empowerment as they stand at the forefront of climate change, says Fiji's Roving Ambassador to the Pacific, Ratu Tui Cavuilati.

Ratu Tui made the comment at the recent Climate Action Pacific Partnership (CAPP) technical expert meeting at Holiday Inn Suva.

He said the many sad stories of people in the Pacific dealing with climate change must animate those in the region from a "victim mind-set" to one of "self-determining agency".

"We must resolve, therefore, to live ourselves into a new realisation – if we haven't already done so – that we are indeed 'agents' of our own empowerment in the face of climate change," Ratu Tui said.

He said the size of the prob-



Fiji's Roving Ambassador to the Pacific, Ratu Tui Cavuilati.

lem would continue to demand more and better ideas to ensure that the best and brightest were focused on successfully solving climate challenges.

"The Pacific too will need to embark on pursuing new and innovative ideas. It is in meetings like this that the Pacific must take courageous

and creative decisions on new and innovative ideas that might bring to life enduring solutions to help our people lead sustainable and worthwhile futures," Ratu Tui said.

He said the successful implementation of the Paris Agreement would require "genuine" partnerships between governments, the pri-

ivate sector and the civil society.

Ratu Tui urged stakeholders from the Pacific Island Countries to make the most of the five upcoming platforms as meeting points for sustained engagements to ensure that regional positions were well informed and thoroughly discussed.

### UPCOMING PLATFORMS

- The upcoming United Nations May session climate talks in Bonn;
- The PIDF Governance meeting from July 2-6 in Honiara;
- The CAPP event on July 26-27 in Suva;
- The PIF annual Leaders Meeting from September 2-6 in Nauru; and
- The UN General Assembly from September 25 in New York.

### AT THE END OF THE 3-YEAR PROJECT, IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT WE WILL HAVE OUTCOMES SUCH AS:

- Increased resource capacities to address Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation;
- Enhanced evidence based decision making by using solutions for Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation; and
- Strengthened knowledge, skills and awareness on solutions for Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation

Ministry permanent secretary Malakai Finau said this project needed a lot of collaboration among ministries, NGOs and the private sector.

Mr Finau said the United Kingdom Meteorological Office and Senonomic would contribute to sustainable development and disaster risk reduction for these small island nations that were particularly exposed to climate change.



# PM launches Fiji-made virtual reality film

RONAL DEO

A VIRTUAL reality film brought home the reality of the impact of climate change on the Fijian people - a 360 degree experience that was unlike anything else.

Prime Minister and 23rd session of Conference of Parties President Voreqe Bainimarama said this while launching "Our Home, Our People" Climate Change Virtual Reality project in Fiji at the Suva City Library.

He added that getting people to be more aware of the impacts of climate change had become a vital part of the nation's education and the VR film was another educational aspect that could help Fijians understand the issue better.

"Virtual Reality really is the best way to bring home the reality of the impact of climate change on the Fijian people - a 360 degree experience that is unlike anything else you will have ever seen," Prime Minister Bainimarama said.

The film was one the highlights of the Fijian Pavilion at COP23, not only for the many thousands who passed through it, but Prime Minister Bainimarama urged Fijians to see it as well.

The VR film project was produced in the communities of Vunisavisavi (Cakaudrove, Vanua Levu), Namarai and Nabukadra, as well as Bayley Memorial School, Barotu (Ra Province) and was a key part of the Fiji Pavilion at COP23.

It has been seen by more than 600,000 people worldwide, including many

global leaders at COP23 and was recently named as a finalist in the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Action Awards.

Prime Minister Bainimarama highlighted the key findings of a Climate Vulnerability Assessment carried out by a team from the World Bank with officials from the Fijian Ministry of Economy.

The assessment finds that by 2050, Fiji's annual losses as a result of extreme weather events could reach 6.5 per cent of GDP, with more than 32,000 people pushed into hardship every year.

It found that over the next 10 years an estimated \$9.3 billion would be needed to build resilience and the capacity to adapt climate change - almost equivalent to the GDP for a year.

## FCCC rebrands, launches strategic plan

PRIYANKA LAL

THE rebranding and launch of the Fijian Competition & Consumer Commission's (FCCC) new strategic plan will protect the interests of consumers and businesses alike for a robust Fijian economy.

Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama highlighted this as he recently launched the FCCC's first five-year strategic plan in Suva.

Prime Minister Bainimarama said through the collaboration between the Government and FCCC, they were improving Fiji's productivity, promoting innovation and ensuring fair prices.

"In any economy, a competitive environment is needed for growth and development. When different producers or vendors are forced to compete, it creates a better outcome for everyone — higher quality goods, increased efficiencies, a wider selection to choose from and lower prices. But effective and fair competition is not automatic," Prime Minister Bainimarama said.

"The commission has been tasked with a renewed focus on ensuring that as our economy continues to grow, markets are competitive, forward-thinking regulations are justified and consumers' interests are protected."

The Prime Minister said the work undertaken by the FCCC to actively enforce legislation and institute fines for businesses that break the rules, had resulted in more businesses becoming compliant and achieving a fairer market for Fiji.

He highlighted the vital role the FCCC played in protecting Fiji, a price "taker" from swings in global prices.

FCCC chairperson Joanne Young said the commission's visibility, awareness and engagement with stakeholders in the urban, peri-urban and rural areas had resulted in compliance levels of up to 90 per cent.

"Over the past 18 months, we had representatives from Kiribati, Samoa, Tonga and Vanuatu come to the commission to study our models and processes," Ms Young said.

The rebranding involved the launch of FCCC's new logo, an interactive website and unveiling of the new office location at Gorrie Street in Suva.

### MUST READ:

- FCCC was formerly known as the Prices & Incomes Board and later the Fiji Commerce Commission
- It was established more than 40 years ago
- From 2010 to 2017, resources allocated by the Government to the FCCC had grown from \$600,000 to \$3.3 million, which equated to a 400 per cent increase



Prime Minister and Minister for Sugar Voreqe Bainimarama during the handing over of 30 new tractors to the Fiji Sugar Corporation. Photo: ISAAC LAL

## Mechanisation key for sugar industry

ISAAC LAL

THE mechanisation of the sugar sector is a key focus of the Government to ensure it remains relevant to the Fijian economy.

Prime Minister and Minister for Sugar Voreqe Bainimarama made the comment recently in Lautoka as he handed over 30 new tractors and farming implements to the Fiji Sugar Corporation.

"The launch of the FSC Tractor and Implements Fleet is a part of our (Gov-

ernment's) extensive effort to mechanise cane farming, make life easier and better for our farmers and bring world-class tools to bear on our sugar cane industry," he said.

"These 30 Mahindra 9500 92 horsepower four-wheel drive tractors represent an investment of \$2.8 million from Government and an investment in an industry when I remain committed to see become sustainable."

The Head of Government said it was prudent to ensure that the sugar industry re-

mained vibrant – an industry on which 200,000 Fijians depended for their livelihood.

"This investment is a key pillar of the FSC's five-year plan to mechanise this industry, make life better and easier for our farmers and make our sugar industry more competitive," Prime Minister Bainimarama said.

"This handover, I'm very excited to say, is only the beginning because the FSC has planned orders for more mechanical harvesters, haulage trucks and new field vehicles to serve our cane farmers

around the country.

"We are taking this industry into a new era of modernisation and a new era of prosperity. We are giving you, our cane farmers, the tools and the resources you need to be the most productive you can be, even in the face of our changing climate, a changing industry and a changing global marketplace."

The tractors will be hired to farmers at subsidised costs and will come with employed drivers trained to handle this equipment.



# Review for building code

PRIYANKA LAL

**T**HE Government is working on the review of the National Building Code to ensure that it is modernised and aligned with Fiji's climatic conditions.

Minister for Industry, Trade, Tourism, Lands and Mineral Resources, Faiyaz Koya, speaking at the Roofing and Profiles (Fiji) Ltd Edmonds Trade Night in Suva recently, said the National Building Code provided the minimum standard for the construction of buildings and the materials used in construction works.

"Building standards give products

a competitive edge. In the eyes of consumers, products that comply with Fijian Standards offer added value," Minister Koya said.

"It reduces barriers to international trade. Regardless of where a product is made, standards mean it can be sold and used around the globe. Opening new doors to international trade, standards help Fijian businesses compete locally and globally and to a wider market."

He said standards assisted in harmonising Fijian laws and regulations, thus reducing red tape and business costs without compromising security for businesses and consumers.

"One must not forget that standards are central to Fijian business. They make business transactions simpler and more efficient and assist with risk mitigation and compliance. Put simply, standards help our businesses thrive," Minister Koya said.

The three categories of standards were International Standards (ISO/IEC/Codex), Regional Standards (AS/NZS) as well as National Standards (Fijian Standards).

There were 15 local companies that were standards compliant with nine in the Central Division, five in the Western Division and one in the Northern Division.

## Runway expansion for Nausori Airport

PRIYANKA LAL

**T**HE Government plans to expand the runway at Nausori International Airport to enable the landing of bigger aircraft with maximum capacity.

This was confirmed in Parliament recently by the Attorney-General and Minister for Civil Aviation Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, who said that the length of the current runway was a major constraint for aircraft flying to and from Sydney and Auckland.

The current runway length at Nausori Airport is about 1868 metres and 30 metres wide.

"The ideal length for the 737 operational on full-load capacity is 2100 metres, so this is why all these years when it has been flying, it does not take a full load because it needs a longer runway," the A-G said.

The A-G stated there were plans by the Airports Fiji Limited and the Government to acquire enough land to increase the length of the runway to allow for "even the A330 to land at some point in the future".

He added that the current projection by Fiji Airways and Air New Zealand was that by 2023 with the extended runway, about eight international flights using larger aircraft would be able to land into Nausori with maximum capacity.

The A-G said negotiations for the iTaukei land lease required for the expansion of the runway were underway.

"Talks began a few years back with Naselai Village and three of the landowning units from Natogadravu, which are still ongoing," he said.

"Some of the leases will need to be leased through the iTaukei Land Trust Board and the Ministry of Lands," the A-G said.



Attorney-General and Minister for Economy Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum addresses the Pacific Financial Technical Assistance Centre (PFTAC) Steering Committee Meeting at the Pacific Islands Forum in Suva. Photo: AZARIA FAREEN

# Call for economic robustness

PRASHILA DEVI

**P**ACIFIC Island states must have an inbuilt robustness in their economy to be able to respond to a single climatic event, such as intense tropical cyclones.

Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum said climatic events such as Tropical Cyclone Gita brings to home the fact that years of development can be overturned in a couple of hours.

In addressing the Pacific Financial Technical Assistance Centre (PFTAC) Steering Committee Meeting at the Pacific Islands Forum in Suva recently, he said it was best for Pacific Island states to learn from agencies such as PFTAC and make the decisions in the best interest of their countries.

"As politicians and technocrats we need to factor issues such as climate change into our policy decisions and how it affects our economy and its ability to overturn years of development within a few

years," the A-G said.

"That, of course, is a reality we need to take into consideration and we must have enough robustness in our system to be able to respond to such single climatic event or even an ongoing set of climatic events."

He acknowledged the role of organisations such as PFTAC played as the Pacific island countries who, given their economies of scale, did not have the technical expertise or home-grown expertise to help these nations deal with many of the everyday challenges of running a modern state in the 21st Century.

The two-day meeting was attended by technical experts from the financial sector, including multilateral agencies in the Pacific and heads of central banks and taxation authorities in the Pacific.

Fiji's head of financial institutions, including the Reserve Bank of Fiji Governor Ariff Ali and Fiji Revenue and Customs Services Chief Executive Officer Visvanath Das, were part of the discussions.



From left: Tonga's National Reserve Bank Governor Dr Sione Kioa, Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum and PFTAC co-ordinator David Kloeden. Photo: AZARIA FAREEN



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## Businesses eye potential 7s windfall

ISAAC LAL

THE Nadi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (NCCI) has welcomed Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama's announcement for Nadi to host the Fiji 7s leg of the World 7s Series, should World Rugby give the green light.

NCCI president Dr Ram Raju backed Prime Minister Bainimarama's announcement, saying that excitement had

gripped the business houses since the announcement of the details of the bid.

"NCCI welcomes and supports the national bid to host one of the tournaments in Fiji from 2020 and onwards," he said.

"Nadi certainly has the capacity and resources to match any other legs of the series and I'm absolutely certain that all the business houses in Nadi and elsewhere will rally and render all the support nec-

essary to win the bid because 7s rugby is synonymous with a special brand for Fiji that NCCI supports, together with many brands such as FIJI Water."

With a major overhaul to Prince Charles Park expected in the coming months, Dr Raju said the complete sporting complex would add another dimension to Fiji's gateway.

"Prince Charles Park can be further developed into a top

international sports stadium, not only for this purpose but also to attract many other international sports and events such as international entertainment programmes such as Bollywood shows," Dr Raju said.

"Nadi has untapped potential that we could market internationally and by virtue of having a national or international sports stadium will certainly bring huge economic benefits."

## Multi-purpose courts for suburb

ISAAC LAL

FIIJANS residing in Natokawaqa, Lautoka, will soon have a facility to keep fit and healthy once construction of the new multi-purpose courts is completed.

Minister for Local Government Parveen Kumar recently officiated at the ground-breaking ceremony for the sporting facility, which aims to not only unearth another new sporting star but also empower residents to use the facility to keep themselves fit and healthy.

"This project is part of the Government's ongoing commitment to upgrade infrastructure and amenities for all Fijians, which will inherently raise our living standard," he said.

"This project will consist of two multipurpose courts with ablution blocks and changing rooms for male and female, which will be disabled friendly."

The project will cost around \$90,000 with work carried out by the Lautoka City Council.

Natokawaqa has been the training ground of some prominent sporting personalities for Fiji such as soccer stars Wame Vosuga, Bakalevu Moceimereke and the late dual international Pita Dau.

"We are quite optimistic that the construction of this facility will result in more and more successful sportsmen and sportswomen coming out of Natokawaqa," Minister Kumar said.

He urged youths in the area to take advantage of the facility to improve their knowledge of sports and put it to good use.

"To the youths of Natokawaqa and neighbouring communities, this facility is for you.

"If you have nothing to do, don't just laze around, bring your friends to the court and play to keep fit and engaged," he said.

"I sincerely believe that this sports facility will assist in the transformation and rehabilitation of our youths."

# Health centre benefits 30K Fijians



MORE than 30,000 Fijians living in rural Ra will now have better access to healthcare services after the opening of the Waimaro Health Centre in Nalawa, Ra. Photo: ISAAC LAL

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MORE than 30,000 Fijians living in rural Ra will now have better access to healthcare services after the opening of the Waimaro Health Centre in Nalawa, Ra.

Co-financed by the Fijian and the Australian governments, the \$1.2million facility is one of the most advanced health care facilities of its nature in rural Fiji.

Minister for Health and Medical Services Rosy Akbar and the Australian High Commissioner to Fiji, John Feakes, officiated at the opening of the new facility witnessed by more than 500 people in Nalawa district recently.

"I am pleased to say that the new health centre will radically improve the quality of service and infrastructure for patients and staff in the immediate future and the years to come," Minister Akbar said.

"Today is indeed a new day, a proud day for the people of Waimaro in the Province of Ra, because this new health centre will be equipped with new and enhanced equipment and with modern design infrastructure which has been made possible through the timely assistance of the Australian Government."

The centre includes an upgraded health facility, doctors' living quarters and a duplex for two nurses.

The design of the building complies with the requirements of Level C Health



Minister for Health and Medical Services Rosy Akbar and the Australian High Commissioner to Fiji, John Feakes during the opening of the Waimaro Health Centre in Nalawa, Ra. Photo: ISAAC LAL

Centre as advised by the Health Ministry's categorisation of health facilities and has been built to withstand Category 5 cyclones.

Savusavu, Ra, resident Waisea Lebobo who was at the opening welcomed the new health centre said it would reduce the cost of travelling to Rakiraki.

"The past two years have been very difficult, especially for the elderly and the expectant mothers who had to ensure the long and costly trip to Rakiraki," Mr Lebobo said.

"It is one of the happiest days for the

people of Nalawa and the greater Ra province, including villages along the Wainibuka River who will be able to access services at the facility."

Mr Feakes said the reconstruction of Waimaro Health Centre was part of Australia's pledge of \$30m to help Fiji recover from the devastation caused by Tropical Cyclone Winston in February 2016.

"The facility will provide primary health care services and public health care for the community and will have the capacity to manage emergency deliveries as necessary," he said.



# Set goals, farmers urged

JOSAIA RALAGO

RURAL farmers in the Northern Division have been advised to set goals, work towards them and to use their financial resources wisely.

While addressing farmers from Wainika, Vatu, Nagasauva and Yasawa in Tawake, Cakaudrove, Northern Development Programme (NDP) official Kitione Toroca encouraged farmers who cultivate yaqona to farm with a purpose.

One of the farmers, Ilaisa Lomani, said the lack of arable land in their villages led them inland towards Vaturova, Cakaudrove, where they were traditionally given land for farming many years ago.

The villagers have now settled at Bala-waviriki, a small farming community in the interior of Vanua Levu, which the NDP team visited last week.

“You must have a vision or a goal because if you do not the potential that your farms have will not be realised,” Mr Toroca advised.

“These visions could vary from person to person. You could wish for a car, a house, et cetera, but there needs to be a purpose for your farming.”

Mr Toroca stressed to the farmers, most of whom earn thousands monthly, the importance of savings and wise management of their earnings so that their families could benefit.

“Everybody in your family should know how much you’re earning and witness the changes that you have brought about from your hard sweat,” he said.

Mr Toroca added that they should not use all their earnings at once.

Mr Lomani, 68, applauded the Government for reaching out to them and shedding light on these concepts.

“This has been an eye opener. We see things clearly now and savings has been something that we have taken lightly over the years,” he said.

Most of these farmers leave their families in their villages for most of the year in Tawake to tend to their farms.

## Kitchen facility for women’s group

JOSAIA RALAGO

THE Natua Women’s Group in Seaqaqa, Macuata, is now equipped with new kitchen facility that will give them the opportunity to improve the livelihoods of their families.

The facility, which includes a new kitchen, electrical appliances, chairs, tables and refrigerator, was funded by the Office of the Prime Minister through a \$47,000 grant under the Small Grants Scheme.

While officiating at the event, Commissioner Northern Jovesa Vocea said the kitchen project aimed to empower the group by improving their economic opportunities.

“This ... by bringing in more economic returns through various activities such as catering, hiring of halls, utensils and so forth,” Mr Vocea said.

“There are a lot of occasions and events that demand these services that would be beneficial to you not only in Seaqaqa, but Labasa and Savusavu as well.”

He added that the Government was committed to providing better opportunities for women.

“This indicates that the Government’s commitment towards our women by providing them with more opportunities compared with yesteryears,” Mr Vocea said.

“The Government believes that our women are a crucial part of the Fijian economy given the contribution they are making through small and medium enterprises.”

The group president, Satya Prasad, said this was great breakthrough for them.

“This is a big help for our group and the members are really happy to have all this. And we really thank the Government of the day for this, especially the Prime Minister’s Office,” Mrs Prasad said.

The group made a submission to Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama during a sugar consultation in Seaqaqa in July 2016, which was later approved.



Nitesh Sharma raises an issue during the iTaukei Lands Trust Board (TLTB), consultations at Vunimoli, Labasa. Photo: JOSAIA RALAGO

## TLTB officials hear tenants’ gripes

JOSAIA RALAGO

LAND tenure holders in Vunimoli outside Labasa Town recently met iTaukei Land Trust Board (TLTB) officials for the first consultation in the area.

The TLTB sent a team to areas in Macuata to address grievances from tenants recently.

And while addressing these tenants at Vunimoli Islamia Primary School, TLTB general manager Tevita Kuruduadua, who led the delegation, said this was an opportunity for tenants to meet with the officials who handled their complaints on a daily basis.

“I think it is the first time for us to come out here and meet our tenants. We value the service and the partnership that we have together, for you as tenants and also with the landowners, and us in terms of our partnership and the purpose we are here is to listen to you,” Mr Kuruduadua said.

At least 30 farmers, who gathered to air their grievances to the team, said the visit was much needed.

One farmer Bijay Nand, who raised the issue of land erosion which affected his lease, said they were grateful to the institution for bringing its services closer.

“Most times we go there we have to wait and then the process is long, but today we raise the issue to them and they are on it,” Mr Nand said.

The team held consultations with tenants at Qelewaqa, Wailevu, Lagalaga, Wainikoro, Vatia and Batinikama on March 22-23, 2018.



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TLTB general manager  
Tevita Kuruduadua.



Vunimoli land tenants during the iTaukei Lands Trust Board (TLTB), consultations at Vunimoli, Labasa. Photo: JOSAIA RALAGO



## PM LAUNCHES VIRTUAL REALITY FILM

Prime Minister and COP23 President, Voreqe Bainimarama launched "Our Home, Our People" climate change Virtual Reality project in Fiji at the Suva City Library in Suva last week. He said getting people to be more aware of the climate threat was a vital part of our nation's education, which is why the Fijian launch of the virtual reality film - Our Home, Our People - was so

important. Virtual reality really is the best way to bring home the reality of the impact of climate change on the Fijian people - a 360-degree experience that is unlike anything else you will have ever seen. The VR film project was produced in the communities of Vunisavisavi (Cakaudrove, Vanua Levu), Namarai and Nabukadra, as well as Bayley Memorial School, Barotu (Ra Province) and was a

key part of the Fiji Pavilion at COP23. It has been seen by more than 600,000 people worldwide, including many global leaders at COP23 and was recently named as a finalist in the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Action Awards.

Photos: ERONI VALILI

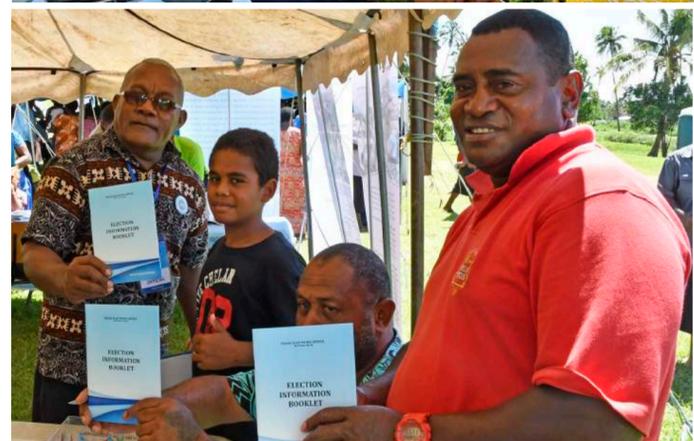


## Villagers benefit from Tailevu North Government roadshow

More than 30 Government departments, non-government agencies and private companies were part of the Tailevu North Government Roadshow at Nateleira Village grounds in Dawasamu, Tailevu, last week. The roadshow was an opportunity for service providers to increase their reach to rural and remote communities to improve service delivery. While opening the roadshow, Ministry of iTaukei Affairs Permanent Secretary Naiyote Katonitabua

said Government was aware of the challenges and difficulties faced by people in remote areas and saw it necessary to take the services to their doorsteps. Co-ordinated by the Ministry of Rural and Maritime Development and National Disaster Management, the theme for the Tailevu North Government Roadshow is "Expanding Rural Government Services".

Photos: ERONI VALILI



## Strengthening sports and sustainable development in the Pacific

The 6th Pacific Sports Ministers' Meeting, which was held in Nadi last week, was opened by the Minister for Youth and Sports Laisenia Tuitubou. The two-day meeting with the theme "Strengthening Sports and Sustainable Development in the Pacific" involved sports ministers from the region holding deliberations on areas in sports that needed attention in individual countries for further development.

Minister Tuitubou highlighted it was an opportunity for leaders to share their countries' best practices to further advance sporting activities with their Pacific neighbours. Discussions from the meeting will be presented at the 9th Commonwealth Sports Ministers Meeting in the Gold Coast, Australia, in April.

Photos: ISAAC LAL





# Flooding and Communicable Diseases

**F**LOODS can potentially increase the transmission of the following communicable diseases:

**WATER-BORNE DISEASES – TYPHOID AND LEPTOSPIROSIS**  
**VECTOR-BORNE DISEASES - DENGUE FEVER**

## TYPHOID FEVER

You can get typhoid fever if you have had food or drink handled by someone who has had typhoid and not washed their hands or if your drink-

ing water is contaminated by sewage.

### Prevention:

Wash your hands with soap and water before eating, preparing food and after using the toilet. Always wash fruits and vegetables. Drink boiled water.

### Symptoms:

Fever, abdominal pain, constipation, decreased appetite, feeling tired/weak, headache

## DENGUE FEVER

Dengue fever is spread by mosquitoes. If a dengue virus mosquito bites you, the virus from the mosquito enters your body and will make you sick.

### Prevention:

Avoid mosquito bites, wear protective clothing, use repellents, use bed nets, destroy mosquito breeding places, bury all tins, cans, empty pots and vases, store used tyres and drums in a dry place  
Symptoms: Sudden fever,

pain behind the eyes, headache, joint pain/body ache, feeling tired/weak, decreased appetite, nausea/vomiting

## LEPTOSPIROSIS

You can get sick if your unhealed wound comes in contact with water or soil that has animal urine or if you eat food or drink/bathe in water contaminated by animal urine

### Prevention:

Do not swim in dirty water, wear protective clothing and

footwear around animals, drink boiled water, always wash fruits and vegetables and you must store food away from rats.

### Symptoms:

Sudden fever, muscle pain, headache, sore calf muscles, red eyes, feeling tired/weak, decreased appetite, nausea/vomiting, Jaundice (yellow eye/skin)

-MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES

**WATER-BORNE DISEASES – Typhoid and Leptospirosis**

**VECTOR-BORNE DISEASES - Dengue Fever**

### Note for adults:

Please boil drinking water for at least one minute:

- 1) If you do not have chlorinated water supply
- 2) If you live in a typhoid fever hotspot area

# GET READY

# DISASTERS HAPPEN

PREPARE
STAY SAFE
RECOVER

## DISMAC Phone Contacts:

National Emergency Operation Centre: 3319250  
Central Division: 3683250  
Eastern Division: 7848858  
Northern Division: 3683250  
Western Division: 6281553

### Emergency

#### Phone Numbers:

Police: 911  
Fire: 910/911  
Ambulance: 910/911  
Fiji Electricity Authority – Electrical Emergencies: 913

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<div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p><b>MAKE A DISASTER PLAN</b> Check that you have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A safe and secure location or shelter</li> <li>• An evacuation plan</li> <li>• Emergency contacts</li> <li>• An emergency kit</li> <li>• A battery powered radio</li> <li>• A charged mobile phone</li> </ul> </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p><b>HAVE EMERGENCY CONTACTS</b> You need to know these contact details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 910 or 911 for Ambulance or Fire</li> <li>• 913 for Fiji Electricity Authority (FEA)</li> <li>• 917 for Police</li> <li>• 5777 for Water Authority of Fiji (WAF)</li> <li>• Location and contact details of your nearest evacuation centre</li> </ul> </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p><b>PREPARE AN EMERGENCY KIT</b> Your emergency kit should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bottled or boiled drinking water</li> <li>• Canned food</li> <li>• Battery powered radio</li> <li>• Torch</li> <li>• Spare batteries</li> <li>• First Aid Kit</li> <li>• Essential medication</li> <li>• Important Documents</li> </ul> <p>If you and your family need to move to an evacuation center, ensure you take your emergency kit, bedding/blankets, soap, change of clothes and essential kitchen utensils.</p> </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p><b>STAY INFORMED AND IN-TOUCH</b> Stay informed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tune into disaster updates on Radio or TV</li> <li>• Check official websites such as:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Disaster Management Office <a href="http://www.ndmo.gov.fj">www.ndmo.gov.fj</a></li> <li>• Fiji Meteorological Service <a href="http://www.met.gov.fj">www.met.gov.fj</a></li> <li>• Ministry of Health and Medical Services <a href="http://www.health.gov.fj">www.health.gov.fj</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </div> <div> <p><b>GET YOUR CHILDREN FULLY IMMUNISED</b> Disasters can lead to increased risks of serious illnesses that can make children sick. Protect your children from possible outbreaks by making sure they are fully immunised well before a disaster happens.</p> </div>	<div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p><b>CHECK YOUR SURROUNDINGS</b> • Check that your home and property are secure and clear of any dangers such as fallen trees or power lines that could harm you or your family • Ensure your pets and livestock are safe • Check news updates to stay informed and be ready to evacuate if needed.</p> </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p><b>STAY INFORMED AND IN-TOUCH</b> Stay informed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use your battery-powered radio to tune into disaster updates and public service announcements</li> <li>• Use your mobile phone wisely to save its battery</li> <li>• Know where your family members are at all times</li> </ul> </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p><b>KEEP FOOD SAFE</b> • Cover or store food and drinking water in clean closed containers • Boil all drinking water • Do not eat spoiled food • Try to ensure your family eats nutritious meals • Breastfeeding mothers should continue to breastfeed their infants</p> </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p><b>PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE</b> Avoid contracting and spreading diseases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wash hands properly with soap and water before handling food, disposing rubbish and after using the toilet</li> <li>• Ensure your children always practice good hygiene</li> </ul> </div> <div> <p><b>PROVIDE EMOTIONAL SUPPORT</b> During a disaster:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comfort those around you, especially children to make them feel safe, loved and cared for</li> <li>• Keep your children close at all times. Create a safe space to play games, tell stories, draw and read together to help them cope with the situation</li> </ul> </div>	<div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p><b>WORK TOGETHER</b> Help your community recover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assist with rubbish removal and ensure you wear protective clothing and footwear when cleaning up</li> <li>• Reach out to those who were the most effected or require assistance, such as the sick, elderly, pregnant women and those with disabilities</li> <li>• Support one another after a disaster – we are stronger when we work together</li> </ul> </div> <div style="margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p><b>PROVIDE EMOTIONAL SUPPORT</b> After a disaster continue to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure your family feels safe, loved and cared for. 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Minister for Industry, Trade and Tourism Faiyaz Koya with the Indian High Commissioner to Fiji, Vishvas Sapkal, during a recent business meeting held in Suva. Photo: PRIYANKA LAL

# Fiji, India talk trade

PRIYANKA LAL

THE recent High Commission of India business meeting held in Suva was an opportunity for Fiji and India to discuss mutual areas of trade for further growth.

While speaking at the event, Minister for Industry, Trade and Tourism Faiyaz Koya said since the establishment of bilateral relations between Fiji and India in 1948, the partnership between the two countries had strengthened in various fields.

The inaugural business meeting was to inform Fijian businesses about trade and investment potential in India that they could tap into to accelerate growth.

Minister Koya said co-operation between Fiji and India included support for the development of micro, small and medium enterprises, bilateral trade and economic relations, tourism and

health co-operation.

“In terms of investment, in the past three years, a total of 38 projects were registered and implemented with a value of \$13.77million and creating 419 new employment opportunities,” he said.

Minister Koya highlighted areas of potential investment by Indian investors solely or through joint ventures in the Information Technology industry, manufacturing, tourism, renewable energy projects, pharmaceutical and medical devices, audio visual, textile, clothing and footwear as well as the construction industry.

“The Fijian Government is working towards the transformation of Fiji into a dynamic, internationally competitive economy serving as the trade and investment hub of the Pacific,” he said.

“In this connection, a number of improvements and reforms have been made, including improvements and

reforms of our trade facilitation agencies, sea and air ports. These reforms are aimed at achieving the set objectives of becoming a trading and investment hub.”

Indian High Commissioner to Fiji Vishvas Sapkal said co-operation in the audio-visual industry had increased significantly in the past few years with further scope likely in the coming years.

“Last year, we saw a whopping 74 productions being shot in Fiji worth about \$300m. There is a lot of potential because of the wonderful scenery in Fiji. Bollywood, Tollywood and Mollywood produce more than 1000 movies in a year and we can have more Indian film producers come here for shootings,” Mr Sapkal said.

Meanwhile, Fiji will soon appoint a trade commissioner to India to further promote and enhance trade relations between the two countries.

## Tuitubou chairs sports ministers' meeting

NATASHA BEGUM

SPORT is vital for sustainable development in economies and in promoting healthy living in communities.

This was the message by the Minister for Youth and Sports, Laisenia Tuitubou at the 9th Commonwealth Sports Ministers Meeting in Gold Coast, Australia, after the 6th Pacific Sports Ministers Meeting in Nadi recently.

The two-day meeting in Nadi with the theme “Strengthening Sports and Sustainable Development in the Pacific” was an opportunity for sports ministers from the region to share their countries’ best practices.

The meeting aimed to formalise concrete ideas that



Minister for Youth and Sports Laisenia Tuitubou and Acting permanent secretary for Youth and Sports Alison Burchell at the 9th Commonwealth Sports Ministers Meeting in Gold Coast, Australia, after the 6th Pacific Sports Ministers Meeting in Nadi. Photo: ISAAC LAL

would strengthen governance of sport in Pacific Island countries as well as exchange regional priorities and lessons learnt in the effective management of sport in Small Island Developing States in the region that was later presented in Gold Coast.

“Our sporting culture is

unique as our diversity and cultural backgrounds come together in our national interest,” Minister Tuitubou said.

“By involving as many people as possible in physical activity and sport we teach values as well as improve physical and mental wellbeing. Sport contributes to reducing crime, promotes

stability and harmony, promotes talent of youth, helps keep children in school and promotes national pride and identity.”

Minister Tuitubou has been elected to chair consecutive Pacific Islands Sports Ministers’ Meeting, a decision unanimously made at the recent meeting in Nadi.

## Sector delves into public-private partnerships

NANISE NEIMILA

THE Ministry of Forests will focus on promoting the involvement of forest sector industries in creating a sustainable trade environment that will encourage forest businesses to thrive.

This was highlighted by Minister for Forests Osea Naiqamu during the launch of the 2018 International Day of the Forests, which was commemorated on March 21, 2018.

Minister Naiqamu said the ministry was engaged in public-private partnership, which the Government continues to place emphasis on.

“Pinto Industries Limited situated in Namara, Labasa, has been praised for promoting the Government’s Look North Policy through its diverse investments. The company has grown from strength to strength and has clearly outlined areas which it hopes to strategically develop over the years,” he said.

“The company has started producing wooden brushes for locals. It also moved into the construction business to expand its business lines.”

The company designed a small sawmill concept to cater for its own sawn timber requirement and, therefore, did not depend on any other sawmillers for processed timber specific to its product types, needs and customers.

The company has been purchasing indigenous species logs from landowning units in the provinces of Macuata and Bua, whereas its pine and mahogany was purchased from small woodlots.

“There is another company, the Vanua Levu pallets and Sawmillers Limited, which operates in Vunika, Labasa, and employs about 20 locals. The company started its business in 2000 and was producing pallets to supply in the Northern Division,” Mr Naiqamu said.

“The company has been provided technical assistance and advice from the ministry and through continued dialogue it was able to secure funding from the Northern Development Programme (NDP).

“The assistance has enabled the company to expand its production through the purchase of an additional woodmizer portable sawmill and supplying pallets to companies in Viti Levu.”

Minister Naiqamu adds that while the Government encourages and supports wood processing business ventures at the same time the commitment is evident in the reforestation programme, which focuses on replanting of native species.



# Vernacular road code books a first for Fiji

NATASHA BEGUM

**F**IJI'S first vernacular road code books were recently launched to ensure learners had a comprehensive understanding of road safety rules.

Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Parveen Kumar said during the launching that with the increasing number of licence holders it was imperative that drivers were equipped with the proper knowledge of road rules before sitting behind the wheel.

"The vernacular road code books aim to aid learners in having a better understanding of the underlying concepts of road safety in their own language before they are issued with a licence," Minister Kumar said.

He said during the Land Transport Authority's (LTA) meetings with primary schools, one of the issues raised regarding road safety was to implement vernacular road code books for the benefit of every learner.

The booklets are an initiative by the LTA to reach out to its customers and to



Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Parveen Kumar during the launch of the vernacular road code books, which aim to help learners have a better understanding of the underlying concepts of road safety in their own language. Photo: NATASHA BEGUM

educate them on standards required in the road code books.

Along with the launch of vernacular road code books, the LTA received eight new vehicles and additional sets of portable wheel weighing equipment to build on its service delivery and enforcement capacity.

"These investments in service delivery

demonstrate the Government's commitment in improving LTA's enforcement and operational capacity," Minister Kumar said.

To date the LTA has issued approximately 316,000 driving licences, 285,112 of which are full licences and 30,446 provisional licences.

## Koroilavesau launches HR operations manual

RONAL DEO

**I**N a bid to avoid abuse, mismanagement and improve service delivery within the Ministry of Fisheries, its line minister Semi Koroilavesau recently launched its Human Resources Operational Manual 2018.

Minister Koroilavesau said it was critical and very important to understand the various conditions contained in the management of a ministry.

"We now have a document that is clearly written out to give us guidance in the terms and conditions of our employment and the various relevance regulations that bind each and every individual who is part of the ministry," he said.

Minister Koroilavesau said the manual formalised procedures and processes within the ministry, which has been operating on its own for the past 14 months.

"The most important aspect is that the people within the ministry now know that there are regulated processes and procedures that are written and they can refer to it when discussing issues concerning their employment," the Minister said.

Ministry permanent secretary Sanaila Naqali added that manuals were very important for management plans because without any form of guideline, manuals or management plans, there was always the possibility of abuse and mismanagement, resulting in chaos.

Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Parveen Kumar during the launch National Municipal Free Green Waste and White Goods Collection and Kitchen Waste Collection in Peri-Urban Areas in the Central Division. Photo: ERONI VALILI



# Waste collection services for peri-urban areas

PRIYANKA LAL

**T**HE Government will prioritise and activate waste collection services in peri-urban areas to ensure a cleaner and healthier Fiji.

Minister for Local Government, Housing, Environment, Infrastructure and Transport Parveen Kumar said this at the recent launch of the National Municipal Free Green Waste and White Goods Collection and the launch of Kitchen Waste Collection in Peri-Urban Areas in the Central Division.

Officiating at the event at Vunileba

Settlement in Tacirua, Minister Kumar said skip bins were provided in areas outside municipal boundaries from last July in Tacirua East, whereby about 50 tonnes of waste was collected every month.

"Today's launch is the first formal unveiling of waste collection services in peri-urban areas. This waste is now properly disposed of at the landfill in Naboro, which otherwise would have ended up in our drains, creeks, rivers, roadside and even in our own backyards creating multiple environmental and health hazards," he said.

The benefits for the communities

with regular collection services are:

- General sanitation of the community is improved;
- Litter and other toxic elements will no longer contaminate productive land, creeks and rivers; and
- More land will be made available for farming or extension of settlements.

Minister Kumar said initially 10 settlements in the Central Division would benefit from the waste collection service, which would then be extended to cover 20 peri-urban settlements.

Skips bins will be collected weekly,

but if the need arises the rate of collection will be increased.

Nayavuloulou Settlement resident Akesa Baleinamau, 55, said the provision of free skip bins in her area would now enable residents to get rid of household waste with ease.

"In the past some people would throw rubbish in the drains or on the roadside, but with this new initiative we will properly dispose of all litter. We are thankful to the Government and the municipal councils for this waste collection service," Mrs Baleinamau said.

# फीजी फोकस

## मेनिंगोकोकल बीमारी से सावधान रहें

संगीता लाल

प्रधान मंत्री, वॉरेनो बर्डनिमरामा द्वारा सभी फीजीवासियों से मांग की जा रही है कि वे मेनिंगोकोकल बीमारी के लक्षणों के लिए खुद की जांच कराएँ।

नवोसा सबडिविज़नल अस्पताल के ग्राउन्डब्रेकिंग समारोह के दौरान, प्रधान मंत्री, वॉरेनो बर्डनिमरामा ने कहा कि वे लोगों को इस बीमारी से अवगत कराने के लिए इस मंच का उपयोग करना चाहते हैं।

“मेरे साथी फीजीवासी, कृपया, इस बीमारी के संपर्क में आने से बचने के लिए सावधानी बरतें। अपने हाथों और रूमाल को नियमित रूप से धो लें खासकर के जब आप छींकते या खांसते हैं,” प्रधान मंत्री बर्डनिमरामा ने कहा।

“यदि किसी संक्रमित व्यक्ति के साथ आपके लार या थूक का अदला बदली होता है चाहे किसी प्रियजन को चूमते वक्त या यंगोना के कटोरी को आपस में बांटते वक्त, तब आप खुद को जोखिम में डाल रहे हैं।”

“जैसा कि अन्य लोगों की तरह मुझे भी

यंगोना का सेवन करने में आनंद मिलता है, मैं सिर्फ पूछता हूँ कि क्या आप सतर्क हैं - अपनी जागरूकता और सक्रिय कदमों से, आप हमें इस बीमारी को रोकने में मदद कर रहे हैं,” प्रधान मंत्री ने कहा।

उन्होंने कहा कि लोगों को मेनिंगोकोकल बीमारी के लक्षणों के बारे में भी पता होना चाहिए।

प्रधान मंत्री ने कहा कि जैसे ही लक्षण स्पष्ट होते हैं लोगों को डाक्टर को देखना चाहिए।

रिसोर्स सेन्टर से होगा 4000 लोगों को लाभ

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हाल ही में उद्घाटन किए गए नम्बुआ रबी क्लब रिसोर्स सेन्टर से नम्बुआ में रहने वाले लगभग 4,000 लोगों को लाभ होगा।

रिसोर्स सेन्टर का उद्घाटन करते वक्त प्रधान मंत्री, वॉरेनो बर्डनिमरामा ने कहा कि इससे नम्बुआ के युवाओं और महिलाओं के चेहरे पर मुस्कराहट आएगी।

प्रोजेक्ट मैनेजर, सर्दियासी फूली ने कहा कि नम्बुआ के समुदाय इस रिसोर्स सेन्टर के द्वारा युवाओं के अवसरों का सृजन करने के लिए अपनी प्रतिभा का पूरी तरह से उपयोग करने में सक्षम होंगे।

“वे कुछ समय से इसका इंतज़ार कर रहे थे और तीन साल बाद आज नम्बुआ के लोगों के लिए उत्सव का दिन है क्योंकि आज प्रधान मंत्री ने इस रिसोर्स सेन्टर का उद्घाटन किया है।

रिसोर्स सेन्टर प्रधान मंत्री के दफ्तर की एक परियोजना है और \$300,000 लागत खर्च पर बनाया गया है।

प्रधान मंत्री, वॉरेनो बर्डनिमरामा सरकारी अधिकारियों के एक दल के साथ बा और राकीराकी के बाढ़ पीड़ित इलाकों का दौरा किया।



## प्रधान मंत्री ने किया बाढ़ पीड़ित इलाकों का दौरा

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हाल ही में प्रधान मंत्री, वॉरेनो बर्डनिमरामा द्वारा सरकारी अधिकारियों के एक दल के साथ बा और राकीराकी के उन बाढ़ पीड़ित इलाकों का दौरा किया गया जहाँ समुद्री आँधी चोसी के दौरान गंभीर वारिश की वजह से बाढ़ से क्षति पहुँची है। प्रधान मंत्री के साथ इस दल में शामिल

थे लोकल गवर्नमेंट, हाऊज़िंग और एन्वाइरन्मेंट मंत्री, परवीण कुमार बाला, सहायक कृषि मंत्री, वियम पिल्ले और डिविज़नल कमिश्नर वेस्टर्न, मनासा तांगीदकिम्बाऊ तथा अन्य सरकारी विभागों के अधिकारी।

उन्होंने असर पड़े समुदायों की निराशा के इस घड़ी के दौरान उनके लचीलेपन (resilience) और बहादुरी की प्रशंसा

की, क्योंकि कई लोग अपने घरों और सामानों तथा कुछ ने तो अपने प्रियजनों को भी खो दिया है।

अपने दौरे के अंतर्गत उन्होंने बा स्थित जैवियर कोलज (Xavier College) जिस पर बाढ़ का असर पड़ा था, का भी दौरा किया।

प्रधान मंत्री ने असर पड़े इलाकों में रहने वाले फीजीवासियों को आश्वस्त

किया कि वे फीजी नेशनल प्रोविडेंड फंड (एफ एन पी एफ) से पैसे निकालने में सक्षम होंगे।

एफ एन पी एफ अपने नेचरल डिज़ास्टर विदड्रॉअल स्कीम (Natural Disaster Withdrawal Scheme) के तहत उन सदस्यों की सहायता कर रही है जिनके संपत्तियों को हाल ही में पश्चिमी विभाग में आए बाढ़ से क्षति पहुँची है।



# कैन एक्सेस रोड पर काम की सरकार कर रही है जांच

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यूरोपियन यूनियन (ई यू) द्वारा फंड किया गया \$30 मिलियन लागत रूरल एक्सेस रोड्स एंड असोसिएटेड इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर (Rural Access Roads and Associated Infrastructure [RARAI]) प्रधान मंत्री के दफ्तर के हस्ताक्षर के बाद अनुसूची (schedule) से पहले समाप्त हो जाएगा।

प्रधान मंत्री के दफ्तर (Office of the Prime Minister [OPM]) ने परियोजना के कार्यान्वयन (implementation) को तेजी से ट्रैक किया, जिसके तहत 2016 के मध्य में ओ पी एम की अध्यक्षता में एक परियोजना संचालन समिति याने प्रोजेक्ट स्टीरिंग कमिटी (Project Steering Committee [PSC]) नियुक्त की गई।

ई यू फंडिंग के अलावा, कैन एक्सेस रोड को सुधारने के लिए सरकार द्वारा अपने वार्षिक बजट में \$6 मिलियन अलग किया गया है। RARAI परियोजना चार सालों का एक कार्यक्रम है जिसकी शुरुआत 15 जनवरी 2015 को हुई और ई यू द्वारा साउथ

पैसिफिक कोम्यूनिटी को इसे लागू करने के लिए अनुबंध किया गया था।

ई यू द्वारा फंड किए गए \$30 मिलियन को पश्चिमी विभाग के मलोलो, झासा और कोरोनूम्बू सेक्टर में 200 किलोमीटर कैन एक्सेस रास्तों में सुधार लाने के लिए काम में लाया जाएगा।

प्रोजेक्ट स्टीरिंग कमिटी (पी एस पी) द्वारा यह सुनिश्चित किया जाएगा कि परियोजना को समयसीमा पर पूरा किया जाए और अधिक महत्वपूर्ण बात यह है कि धन के उपयोग को गन्ने के किसानों के लाभ के लिए किया जाए। RARAI परियोजना ने अपने बजट का 86 प्रतिशत इस्तेमाल किया है और हालांकि इसको पूरा करने का समय दिसम्बर 2018 था, पी एस पी द्वारा परियोजना की निरंतर निगरानी के साथ इस वर्ष के तीसरे क्वार्टर (third quarter) तक पूरा होने की आशा है।

यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिए सरकार ने भी कटम उठाया कि बचत के बाद झासा और कोरोनूम्बू सेक्टर में आयरिश क्रॉसिंग्स (Irish Crossings) का निर्माण बजट के अन्दर हो। कैन एक्सेस सड़कों की मरम्मत और देखभाल

से संबंधित बुनियादी ढाँचे (infrastructure) के काम को आम तौर पर सभी क्षेत्रों के कैन एक्सेस रोड्स कमिटी जो हर तीन महीने पर मिलते हैं, के साथ परामर्श के बाद पहचान कर योजना बनाई जाती है।

वे चीनी उद्योग के साझेदारों जिन में चीनी मंत्रालय और फीजी शूगर कोरपोरेशन भी शामिल हैं, के साथ मिलकर काम करेंगे ताकि यह सुनिश्चित की जा सके कि जब RARAI परियोजना के तहत काम पूरा हो जाए तब मलोलो, झासा और कोरोनूम्बू सेक्टर में कैन एक्सेस सड़कों की मरम्मत हो।

सरकार REFOREST परियोजना से फंडिंग को फिर से जुटाने में सक्षम रहा है ताकि लम्बासा के बिलालेवू क्षेत्र में 35 किलोमीटर कैन एक्सेस सड़क की मरम्मत की जा सके। सड़कों और आयरिश क्रॉसिंग्स को सुधारने से किसान अपने फसलों को आसानी से मिलों तक पहुँचा सकेंगे।

प्रधान मंत्री के दफ्तर यह देखेगी कि ई यू द्वारा फंड किए गए परियोजनाओं को सही ढंग से कार्यरूप दिया जाए।

## मंत्री कोया ने किया राम नवमी उत्सव का उद्घाटन

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इंडस्ट्री, ट्रेड, टूरिज़्म, लैंड्स और मिनरल रिसोर्सस मंत्री, फर्डियाज़ कोया ने हाल ही में रामपुरवा रोड, स्टैज फोर, नररे में ओम शिव शक्ति रामायण मंडली द्वारा आयोजित राम नवमी उत्सव का उद्घाटन किया।

उद्घाटन के दौरान मंत्री ने भगवान श्री रामचन्द्र की शिक्षाओं पर प्रकाश डालते हुए कहा कि हम हमेशा सिर्फ अपनी चिंता, सुख और सुविधा के बारे में नहीं सोच सकते हैं। “हमें उन लोगों के बारे में सोचने की आवश्यकता है जो हमारे आस पास कठिनाई में हैं और कभी कभी हमें उनकी मदद करने के लिए त्याग करने की आवश्यकता है,” उन्होंने कहा।

मंत्री कोया ने कहा कि भगवान राम ने अपने राज्य और अपने लोगों के लिए कुछ बलिदान कर दिया था।

“मुझे लगता है कि फीजी में हम बहुत ही धन्य हैं, क्योंकि हम सभी फीजीवासी वास्तव में दूसरों की सहायता करने के लिए प्रतिभाशाली हैं,” मंत्री कोया ने कहा।

उन्होंने यह भी कहा कि सही मायने में राम नवमी के उपलक्ष्य में हमें भगवान श्री राम की शिक्षाओं को अपनाते हुए स्वयं एक निस्वार्थ इंसान बनना चाहिए।

“यह हमें अपने सभी कार्यों पर प्रतिबिंबित करने और यह देखने का भी समय है कि हम कैसे अपने मार्ग को सुधार सकते हैं ताकि हम भगवान श्री राम द्वारा बनाए गए मार्ग का पालन कर सकें। हम भाग्यशाली हैं कि हम ऐसे सुंदर देश में रहते हैं जहाँ विविध संस्कृति (diverse culture) और धर्म हैं और हम सभी को एक दूसरे के साथ प्रेम से रहना चाहिए,” मंत्री कोया ने कहा।



30 महिंद्रा फोर-व्हील ड्राइव (four-wheel drive) ट्रैक्टर सरकार के \$2.8 मिलियन निवेश का प्रतिनिधित्व करता है

प्रधान मंत्री, वॉरिंगे बड़निमरामा।

हाल ही में फीजी शूगर कोरपोरेशन को 30 नए ट्रैक्टर और उपकरण दिए गए जो देश भर के गन्ने के किसानों को सेवा प्रदान करेंगे।

## एफ एस सी को मिला 30 नए ट्रैक्टर

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हाल ही में फीजी शूगर कोरपोरेशन को 30 नए ट्रैक्टर और उपकरण दिए गए। ये ट्रैक्टर और उपकरण देश भर के गन्ने के किसानों को सेवा प्रदान करेंगे।

लौतोका में इन अवसरों को सौंपते वक्त प्रधान मंत्री, वॉरिंगे बड़निमरामा ने कहा कि एफ एस सी ट्रैक्टर और उपकरणों (इम्प्लीमेंट्स) के फ्लोट किसानों के लिए गन्ने की खेती को व्यवस्थित करने, जीवन को

आसान और बेहतर बनाने के लिए व्यापक प्रयास का एक हिस्सा है। “मेरी सरकार कड़ी मेहनत कर रही है, देश और विदेश में हमारे किसानों और इस उद्योग के लिए लड़ रही है, जैसा कि इस उद्योग का निर्माण करने और अपने परिवार के लिए भोजन की व्यवस्था करने के लिए आप सभी को हर दिन कड़ी मेहनत करनी पड़ती है,” प्रधान मंत्री बड़निमरामा ने कहा।

विभिन्न गन्ने के क्षेत्रों से किसानों ने खेती वाले औज़रों के सौंपने का इस समारोह में भाग लिया।

“30 महिंद्रा फोर-व्हील ड्राइव (four-wheel drive) ट्रैक्टर सरकार के \$2.8 मिलियन निवेश का प्रतिनिधित्व करता है,” प्रधान मंत्री ने कहा।

“यह निवेश इस उद्योग को मशीनीकरण करने के लिए एफ एस सी की पाँच साल की योजना का एक महत्वपूर्ण आधार है।” प्रधान मंत्री ने कहा कि ट्रैक्टर को न्यूनतम लागत (minimum costs) पर किसानों के लिए किराए पर लिया जाएगा और इन उपकरणों के संचालन और

देखभाल के लिए नियोजित (employed) ड्राइवर साथ में आएंगे।

“चीनी व्यवसाय हमेशा फीजी की अर्थव्यवस्था का हिस्सा रहेगा और इसके प्रति सरकार की प्रतिबद्धता अब भी उतनी ही मज़बूत है जितनी पहले कभी हुआ करती थी। आज हम जिस फीजी को जानते हैं उसका का निर्माण गन्ने के किसानों के पसीना और प्रयासों से हुआ है, इसलिए यह कल के फीजी का भी निर्माण करेगा,” प्रधान मंत्री बड़निमरामा ने बताया।



## कृषि आंकड़ों पर और अधिक रिपोर्टिंग की आवश्यकता

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कृषि मंत्रालय के स्थायी सचिव और और हाल में नियुक्त एशिया पैसिफिक कोमिशन ओन अग्रीकल्चरक स्टैटिस्टिक्स या ए पी सी ए एस (Asia Pacific Commission on Agricultural Statistics [APCAS]) के नए चेयरमैन, श्री डेविड कोलितंगाने का कहना है कि फीजी और प्रशान्त के कृषि आंकड़ों में सुधार लाने की आवश्यकता है। उन्होंने शेरटन देनाराऊ, नान्दी में आयोजित ए पी सी ए एस की सत्ताइसवें बैठक (27th session) के दौरान ऐसा कहा।

श्री कोलितंगाने ने कहा कि फीजी की अध्यक्षता सिर्फ फीजी ही नहीं बल्कि पूरे प्रशान्तीय क्षेत्र के लिए काफी महत्वपूर्ण है क्योंकि यह पहली बार है कि इस बैठक को एक प्रशान्तीय देश में आयोजित किया गया है और फीजी इस तरह की बैठक की मेज़बानी करने वाला पहला प्रशान्तीय देश है।

उन्होंने यह भी कहा कि तोंगा और पापुआ न्यू गिनी इस बैठक में पहली बार भाग ले रहे हैं परन्तु फीजी कुछ समय से इसका सदस्य है।

“फीजी में इस तरह की बैठक की मेज़बानी इस प्रकार से महत्वपूर्ण है कि फीजी तथा पूरे प्रशान्तीय क्षेत्र में कृषि आंकड़ों के उचित स्तर और रिपोर्टिंग की आवश्यकता है,” उन्होंने कहा।

“यह बहुत महत्वपूर्ण है कि हम इन आंकड़ों को कृषि में ठीक से संगठित करें क्योंकि यह समग्र योजना (overall planning) में मदद करेगा क्योंकि हम आयात को कम करने और अपने उत्पादों के निर्यात में सुधार लाने के तरीकों पर विचार करेंगे।”

उन्होंने कहा कि अच्छे आंकड़ों के साथ हम एक मजबूत सबूत आधारित नीति-निर्माण को लागू करने में सक्षम होंगे ताकि देश और किसान दानों के लिए दुर्लभ संसाधन निर्धारित किए जाएंगे।

ए पी सी ए एस सेक्रेटरी और रीजनल स्टैटिस्टिशन (APCAS Secretary & Regional Statistician), श्री मुकेश श्रीवास्तव ने कहा कि जहाँ तक सहस्राब्दी विकास लक्ष्यों या मिलेनियम डिवेलपमन्ट गौल (millennium development goals) का संबंध है कृषि आंकड़े वास्तव में विकास योजना के लिए एक प्रमुख अंग हैं।

हालांकि उन्होंने कहा कि आंकड़ों के क्षेत्रों में अलग-अलग क्षमताएँ हैं, जिनके लिए उचित प्रतिक्रिया आवश्यक है उदाहरण के लिए तकनीकी सहायता और प्रशिक्षण।

ए पी सी ए एस फूड एंड अग्रीकल्चर ऑर्गनाइज़ेशन (FAO) का एक वैधानिक संस्था या स्टैचुरी बोडी (statutory body) है और इसमें एशिया और प्रशांत क्षेत्र के सदस्य देशों के सीनियर स्टैटिस्टिश्नस हैं जो कृषि आंकड़ों के विकास के लिए जिम्मेदार हैं।

इस कार्यक्रम का मुख्य आकर्षण था पैसिफिक स्ट्रैटिजिक प्लान फॉर फिशरीज़ स्टैटिस्टिक्स (Pacific Strategic Plan for Agricultural and Fisheries Statistics [PSPAFS]) की शुरुआत और ऐसी आशा है कि यह छोटे विकासशील द्वीपों (Small Island Developing States [SIDS]) द्वारा सामना किए जा रहे विशिष्ट मुद्दों पर ध्यान केंद्रित करेगी।



बा के हाईलैंड्स और नडोंगा/नवोसा प्रांत के लगभग 10,000 फीजीवासियों को अब कैयासी में नया नवोसा सबडिविज़नल अस्पताल खुलने से लाभ होगा।

## नया नवोसा अस्पताल से 10K फीजीवासियों को लाभ

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बा के हाईलैंड्स और नडोंगा/नवोसा प्रांत के लगभग 10,000 फीजीवासियों को अब कैयासी में नया नवोसा सबडिविज़नल अस्पताल खुलने से लाभ होगा।

ऐसी आशा है कि यह अस्पताल अगले 18 महीनों में बन कर तैयार हो जाएगी।

नए अस्पताल के ग्राउन्डब्रेकिंग समारोह के दौरान, प्रधान मंत्री, वोरेंनो बर्डिनमरामा ने कहा कि पहले, इस सबडिविज़न में रहने वाले

विशेष उपचार, एक्स-रे और अल्ट्रासाउंड, मातृत्व सेवाओं (maternity services), फार्मसी सेवाओं और लैबोरेटरी परिक्षणों के लिए सिंगातोका, नान्दी और यहाँ तक कि बा तक जाना पड़ता था।

प्रधान मंत्री बर्डिनमरामा ने कहा कि यह कहते हुए उन्हें गर्व है कि \$30 मिलियन लागत के ये अस्पताल बन कर तैयार होने पर यह अब स्वास्थ्य सेवा के लिए वास्तविकता नहीं रहेगी क्योंकि ये सभी सेवाएँ अब कैयासी में प्रदान किए जाएंगे।

“सरकार ने सभी दूर दराज़ और

ग्रामीण तथा समुद्री इलाकों में फीजी के लोगों को और अधिक तथा बेहतर सेवाएँ प्रदान करने के लिए विशेष रूप से नए स्वास्थ्य सुविधाओं की स्थापना की है,” उन्होंने कहा।

“अगले पाँच महीने में मौजूदा डिविज़नल अस्पतालों को अपग्रेड और विस्तार करने के लिए और अधिक निवेश किए जाएंगे, और अधिक खाट के लिए जगह बनाने के साथ साथ अधिक सेवाएँ प्रदान करना तथा उपचार की मांग करने वालों के लिए एक समग्र और बेहतर अनुभव बनाना।”



स्वास्थ्य मंत्री, रोज़ी अकबर और ओस्ट्रेलियन हाई कमिश्नर माननीय जॉन फीक्स द्वारा हाल ही में नलावा, रा में वार्डमारो हेल्थ सेंटर का उद्घाटन किया गया।

## नलावा रा में एक नया हेल्थ सेंटर

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स्वास्थ्य मंत्री, रोज़ी अकबर और ओस्ट्रेलियन हाई कमिश्नर माननीय जॉन फीक्स द्वारा हाल ही में नलावा, रा में वार्डमारो हेल्थ सेंटर का

उद्घाटन किया गया। पुराने हेल्थ सेंटर को समुद्री आँधी विंस्टन के दौरान भारी क्षति पहुँची थी इसलिए ओस्ट्रेलियन सरकार द्वारा इसे पुर्ननिर्माण किया गया था।

यह 7,000 से अधिक फीजीवासियों को स्वास्थ्य सेवाएँ प्रदान करेगा जो नलावा जिले में रहते हैं। इसे \$1.2 मिलियन लागत खर्च पर बनाया गया है।

ओस्ट्रेलियन सरकार द्वारा जिले के प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य देखभाल (primary health care) में सहायता के लिए एक नई गाड़ी भी दान की गई है।



## एफ एस सी को 30 नए ट्रैक्टर दिए गए

हाल ही में फीजी शूगर कोरपोरेशन को 30 नए ट्रैक्टर और उपकरण दिए गए। ये ट्रैक्टर और उपकरण देश भर के गन्ने के किसानों को सेवा प्रदान करेंगे। लौतोका में इन अवसरों को सौंपते वक्त प्रधान मंत्री, वॉरिंगे बड्जिनमरामा ने कहा ये ट्रैक्टर और उपकरण किसानों के लिए गन्ने की खेती को व्यवस्थित करने तथा जीवन को आसान और बेहतर बनाने के लिए व्यापक प्रयास का एक हिस्सा है।



## प्रधान मंत्री ने बाढ़ पीड़ित इलाकों का दौरा किया

हाल ही में प्रधान मंत्री, वॉरिंगे बड्जिनमरामा द्वारा सरकारी अधिकारियों के एक दल के साथ बा और राकीराकी के उन बाढ़ पीड़ित इलाकों का दौरा किया गया जहाँ समुद्री आंधी चोसी के दौरान गंभीर वारिश की वजह से बाढ़ से क्षति पहुंची है। प्रधान मंत्री के साथ इस दल में शामिल थे लोकल गवर्नमेंट, हाऊज़िंग और एन्वाइरन्मेंट मंत्री, परवीण कुमार बाला, सहायक कृषि मंत्री, वियम पिल्ले और डिविज़नल कमिश्नर वेस्टर्न, मनासा तांगीदकिम्बाऊ तथा अन्य सरकारी विभागों के अधिकारी।





## प्रधान मंत्री ने किया एफ सी सी सी स्ट्रैटिजिक प्लान और रीब्रेन्डिंग की शुरुआत

फीजीयन कोम्पिटिशन एंड कोन्सूमर कोमिशन या एफ एस सी सी सी (Fijian Competition & Consumer Commission [FCCC]) की नई रणनीतिक योजना के प्रन: ब्रांडिंग (rebranding) और लोन्च ने संगठन और फीजी की अर्थव्यवस्था की प्रगति के लिए महत्वपूर्ण उपलब्धी हासिल की है। प्रधान मंत्री, वॉरेंगे बइनिमरामा ने सूवा में एफ एस सी सी सी की नई पाँच साल की स्ट्रैटिजिक प्लान शुरू करते वक्त ऐसा कहा।



## कोरोवऊ में नया बी डी एम दफ्तर

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## प्राथमिकता क्षेत्र की पहचान: सेरूईरातू

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नेचरल डिज़ास्टर मैनेजमेंट मंत्री, इनिया सेरूईरातू का कहना है कि वे पश्चिमी विभाग में भारी बाढ़ के चलते सात प्राथमिकता क्षेत्रों की पहचान की है।

सेरूईरातू ने कहा कि उनके मुख्य तत्वों में है यह आश्वस्त करना कि जिन स्कूलों को इवैक्यूएशन सेन्टर के रूप में काम में लाए गए थे उन्हें जल्द से जल्द खाली किया जाए।

“हम 41 इवैक्यूएशन सेन्टरों में से 18 को खाली करने में कामयाब रहे हैं, अभी भी दो स्कूलों को खाली करना बाकि है और उम्मीद है कि आवश्यकता पड़ने पर इन दोनों सेन्टरों को स्थानांतरित किया जाएगा ताकि स्कूल को जल्द से जल्द शुरू किया जाए।”

उन्होंने कहा कि किसी भी स्वास्थ्य संबंधी खतरा को कम करना ध्यान का मुख्य केंद्र है जिसके लिए सरकार स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय तथा अन्य साझेदारों के साथ काम कर रही है।

“हमें सिर्फ शहरों में ही नहीं बल्कि वस्तियों में भी जल्द से जल्द साफ सफाई कर लेनी पड़ेगी नहीं तो कई प्रकार की बीमारियाँ उत्पन्न हो सकती हैं,” मंत्री ने कहा।

उन्होंने कहा कि क्षति के आकलन जारी है और ऐसी आशा है कि सप्ताह के अंत तक यह समाप्त हो जाएगा।

बाढ़ के दौरान 1,000 से अधिक फीजीवासियों ने इवैक्यूएशन सेन्टरों में आश्रय की मांग की।

# कोरोवऊ में नया बी डी एम दफ्तर

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हाल ही में प्रधान मंत्री, वॉरिंगे बड़निमरामा द्वारा कोरोवऊ तईलेवू में एक नया बर्थ, डेथ और मेरिज या बी डी एम (Birth, Death and Marriage [BDM]) दफ्तर का उद्घाटन किया गया।

बी डी एम से सेवाएँ उपलब्ध करने के लिए अब वहाँ के लोगों दूर नहीं जाना पड़ेगा।

जन्म, मृत्यु और विवाह या बर्थ, डेथ और मेरिज (Birth, Death and Marriage [BDM]) दफ्तर का उद्घाटन करते हुए प्रधान मंत्री, वॉरिंगे बड़निमरामा ने कहा कि

नया दफ्तर एक और आवश्यक सेवाओं का विस्तार है जो फीजी में ग्रामीण और शहरी समुदायों के बीच के विभाजन को दूर करने में मदद करेगा।

“इस बी डी एम दफ्तर के खुलने से, आपके समुदाय को अब बुनियादी रजिस्ट्री सेवाओं तक पहुँचने के लिए एक लम्बी और कठिन यात्रा करने की आवश्यकता नहीं है। इसके बजाय आपके पास यहाँ कोरोवऊ में आधुनिक नए ऑफिस स्पेस है जहाँ पर वे सभी सेवाएँ उपलब्ध हैं जो हमारे अन्य प्रमुख जनसंख्या केंद्रों में उपलब्ध हैं। यहाँ से आप जन्म प्रमाणपत्र, मृत्यु प्रमाणपत्र और विवाह (Marriage)

सेवाएँ प्राप्त कर सकते हैं,” प्रधान मंत्री बड़निमरामा ने कहा।

“यह केवल मेरी सरकारी कामकाजी की शुरुआत है, जिससे देश भर में लोगों के लिए और अधिक बी डी एम सेवाएँ उपलब्ध कराया जा रहा है, क्योंकि वर्तमान में हम फीजी में बी डी एम रजिस्ट्री सेवाओं को इक्कीस्वी सदी में ले जाने के लिए सिंगापुर के एक सरकारी एजेंसी के साथ काम कर रहे हैं।”

“हमारा काम चल रहा है, लेकिन आगे चल कर हमारे पास निश्चित रूप से कुछ बड़ी घोषणाएँ करने को हैं,” प्रधान मंत्री बड़निमरामा ने कहा।

## बा में लगभग 250 घरों को क्षति हुई

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हाल ही में पश्चिमी विभाग में आई बाढ़ कारण सबसे अधिक क्षति बा में हुई है और व्यवसायिक और आवासिक (commercial and residential) स्थानों में सेवाओं को सामान्य करने के लिए बहुत काम करना पड़ेगा।

यालालेवू, बा में लगभग 250 घरों पर बाढ़ के पानी का असर पड़ा है और यहाँ के लोग तथा व्यापारिक समुदाय द्वारा सफाई किया जा रहा है।

बा शहर के चीफ एग्ज़ेक्टिव अफ़सर, दीप नारायण ने कहा कि काउन्सिल के कर्मचारी सेवाओं को सामान्य बनाने के लिए कड़ी

मेहनत कर रहे हैं।

नान्दी शहर पर भी बाढ़ के पानी का काफी असर पड़ा था और नान्दी टाउन काउन्सिल के कर्मचारी और व्यापारिक समुदाय नान्दी शहर में सेवाओं को सामान्य बनाने के लिए काम कर रहे हैं।

नान्दी शहर के स्पेशल एडमिनिस्ट्रेटर, रोबिन अली ने कहा कि लगभग 800 विकेताओं पर गंभीर रूप से असर पड़ा है क्योंकि उन्होंने अपना स्टोक खो दिया है।

उन्होंने कहा कि नान्दी के मुख्य सड़क (मैन स्ट्रीट) को यातायात के लिए जल्दी से साफ किया गया है, हालांकि अन्य सड़कों पर काम अभी भी चल रहा है।



समुद्री आँधी जोसी के कारण हाल ही में पश्चिमी विभाग में आई गंभीर बाढ़ के बाद प्रधान मंत्री, वॉरिंगे बड़निमरामा ने बाढ़ से असर पड़े इलाकों का दौरा किया।



# बा में बाढ़ समुद्री आँधी एवन से भी खराब

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हाल ही में बा में बाढ़ के कारण हुई तबाही 2012 में समुद्री आँधी एवन (Evan) से हुई तबाही से भी खराब थी। नेचरल डिजास्टर मैनेजमेंट मंत्री, इनिया सेरुईरातू ने हाल ही में बा में बाढ़ से असर पड़े इलाकों का दौरा किया और उन्होंने बताया कि बा के लोगों के अनुसार इस बार बाढ़ का पानी बहुत अचानक से चढ़ा और पानी का स्तर बहुत अधिक था। “समुदायों में अचानक जल्दी से पानी चढ़ गया, बा में बहुत ज़्यादा सफाई करने की ज़रूरत है, शहरों में सफाई का कार्य शुरू हो चुका है लेकिन निश्चित रूप

से समुदायों में बहुत कुछ करना बाकि है और हम कमिश्नर वेस्ट के दफ्तर के साथ मिलकर यह करने की कोशिश कर रहे हैं,” मंत्री सेरुईरातू ने कहा। उन्होंने कहा कि फीजी रोड्स अथोरिटी (एफ आर ए) और फीजी इलेक्ट्रिसिटी अथोरिटी (एफ ई ए) क्षतिग्रस्त बुनियादी ढाँचे (damaged infrastructure) पर काम कर रहे हैं। “बुनियादी ढाँचों (इंफ्रास्ट्रक्चर) के संदर्भ में कुछ नुकसान हुआ है विशेष रूप से सड़कों पर और एफ आर ए बिजली के उन लाइनों पर भी काम कर रहा है जो ज़मीन भसकने से या पेड़ों के गिरने की वजह से तथा पाइपिंग प्रणाली की वजह से सड़कों को नुकसान हुआ है। एफ ई ए

बिजली को पुनः स्थापित करने पर काम कर रहा है, यह अन्य पहलुओं के अलावा सुरक्षा कारणों के लिए था लेकिन कुछ क्षेत्रों में पावर सप्लाई धीरे धीरे सामान्य किया जा रहा है।” मंत्री ने कहा कि वॉटर अथोरिटी (water authority) द्वारा पश्चिमी विभाग में राकीराकी से सिंगातोका तक 18 ट्रक पानी प्रदान किया जाएगा। पानी की बढ़ती मांगों को पूरा करने के लिए डब्लू ए एफ (WAF) पानी ढोने वाले और अधिक ट्रक लाना चाहती है। मंत्री सेरुईरातू ने कहा कि बीमारियों को फैलने से रोकने के लिए अभी मुख्य प्राथमिकता है सफाई। “स्वास्थ्य और स्वच्छता बनाए रखने के

अलावा, जल और कारक जनित बीमारियों (water and factor borne diseases) की संभावनाओं को काबू में करने के लिए स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय द्वारा भी काम किया जा रहा है। सभी एजेंसी अपना काम कर रहे हैं और हम सिर्फ ज़रूरत पड़ने पर सहायता प्रदान कर रहे हैं। जो लोग अभी भी इवैक्यूएशन सेंटर में हैं तथा जिन पर बाढ़ का भारी असर पड़ा है, कमिश्नर द्वारा उन तक भोजन भी प्रदान की जा रही है,” मंत्री सेरुईरातू ने कहा। कृषि मंत्रालय द्वारा मूल्यांकन का काम भी किया जा रहा है और पश्चिमी विभाग के अपने अधिकारियों की सहायता के लिए सूबा से टीमों को भेजा गया है।

## आप का विचार

हाल ही में पश्चिमी और उत्तरी विभाग में आई बाढ़ के लिए आपने किस तरह से तैयारी की थी?

जय करण, 54, उराता

हमने रेडियो पर समुद्री आँधी जोसी के चेतावनी के बारे में सुना था और जिस प्रकार से वर्षा हो रही थी बाढ़ चढ़ने की पूरी संभावना थी।



रेशमा शांडिल, 36, लम्बासा

मैंने अपने घर के सामानों को घर में ऊँचे स्थानों पर रख दिया था।



शशी चन्द, 57, कोरोनुम्बू

समुद्री आँधी विन्स्टन के दौरान मैंने अपना लगभग सब कुछ हो दिया था इसलिए जब रेडियो पर मैंने खराब की चेतावनी को सुना तब मैंने अपने घर के सामानों के साथ साथ पशुओं को भी ऊँचे स्थानों पर कर दिया था।



संजेशनी लता, 36, लम्बासा

मैंने रेडियो पर बताए गए चेतावनी को सुना और इसे गंभीरता से लिया। मैंने अपने परिवार के साथ मिल कर घर के सामानों को ऊँचे स्थानों पर रख दिया था।



शामल देव, 19, लौतोका

मेरे घर को तो किसी प्रकार की क्षति नहीं पहुँची लेकिन मैं जिस रेस्तरां में काम करता हूँ वहाँ बाढ़ का पानी आ गया था परन्तु हमने अपने मालिक के साथ मिलकर काफी सामानों को भीगने से बचा लिया था।



हाल ही में प्रधान मंत्री, वॉरेगे बडिनमरामा और स्वास्थ्य मंत्री, रोजी अकबर ने रा स्थित नावेसाऊ एडवेन्टिस्ट हाई स्कूल का दौरा किया और वहाँ पर मेनिंजोकोकल सी (मेन-सी [Men-C]) टीकाकरण (Vaccination) के प्रशासन (administration) के वक्त उपस्थित थे और वहाँ के छात्रों से मांग की कि वे अच्छी स्वच्छता का अभ्यास करें।



## प्रधान मंत्री ने नावेसाऊ एडवेन्टिस्ट स्कूल का दौरा किया

संगीता लाल

हाल ही में प्रधान मंत्री, वॉरेगे बडिनमरामा ने रा स्थित नावेसाऊ एडवेन्टिस्ट हाई स्कूल का दौरा किया। इस दौर में उनके साथ स्वास्थ्य मंत्री, रोजी अकबर भी शामिल थीं। प्रधान मंत्री ने यह सुनिश्चित करने की आवश्यकताओं पर बल दिया कि छात्रों को अपने आस-पास के वातावरण में

सफाई का अभ्यास करना चाहिए।

“छात्र होने के नाते आपको यह सुनिश्चित करने की ज़रूरत है कि आप इस तरह से अच्छी स्वच्छता का अभ्यास करें तभी हम इस तरह की बीमारियों से मुक्त हो सकेंगे,” प्रधान मंत्री ने बताया। इस दौर के अंतर्गत प्रधान मंत्री के समक्ष नावेसाऊ एडवेन्टिस्ट हाई स्कूल के उन

बच्चों जिन्हें उनके माता-पिता से लिखित सहमति प्राप्त थी, को मेनिंजोकोकल सी (मेन-सी [Men-C]) टीकाकरण (Vaccination) का प्रशासन (administration) किया गया। स्वास्थ्य मंत्रालय का एक दल स्कूल पर था ताकि वे स्थिति की निगरानी कर सकें। प्रधान मंत्री ने स्कूल का दौरा किया जहाँ 300 के करीब बोर्डिंग छात्र हैं।

## लम्बासा और सावूसावू के कुछ भागों में बाढ़

संगीता लाल

हाल ही में लम्बासा और सावूसावू के कुछ भागों में बाढ़ का पानी चढ़ा हुआ था। लम्बासा मार्केट, सविला हाऊज़ और लम्बासा शहर में न्यू वर्ल्ड सुपरमार्केट वाले इलाकों में बाढ़ का पानी चढ़ा हुआ था। पुलिस डायरेक्टर ओफ ओपरेशन्स, लिवाई ड्रीड ने बताया कि नीचले इलाकों में रहने वाले लोगों को पुलिस द्वारा ऊँचे स्थानों पर पहुँचाया गया। कोमिश्नर नोर्टर्न, चोवेसा वोदेया के अनुसार, लम्बासा के नावेदामू इलाके के तीस परिवारों को खालसा कोलेज पर शरण लेना पड़ा। श्री वोदेया ने कहा कि बुधवार की राती को लगातार गंभीर वर्षा होने के कारण अगली सुबह तीन बजे लोगों को ऊँचे स्थानों पर पहुँचाने का कार्य शुरू किया गया। बृहस्पतिवार को लम्बासा के कुछ स्कूलों को बन्द करना पड़ा था। “इन स्कूलों में शामिल हैं खालसा कोलेज, सेंट मेरीस स्कूल, ओल सैंट्स और कुछ अन्य स्कूल,” श्री वोदेया ने कहा।

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# फ़ीजी फ़ोकस



हाल ही में समुद्री आँधी जोसी के कारण पश्चिमी विभाग में आई गंभीर बाढ़ के बाद प्रधान मंत्री, वॉरेंगे बड़निमरामा ने असर पड़े इलाकों के अपने दौर के अंतर्गत बाढ़ पीड़ितों को यह आश्वासन दिया है कि सरकार उनकी पूरी तरह से मदद करेगी।

## बाढ़ से असर पड़े इलाकों का दौरा जारी

संगीता लाल

हाल ही में समुद्री आँधी जोसी के कारण पश्चिमी विभाग में आई गंभीर बाढ़ के बाद प्रधान मंत्री, वॉरेंगे बड़निमरामा असर पड़े इलाकों के अपने दौर को जारी रखे हुए हैं।

बाढ़ से हुई क्षति के आकलन का कार्य अभी भी जारी है और प्रधान मंत्री बड़निमरामा ने बाढ़ पीड़ितों को यह आश्वासन दिया है कि सरकार उनकी पूरी तरह से मदद करेगी।

प्रधान मंत्री ने अपने दौर के अंतर्गत कहा कि वे फ़ीजी के लोगों के लचीलेपन (resilience) से प्रभावित हैं, क्योंकि ज़्यादातर लोगों ने अपने घर और आंगन को साफ करके अपने जीवन को सामान्य स्थिति में वापस कर दिया है।

“फ़ीजी के लोगों में यह खूबी है कि वे मुसीबतों के बावजूद हमेशा मुस्कुराते रहते हैं और पिछले कुछ दिनों में फ़ीजीवासियों ने भारी लचीलापन दर्शाया है,” प्रधान मंत्री बड़निमरामा ने कहा।

असर पड़े इलाकों में राशन वितरण का

कार्य शुरू हो गया है, और जिन इलाकों में अभी राशन नहीं मिला है उन्हें आने वाले दिनों में मदद की जाएगी।

प्रधान मंत्री ने उन लोगों और संगठनों को भी धन्यवाद दिया जिन्होंने समुद्री आँधी जोसी के कारण बाढ़ पीड़ितों को तत्काल भोजन और अन्य आवश्यकताएँ प्रदान की। इस बीच, वीतीलैवू में समुद्री आँधी जोसी के गंभीर असर के कारण पश्चिमी विभाग में राकीराकी से नड्रोंगा नवोसा तक के स्कूल सोमवार 9 अप्रैल 2018 तक बन्द रहेंगे।

क्षति आकलन (damage assessments) और पुनर्वास कार्य (rehabilitation work) किया जाएगा ताकि स्कूलों के साफ सफाई और आवश्यक सेवाओं को सामान्य बनाया जा सके जिससे असर पड़े छात्र और शिक्षक सुरक्षित रूप से स्वच्छ और अच्छी तरह से सुसज्जित (well-equipped) स्कूलों में वापस जा सकें।

शिक्षा मंत्रालय पुनर्वास प्रक्रिया (rehabilitation process) की स्थिति पर नियमित अपडेट (regular update) प्रदान करेगा।



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# Noda Viti



Ko Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama kei ira na gonevuli a Navesau Adventist High School, Ra, ena nona veisiko voli ena Mua-i-Ra ena macawa sa oti. iTaba: ERONI VALILI

# Vakabibitaki na tiko savasava

### SOLO LEWANAVANUA

**S**A vakasala tiko na Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama ena bibi ni tiko savasava.

Vosa tiko ko PM Bainimarama vei ira na gonevuli mai Navesau Adventist High School ena nona muria tiko na nodra laki cula na gonevuli mai kea ena baleta na mate na Meningoccal ena macawa sa oti.

“E vinakati mo ni qarauna me savasava vinaka na nomuni koronivuli mera taqomaki vinaka kina na 290

na gonevuli era vuli tiko eke,” kaya ko PM Bainimarama.

“Au sa vakarota na District office kei na Tabacakacaka ni Vuli me vakarautaka na isau ni loga vou, idabedabe, kei na sitovu ni vakasaqa kei na kuro kei na iyaya ni kana, e vakaisosomitaki,” kaya ko PM Bainimarama.

Sa kerei ira na gonevuli mai Navesau ko PM Bainimarama mera qarauna na iyau ni veivuke ni Matanitu ena soliayani.

Vakavinavinaka vei PM Bainimarama na qasenivuli liu ko Sanaila Suno

ena vuku ni veitokoni ni Matanitu baleta na vuli.

“Na sala duadua e rawa nida sotava kina na savasava oya na nomuni vakaitavi kece sara ga na gonevuli yadua ka me vakatekivu mai vale. E koronivuli sa qai mai kena ikuri ga,” kaya ko PM Bainimarama.

E vakatalega kina na vakasala nei Rosy Akbar na Minisita ni Bula.

“Na Tabana ni Bula esa veisiko wavoki mai ni vo e 3 na macawa me mai caka na veicula baleta na meningoccal C,” kaya ko Minisita Akbar.

“Sa rawa nida valuta na mate oqo kevaka eda cakacaka vat aka bula savasava.”

“Meda raica matua me savasava tiko na noda veitikitiko mera sikova na valeniwai na tauvimate,” kaya ko Minisita Akbar.

Era sa cula na gonevuli mai Navesau ena nodra veivakadonui na itubutubu. Na mate oqo a kune taumada ena yabaki sa oti vei ira na gonevuli mai St Johns College.



Era mai vakayagataka vinaka na lewe ni vanua e Dawsamu na veiqaravi vakamatanitu e yaco yani ena moro o Nataleira ena macawa sa oti. iTaba: ERONI VALILI

## Uqeti ko Tailevu ena vakayagataki ni iyau bula

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

**S**A cavuikalawa tale na Matanitu ena cakacaka ni veivararamataki kei na vakaraitaki cakacaka ni Matanitu se Government Roadshow mai Nataleira ena tikina ko Dawasamu ena vualiku kei Tailevu.

E sivia na 1000 na lewenivanua ena veitikina ena vualiku kei Tailevu era sikova yani na vanua ni vakaraitaki cakacaka ni Matanitu kei na vei kabani ena koro ko Nataleira.

Ena nona sogota tiko na vakaraitaki cakacaka oqo ni matanitu mai Nataleira e kaya kina na Talai Veivuke ena iwasewase e loma ko Setareki Tale ni dua na inaki bibi ni soqo oya na dusimaki ni veivuke ni Matanitu me vakayagataki vinaka kina na noda iyaubula.

“E dua na inaki ni vakaraitakai cakacaka ni Matanitu me mai dusimaka vei ira na itaukei ni iyaubula na veivuke eso e solia na Matanitu me vakayagataki vinaka kina na nodra iyaubula na itaukei,”kaya ko Tale.

Sa vakadeitaka talega na Talai Veivuke ena iwasewase e loma ni dodonu me bolebole tiko vei ira na itaukei ni iyaubula na nodra rawaka vakalevu na vulagi.

“Na bolebole vei keda na itaukei ni iyaubula sai koya na cava ena lauta na utoda na kawa itaukei meda rawata kina na bula torocake,”kaya ko Tale.

Tokaruataka talega ko Tale na veika e vakaraitaka na Vunivola Tudei ni Tabacakacaka itaukei ena imatai ni siga oya ni volekata na 90 na pasede ni qele e Viti eda taukena na itaukei.

“Na taro eda na taroga se cakava eda sa cakava tiko ena noda iyaubula oya. Sa tu na Matanitu me vukei keda ka ni okeda e da isema ni liga ni Matanitu,” kaya ko Tale.

# Lagiti na Matanitu

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

**S**A vakaraitaka ko Sanaila Rokotuivuna, na nona vakavinavinaka levu kina Matanitu ena kena laki qaravi yani ki Nataleira na vakaraitaki cakacaka ni Matanitu ena loma ni siga rua.

Na yabaki 52 oqo e mata ni tikina ko Dawasamu ena vualiku kei Tailevu

“Era taleitaka sara vakalevu na lewenivanua ena veitikina ena vualiku kei Tailevu na kena kau sara ga mai vakavoleka na veiqaravi eso ka radau oca na lakova cake ena kena yawa,” kaya ko Rokotuivuna.

“Na vakaraitaki cakacaka ni Matanitu siga rua oqo e yaga vakalevu sara kina 8 na koro kei na 4 na tikotiko vagalala, yaga talega kina vica na koro ni tikina ko Bureiwai ena yasana ko Ra, kei na vica na koro ena tikina ko Namena, e 15 taucoko na koro kei na kena itikotiko vagalala era mai qaravi tiko ena soqo siga rua oqo.”

“Ka levu na vakavinavinaka ena neimami sirovi sobu mai, Vakabibi na vakasama ni vxakayagataki qele sena vakayagataki ni iqolilo, ni kau mai vaqo vei ira sa dua na ka na levu ni marau.”

“Kau gusu tiko kina ni tikina ni kua ena vakavinavinaka, vakavinavinakataki vakalevu na noda Matanitu levu kei na kena liga ni veiqaravi era sa mai matanataka tu na cakacaka bibi oqo ena siga rua keimami sa mai tu kina oqo,” kaya ko Rokotuivuna.



Vosa tiko edua na ivakalesilesi ni tabana ni bula vei ira na gonevuli ena koro ko Nataleira e na tikina ko Dawasamu. iTaba: ERONI VALILI



Na vunivola tudei ni tabana ni veika vakaitaukei ko Naipote Katonitabua kei ira na kena ivakalesilesi. iTaba: ERONI VALILI



Tukuna ko Vunilawa Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum ni icovi e soli kina iroro ni waqavuka mai Nadi sai vakadinadina ni sa tiko sara e cake na itagede ni iroro ni waqavuka oya, vakakina na daumka ni saravanua kei na bula vakailavo ena noda vanua.

# Qoroi na iroro ni waqavuka

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

**V**AKASAKITI e vura-vura na iroro ni waqavuka levu e Nadi ena kena mai kacivaki ni dua vei ira na iroro ni waqavuka e torocake tikoga na kena ivakatagede.

Vakarewataki na drotini nei Viti ena soqo ni soli icovi ni

vuravura na Skytrax 2018 World Airports Awards ka vakayacori mai Stockholm e Sweden ena macawa sa oti.

Tukuna kina na Vunilawa ko Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum ni icovi e soli kina iroro ni waqavuka mai Nadi sai vakadinadina ni sa tiko sara e cake na itagede ni iroro ni waqavuka oya, vakakina na daumka ni

saravanua kei na bula vakailavo ena noda vanua.

“Na gauna a vakalawataka kina na Matanitu nei Bainimarama na vakavinakataki ni iroro ni waqavuka mai Nadi e levu era a vosataka kara vakapolitikitaka. E sega nira kauwaitaka ni oya na raiyawa ni Matanitu me kauta mai kina ika 21 ni senitiuri na itagede ni

iroro ni waqavuka mai Nadi,” tukuna ko PM Bainimarama.

“Na iroro ni waqavuka mai Nadi e matai ni vanua era raica na vulagi nira tadu mai Viti ka iotioti talega ni vanua era raica nira biuta na noda vanua,” tukuna na Vunilawa.

“Na yabaki 2017 e lewe levu duadua na vulagi era sikovi Viti mai ka sa tautauvata na

keda iwiliwili taucoko na lewei Viti.”

Na icovi sa rawata oqo na iroro ni waqavuka mai Nadi sa tautauvata kina kei na iroro ni waqavuka ni veivanua lelevu eso me vakataki Roma, Perth, Athens, Montreal, Moscow, Manila kei Houston.



E solia ko Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama na nodratou tiko ni qele na isoqosoqo ni vuli oti ena Ratu Kadavulevu School me lisitaki ena mua ni vula sa oti.

## Soli na lisi ni RKS OB

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

**E**solia ko Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama na nodratou tiki ni qele na isoqosoqo ni vuli oti ena Ratu Kadavulevu School me lisitaki ena mua ni vula sa oti.

Na levu ni qele era sa lisitaka oqo na vuli oti mai RKS e veimama na eka.

Namaki meratou tara ena tiki ni qele oya edua na vale taba walu ka me bisinisitaki.

Tukuna na jeameni ni Golden Heron Project ko Isikeli Tuituku ni tara ni vale oqo ena tiko ena \$50 na milioni na kena isau.

Na qele sa soli na kena titele oqo sa soli yani kina Lodoni Investment

Company.

Sa na dola talega mera voli sea talega kina na vuli oti mai RKS kei ira na veikabani ni bisini ena noda vanua.

Vakaraitaka na iliuliu ni Matanitu ko PM Bainimarama ni oqo sa qai project levu duadua ni vuli oti mai RKS ka sa gadrevi kina mera vakaitavi kece kina na vuli oti me rawa ni rawa kina na inaki.

Sa vakauqeti ira na vuli oti mai RKS

ko PM Bainimarama mera tokona na sasaga vinaka oqo.

“Meda duavata kei iratou na komiti oqo ka me tiko vei keda na yalo ni io me rawati kina na inaki,” tukuna ko PM Bainimarama.

“Meda veitalanoataka yani kei na iwiliwili ni vuli oti era sega ni tiko rawa, me vakadeitaki yani na kena sa mai soli oqo na lisi ka me tukuni talega yani vei ira na lalawa se plan oqo.”



### Dolava ko PM Bainimarama na vale ni veiqaravi ni lawa e Korovou kei Tavua

SA kau yani vakavoleka na veiqaravi ni veivuke vakalawa vei ira na wekada ena Vualiku kei Tailevu kei Tavua. Oqo ena na kena sa dola na vale ni veiqaravi ni vakalawa se Legal Aid mai Korovou e Tailevu kei Tavua.

marama ni sa vakayacori tikoga na veika e tabaki tiko ena Yavu ni Vakavulewa ni noda vanua oya nida tautauvata kece ena mata ni lawa. Meda sarava sara yani e na itaiba ni soqo e rua oqo ka vulagi dokai kina na noda iliuliu ni Matanitu mai Korovou kei Tavua.

Vakadeitaka kina ko PM Baini-

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### Sikova ko PM Bainimarama na veivanua e tarai ira na waluvu

SIKOVI ira na veivanua era sotava na waluvu ena Mua-i-Ra ko Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama. Vakacaucautaki ira na lewe ni vanua ena nodra yalodei kei na nodra veivukei vei ira na wekadra era sotava na ravuravu ni waluvu ena nodra itikitiko ka kauta mai na Cava ko Josie. Sala vata kei PM Bainimarama na Minista ni

Veitauni ko Parveen Bala, Vukevuke ni Minista ni Teitei Viam Pillay kei na Talai Veivuke ena Mua-i-Ra ko Manasa Tagicakibau. Ni sarava mada yani na itaba ni veisiko oqo kara koto oqori era.

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Era teitei tiko oqo na Peresitidi kei Viti, Jioji Konrote kei na Minisita ni Veikau, Osea Naiqamu ena siga ni vakananumi ni veikau ena noda vanua.



Vakaitavi taki koya talega na Vunivola Tudei ni Veivakatorocaketaki ena taudaku ni koro vakavalagi Meleti Bainimarama me vaka esa laurai tiko ena i taba oqo.

# ‘Yaga kece vei keda na veikau’

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

**N**A ika 21 ni siga ni vula ko Maji na vakananumi kina e Viti ni siga ni Veikau. E vakayacori na soqo oqo ena Borron House, Suva, ka vulagi dokai kina ko Peresitidi Jioji Konusi Konrote.

Vakananumi keda tale kina na turaga na Peresitidi ni ka yaga vei keda na veikau.

“Eda kila kece na yaga ni veikau vei keda nira vaka drokadrokataka na vanua, rairai bulabula, ka vakadaumaka-

taka na vanua eda bula kina,”tukuna ko Peresitidi Konrote.

“Na wai eda gunuva, na itauwelu eda vakayagataka, na pakete ni keda corn-flakes, na niusiveva eda wilika, na cagi bulabula eda ceguva, na vuanikau ena keda ivakasigalevu, na penikau eda vakayagataka, na desi e koronivuli, na noda vale, na loga eda moce kina, na domo ni manumanu, na cagi bulabula eda ceguva, na veika kece oqo kemuni na turaga kei na marama kei na gone e vakarautaka na veikau era tubu wapoliti keda kara qarava galugalu tu

na nodra itavi,” tukuna ko Peresitidi Konrote.

“Ni kua eda vakananumi keda tale kina nida gadreva na veikau noda itavi meda teivaka, ka karaona na veivunika ni yaga kece vei keda.”

“Ni kila tiko ni sa lewa na Matabose kei Vuravura me dau vakananumi na veikau ena noda vuravura ena vei ika 21 kece ni siga ni vula ko Maji,” tukuna ko Peresitidi Konrote.

“E rauta ni 1.6 na bilioni na tamata era vakararavi kina na noda veikau ena veisiga ena nodra bula mera raw-

ata kina na bula kara wili kina na vei manumanu duidui eso,” tukuna ko Peresitidi Konrote.

“Na veikau e robota e dua na ikatolu ni ni noda vuravura.”

A tea talega na turaga na Peresitidi ena siga koya eso na vunika me ivakananumi ni siga ni veikau ena noda vanua ena Borron House.

A tiko talega ena soqo ni vakananumi koya na Minisita ni Veikau ko Osea Naiqamu ka vakavinakataka na vosa a vakayacora ko Peresitidi Konrote.



Veisiko voli ko Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama ena Mua-i-Ra ni noda vanua. iTaba: ERONI VALILI

# Veisiko ki na Mua-i-Ra ko PM

NANISE NEIMILA

**L**A’KI tomana tiko na nodra veisiko kina na yasayasa vaka-Ra na liuliu ni Matanitu Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama ena macawa sa oti e Nadi kei Lautoka.

Vakauqeta ko PM Bainimarama na nodra gugumatua na lewe ni vanua kei na nodra yalo dei me ra tomika

nodra bula ka cavuikalawa tale yani ena dua na siga.

Levu vei ira na oqo era sa tekivu mera samaka talega na nodra dui vale kei na nodra itikotiko ka ra bulataka tiko na nodra bula ni oti na waluvu.

“Oqo na itovo kilai tani ena noda vanua baleta ni da kaiviti, ka laurai nira sa mata dredredre tale tiko ni oti na

gauna dredre edau sotavi,” kaya ko PM. Sa tekivutaki talega na sasaga ni Matanitu me veiwaseyaka na kakana vei ira na matavuvale se lewe ni vanua era vakaleqai ena waluvu.

Sa vakavinakataka ira na isoqosoqo era tausoli se ra dodoliga yani ena veivuke ni cakacaka ni vakaqacacataki

# Vukei na bisinisi ni marama

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

**E**RA sa vukei na isoqosoqo vakamarama mai Natua e Labasa ena kena vakaiyayataki na nodra vale ni kuro ena dua na veivuke ni Matanitu ka vulagi dokai kina na Talai Veivuke ena iwasewase na Vualiku ko Jovesa Vocea.

Era vukei na isoqosoqo ni marama mai Natua ena Small Business Grant scheme ni Matanitu ka koto ena \$47,000 na kena isau.

Sa voli rawa kina na niyaya ni vale ni kuro me vaka na iyaya vakalivaliva, na teveli, na id-abadabe kei na kato ni wai liliwa.

“Ko ira na isoqosoqo vakamarama ni Natua era vinakata mera cicivaka vakabisinisi na nodra valenikuro me ivurevure ni nodra ilavo,” tukuna ko Vocea.

Era lewe 15 taucoko na wiliwili ni marama era lewena na isoqosoqo ni marama mai Natua.



# Vakasobuduru ni vale ni bula e Navosa

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

**S**A vakayacori na vakasobuduru ni valenibula vou mai Navosa ka vakaitavi kina na turaga na Paraiminisita ko Voreqe Bainimarama ena itikotiko ni Matanitu mai Keyasi.

Na valenibula vou oqo ena gauna sana tara oti kina ena qaravi ira e sivia na 10,000 na lewei Navosa.

Vakaraitaka ko PM Bainimarama ni valenibula vou ena vakarau tara oya ena sosomitaka na vale ni wai mai Keyasi.

“Sa na rawa ni qaravi eke na vakasucu vei ira na tina ni gone, na dikevi ni dra ka vakakina na x-ray kei na veiqaravi tale eso e dau laki caka tiko ki Sigatoka se ki Nadi,” tukuna ko PM Bainimarama.

“Sa tiki ni sasaga ni Matanitu me rawa na veivakatorocaketaki ni tabana ni bula ena taudaku ni koro lelevu.”

“Sa tiko talega na lalawa ni kena vakavinakataki na Votualevu Health Centre, na Sabeto Health Centre kei na Korovuto Health Centre.

Tiko talega ena vakasobuduru oya na turaga na Tui Magodro, Ratu Simione Vutevute ka kaya ni gauna sana tara oti kina na valenibula oya san a vakamamadataka vakalevu na bula vei ira na lewe ni vanua mai Navosa.

“Au vakavinavi-



Dikeva toka na e dua na ivakatakarakara ni valenibula vou e Keiyasi ko Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama ena soqo ni vakasobuduru e Navosa ena mua ni vula sa oti.

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naka vakalevu kina Matanitu ena vuku ni vakasama vinaka me vakarau tara na valenibula e Navosa kasa na sega ni yaga mera lako vakayawa sara ki Sigatoka baleta ni sa rui yawa na kena sala,” tukuna ko Ratu Vutevute.

Namaki me taura e 18 na vula na tara ni valenibula vou mai Keyasi.



Yaco na marau vei ira e rauta ni lewe 700 na lewe ni vanua e Nalawa ena nona dolava na Minisita ni Bula kei na Veiqaravi Vakavuniwai ko Rosy Akbar na nodra vale ni Wai se Waimaro Health Centre

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# Marau na tikina ko Nalawa

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

**S**A yaco na marau vei ira na lewe 7000 na lewe ni tikina ko Nalawa mai Ra ena kena sa laki dola tale na nodratou vale ni wai se Waimaro health centre ka mai vakacacani ena cagilaba

ko Winston.

Mai tara vou na vale ni wai oqo na matanitu ko Ositerelia ena \$1.2m milioni na dola.

Sa laki dolava yani na vale ni wai se health centre oqo na Minisiter ni Bula ko Rosy Akbar ena ika 28 ni Maji 2018.

Marautaka na jeameni ni tabana ni bula e Nalawa ko Waisea Leabobo na dola ni Waimaro Health Centre ka kaya vakaoqo ne;

“Siga marautaki ni kua baleta ni veigauana sa oti keimami dau lako sara tiko ki Rakiraki ka saumi tiko kina

e 100 kina 200 na dola ni kua sa kau main a vakacegu ni sa mai dola tale neimami valenibula se vale ni wai e Nalawa,”tukuna ko Leobo.

“Keimami sega ni namaka me vakaoqo ia, ni kua sa keimami marau na 18 na koro ena loma ni tikina ko Nalawa

ena vuku ni vale totoka oqo ka keimami sa vakavinavinaka vakalevu kina noda matanitu kei na matanitu ko Ositerelia ena nodratou veivuke ena tara ni vale ni wai se Waimaro Health Centre ka sa marautaki tiko ni kua.”

# Noda Viti



Veisiko wavoki ko Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama vei ira na lewe ni vanua ena Mua-i-Ra ni noda vanua ka tarai ira na revurevu ni waluvu ka yaco ena macawa ni Siga ni Mate ena mua ni vula sa oti kei na tekitekivu ni vula oqo. iTaba: ERONI VALILI

# ‘Qaqararauni’

**SOLO LEWANAVANUA**

**S**A kerei keda kece na lewe ni vanua e Viti ko Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama me da kua ni vakawaletaka se taura vakamamada na waluvu.

Era kaya kina na turaga Paraiminisita ni sa levu cake na bula e takali ena waluvu e kauta mai na Cava ko Josie ni vakatauvatani kei na Cava ko Evena ena 2012.

“Au kerei keda kece meda taura sara vakabibi na leqa tubu koso oqo na waluvu.”

“Ni kakua ni takosova na uciwai ena gauna ni waluvu.”

“Ni lako laivi mai na vanua e yaco tiko

kina na waluvu,”tukuna ko PM Bainimarama.

“Ni kua ni draiva takosova na gaunaisala e waluvu tiko.”

Sa vakasalataki keda talega na itubutubu meda qarauni ira na gone mera kua ni qitotaka na wai ni waluvu se salasala ni wai.

“Kevaka ko ni raica eso nira vakawaletaka tiko na waluvu ni vakasalataki ira ena rerevaki ni leqa e rawa ni yaco kina,”tukuna ko PM Bainimarama.

“Ni da sasamaki tiko ni oti na waluvu e kauta mai na Cava ko Josie, au sa uqeti keda kece na lewei Viti meda duavata ena kena taqomaki na noda vanua me na leqa tubu koso,” tukuna ko PM Bainimarama.



Sarava ka dikeva ko Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama na benu e soqoni laivi mai ni lutu sobu yani na wai ena waluvu e tara na Mua-i-Ra ni noda vanua. iTaba: ERONI VALILI

**VOQA NI DAVUI**

Moniti - Tusiti 8.30pm (15 na miniti) <i>Radio Fiji One</i>	Vakarauwai 9pm (30 na miniti) <i>Radio Fiji One</i>
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