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WELL DONE MY GIRL

Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama greets 11-year-old Shalvi Shakshi at the Sheraton Fiji Resort and Spa on Denarau on the margins of the 20th Conference of Commonwealth Education Ministers.

Shalvi and Timoci Naulusala, who travelled to Bonn, Germany, last year as part of the Fijian delegation for COP23, reprised their pleas to leaders at the conference and highlighted the impacts of climate change on their rural communities.

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Photo: ISAAC LAL

KEY outcome

Nadi declaration to benefit Fiji, Commonwealth

MEREANI GONEDUA

CLIMATE change awareness through mass education will need to go beyond the classroom with stronger engagement with private sectors and other stakeholders.

The was one of the key outcomes of the Nadi Declaration at the conclusion of the 20th Conference of the Commonwealth Education Ministers at the Sheraton Fiji Resort and Spa on Denarau.

The declaration, a collective consensus among the Commonwealth ministers, will be presented to the 53 Heads of Governments at the Commonwealth Heads of Governments Meeting (CHOGM) scheduled to be held in London, England, in April.

Attorney-General and Minister for Education Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum said the meeting was a platform for Commonwealth countries to deliberate on issues affecting their education systems, including ways to address them.

The A-G highlighted that every country varied depending on its

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Secretary-General of the Commonwealth of Nations, Baroness Patricia Scotland

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TWEET OF THE WEEK



Frank Bainimarama (@FijiPM)

People ask me: Why did you take on the presidency of @COP23 when there is so much to do in Fiji? And my answer is very simple: Because our lives depend on it. The lives of every Fijian and every citizen of climate-vulnerable nations around the world depend on it. pic. twitter.com/dMPOIWsjVu

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PM praises women in business

ISAAC LAL

PRIME Minister Voreqe Bainimarama has applauded the women of Ba for championing women entrepreneurship by taking advantage of the various platforms made available by the Government.

The Head of Government made the comments while opening the \$490,000 Ba Women's Forum Training Centre recently, which was jointly funded by the Fijian and Japanese governments.

"The Ba Women's Forum has been an excellent partner to my Government in that aim. And the very same vision and spirit that has led your organisation to this milestone achievement of opening this training centre, will continue to carry your forum and the women of Fiji to even greater success in the years ahead," he said.

He said the facility was a major part of the Govern-



Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama, Minister for Women, Children and Poverty Alleviation Mereseini Vuniwaqa with invited guests during the official opening of the Ba Women's Forum Centre. Photo: ISAAC LAL

ment's agenda to forge a more level playing field in Fijian society, where women can pursue their own paths, free from a fear of violence, free from backward cultural mentalities and free from repressive networks of privilege and male entitlement.

Prime Minister Bainimarama added that the Government would always continue to explore ways to empower young Fijians including women to be able to contribute positively to their families, their communities and the nation as a whole.

"A society where young girls and young boys all have every confidence that their hard work and achievement can carry them to success – with no limits placed on them because of their gender, their socioeconomic status, their religion, their ethnicity, their physical ability or on where they come from in Fiji. That is the promise of the Fijian Constitution. That is the commitment of my Government," he said.

Prime Minister Bainimarama said if a woman, anywhere in Fiji, has an idea for

a business or a hope for a brighter future, she shouldn't have to wait on anyone to follow that dream.

"She should know that where she lives, there are resources she can tap to help make her idea a reality and this new training facility will become a home for those women. It will become a hub of education and professional development for those budding entrepreneurs – a centre that will help field a new generation of talented, creative and ambitious Fijian women."

China donates 200 vehicles



Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama with Chinese Ambassador to Fiji Qian Bo during the handing over of a fleet consisting of 50 school buses, 30 ambulances, 50 police cars, 50 minibuses and 20 panel vans at the Mobile Police Unit, Makoi, Nasinu. Photo: NANISE NEIMILA

RONAL DEO

THE Fijian Government's drive to expand access to critical services to communities in rural and maritime areas was boosted with the donation of 200 vehicles by the People's Republic of China.

Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama said this while receiving one of the largest material donations from China to Fiji in recent years at a handing over ceremony at the Police Mobile Unit, Makoi, Nasinu.

The total value of the Chinese gov-

ernment grant was an estimated FJ\$17.5million, with the fleet consisting of 50 school buses, 30 ambulances, 50 police cars, 50 minibuses and 20 panel vans.

"China has been a steadfast friend and we are deeply appreciative of this assistance. Having more vehicles means we can respond more quickly to emergencies, address urgent needs of ordinary Fijians and keep delivering on our agenda for rural outreach and development," Prime Minister Bainimarama said.

He assured that these vehicles would immediately be put to use and integrated

within the existing Government fleet under the management of the Fleet Management Team under the Ministry of Economy.

Chinese Ambassador to Fiji Qian Bo said the vehicles were a New Year's gift from China to the Fijian Government and the people, especially villagers and children in rural areas.

Mr Qian explained that Prime Minister Bainimarama attended "the Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation" held in Beijing last May where he witnessed the signing of the Vehicle Project Agreement with Chinese leaders.



PM proud of job creation

PRASHILA DEVI

PRIME Minister Voreqe Bainimarama has commended the tourism industry for the level of job creation for Fijians. The industry, Fiji's highest foreign exchange earner, has a high demand for workers and Prime Minister Bainimarama told tourism "movers and shakers" at the 21st Annual ANZ Fiji Excellence in Tourism Awards, that this gave him the greatest pride. "While the resorts themselves are

something to be proud of, my real pride comes with each Fijian job created, and with each Fijian family's standard of living that is raised," he said at the awards ceremony in Nadi last week.

"My real pride comes from the tens of thousands of hard-working Fijians whose livelihoods are directly and indirectly tied to tourism.

"The tour guides, the maids, the nannies, the cooks, the groundskeepers, the farmers, the fishermen, the sales assistants, the taxi drivers, the crafts-

men and craftswomen, the waiters and waitresses."

Prime Minister Bainimarama said these were the people in his thoughts every day, driving his passion for the betterment of every Fijian woman, child, man and our youth.

For that, the Head of Government thanked tourism stakeholders for their role in helping lift up so many Fijian families by advancing the strong and growing tourism industry, the largest contributor to Fiji's gross domestic product (GDP).

Key Outcome

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development and location and collectively they needed to determine a common platform between them.

The ministers noted the need for increased awareness of green and blue technologies, emerging alternative clean energy sources and the mobilisation of indigenous and community knowledge.

They noted the need to support the creation of a network of universities and research centres dedicated to climate mitigation.

Prime Minister and president of the 23rd session of Conference of Parties (COP23) Voreqe Bainimarama said the meeting was critical in advancing the agenda for all citizens of the Commonwealth and the world.

"It is singularly appropriate - given the new age of climate uncertainty that is upon us - that sustainability and resilience be the theme of this conference," he said.

"We all know that education is the key to sustainable development because it equips people with the skills they need to benefit their own lives and the lives of those around them, but governments at every level must place sustainability at the core of their decision-making.

"As COP President, I want maximum ambition, maximum action and with maximum urgency. As I said on the beachfront a short time ago, only by embracing the most ambitious target of the Paris Agreement can we avoid catastrophe. Zero net carbon emissions as soon as possible to limit average global warming to no more than 1.5 degree Celsius over that of the pre-industrial age."

Prime Minister Bainimarama said he would personally request every nation to make commitments pertaining to Climate Change.

"At our Heads of Government Meeting in London in April, I will be specifically asking all 53 Commonwealth countries for that commitment and I urge every nation, as well as non-state stakeholders, to work with Fiji to make a success of the 2018 Talanoa Dialogue, in which we are seeking more ambition in all our Nationally Determined Contributions to reduce heat trapping carbon emissions - our NDCs.



Commonwealth education leaders during the 20th Conference of Commonwealth Education Ministers at the Sheraton Fiji Resort and Spa on Denarau in Nadi. Photo: ISAAC LAL

Moment of silence for Winston victims

MEREANI GONEDUA

COMMONWEALTH education leaders this week observed a moment of silence to remember those who suffered and lost their lives during Tropical Cyclone Winston, which struck Fiji two years ago.

Climate change and its effects topped discussions at the 20th Conference of Common-

wealth Education Ministers at the Sheraton Fiji Resort and Spa on Denarau, Nadi.

Key speakers Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama, Commonwealth of Nations Secretary-General Baroness Patricia Scotland and former New Zealand Prime Minister Helen Clark noted the two years anniversary of the monstrous cyclone and stressed the need to address climate change.

As he welcomed the delegates to Fiji, Prime Minister Bainimarama reflected that it was a sad day for Fiji.

"A day of sombre reflection for the Fijian people as we

commemorate the second anniversary of Tropical Cyclone Winston, which slammed into our nation with terrible force on 20 February 2016," he said.

"Forty-four of our loved ones were killed in the affected areas; many thousands of Fijians lost their homes; public infrastructure, including many schools, was damaged or destroyed and when it was over the overall cost amounted to one third of our GDP."

Ms Clark acknowledged the severe impact of Cyclone Gita that affected Tonga and Fiji's southern islands recently.

"The peoples of the Small Island Developing States (SIDS) of the Pacific, the Caribbean, and the Indian Ocean are very resilient - they have lived with extreme weather events throughout human history," she said.

The call for solidarity was echoed by Baroness Scotland, who urged Commonwealth leaders to work together to achieve their goals.

"Knowledge about education and learning, and knowledge about knowledge itself - how it can be acquired, how it can be shared and how it can be deepened," she said.



ATTORNEY-GENERAL CHAIRS TOP FORUM

THE Attorney General and Minister for Education, Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, was welcomed as the incoming chair of the Conference of Commonwealth Education Ministers last week.

Speaking at the meeting, the A-G thanked the Commonwealth of Nations Secretary-General, Baroness Patricia

Scotland, and former Prime Minister of New Zealand Helen Clark for setting the tone for the conference with their contributions.

"They have given us all a great deal of food for thought, and there are plenty of ideas in their contributions for us to develop in the various sessions as the

week progresses," he said.

"You have all seen the very best in Fijian hospitality, and you have experienced our culture. So now is the time to focus on the job that we have all come here to do. To draw on your experiences and to draw on your expertise, to forge a better path forward, together."

Praise for education investment

MEREANI GONEDUA

AUSTRALIAN Minister responsible for training and skills Karen Andrews has acknowledged the enormous investment by the Fijian Government to build quality education.

Speaking at the reopening of the Vunisamaloa Sangam School in Ba last week, Ms Andrews highlighted the importance of education as crucial to literacy or to building the skills to get a good job and developing future leaders.

"The (Fijian) Government's efforts deserve to be commended. Australia is pleased to support Fiji through its development program to achieve quality education for all," she said.

"I want to acknowledge the tremendous resilience and resourcefulness of the teachers and community supporting this school. I understand these classrooms were destroyed in Tropical Cyclone Winston. I congratulate you on all of the work that you have done to rebuild your school so that you can provide the education that is needed to the

children in this area.

Meanwhile, the New Zealand Minister for Ethnic Communities Jenny Selesa officiated at the opening of a tele-centre at Lautoka Andhra Secondary School.

Opening the new centre, Ms Selesa highlighted the digital divide in the Pacific, with disparity in access to digital technologies and levels of digital literacy.

"Initiatives like the Government of Fiji's Community Telecentre Project help to address the digital divide in the Pacific. They provide students and the broader communities with access to technologies, skills and knowledge that will be essential for learning, working and living in a globally connected society."

"New Zealand is supporting (NZ\$600,000 in four years-FJ\$884,993) a similar small-scale initiative in Lami, Suva where we are supporting a community computer lab providing a range of educational, vocational and general services centred on enhancing ICT literacy and skills."



Australian Minister responsible for training and skills Karen Andrews during the official reopening of Vunisamaloa Sangam School in Ba last week. Photo: ISAAC LAL



Former New Zealand Prime Minister Helen Clark with Attorney-General and Minister for Education Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum during the 20th Conference of Commonwealth Education Ministers at the Sheraton Fiji Resort and Spa on Denarau in Nadi. Photo: ISAAC LAL

Fiji commended for international commitments

MEREANI GONEDUA

FII'S performance on the international arena has scored praises during the 20th Commonwealth Conference of Education Ministers held this week in Nadi.

Former New Zealand Prime Minister Helen Clark, in her remarks to more than 200 delegates present during the week-long conference, highlighted that she was impressed with the active participation Fiji played during international meetings including the leading role in the fight against climate change.

"I am delighted that the conference

is being held in Fiji, a country which gives high priority to its participation in international organisations, and where challenges at the heart of the global sustainable development agenda are so pressing, not least those of building resilience to adverse events such as those brought about by climate change," she said.

Ms Clark, who was administrator of the United Nations Development Programme until April last year, said Fiji was punching above its weight in the global arena especially in the fight against climate change and called on leaders to unite in this important fight. Meanwhile, Commonwealth of

Nations Secretary-General Baroness Patricia Scotland echoed similar sentiments in commending Fiji's participation during the education meeting.

She said Fiji had been one of the best host countries and that many of the objectives discussed during the meeting had been met.

"May I begin by expressing immense gratitude to the Government of Fiji for hosting this important ministerial meeting and the gatherings associated with it. Fiji has made an outstanding contribution through its Presidency of COP23," Baroness Scotland said.

Conference shapes policy guidelines

RONAL DEO

DECISIONS made in the 20th Conference of Commonwealth Education Ministers will provide the policy guidelines that will shape the education agenda in the Commonwealth of Nations for the next three years.

Attorney-General and Minister for Education Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, speaking at the meeting in Nadi this week, brought to the fore the timeliness of 20CCEM because it was being held just 10 weeks before the next Commonwealth Heads of Governments Meeting in UK in April this year.

The A-G said the purpose of the conference was not only to encourage a genuine exchange of views on the theme, but to recommend and agree practical policy actions that the ministers could implement in their own countries.

"We all have our vision, priorities and our own agendas for the education of our students and our young people in our respective countries. However, no government can afford to operate in silos (groups not sharing information or knowledge), especially when it comes to issues that are universal. Two of these issues are inextricably tied to our future. The education of our young people and the health of our planet," the A-G said.

He said those were the issues that by breaking through those silos in a spirit of Commonwealth collaboration will need to be addressed.



Attorney-General and Minister for Education Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum officiated as a key speaker at the Students/Youth parallel meeting at the University of Fiji in Lautoka on the margins of the 20th Conference of the Commonwealth Education's Ministers. INSET: Students and Youth during the parallel meeting at the University of Fiji in Lautoka. Photos: ISAAC LAL

Be job creators, youths urged

MEREANI GONEDUA

THE Attorney-General and Minister for Education, Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, has urged students and youths to be job creators and not just job seekers.

Speaking at the Students/Youth parallel meeting at the University of Fiji in Lautoka on the margins of the 20th Conference of the Commonwealth Education's Ministers meeting last week the A-G stated that students should not only rely on employers to provide work for them, but should always look for ways to create employment.

One such example highlighted by the A-G was an initiative provided by the Fijian Government known as the Young Entrepreneurs Scheme (YES) that assists youths who want to begin their businesses.

The A-G explained how students can access the new YES initiative, which allows the Fijian Government to give students a grant of \$20,000 after assessment by the private sector so they would be able to start their own business.

"If you have come up with a good business plan we give you a grant of \$20,000 and the assessment is done by the private sector that makes the recommendations before the grant is given. The idea is to instil or engender a way of thinking that you young people should become job creators yourselves."

He stressed that student bodies and associations needed to be relevant and maintain a level of impartiality.

"The moment the impartiality is compromised by any student organisation, the ability to speak on a whole range of issues will be compromised," the A-G said.

"Then you can truly become an independent voice and a critic of policies and various issues taking place in your country and even in the education sector."

The A-G highlighted that for any country to prosper economically it needed to engage students and young people in dialogue and decision making.

Youths, students central to policy discussions

MEREANI GONEDUA

STUDENTS and young people, in particular, should be at the centre of policy discussions not only as beneficiaries of education, but in recognition that they are among some of the most vulnerable members of society, says Attorney-General and Minister for Education Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum.

He made the point while speaking to 200 participants at the Integrated Partners Forum (IPF) in Nadi last week.

The A-G noted that every country stood at its own level of development and even

every country had its own priorities, aspirations and game plans for the education of students and young people.

"But for all of us, small island developing states, and for larger, industrialised economies, our progress in education hinges on our ability to pursue sustainable development, and realise the sustainable development goals," he said.

"That is not a journey that can take place in silos, it has to be a journey we embark on together, with well-resources nations standing shoulder-to-shoulder with those with more limited resources. Because the theme of this year's CCEM

bears relevance for us all, "Sustainability and Resilience: Can Education Deliver?"

The A-G stressed that Fiji remained fully committed to the agenda of expanding access to high-quality education and that the Fijian Government made education free for the first time in Fijian history.

"We are providing our students with free textbooks and subsidised transportation to school. And, recently, we've massively expanded access to merit-based scholarships and our affordable tertiary education loans scheme, and made those programmes more tailored to students' needs," he said.

Call to invest in students

MEREANI GONEDUA

THE Secretary-General of the Commonwealth of Nations, Baroness Patricia Scotland, has called on business communities to invest in and partner Commonwealth universities in offering scholarships.

This, she said, would help build the skilled workforce that it needs, especially to meet the demand of blue and green economies.

Speaking at the Integrated Partners Forum (IPF) in Nadi last week during the lead-up to the 20th Conference of Commonwealth Education Ministers meeting, Baroness Scotland stressed that if youths were deprived from accessing education then they would turn



Secretary-General of the Commonwealth of Nations Baroness Patricia Scotland shares a light moment with Korovutu College students during the opening of the school's telecentre last week. Photo: ISAAC LAL

away disillusioned and discontent with societies, including governments.

"Educate young people, explore with them values, attitudes and beliefs that shape their actions in positive, and they will be our moral compass. Equip them with skills and provide them with decent work, and they will be our custodians of sustainable development and social justice," she said.

Baroness Scotland highlighted that for marginalised and disadvantaged people, education could be a bulwark against volatility.

"Education, we know, lays the foundation for personal and social development, for responsible action and good citizenship. It is a human right and the best guarantee against unemployment and poverty."

Baroness Scotland stressed

that for communities and societies to reap these benefits, they need high-quality and inclusive education systems throughout the Commonwealth.

"The Commonwealth needs you, our civil society organisations and stakeholders, to work in partnership with governments to build equitable and quality education systems and improve accountability across our member countries."



YOUR VIEWS



PM Bainimarama visits Makoi Maternity Unit which was officially opened by Minister for Health Rosy Akbar

The way to go
Keep the momentum
going.

-ABDUL RAUF ALI

Awesome safe motherhood
at the doorstep. Great
initiative Fiji Govt.

-MATURINE C-TARY

Well done PM greatly
needed and thank you for
this good service to the
people.

-EMA VULI

Great work by the
government of the day.

-FAIAZ ALI

That's great news.

-RIYAZ DEANI



QUESTION OF THE WEEK

*Which country currently holds
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- Please submit your answer to fijifocus18@gmail.com
together with your full name and contact details.

- Winners will be picked randomly and announce via email.

- Immediate family members and friends of Department of
Information staff are not eligible to participate.

Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama holds public consultations in the West



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completely new look,
very beautiful.
It is modern Fiji and all
the hard work of FijiFirst.
All people of this country
should accept that
grapes are really sweet.
Wish you all the best.

-ANUPMA SINGH

Never before any Prime
Minister has met ordi-
nary citizens. Sir, you are
greatest Prime Minister
Fiji ever had. Thanks sir
for looking after all of us.
Many more years to en-
joy together sir and stay
blessed always sir. GOD
BLESS YOU ALWAYS SIR

-CHARLIE PATHAK



Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama and Commonwealth of Nations Secretary-General Baroness Patricia Scotland flank Shalvi Shakshi, (second from left), and Timoci Naulusala, (third from left), the two Fijian school children who spoke to world leaders during COP23 in Bonn, Germany, last year about the impacts of climate change on their communities. Photo: ISAAC LAL

Climate change 'greatest challenge'

MEREANI GONEDUA

PRIME Minister Voreqe Bainimarama has stressed that discussions on sustainable development cannot be held at any level without addressing the fundamental threat of climate change.

"It is the greatest challenge humanity has ever faced. We are all vulnerable and we must all act. And we must act with speed and determination. Maximum ambition. Maximum urgency. Maximum action," he said.

"Which is why as COP (Conference of Parties) President I keep saying

that we must achieve the most ambitious target of the Paris Agreement of 2015: Net zero carbon emissions as soon as possible to limit the average global temperature to 1.5 degrees above that of the pre-industrial age."

Prime Minister Bainimarama, while addressing 20th Conference of Commonwealth Education Ministers at the Sheraton Fiji Resort and Spa last week stated that even at 1.5 degrees, it seemed countries would not escape some of the more destructive consequences of climate change such as severe damage to reefs.

He said that among Fiji's achievements at COP23 was the launch of the Ocean Pathway Partnership, which establishes an inextricable link between climate change and the health of our oceans.

"I am pleased to announce that Fiji proudly endorses and supports the Commonwealth's own initiative on oceans – the proposed Blue Charter that will be a key part of the agenda at the forthcoming Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting in London in April," Prime Minister Bainimarama said.

Focus on climate- resilient schools

PRIYANKA LAL

THE Ministry of Education will continue to work on building climate resilient schools and resolving administrative issues to ensure Fijian students have access to quality learning.

While speaking at the Small States Forum meeting during the 20th Conference of Commonwealth Education Ministers in Nadi last week, Attorney-General and Minister for Education Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum said the challenges facing Fiji and other Pacific Island countries were worsened because of climate change.

The A-G said the devastating effects of Severe Tropical Cyclone Winston two years ago left lasting marks



Timoci Naulusala addresses Commonwealth education ministers during the conference in Nadi. Photo: ISAAC LAL

not only on our students, but on our educational facilities as well.

He said the focus since then was to build back stronger and resilient educational structures.

"More than 225 schools were damaged during TC Winston. None of the 95 per cent of the schools that we are rebuilding had architectural plans or engineers certificates. The rebuilding is costing us over \$200million and we are yet

to complete all of them," the A-G said.

"We are moving along with merit-based pathways in terms of promotions for teachers. We are working to resolve administrative issues. A lot of the structures are still hung over from our colonial days. The way administration work was done needs to be changed and we are working on that."

The A-G highlighted various initiatives such as free education, textbooks, sub-

sidised transportation to school, merit-based scholarships and affordable tertiary education loans to achieve a knowledge based society.

He told the delegates that despite the challenges facing them, as fellow Commonwealth nations they shared language, values and traditions that could accelerate exchange of information and make ideas and experiences more relevant for one another.

COP23 presidency vital for building resilience

NANISE NEIMILA

FIIJI has been commended for its role as president of 23rd session of Conference of Parties (COP23).



Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein.

United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein, during the three-day visit to Fiji earlier this month, said Fiji's presidency at COP23 under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change has played an important role in the Pacific region in building climate resilience and also combating climate change.

Mr Al Hussein said Fiji was leading the way in the Pacific region in building climate change resilience and combating climate change.

"Climate change has a profound impact on wide variety of human rights, including the rights of life, self-determination, development, food, health water and sanitation and housing," he said.

"The Pacific Islands have been raising the alarm on impact of climate change since at least 1991 when the then South Pacific Forum (now the Pacific Islands Forum secretariat) issued a statement warning that the cultural economic and physical survival of Pacific nations was at great risk.

Mr. Al Hussein stressed that Fiji's leadership at the international level was crucial in reminding all states – particularly those responsible for the lion's share of fossil fuel emission – of their obligation to co-operate and assist each other in ensuring the rights of all people are respected and protected.

During his visit, the UN Human Rights High Commissioner met Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama, Attorney-General Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum and other senior government officials as well as Opposition MPs and representatives of various civil society organisations.



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PM challenges cane farmers

ISAAC LAL

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the push towards mechanised farming.

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fertiliser subsidy in 2009, the Government further reduced the price paid by farmers to \$20 per bag. This has led to the increase in sale by nearly 40 per cent since January last year.

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Government stands by commitment

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Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama unveils a plaque to open the TLTB office in Ba. Photo: ISAAC LAL

TLTB brings service closer to people

VILIAME TIKOTANI

THE opening of the new iTaukei Lands Trust Board office in Ba will bring service closer to the people who most need it, says Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama.

He made the comment while officiating at the opening ceremony in Ba last week and said members of the public will not have to travel to Suva or Lautoka to access TLTB services.

"As chairman of the TLTB Board of Trustees and Minister for iTaukei Affairs, I'm pleased to have the opportunity to celebrate with you today as we open the newest TLTB Office, expanding our physical presence to Ba Town for the first time in the Board's 77-year history," Prime Minister Bainimarama said.

"The TLTB Board decided to set up a new office in Ba in recognition of the untapped potential that exists within this north-western side of Viti Levu. Covering a total iTaukei land area of around 358,000 acres — with only about 32 per cent of that currently leased — Ba is truly ripe with opportunity."

Prime Minister Bainimarama said there were nine districts between Lautoka City



Prime Minister and Minister for iTaukei Affairs Voreqe Bainimarama with Government officials and landowners after the opening of the TLTB office in Ba. Photo: ISAAC LAL

and Rakiraki Town that will be served by this new Ba office, including the districts of Nailaga, Bulu, Tavua, Qaliyatina, Nalotawa, Magodro, Naloto, Savatu, and Nadrau.

"To those of you here in Ba; gone are the days where you had to travel all the way down to Lautoka to get access to TLTB services," he said.

"The Ba Sub-Regional Office will make life much easier for you and for all of our local landowners. And with the full support of the 12 senior staff who will be servicing this new office, you will be provided with the best of opportunities to

utilise your land."

Prime Minister Bainimarama said the Government brought the services of the TLTB to Ba as part of its campaign to expand government services directly to Fijian communities throughout our nation.

"By doing so, we aim to make life easier by making these important services more accessible, allowing our communities to finally feel the full benefits of the programmes and initiatives my Government is introducing. And in effect, we aim to maximise the potential of every Fijian, irrespective of geographic location," he said.



Government helps lower cost base

VILIAME TIKOTANI

THE Government assistance towards the sugar industry has lowered the cost base.

Prime Minister and Minister for Sugar Industry Voreqe Bainimarama, while highlighting the reduced cost base, said that this was the only way sugarcane growers would be able to see bigger profits, now and over the long-term.

“Only when we bring down the costs of production, can we put this industry on a real path to a more sustainable and

more profitable future,” Prime Minister Bainimarama said.

“We’ve helped transfer new and better technologies to farmers. We’ve set aside nearly \$16million for the Cane Replanting Programme and that major funding increase has led to 5671 hectares planted in 2017 compared with 3900 last year,” he said.

“Still, our reports indicate that we have 30,000 hectares of land that remains idle or underutilised, so I encourage all of you to take advantage of this grant to plant more cane.”

PM Bainimarama said the fertiliser subsidy introduced in 2009 was lowered by \$20 per bag last year, increasing sale of fertiliser by 40 per cent.

Government introduced mechanised farming to respond to labour shortages and assisted 21 co-operatives with \$90,000 each for deposit payments on mechanical harvesters.

“Already, we’ve increased the total percentage of cane harvested by mechanical harvesters from eight per cent last year to 18 per cent,” PM Bainimarama said.

Proper leases for informal settlements

ISAAC LAL

NINETEEN informal settlements around the country within the town boundaries will soon be given proper leases.

This was confirmed by Minister for Local Government, Housing and Environment Parveen Kumar during a public consultation in Sigatoka recently.

“The Ministry of Local Government has recently completed a survey of informal settlements around the country that need some formality,” Minister Kumar said.

“The Ministry of Local Government together with town and city councils are working with the Ministry of Lands to allow these informal settlements and their occupants to be given proper leases.”

Minister Kumar added that allowing these informal settlements to have proper leases would empower them to be able to access financial assistance to be able to further improve their living standards.

“With the lease, these Fijians will be able to access loans to be able to improve their lives and their homes and we will provide them with piped water and proper roads.”

Ram Murti, a 67-year-old who lives in one such settlement at Olosara, Sigatoka, welcomed the move by the Government.

“We continue to live informally and the 42 households are grateful that the Government has kept us in their plans and I welcome the information that we will be given proper leases,” Mr Murti said.



Prime Minister and Minister for Sugar Voreqe Bainimarama praised sugarcane growers during public consultations in the Western Division as some of the hardest working people in Fiji. Photo: ISAAC LAL

Sugarcane farmers ‘among hardest workers’

VILIAME TIKOTANI

SUGARCANE farmers are among the hardest working people in Fiji and the Government will always stand by to render them the fullest support, now and in the future, says Prime Minister and Minister for Sugar Industry Voreqe Bainimarama.

The Prime Minister acknowledged the role that farmers played in growing

the Fijian economy during the joint consultations on the sugar industry and land last week in the Western Division.

“I’d like to first speak directly to our cane farmers here today, I’d like to begin by recognising all of you for the work you put in every day to build this industry,” Prime Minister Bainimarama said.

“You are among the hardest working people in Fiji and

my Government supports you and stands with you – now and always.”

The Prime Minister said when it came to the sugarcane industry, there was no question that it was in a steady decline until his Government intervened to put it on a better footing.

“For example, the amount of cane needed to produce sugar has been drastically reduced by making the process

Maintenance targeted ahead of crushing

ISAAC LAL

THE maintenance of all access roads in cane belt areas around the country will be completed before the beginning of the crushing season, Fiji Sugar Corporation has announced.

FSC chief operating officer Navin Chandra made the comment in Rakiraki after being asked by a farmer, Narendra Maharaj, recently during a public consultation by Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama.

“Maintenance of cane access roads are a major problem now because of the weather conditions, but we have given out tenders and contracts so work is likely to start in the coming weeks weather permitting,” Mr Chandra said.

“We would like to inform all farmers that we want to ensure that all the contractors complete the work to a certain standard because in the past, despite being paid, we have had complaints on the conditions of these access roads thus the reason to ensure that we give contracts to companies who do a good job,” he said.

For Rakiraki Mr Chandra confirmed that the 389 cane access roads, which is a total of 44 kilometres, will begin in March.

389 cane access roads with a total of **44km** will begin next month



Land returned to owners

VILLIAME TIKOTANI

PRIME Minister Voreqe Bainimarama highlighted the return of iTaukei land to owners who needed them.

Prime Minister Bainimarama made the comments at the joint public consultations in the Western Division, which was held by the Government, sugar industry stakeholders and the iTaukei Land Trust Board, last week.

"I am pleased to note that

the iTaukei Land Trust Board as part of its trusteeship role has facilitated the return of Schedule A and B lands to the iTaukei landowners who need them," he said.

"This process after all proper due diligence took a slow start since 2003. This has now been fast-tracked and is nearing completion."

Prime Minister Bainimarama said out of the 1100 parcels of Scheduled A lands, TLTB has already allotted 1074 parcels or 95 per cent to

landowning units.

"For Schedule B lands, out of the 304 parcels of lands, TLTB has already allotted 265 or 87 per cent," he said.

"The facilitation of this process has led to more iTaukei lands that used to be held under the Crown prior to 2003, to being slowly reverted back to iTaukei Landowners."

Prime Minister Bainimarama said this implied that if existing leases were in these reverted parcels of Schedule A and B lands, the lease mon-

ies would now be transferred to the new allotted landowning units.

"This is a positive development for landowners and would also mean more lease monies for the iTaukei and more land for sugar-cane farming and other developments depending on the best land use available for that particular area," he said.

"The purposes of our presence here and is to reach out and hear from you as our stakeholders and customers

of any relevant suggestions for improvements on service deliveries that may assist us to serve you better in terms of good land management, renewal of land leases and also better approaches and avenues to boost sugar cane productivity towards the revitalisation of Fiji Sugar industry," Prime Minister Bainimarama explained.

The consultation provided a platform sugar and land stakeholders to iron out issues with the authorities.

Project ensures water supply

ISAAC LAL

THIRTY-TWO households on Vio Island now have access to water after the completion of their water project on the island last week.

Vio Village headman Semi Mana thanked the Government for the assistance, which has put an end to their years of harvesting rainwater.

"Our island is just a kilometre away from Lautoka, but we have always had problems with water. Last week, through the Government's assistance, our rainwater harvesting system was completed and now we have cleans and safe drinking water," Mr Mana said.

"During the dry season, we had always relied on water that was carted from the main island, but now we have our own supply of water on the island."

Mr Mana recently met Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama in Lautoka where he personally thanked the Head of Government for their new water system.

Prime Minister Bainimarama said, "To improve the lives of every Fijian, my Government is spending a great amount of money on roads, on water, on electricity and other services".

"I know some of you may still not have access to electricity or piped water, but many of you now enjoy these services for the first time and Government will continue its program of extending them to as many people as possible across the country," he said.

Mr Mana extended an invited to Prime Minister Bainimarama to Vio to commission their water project.



Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama with members of the public during the consultations in the Western Division. Photo: ISAAC LAL

Additional \$350k for landowners

VILLIAME TIKOTANI

THE Government will help develop a fund within the iTaukei Land Trust Board (TLTB) which will be used to assist landowners start their own businesses.

Last week, Prime Minister and Minister for iTaukei Affairs Voreqe Bainimarama distributed \$200,000 to 29 landowners in the Western Division, which will assist them in developing their land-based businesses as most of these landowners are agricultural and livestock farmers.

The Government announced that it would disburse an additional \$350,000 to landowners this year as part of its commitment to helping landowners start their own businesses.

Prime Minister Bainimarama said the iTaukei Land Trust Board hoped to continue to grow the fund in the future.

He made this announcement as he opened the new branch of TLTB in Ba last week.

"And here today, we will be helping some of those dreams start to transform into reality," Prime Minister Bainimarama said.

"I am proud to be here as 29

landowners and landowning units are awarded a share of the \$200,000 grant that was set aside by the board in 2017 for the iTaukei landowners."

Prime Minister Bainimarama said these individuals and landowning units had been selected for their innovative business ideas and for the potential they have to bolster the local economy, and in effect, help shape the Fiji of tomorrow.

He said TLTB progressed a very long way since its inception in 1940 and as Fiji changed, the board adapted alongside our great country.

"With each passing year, TLTB has continued to modernise and enhance its services with innovative changes and developments that will assist to meet and realise its ultimate vision: to preserve, protect, and promote native iTaukei land by providing our landowners with comprehensive land management services," Prime Minister Bainimarama said.

"Always know that your Government believes in you, we support you, and we want to see you thrive. And always know that your fellow Fijians are rooting for you to succeed for yourselves, for your families, and for the future of Fiji."



Prime Minister and Minister for iTaukei Affairs Voreqe Bainimarama distributed \$200,000 to 29 landowners in the Western Division, most of whom are agricultural and livestock farmers, to help them develop their land-based businesses. Photo: ISAAC LAL



Minister praises timber firms

NEMANI TURAGAIVU

THE Minister for Forests, Osea Naiqamu, has praised timber companies operating in Labasa during his recent week-long tour of the Northern Division.

Minister Naiqamu showed his delight after visiting Pinto Industries Limited and Vanua Levu Pallets Limited.

He said he was very pleased with the commitment and dedication by the timber companies in Labasa.

“The timber industry on Vanua Levu has really taken on board the vision and mission of the Government by participating in transforming Vanua Levu and Fiji,” Minister Naiqamu said.

“Since the Government established the Look North Policy, we have witnessed how the timber industry has created economic activity that can enhance the lives of the ordinary Fijians.”

Pinto Industries Limited, a timber-processing factory, began operations in 1982 with its main product being wooden brush.

The company expanded its production lines into plastic, plastic molding, juice and soft drinks, juice bottle, mop roofing iron and other materials like foam, pharmaceutical bottles, concrete blocks and sawmill.

Company director Nilesni Narayan acknowledged the support and services provided by the Ministry of Forest to the company over last few years.

“We have seen our small saw mill in operation following the issuing of the license in September 2017, we have been purchasing native logs, pine and mahogany from our local licensed logging contractors and we are satisfied with the progress to date,” Mrs Narayan said.

Meanwhile, Vanua Levu Pallet Limited, one of the best sawmills in the Northern Division in terms of production, compliance and regulations, has been a role model to all saw millers.

Company managing director Jitendra Pratap said the success of the company was through the strong support and assistance of the Government.

“The Government has really assisted us when we started as pallet makers further more the possibility of getting a sawmill,” Mr Pratap said.

“Our recovery and production rate we achieve more than 65 per cent to 70 per cent, this is the amount of timber that comes out from a log that go through the sawing process.”

Training unlocks business potential

NEMANI TURAGAIVU

REPRESENTATIVES of resource owners from the Northern Division went through a five-day training of the trainers (ToT) workshop on enterprise skills, market analysis, investment promotion and value addition.

The training will enhance the development taking place in the mineral resource sector.

Assistant Minister for Rural and Maritime Development and National Disaster Management Joeli Cawaki, who also chairs the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Natural Resources, said the workshop focused on the development of mineral for resource owners.

Asst Minister Cawaki said the training

would assist the resource owners to establish their business on the mineral exploration front.

“For so long the resource owners have not been able to see the way forward in terms of establishing a business entity, whether it’s a mataqali, tokatoka or yavusa.”

“It’s about time now that resource owners venture into business, and they have to commercially position themselves and prepare to overcome the challenges of operating a business,” he explained.

Asst. Minister Cawaki added, “I encourage participants to make the most of this opportunity to build skills and exchange experiences, as well as to take back these learnings into the provinces and to your communities.”

“This is partly because the sector is

dominated by small and medium scale domestic businesses,” he said.

Project Co-ordinator African Caribbean and Pacific-European Union Development Minerals Project Fiji with the United Nations Development Programme Pacific Office in Fiji, Josefa Caniogo, said the workshop gave the resource owners the opportunity to create a strong knowledge base to create a sustainable and equitable industry.

A representative from the Wairiki District, Laisiasa Waqamoce, said the training helped broaden knowledge on how to set up a business through the availability of their natural resources.

“I thank the Government and other stakeholders for allowing us the land owning unit of our resources to take part in this training,” Mr Waqamoce.

Farming ‘the way forward’

NEMANI TURAGAIVU

LATCHMAN Naicker of Delaivuna in Taveuni will soon earn thousands of dollars from his four-acre yaqona farm and three-acre dalo farm once it has been harvested.

Mr Naicker, 55, had to drop out of school at Year 12 from Niusawa Methodist High School after his parents could not support his education financially.

However, he is one of Taveuni’s biggest farmers because he sells his produce for export.

“I only reached Form 6 because my parents could not financially support us, so I stayed home and started helping my father and mother in farming yaqona and dalo,” Mr Naicker said.

“As time went by I gained a lot of experience in farming and then I decided to further my education and studied at the Queensland University Certificate 3 in Agriculture and I gained knowledge about agriculture, such as planting dalo using fertilisers, applying chemicals and followed the standard of farming and that’s how I improved my farming and became an experienced farmer

in our area.”

The father-of-three went through a lot of struggles to become a successful farmer.

“The Ministry of Agriculture helped with so many subsidies in cash and materials, I received assistance from SPC with 20 per cent deposit for farming tools,” Mr Naicker said.

“After successfully implementing all this I had to financially support my children’s education.”

“One of my sons finished his tertiary education and is now working at the hospital, my daughter is studying at the nursing school while my other son is doing farming with me,” the proud father said.

Mr Naicker, who has been farming for the past 30 years, said he became a commercial farmer 17 years ago when the market to export dalo and yaqona opened up.

“I have been farming and one thing I like about farming because I want to be my own boss, being a farmer I still can find time to socialise,” he added

“Through farming I was able to buy my land, build my house, but if I was working it would have taken longer.

“I am 55 years old and I am still working hard, this is because I want to be a good role model to the young generations.

“Today a lot of the young generation are just drinking

grog, sitting idle and don’t have a property.

“My aim is to see my daughter complete her education successfully and after that I can travel the world and the main reason for my working hard was because I didn’t want my family to go through the hard times I went through when I was a young boy.

“I always share my farming experience, techniques with my son and I always advise him on the advantage of farming and what lies in the future through farming because it is something that we can earn more from having a white collar job which most are retiring at the age of 55.”



Latchman Naicker, 55, tends to his yaqona farm at Delaivuna, Taveuni.

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NZ Minister Selesa highlights digital divide in the Pacific

New Zealand Minister for Ethnic Communities Jenny Selesa, while opening a telecentre at Lautoka Andhra Secondary School, highlighted the digital divide in the Pacific with disparity in access to digital technologies and levels of digital literacy. "Initiatives like the Government of Fiji's Community Telecentre Project help to address the digital divide in the Pacific," Minister Selesa said. "They provide students and the broader communities with access to technologies, skills and knowledge that will be essential for learning, working and living in a globally connected society."

Photos: ISAAC LAL



Minister Andrews praises Fiji's education investment



Australian Assistant Minister for Vocational Education and Skills Karen Andrews opened Vunisamalao Sangam School in Ba. The school was damaged during TC Winston in 2016 and Minister Andrews thanked the Fijian Government for the build back better infrastructure to be able to withstand natural disasters of such nature.

"This is beautiful and it shows the level of

planning and ensuring that schools as such are able to withstand high-intensity cyclones that have become frequent in the region and the Fijian Government must be commended for such a wonderful rebuild," she said. The school has a roll of 94 and is located some seven kilometres from Ba Town towards Navala Village

Photos: ISAAC LAL



Indian minister opens classroom, teachers quaters

India's Minister of State for Ministry of Human Resource Development and Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Dr Satya Pal Singh, officially opened a new classroom and teachers'

quarters at Rabulu Primary School in Tavua.

The school was damaged during Tropical Cyclone Winston in 2016.

Photos: ISAAC LAL



Call to invest in students

The Secretary-General of the Commonwealth of Nations, Baroness Patricia Scotland, has called on business communities to invest in and partner Commonwealth universities in offering scholarships. She encouraged students and young people to partner and engage in the governance and decision-making bodies of their schools and institutions, and to engage in peer support, mentoring and coaching programmes. Baroness Scotland officially opened Korovuto College Telecentre last week.

Photos: ISAAC LAL





Bonus payout for Housing Authority staff

PRIYANKA LAL

MORE than 130 non-management staff of the Housing Authority recently received a bonus payout for 2015 and 2016, with some receiving pay increments based on individual performance.

The bonus payout was announced by the Attorney-General and Minister for Public Enterprises, Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, at the Housing Authority headquarters at Valelevu, Nasinu.

For 2015, 24 staff received a bonus of seven per cent, 78 staff received a bonus of six per cent while 32 staff were paid a bonus of five per cent.

For 2016, 26 staff received a bonus of 7 per cent, 57 staff got a 6 per cent bonus while 63 staff received a bonus of 5 per cent.

The A-G announced that 26 high performing staff received a pay rise of 4 per cent.

“The total cost of bonus payout is \$350,272.02 and the pay increment is \$50,092.73,” he said.

The A-G said the Housing Authority had an important role to play in the economy, and urged all the workers to continue working diligently in ensuring Fijians had access to affordable and quality housing.

“I would like to thank all of you for your

hard work and input into developing Housing Authority into being a modern organisation and it needs to become even more modern. We need to have integrity within the system,” he said.

The A-G highlighted the need for the management to recognise people who were performing well.

“No organisation can function without people. No organisation can do well without people doing well. No organisation will have longevity or durability if that organisation does not recognise people who are performing well,” he said.

The bonus payout for the management staff is being assessed.

Fijian retired teachers for Kiribati

PRIYANKA LAL

A MEMORANDUM of Agreement (MOA) between the governments of Fiji and Kiribati will result in 10 retired Fijian teachers providing services in the island nation under the Fiji Volunteer Service Scheme.

The MOA was signed between Fiji’s Roving Ambassador and High Commissioner to Pacific Island Countries and Territories Ratu Tui Cavuilati and Kiribati High Commissioner to Fiji Reteta Rimon at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Suva last week.

While speaking at the signing, Ministry of Employment, Productivity and Industrial Relations permanent secretary Salaseini Daunabuna said this was an opportunity to send Fijian retired teachers to other regional countries to share their wealth of skills and knowledge.

“We have had other arrangements with our Pacific Island neighbours and this will further strengthen the bridge we are building with them. Some of the initiatives we had undertaken have not only resulted in teachers being provided to the region, but also curriculum developers. Just recently we sent some of our retired nurses to Tuvalu,” Mrs Daunabuna said.

She said the many opportunities were seen as a stepping stone for the two countries to further strengthen bilateral co-operation.

High Commissioner Rimon acknowledged the high level of development here, and thanked Fiji for sharing important lessons with their Pacific friends.

“Capacity is a great challenge. We have had a number of our people visit Fiji who were placed in different schools to learn lessons they could take back. They took up library courses and other training implemented by the Fijian civil service,” High Commissioner Rimon said.

“English is a problem for our students. Having experienced retired teachers to assist our students will go a long way in achieving the objectives of our Government in ensuring our children follow good career paths.”

The 10 retired volunteer teachers are expected to be in Kiribati next month.



Minister for Industry, Trade, Tourism, Lands and Mineral Resources Faiyaz Koya, fourth from left, at the recent launch of the University of the South Pacific (USP)

Koya: Entrepreneurial skills vital

PRIYANKA LAL

STUDENTS and the public at large must be given opportunities to learn entrepreneurial skills, says the Minister for Industry, Trade, Tourism, Lands and Mineral Resources Faiyaz Koya.

Minister Koya highlighted this at the recent launch of the University of the South Pacific (USP) Entrepreneurial Fair 2018 at the Japan-Pacific ICT Centre in Suva.

The week-long fair, which included seminars and workshops on starting and sustaining business, provided participants the opportunity to meet with successful entrepreneurs

and share ideas.

“Universities and higher learning institutions must be at the forefront of small business development and provide the best resources for small business development. This may include, research facilities, testing of products, leadership courses in small business and the best mentoring for successful entrepreneurs,” Minister Koya said.

He said the Government fully endorsed the creation of micro, small and medium enterprises, with special focus on young resourceful Fijians becoming entrepreneurs.

“We want our young people to think outside the box, and make Fiji a hub of innovation

for the Pacific, and the world. This is the time, that young people should realise that the world is full of entrepreneurial opportunities and risks.”

Alluding to the newly-launched Young Entrepreneurship Scheme or YES and the distribution of Micro and Small Business grant, Minister Koya said the initiative was about giving life to the innovative and unique ideas of smart and ambitious Fijians.

“Through YES we intend to promote and harness the talents of young Fijians. It is Government support to young Fijians, between the ages of 18 and 30 years of up to \$20,000 to develop or expand their innovative and unique

business ideas.

Minister Koya reiterated the need for youth to be job creators and not just job seekers.

The highlight of the launch was the motivational speech by the general manager of Pic’s Peanut Butter, Bruce Picot.

The New Zealander turned his love for peanut butter into a successful business, now selling all over New Zealand and exporting to 12 other countries.

Mr Picot’s main message to aspiring entrepreneurs was to start somewhere.

More than 200 university students, academics and entrepreneurs took part in the annual event.

Ministry warns on dengue fever

THE high season for dengue fever in Fiji traditionally arrives with the rainy season in November and continues through to April. The increased rainfall can fill containers with water to create breeding grounds for mosquitoes, which can carry the dengue virus. As a result, there is an increased risk of dengue fever outbreak. As part of the Ministry of Health and Medical Services' clean-up campaign, the ministry has urged communities around Fiji to be proactive about emptying water containers, covering water drums and tanks and disposing of unused tyres, drums and other

water containers to combat mosquito breeding and limit the spread of the dengue virus. The ministry recommends the use of DEET containing mosquito repellent to prevent mosquito bites. The ministry strongly urges all Fijians to seek urgent medical attention if they experience any of the symptoms associated with dengue fever. Mosquito surveys conducted in January by the Ministry of Health and Medical Services in the Central and Western Division reported that mosquitos are reproducing at high levels that increase the risk posed by the spread of the dengue virus, particularly in Suva, Lami, Nasinu, Nadi, and Lau-

toka. The elimination of mosquito-breeding places needs to become a routine activity for all of us. We urge every Fijian to take heed of this advice to help combat the spread of the dengue virus. news@govnet.gov.fj

Dengue Fever



DENGUE FEVER

PREVENTION

Wear protective clothing

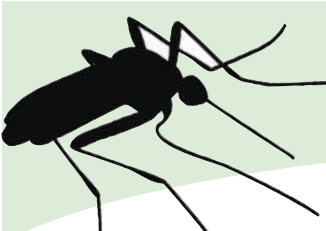
Use bed nets

Avoid mosquito bites

Use repellents

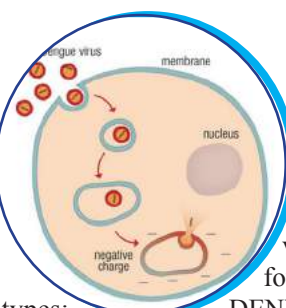
Destroy Mosquito breeding places

Bury all tins, cans, Empty pot plants and vase and Store used tires, drums in a dry place



dengue fever FACT SHEET

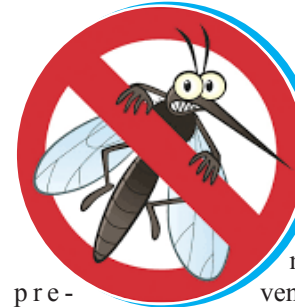
Dengue fever is a disease caused by the dengue fever virus, which is transmitted primarily by the Aedes aegypti and the Aedes albopictus mosquitoes in Fiji. The Aedes aegypti mosquito is found mostly in and around homes and workplaces in the urban areas, while Aedes albopictus prefer living in bushes, shrubs, and long grass close to people, in the more rural environment.



VIRUS SEROTYPES


The dengue fever virus exists as four different serotypes: DENV1, DENV2, DENV3, DENV4. Each serotype of the dengue fever virus is capable of causing all the symptoms of dengue fever. There is an increased risk of severe dengue if someone previously infected by one serotype of dengue contracts another serotype. All serotypes of dengue have circulated in Fiji over the past four decades. The current circulating serotype is DENV2, which has been circulating in Fiji since June of 2016. The same serotype has caused significant outbreaks in several other Pacific Island countries from 2016.

ing gums, tiredness, restlessness and blood in vomit. There is no cure for dengue fever. The treatment for dengue fever is known as 'supportive treatment', i.e. treatment to help relieve the worst symptoms while your body's immune system fights the virus. Dengue without danger signs can be treated at home with paracetamol (to relieve headache and fever), rehydration and rest. Other pain relievers like aspirin or ibuprofen should be avoided because they can worsen bleeding in severe dengue. Persons with dengue with danger signs need hospital admission. If you think you or a family member may have dengue fever, please see a doctor so that they can assess you for danger signs. If you have seen a doctor, and then later start to have dangers signs, please immediately go back to the doctor, or to another health facility. If you have danger signs please go to a health facility.



PREVENTION & RESPONSE

In the absence of a cure, the main strategy for preventing dengue transmission and particularly a dengue outbreak includes: enhanced mosquito surveillance and control, public awareness and behavioural change and early detection and management of dengue cases. Mosquito control campaigns are carried out by the Ministry of Health and Services in partnership with our local stakeholders, including municipal and provincial councils. This includes the Fight the Bite Clean Up Campaign, raising public awareness on the importance of destroying mosquito-breeding sites. However, it is not possible for the Ministry to maintain regular clean ups of every household and place of work in Fiji. Therefore we urge the people of Fiji to conduct at least weekly elimination of mosquito breeding sites, through disposal/emptying of water carrying containers in and around homes and workplaces. The ministry also conducts targeted spraying of insecticides in areas where cases of dengue fever have been recently identified, so-called 'hotspots'. Scientific evidence has shown that more widespread spraying is not effective, and could lead to mosquitoes developing resistance to available insecticides.



SYMPTOMS & TREATMENT


The symptoms of dengue fever, which typically begin five to seven days after being infected by a dengue virus carrying mosquito, include: sudden onset of high fever with severe headache, pain behind the eyes/eye socket, joint pains, muscle pains, tiredness, nausea, vomiting, or skin rash. The symptoms can last 3-7 days before you start to feel better. More worrying symptoms, or danger signs, which may indicate the life threatening complication of severe dengue fever (dengue haemorrhagic fever or dengue shock syndrome) can occur within the first 24hrs or later in the illness, and include: severe stomach (abdominal) pain, continuous vomiting, fast breathing, unexplained bruising, bleed-

Symptoms of Dengue Fever

Dengue Fever (DF)

- Headaches
- High grade fever
- Swollen glands
- Vomiting
- Muscle joints pain
- Positive tourniquet test
- Basic symptoms in 90% of patients
- Settles in two weeks

Dengue Triad





Picking apples for flying school tuition

FIJIAN seasonal worker Maria Turagakacivi under the New Zealand Recognised Seasonal Employer (RSE) Worker Scheme has been investing her apple picking earnings to finance her flying school tuition.

This was brought to the attention of the Minister for Employment, Productivity and Industrial Relations, Jone Usamate during his ministerial visit to Fijian seasonal workers in New Zealand last week.

Ms Turagakacivi of Naqali, Naitasiri explained that it was the initiative of the Fijian Government that has enabled her to meet her goal and taken her closer to making her dream come true.

“This is my third engagement under the New Zealand (RSE) Workers Scheme and my only and foremost reason here is to work hard and invest more for my dream job,” she said.

“The tuition fee for flying school has increased from (FJD)

\$60,000 to (FJD) \$100,000 but this has not put a stop to my aspiration and I am very ambitious about achieving my set goals.”

Ms Turagakacivi arrived in New Zealand in November last year for her third stint and will be returning to Fiji in May this year where she will be continuing with her flying school studies.

She is employed by R&J Flowers which is the biggest apple producing company in Hawkes Bay, New Zealand.

Minister Usamate thanked Ms Turagakacivi for the effort she was putting in to meet her goals and encouraged her to continue working hard to pursue her dreams.

During the week-long visit, the team visit other areas including Queenstown, Blenheim, Alexandra and will also hold talanoa sessions with Fijian communities in Wellington and Auckland.

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Maria Turagakacivi (left), with Minister for Employment, Productivity and Industrial Relations Jone Usamate.

Fijians commended

Seasonal workers bound for New Zealand



Minister for Labour, Employment and Industrial Relations Jone Usamate, standing 7th from left, meets Fijians employed under the scheme overseas.

FIJIANs employed in Australia under the Seasonal Worker Programme (SWP) have been praised for their good performance.

The commendation was made to the Minister for Employment, Productivity and Industrial Relations, Jone Usamate, by one of the Australian employer during his ministerial visit to the Bundaberg region, Queensland, last week.

Akers Farm managing director, Dean Akers, while meeting the minister, expressed his sincere gratitude and highlighted that he was extremely happy with the performance of the 10 Fijian workers currently employed in his farm.

“I am very appreciative of the workers’ proper work ethics and discipline. They

are hardworking and very committed,” Mr Akers said.

“I also wish to acknowledge the Fijian Government for the stringent selection process and fitness test conducted to potential workers in Fiji in ensuring that quality and best employees are given the opportunity to work under the seasonal worker programme,” the employer added.

The Fijian workers conveyed their appreciation to Minister Usamate and expressed their utmost gratitude to the Fijian Government for the opportunity given through the National Employment Centre (NEC) to be selected for employment opportunities under the SWP.

Minister Usamate reminded the work-

ers on the need to work hard and maintain proper discipline and work ethics in order to open doors for more employment opportunities for other potential Fijian workers under the program in the near future.

During the same visit the Minister also met with potential employers who have shown interest in recruiting Fijian workers in the 2018 seasons after seeing the Fijian workers’ excel in other farms.

Meanwhile, Minister Usamate made a courtesy call to the Mayor of Bundaberg and discussed further opportunities of growing the seasonal worker programme.

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TWENTY Fijian seasonal workers from tikina Levuka and Vanua Levu left our shores recently to work for Bostok New Zealand Limited under the Recognised Seasonal Employer (RSE) Worker Scheme.

Team leader, Sitiveni Sovaki Waqawai extended his appreciation to the employer, Bostok New Zealand (NZ), the *vanua* and the Fijian Government for providing the opportunity to work under the RSE worker scheme.

“We are indeed blessed and grateful to the Employment Ministry for this employment opportunity and especially for the National Employment Centre (NEC) staff in preparing us for what is ahead of us,” Mr Waqawai said.

Ministry of Employment, Productivity and Industrial Relations permanent secretary Salaseini Daunbuna presented the pre-departure orientation certificates to the 20 selected seasonal workers with words of encouragement.

“Bostok New Zealand has been recruiting from Fiji since 2015 and despite the negative image portrayed by some Fijian workers in 2016 and 2017, the employer is still willing to employ Fijians, hence the selection of the group.” news@govnet.gov.fj

फीजी फोकस

यू एन कमिशनर फोर ह्यूमन राइट्स का स्वागत किया गया

संगीता लाल

सरकार द्वारा मानव अधिकार (ह्यूमन राइट्स) के लिए संयुक्त राष्ट्र (यूनाइटेड नेशन्स) के उच्चायुक्त (हाई कमिशनर) जैड रा-आद अल हुस्सैन का पारम्परिक आदीवासी ढंग से स्वागत किया गया।

अटोनी जेनरल और अर्थ व्यवस्था मंत्री, अईयाज़ सैयद-खैयूम भी इस समारोह में उपस्थित थे।

जनाव अल हुस्सैन देश में तीन दिनों के दौर पर थे।

स्वागत समारोह के लिए सरकार को धन्यवाद देते हुए, हाई कमिशनर ने कहा, “अपने मेहमान के प्रति फीजी के लोगों की कृपा और परम्पराओं का प्रतिनिधित्व करने वाले इस समारोह से मुझे बहुत प्रसन्नता मिली है।”

“काश दुनिया में और भी देश इस तरह के परम्पराओं, संस्कृति और सभ्यता जैसा कि फीजी तथा व्यापक पोलिनेशियन लोगों की है, को कायम रखते।”

“मैं इस समारोह के लिए अभिभूत, विनम्र और आभारी हूँ और सम्मानित मंत्री तथा प्रिय मित्रों मैं इसके लिए आपको अपने दिल की गहराईयों से



मानव अधिकार के लिए संयुक्त राष्ट्र के उच्चायुक्त, जैड रा-आद अल हुस्सैन के स्वागत समारोह के दौरान अटोनी जेनरल और अर्थ व्यवस्था मंत्री, अईयाज़ सैयद-खैयूम उनसे हाथ मिलाते हुए।

युवाओं को बिज़नेस ट्रेनिंग से लाभ

संगीता लाल

पच्चीस युवाओं ने सप्ताह भर लम्बी एक व्यापारिक प्रशिक्षण में भाग लिया जिसके द्वारा उन्हें अपने व्यवसाय को और बेहतर ढंग से संचालित करने के लिए कौशल प्राप्त हुआ।

यूथ एंड स्पोर्ट्स मंत्रालय द्वारा आयोजित और नेशनल सेंटर फोर स्मोल एंड माइक्रो एन्टर्प्राइज़ डिवेलपमेंट या एन.सी.एस.एम.ई.डी. (Small National

Centre for Small and Micro Enterprises Development

[NCSMED]) द्वारा सरल बनाया गया मोबाइल कौशल व्यवसाय प्रशिक्षण (mobile skills business training)

युवा भागीदारों (participants) को अपने खुद के व्यवसाय की योजना तैयार करने, उचित वित्तिय प्रबंधन बनाने, स्मोल एंड मीडियम एन्टर्प्राइज़ या

एस एम ई (Small Medium Enterprises [SME]) की पहचान और इन्कम जेनरैटिंग परियोजनाओं

(Income Generating Projects [IGP]) की स्थापना करने के लिए सक्षम बनाता है।

यूथ एंड स्पोर्ट्स मंत्री, लई सेनिया तूईतुम्बु ने भागीदारों से अपने छोटे व्यवसायों और आय पैदा करने वाले परियोजनाओं को विकसित करने की मांग की।

“यूथ एंड स्पोर्ट्स मंत्रालय फीजी के युवाओं को प्रशिक्षण प्रदान करने का अपना कार्य जारी रखेगा। इसलिए मैं अपने युवाओं से आग्रह करता हूँ कि वे इस तरह के प्रशिक्षण से अधिक से अधिक लाभ उठाएँ और अपने आय उत्पादन परियोजनाओं (इन्कम जेनरैटिंग प्रोजेक्ट्स) को विकसित करें जो उनकी जीविका और समुदाय के प्रति सकारात्मक योगदान देगा,” मंत्री तूईतुम्बु ने कहा।

प्रशिक्षण के दौरान एक भागीदार, अलीसी डैनफोर्ड ने कहा कि खराब प्रबंधन की वजह से उसका व्यावसाय विफल हो गया था।

“मेरे पास कैटीन का व्यवसाय था लेकिन खराब प्रबंधन की वजह से मुझे अपना व्यवसाय बन्द करना पड़ा। मैं इस प्रशिक्षण के लिए आभारी हूँ, क्योंकि इससे मुझे ज्ञान प्राप्त हुआ है कि छोटे स्तर के व्यवसायों को कैसे प्रबंधित करें और उन्हें स्थिर रखें,” उन्होंने कहा।

ओनो-ई-लाऊ में दस घर नष्ट हुए

रोनल देव

नेशनल डिज़ास्टर मैनेजमेंट ऑफिस को मिली प्रारम्भिक रिपोर्ट से यह बात सामने आई है कि मंगलवार की रात ओनो-ई-लाऊ तथा वातोआ में समुद्री आँधी गीता के प्रकोप की वजह से दस घर नष्ट हुए तथा 26 अन्य घरों को कुछ क्षति पहुँची।

सरकार जाँच पूरी करने तथा दक्षिणी लाऊ ग्रुप के निवासियों की ज़रूरतें पूरी करने पर गौर कर रही है।

नेशनल डिज़ास्टर मैनेजमेंट ऑफिस के डायरेक्टर, अनारि लेवेनिंगिला ने कहा

कि जैसे ही मौसम में और सुधार आएगा डिजिज़नल कमिशनर ईस्टन का दफ्तर सरकारी जहाजों में लोगों के दिलों को भेजना शुरू करेगा।

श्री लेवेनिंगिला ने कहा कि उन्हें कई तुरांगा-नी-कोरो से शुरूआती रिपोर्टें मिली हैं कि घरों तथा खेतों को नुकसान हुआ है तथा वे इन रिपोर्टों की पुष्टि करने के लिए दिलों को राहत सामानों के साथ भेजेगे।

उन्होंने कहा कि उनकी तरफ से ओस्ट्रेलियन डिफेंस फोर्स विमान के द्वारा असर पड़े इलाकों का दौरा करने की

तैयारी कर रहा है तथा इससे जो जानकारी मिलेगी उसके आधार पर वे और ठोस योजना बना सकेंगे।

नेशनल डिज़ास्टर मैनेजमेंट ऑफिस का कहना है कि ओनो-ई-लाऊ में खेतों पर सबसे बुरा असर पड़ा है जबकि शुरूआती रिपोर्ट के अनुसार अन्य जगहों पर कम या कुछ भी नुकसान नहीं हुआ है।

उन्होंने लाऊ तथा आम तौर से अन्य देशवासियों द्वारा की गई तैयारी की सराहना की जिसके चलते तूफान के कारण किसी को चोट-चपट नहीं लगी।



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तूफान में उजड़े खेतों का दौरा

रोनल देव

कृषि मंत्रालय अब उन खेतों का दौरा करने पर गौर कर रहा है जो समुद्री आंधी गीता के कारण उजड़ गए हैं।

मंत्रालय के परमनन्ट सकेटरी, डेविड कोलितगाने का कहना है कि वे मत्कू, मोआला, कन्दावू तथा दक्षिणी लाऊ के अन्य छोटे द्वीपों पर गौर करेंगे। उन्होंने कहा कि मंत्रालय किसानों को कसेरा

और कुमाला के बीज प्रदान करेगी। उनके अनुसार अग्रीकल्चर रिसर्च डिवीज़न की मदद से यह काम किया जाएगा।

एफ डी बी बोर्ड के सदस्य हुए पुनः नियुक्त

संगीता लाल

फीजी डिवेलपमन्ट बैंक (एफ डी बी) के चार सदस्यों को अटोनी जेनरल, अईयाज़ सैयद-खैयूम द्वारा बोडी के बोर्ड ऑफ डायरेक्टर्स में पुनः नियुक्त किया गया है।

पुनः नियुक्ति सात जनवरी 2018 से असर में है, और इस प्रकार हैं:

- श्री रोबर्ट गोर्डन ल्योन को और तीन साल की अवधि के लिए चेयरमैन के रूप में नियुक्त किया गया है;
- श्री वेल्ला पिल्लय को और दो साल की अवधि के लिए उप-चेयरमैन के रूप में नियुक्त किया गया है;
- श्री इनिया नईयांगा को और दो साल की अवधि के लिए डायरेक्टर के रूप में नियुक्त किया गया है; और
- श्री राजेश कुमार को भी और दो साल की अवधि के लिए डायरेक्टर के रूप में नियुक्त किया गया है।

फीजी डिवेलपमन्ट बैंक की स्थापना पहली जुलाई 1967 को फीजी डिवेलपमन्ट बैंक एक्ट 1967 के तहत की गई। एफ डी बी एक स्वतंत्र संवैधानिक बोडी है, जिसके संचालन अटोनी जेनरल द्वारा नियुक्त बोर्ड ऑफ डायरेक्टर्स नियंत्रित करती है।

एक्ट के तहत बैंक उन परियोजनाओं के लिए पैसे प्रदान करता है जिनसे फीजी की अर्थ व्यवस्था के विकास में योगदान के साथ साथ फीजी के लोगों के जीवन स्तर में भी सुधार होता है। कर्ज के पैसे कृषि, छोटे और मध्यम स्तर और साथ ही कोर्पोरेट एंटरप्राइज़ परियोजनाओं के लिए प्रदान की जाती है।



फीजी डिवेलपमन्ट बैंक के 2017 नेशनल अवार्ड्स फोर स्मोल एंड मीडियम एन्टप्राइज़ समारोह में दस फीजीयन कम्पनियों को अवार्ड से सम्मानित किया गया।

चित्र में - राष्ट्रपति महामहिम मेजर जेनरल चियोची कोनरोते उन सम्मानित छोटे और सुक्ष्म व्यापारियों के साथ।



फीजी डिवेलपमन्ट बैंक अवार्ड

संगीता लाल

राष्ट्रपति महामहिम मेजर जेनरल चियोची कोनरोते ने हाल में फीजी डिवेलपमन्ट बैंक (एफ डी बी) के 2017 के छोटे और सुक्ष्म व्यापारियों के नेशनल अवार्ड (2017 नेशनल अवार्ड्स

फोर स्मोल एंड मीडियम एन्टप्राइज़) समारोह में दस फीजीयन कम्पनियों को अवार्ड से सम्मानित किया। ग्रेन्ड पसिफिक होटल में आयोजित इस समारोह में राष्ट्रपति ने कहा कि छोटे और सुक्ष्म व्यापारी हमारे देश की

अर्थ-व्यवस्था की इंजन हैं। “आप अपने व्यापार से जो आमदनी कमाते या नौकरियाँ पैदा करते हैं उससे राष्ट्र की अर्थ-व्यवस्था का विकास होने के साथ-साथ ग्रामीण इलाकों में विकास होती है, गरीबी कम होती है, युवकों और महिलाओं

को बढ़ावा मिलता है तथा कृषि, औद्योगिक और व्यवसायिक क्षेत्रों का परिवर्तन होता है,” राष्ट्रपति कोनरोते ने कहा। तेरह में से चार अवार्ड्स दिवेश एन्ड भरोस फार्म के हाथ लगे जिनकी नेर्सरी वोतुआलेवू नान्दी में स्थित है।

सरसवती कोलज प्रीफेक्ट्स इन्डक्शन

संगीता लाल

नौसोरी स्थित सरसवती कोलज के 60 छात्रों के प्रीफेक्ट्स इन्डक्शन के दौरान लोकल गवर्नमेंट, हाउज़िंग, एनवाइरन्मेंट, इफस्ट्रक्चर एंड ट्रांसपोर्ट मंत्री, परवीण कुमार बाला ने कहा कि सलाह लें ताकि आप सही फैसला कर सकें।

आज बहुत खास दिन है। शिक्षकों ने न केवल आपको चुना है, बल्कि आप पर अपना विश्वास रखा है ताकि आप अपनी क्षमता अनुसार उनके कर्तव्यों को



लोकल गवर्नमेंट, हाउज़िंग, एनवाइरन्मेंट, इफस्ट्रक्चर एंड ट्रांसपोर्ट मंत्री, परवीण कुमार सरसवती कोलज के प्रीफेक्ट्स इन्डक्शन के दौरान कोलज के प्रिन्सिपल और प्रीफेक्ट्स के साथ।

अपने कंधों पर आगे बढ़ाएँ। इस कोलज के नाम और प्रसिद्धि को बनाए रखने के लिए आपको अपने शिक्षकों की सहायता के लिए तैयार रहना होगा और उनकी आँखें और कान बनने की कोशिश करें,” मंत्री ने कहा।

उन्होंने युवा नेताओं से कहा कि एक नेता बनना आसान नहीं है नहीं तो हर कोई नेता बन जाता।

उन्होंने यह भी कहा कि नेतृत्व के लिए कड़ी मेहनत, प्रतिबद्धता, गर्व, बलिदान और सब से महत्वपूर्ण - चुनौतियों का सामना करने की आवश्यकता है। मंत्री ने कहा कि समाधान ढूँढ़ने में सक्षम होना, समस्या का समाधान करना और चीजों को बेहतर बनाना प्रभावी नेतृत्व के गुण हैं।

“आज आप अपने साथी विद्यार्थियों के

लिए एक आदर्श (रोल मॉडल) हैं, जिसका अर्थ है कि आप जो उपदेश देंगे उस पर पहले आपको अमल करना होगा। नेतृत्व जुनून है, आप जो करेंगे उससे आप को प्यार होना चाहिए, आप जो करते हैं उसे हमेशा बड़ा, बेहतर और बड़े तरीके से करना चाहिए हालांकि इसके साथ साथ आपको नम्र होना चाहिए,” मंत्री ने बताया।



ज़रूर पढ़ें

लेप्टोस्पाइरोसिस

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यदि आपका घाव जो भरा नहीं है पानी या मिट्टी के संपर्क में आता है जिसमें पशु मूत्र (animal urine) है तब आप बीमार हो सकते हैं। या फिर आप जानवरों के मूत्र से प्रदूषित जल को भोजन में या स्नान करने के लिए काम में लाते हैं।

लेप्टोस्पाइरोसिस के चिन्ह हैं:

- अचानक बुखार
- मासपेशियों में दर्द
- सर दर्द
- पिंडली के मासपेशियों (calf muscles) में दर्द
- लाल आँखें
- थकान/कमज़री महसूस करना
- भूख न लगना
- जी मचलाना/उल्टी
- पीलिया (Jaundice) (आँख और त्वचा का पीला पड़ना)

लेप्टोस्पाइरोसिस से बचाओ

- मैले पानी में न तैरें
- जानवरों या पशुओं के आस पास सुरक्षात्मक (protective) कपड़े और जूते पहनें
- उबला हुआ पानी पीएँ
- फलों और सब्जियों को हमेशा धो लें
- भोजन को चूहों से दूर रखें

और अधिक जानकारी के लिए:

अपनी नज़दीकी स्थानीय स्वास्थ्य सुविधा पर जाएँ या फिर अपने “हेल्थ पैज” www.health.gov.fj पर जाएँ।

ज़रूर पढ़ें

टायफोइड बुखार

संगीता लाल

यदि कोई व्यक्ति जिसको टायफोइड बुखार है बगैर हाथ धोय आपका भोजन छूता है या फिर यदि आप सीवज से दूषित पानी पीते हैं तब आपको टायफोइड बुखार तब हो सकता है।

टायफोइड बुखार के चिन्ह हैं:

- बुखार
- पेट में दर्द
- कब्ज़ (constipation)
- भूख न लगना
- थकान/कमज़री महसूस करना
- सर दर्द

टायफोइड बुखार से बचाओ के लिए:

- भोजन करने तथा भोजन पकाने से पहले

और शौचालय जाने के बाद साबुन पानी से अपना हाथ धो लें।

- फलों और सब्जियों को हमेशा धो लें
- उबला हुआ पानी पीएँ

व्यस्कों (adults) के लिए नोट:

कृपया पीने के लिए पानी को कम से कम एक मिनट तक उबालें:

- यदि आपको क्लोरीन वाला पानी प्राप्त नहीं है
- यदि आप टायफोइड बुखार वाले क्षेत्र में रहते हैं

और अधिक जानकारी के लिए:

अपनी नज़दीकी स्थानीय स्वास्थ्य सुविधा पर जाएँ या फिर अपने “हेल्थ पैज” www.health.gov.fj पर जाएँ।

ज़रूर पढ़ें

डेंगू बुखार

संगीता लाल

डेंगू बुखार मच्छरों से फैलता है।

यदि डेंगू वायरस वाला मच्छर आपको काटता है तब मच्छर से वायरस आपके शरीर में प्रवेश कर के आपको बीमार कर देगा।

डेंगू बुखार के चिन्ह हैं:

- अचानक बुखार
- आँखों के पीछे दर्द
- सर दर्द
- जोड़ों में दर्द
- पूरे शरीर में दर्द
- थकान/कमज़री महसूस करना
- भूख न लगना
- जी मचलाना/उल्टी

डेंगू बुखार से बचाओ के लिए:

- मच्छर के काटने से बचें
- रिपेलेंट्स का उपयोग करें
- मच्छरदानी का प्रयोग करें
- सुरक्षात्मक (protective) कपड़े पहनें
- मच्छर पैदा होने वाले स्थानों को नष्ट करें
- सभी टिन और डिब्बों को दफना दें
- पोट-प्लांट और फूलदान को खाली कर दें
- इस्तेमाल किए गए टायर और इम को सूखी जगह पर रखें

और अधिक जानकारी के लिए:

अपनी नज़दीकी स्थानीय स्वास्थ्य सुविधा पर जाएँ या फिर अपने “हेल्थ पैज” www.health.gov.fj पर जाएँ।



यू एस पी की पचासवीं सालगिरह के विमोचन के दौरान राष्ट्रपति महामहीम चियोची कोनरोते ने कहा कि सरकार फीजी और आस पास के क्षेत्र के समुदायों के लिए उच्च स्तर के शिक्षा के विकास में यूनिवर्सिटी की सहायता के लिए प्रतिबद्ध है।

यू एस पी की पचासवीं सालगिरह



राष्ट्रपति महामहीम चियोची कोनरोते यू एस पी की पचासवीं सालगिरह के विमोचन के दौरान भाषण देते हुए।

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राष्ट्रपति महामहीम चियोची कोनरोते ने हाल में यूनिवर्सिटी ऑफ द साउथ पसिफिक (यू एस पी) के लउदाला कैपस पर पचासवीं सालगिरह का विमोचन तथा 1997 टाइम कैप्सूल (time capsule) का उद्घाटन किया।

राष्ट्रपति ने बताया कि सालगिरह नेतृत्व की विरासत को चिन्हित करता है जो यू एस पी ने इतने वर्षों से बनाए रखा।

उन्होंने कहा कि सरकार फीजी और आस पास के क्षेत्र के समुदायों के लिए उच्च स्तर के शिक्षा के विकास में यूनिवर्सिटी की सहायता के लिए प्रतिबद्ध है।

वाइस चान्सलर, प्रोफेसर राजेश चन्द्र ने कहा कि पचासवीं वर्षगांठ यूनिवर्सिटी के लिए एक उपलब्धि है और ऐसी आशा है कि यह भविष्य में और अच्छा काम करेगी जिससे पूरे क्षेत्र को और अधिक लाभ होगा।



राष्ट्रपति महामहीम चियोची कोनरोते यू एस पी की पचासवीं सालगिरह के विमोचन के दौरान 1997 टाइम कैप्सूल (time capsule) का उद्घाटन करते हुए।



प्रधान मंत्री ने बा वीमन्स फोरम सेन्टर का उद्घाटन किया

प्रधान मंत्री, वॉरेनो बर्डिनिरामा ने हाल में पश्चिमी विभाग के अपने तीन दिनों का दौरा के अंतर्गत बा वीमन्स फोरम सेन्टर का उद्घाटन किया। जिससे अब बा की महिलाएँ आसानी से प्रशिक्षण और कार्यशालाओं को आयोजित कर सकेंगी। \$490,000 लागत इस सेन्टर के निर्माण के लिए सरकार और जापानी दूतावास द्वारा सहायता प्रदान की गई है।



प्रधान मंत्री ने लौतोका में किया सार्वजनिक परामर्श

प्रधान मंत्री, वॉरेनो बर्डिनिरामा ने हाल में पश्चिमी विभाग के तीन दिनों का दौरा किया, जहाँ वे गन्ने के किसान, ज़मीन मालिक तथा आसामियों की चिन्ताओं तथा उनके द्वारा सामना की जा रही समस्याओं पर गौर किया। किसानों ने खराब रास्तों, खेतों में नालों की खराब हालत जैसे विषय उठाए। प्रधान मंत्री ने किसानों को विश्वास दिलाया कि उनकी चिन्ताओं पर संबंधित अधिकारी गौर करेंगे और उन्हें जल्द से जल्द सुलझाने की कोशिश की जाएगी।





प्रधान मंत्री ने बा स्थित आई एल टी बी दफ्तर का उद्घाटन किया

प्रधान मंत्री, वॉरेनो बईनिमरामा ने हाल में पश्चिमी विभाग के अपने तीन दिनों का दौरा के अंतर्गत बा स्थित ई-तउकेई लैंड ट्रस्ट बोर्ड (iTaukei Land Trust Board) दफ्तर का उद्घाटन किया। जिससे अब बा, तावुआ और राकीराकी के लोगों को अपनी ज़मीन संबंधित विषयों के लिए लौतोका नहीं जाना पड़ेगा।



सरसवती कोलज प्रीफेक्ट्स इन्डक्शन

हाल में नौसोरी स्थित सरसवती कोलज के 60 छात्रों के प्रीफेक्ट्स इन्डक्शन के दौरान लोकल गवर्नमेंट, हाउजिंग, एनवायरन्मेंट, इफस्ट्रक्चर एंड ट्रांसपोर्ट मंत्री, परवीण कुमार बाला ने कहा कि सलाह लें ताकि आप सही फैसला कर सकें। उन्होंने युवा नेताओं से कहा कि एक नेता बनना आसान नहीं है नहीं तो हर कोई नेता बन जाता। मंत्री ने छात्रों को बताया कि नेतृत्व के लिए कड़ी मेहनत, प्रतिबद्धता, गर्व, बलिदान और सब से महत्वपूर्ण - चुनौतियों का सामना करने की आवश्यकता है। उन्होंने कहा कि आज आप अपने साथी विद्यार्थियों के लिए एक आदर्श (रोल मोडल) हैं, जिसका अर्थ है कि आप जो उपदेश देंगे उस पर पहले आपको अमल करना होगा।





कृषि ज़मीनों के लिए लीसें

रोनल देव

प्रधान मंत्री, वॉरेन्गो बर्डनिमरामा ने घोषणा की है कि 138,899 ई-तउकई ज़मीन मालिकों की युनिट्स के सदस्य जिनके पास बैंक अकाउंट है, को कमिटी फोर बेटर युटिलाइज़ेशन ऑफ लैंड कार्यक्रम के नीचे पैमन्ट किया गया है। पश्चिमी विभाग में असासियों और ज़मीन मालिकों के साथ बातचीत के दौरान प्रधान

मंत्री बर्डनिमरामा ने घोषणा की कि कृषि मंत्रालय ने ई-तउकई लैंड ट्रस्ट बोर्ड को \$3.72 मिलियन दिया है जो उन 1479 ई-तउकई ज़मीन मालिकों की युनिट्स को दिए गए हैं जिन्होंने अपनी ज़मीनें खेती-बाड़ी के लिए दी है। यह सुविधा उन गन्ने के किसानों के लिए शुरू की गई है जिनकी ज़मीन की लीसें खत्म हो गई है और इसके अलावा उन ज़मीन मालिकों को भी

इससे फायदा हो रहा है जिनकी ज़मीनें खाली पड़ी थी। प्रधान मंत्री ने कहा कि 2010 से अभी तक सरकार ने कमिटी फोर बेटर युटिलाइज़ेशन ऑफ लैंड कार्यक्रम के तहत पचास मिलियन डोलर का पैमन्ट किया है। इसका सीधा नतिजा यह था कि ज़मीन की लीस भारी मात्रा में बढ़ाई गई जो 2010 में चालिस (40) प्रतिशत था और पिछले साल तक अस्सी (80) प्रतिशत हो गया।

पश्चिमी विभाग में 733, उत्तरी विभाग में 347 तथा केन्द्रीय/पूर्वी विभाग में 395 ज़मीन मालिकों के बैंक अकाउंट में यह पैसे जमा किए गए हैं। प्रधान मंत्री ने जोर दिया है कि देश के संविधान के नीचे ई-तउकई ज़मीन मालिकों के अधिकार सुरक्षित है। उन्होंने इसकी भी पुष्टि की कि ई-तउकई लैंड ट्रस्ट बोर्ड ने उन ज़मीन मालिकों को शेडुल A और शेडुल B ज़मीनें वापस

कर देगी जिन्हें इनकी ज़रूरत थी। इस कार्यवाई में काफी समय लगा है लेकिन इसमें तेज़ी लाई गई है। प्रधान मंत्री बर्डनिमरामा ने कहा कि इस सुविधा के चलते जितनी ज़मीन काउन लीस के नीचे थी उन्हें वापस ई-तउकई ज़मीन मालिकों को दी गई है। उनके अनुसार इससे अब और भी ज़मीनें गन्ने की खेती और अन्य विकासकार्य के लिए दी जा सकती है।



प्रधान मंत्री, वॉरेन्गो बर्डनिमरामा ने हाल में तीन दिनों के लिए पश्चिमी विभाग का दौरा किया, जहाँ वे गन्ने के किसान, ज़मीन मालिक तथा आसामियों की चिन्ताओं तथा उनके द्वारा सामना की जा रही समस्याओं पर गौर किया।

प्रधान मंत्री ने किया पश्चिमी विभाग का दौरा

रोनल देव

प्रधान मंत्री, वॉरेन्गो बर्डनिमरामा ने हाल में तीन दिनों के लिए पश्चिमी विभाग का दौरा किया, जहाँ वे गन्ने के किसान, ज़मीन मालिक तथा आसामियों की चिन्ताओं तथा उनके द्वारा सामना की जा रही समस्याओं पर गौर किया। किसानों ने रास्तों, खेतों और नालों की खराब हालत जैसे विषय उठाए। कुछ किसानों का कहना है कि पिछले कुछ सालों से खराब रास्तों की वजह से उन्हें अपनी फसलें बाज़ार तक ले जाने में मुश्किलों का सामना करना पड़ता है। एक किसान ने कहा कि नाले अच्छी हालत में न रहने की वजह से उनके खेतों में हमेशा पानी भरा रहता है। प्रधान मंत्री ने किसानों को विश्वास दिलाया कि उनकी चिन्ताओं पर संबंधित अधिकारी गौर करेंगे और उन्हें जल्द से जल्द सुलझाने की कोशिश की जाएगी।

छात्रों से सच बोलने की आग्रह

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अटोनी जेनरल और शिक्षा मंत्री, अईयाज़ सैयद-खैयूम ने देश के सभी छात्रों से मांग की है कि वे हमेशा सच बोलें और सच्चाई की राह पर चलें।

हाल में ताईलेवू स्थित कसावू प्राथमरी स्कूल के प्रीफेक्ट्स इन्डक्शन के दौरान नेतृत्व के महत्व पर बल देते हुए उन्होंने ऐसा कहा।

उन्होंने 21 प्रीफेक्ट्स को बताया कि वे अपने कर्तव्यों को पूरा करते हुए सभी के साथ समान व्यवहार करें।

“जब आप एक लीडर या प्रीफेक्ट बनते हैं कभी कभी ऐसा समय आएगा जब छात्र शरारत करेंगे तब आपको स्कूल के नियमों को लागू करने की आवश्यकता होगी,” अटोनी जेनरल ने कहा।

“आपको हर किसी के साथ समान रूप से व्यवहार करना चाहिए तथा निष्पक्ष रूप से सभी छात्रों के साथ

पेश आना चाहिए।”

“अगर हम फीजी को एक बड़ा राष्ट्र बनाना चाहते हैं तब हमें अच्छे इंसान होने के बुनियादी बातों पर ध्यान देना चाहिए, और इसका मतलब है सच बोलना भले ही यह कई बार मुश्किल हो सकता है।”

उन्होंने यह भी कहा कि सरकार की मुफ्त शिक्षा की पहल फीजी के भविष्य की दूरदर्शिता का एक हिस्सा है।

अटोनी जेनरल ने सभी छात्रों को सरकार द्वारा प्रदान की जा रही सहायता का सर्वोत्तम उपयोग करने और फीजी के अच्छे नागरिक बनने के लिए प्रोत्साहित किया।

उन्होंने कसावू प्राथमरी स्कूल के शिक्षकों को हमारे बच्चों के मन और विचार को आकार देने के लिए धन्यवाद दिया।

कसावू प्राथमरी स्कूल में 120 बच्चों और छः टीचर हैं।



ताईलेवू स्थित कसावू प्राथमरी स्कूल के प्रीफेक्ट्स इन्डक्शन के दौरान अटोनी जेनरल और शिक्षा मंत्री, अईयाज़ सैयद-खैयूम स्कूल के प्रीफेक्ट्स के साथ।

घर के स्वामित्व के प्रति दृष्टिकोण बदलना होगा

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अटोनी जेनरल और पब्लिक एन्टर्प्राइज़स मंत्री, अईयाज़ सैयद-खैयूम ने वालेलैवू नसीनू स्थित हाउज़िंग अथोरिटी के बोनस पैआउट की घोषणा करते वक्त कहा कि फीजीवासियों को घर के स्वामित्व के प्रति अपना दृष्टिकोण बदलने की आवश्यकता है और उन्हें यह समझना है कि ऐसा करने से उनकी संपत्ति बढ़ेगी।

अटोनी जेनरल ने कहा कि फीजी में घर के स्वामित्व और घर के बीमा का सब से कम दर है,

और हाउज़िंग अथोरिटी साधारण फीजीवासियों के लिए आवास प्रदान करने में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभा रही है।

“2016 में जब फीजी पर समुद्री आंधी विंस्टन का असर पड़ा था तब केवल दस प्रतिशत संपत्तियों का बीमा हुआ था। हमने हेलप फोर होम्स पहल में \$125 मिलियन का विस्तार किया है और कुछ लोग अभी भी अपने घरों का पुनर्निर्माण कर रहे हैं,” अटोनी जेनरल ने कहा।

उन्होंने कहा कि युवा फीजीवासियों को अपने घरों में निवेश करने और संपत्तियाँ प्राप्त

करने के लिए प्रोत्साहित किया जाना चाहिए।

“हमें सोचने का तरीका बदलना होगा, और ऐसा करने के लिए हमें युवा लोगों को एक आवास स्टोक उपलब्ध कराया जाना चाहिए। इसका समाधान है लोगों को संपत्ति प्राप्त करने के पहुँच को आसान करना और सबसे अच्छा तरीका है उन्हें एक घर खरीदने के लिए सक्षम बनाना। यह सस्ती और एक विशेष श्रेणी के अन्दर होनी चाहिए,” अटोनी जेनरल ने कहा।

हाउज़िंग अथोरिटी द्वारा किए गए विकासकार्यों पर प्रकाश डालते

हुए बोर्ड चेयरमैन, उमरजी मूसा ने कहा कि परियोजनाएँ कम तथा मध्यम आय वाले लोगों को सस्ती, सभ्य और उच्च स्तर के घर उपलब्ध कराने के सरकार की दृष्टि की प्रतिबद्धता के अनुरूप हैं।

“कई विकासकार्य एक साथ किए गए हैं और हम सरकार को उनके अटूट समर्थन के लिए धन्यवाद देना चाहेंगे,” श्री मूसा ने कहा।

लैंड डिवेलपमेंट प्रोजेक्ट्स शुरू की गई है जिन में नेपाली में 175 लोट्स, दवूईलेवू में 130 लोट्स, मातावोलीवोली में 400

लोट्स पर काम समाप्त हो चुका है, तावाकूम्वू में 530 लोट्स और तावूआ स्थित कोरोनीसालूसालू में 119 लोट्स शामिल हैं।

श्री मूसा ने कहा कि वेईकोम्बा नसीनू के लिए 620 लोट्स प्रस्तावित किए गए हैं और इन पर काम जल्द शुरू होने की उम्मीद है।

“हमारे पास कुछ परियोजनाएँ निर्धारित किए गए हैं जिन में शामिल हैं नेपाली के लिए 550 और वाईनिम्बूकू के लिए 176 लोट्स। दोनों परियोजनाओं पर काम जल्द ही शुरू होने की उम्मीद है,” श्री मूसा ने बताया।

आप का विचार

नान्दी और बा में डेंगू बुखार की कई मामलों सामने आई हैं। इस बुखार से बचाओ के लिए हम अपनी ओर से क्या कर सकते हैं

मोती लाल, 75, सावूसावू

इस बुखार से बचाओ के लिए हमें मच्छर के काटने से बचना होगा और अपने घर के आस पास साफ सफाई रखनी होगी।



प्रिया सिंह, 21, लम्बासा

हमें रिपेलंट्स (repellents) का उपयोग करना होगा और ज़्यादातर लम्बे कपड़े पहनें।



रितेश कुमार, 40, नमान्दी हाईट्स

अपने घर के आप पास टिन, कोन्टैनर या किसी प्रकार के डब्बे जिन में पानी रूक सके, न रखें। हो सके तो इन्हें ज़मीन में गाढ़ दें।



राम रति, 85, तूआतूआ

यदि घर के आप पास खाली टायर हैं तो उनमें मिट्टी भर दें और फूलदानों में पानी के बजाय बालू भर कर रखें।



रोमल प्रनील, 34, नकामा

हमें अपने घर आंगन को साफ करना चाहिए तथा मच्छरों के पैदा होने वाले जितने भी स्थान हैं उन्हें नष्ट कर देना चाहिए और रिपेलंट्स (repellents) का उपयोग करने के अलावा लम्बे कपड़े पहनना चाहिए ताकि हम मच्छरों के काटने से बच सकें।



हाउज़िंग अथोरिटी के 130 से अधिक कर्मचारियों को हाल में 2015 और 2016 के लिए बोनस पैआउट प्राप्त हुआ। चित्र में - अटोनी जेनरल और पब्लिक एन्टर्प्राइज़स मंत्री, अईयाज़ सैयद-खैयूम हाउज़िंग अथोरिटी के कर्मचारियों के साथ।

हाउज़िंग अथोरिटी के कर्मचारियों को मिला बोनस पैआउट

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बोनस पैआउट की घोषणा अटोनी जेनरल और पब्लिक एन्टर्प्राइज़स मंत्री, अईयाज़ सैयद-खैयूम ने वालेलैवू नसीनू स्थित हाउज़िंग अथोरिटी में किया।

2015 के लिए 24 कर्मचारियों को सात (7) प्रतिशत, 78 कर्मचारियों को छः (6) प्रतिशत और 32 कर्मचारियों को पाँच (5) प्रतिशत बोनस प्राप्त हुआ।

2016 के लिए 26 कर्मचारियों को सात (7) प्रतिशत, 57 कर्मचारियों को छः (6) प्रतिशत और 63 कर्मचारियों को पाँच (5)

प्रतिशत बोनस प्राप्त हुआ।

अटोनी जेनरल ने यह भी घोषणा की कि उन 26 कर्मचारियों को चार प्रतिशत वेतन वृद्धि प्राप्त हुआ है जिन्होंने बहुत अच्छा काम किया है।

“बोनस पैआउट कुल \$350,272.02 लागत है जबकि वेतन वृद्धि का कुल खर्च \$50,092.73 है,” अटोनी जेनरल ने बताया।

उन्होंने कहा कि अर्थव्यवस्था में हाउज़िंग अथोरिटी की महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका है तथा सभी श्रमिकों से परिश्रम करने का अनुरोध किया ताकि यह सुनिश्चित किया जा सके कि फीजीवासियों के पास सस्ती और उच्च स्तर के घर हो सके।

“मैं आप सभी को आपकी कड़ी मेहनत और हाउज़िंग अथोरिटी को एक आधुनिक संगठन बनाने के लिए धन्यवाद देना

चाहता हूँ। हाउज़िंग अथोरिटी को और भी आधुनिक बनाने की ज़रूरत है। हमें प्रणाली (system) में अखंडता रखने की आवश्यकता है,” अटोनी जेनरल ने कहा।

उन्होंने प्रबंधन द्वारा उन लोगों की पहचान करने जो अच्छा काम कर रहे हैं, की आवश्यकता जो पर भी प्रकाश डाला। “कोई भी संगठन बिना लोगों के काम नहीं कर सकता। कोई भी संगठन अच्छा नहीं कर सकता अगर लोग अच्छा नहीं करेंगे। कोई भी संगठन दीर्घकालिक (longevity) या स्थायित्व (durability) नहीं होगा अगर वह संगठन उन कर्मचारियों की पहचान नहीं करता है जो अच्छा काम करते हैं।”

प्रबंधन (management) कर्मचारियों के लिए बोनस पैआउट का वर्तमान में मूल्यांकन किया जा रहा है।

एन डी एम औ को मिला हूवावेई से मोबाइल फोन

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हाल में नेशनल डिज़ास्टर

मैनेज्मन्ट दफ्तर को हूवावेई की ओर से 200 स्मार्ट फोन प्राप्त हुआ है जो विपत्तियों के दौरान संचार क्षमता को बढ़ावा देगा। वैश्विक दूरसंचार उपकरण और सेवा प्रदाता (global telecommunications equipment and service provider) की ओर से बोलते

हुए, फीजी में हूवावेई के बिज़नेस अकाउंट्स मैनेजर, श्री ईयागो ने कहा कि हूवावेई फीजी के आपदा प्रबंधन के संचालन (डिज़ास्टर मैनेज्मन्ट ओपरेशन्स) का समर्थन करता है और फीजी में आपदाओं (डिज़ास्टर) के लिए प्रतिक्रिया और प्रतिलाभ का समर्थन जारी

रखेगा।

रूरल और मेरीटाइम, डिवेलपमेंट और नेशनल डिज़ास्टर मैनेज्मन्ट मंत्री, इनिया सेरूईरातू ने फोन प्राप्त करते समय कहा कि आपदाओं के दौरान संचार और तकनीक महत्वपूर्ण है।

“हम तकनीकी विकास और अपने संचार उपकरण और

रणनीतियों पर बहुत अधिक ध्यान केंद्रित कर रहे हैं।”

“हूवावेई से प्राप्त यह सहायता हमारे काम पर बहुत अधिक प्रभाव डालेगी,” मंत्री सेरूईरातू ने कहा।

यू एस पी
की पचासवीं
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प्रधान मंत्री, वॉरेनो बर्डनिमरामा राष्ट्रमंडल (Commonwealth) के शिक्षा मंत्रियों के साथ नान्दी में आयोजित शिक्षा सम्मेलन के दौरान। इस सभा में विदेश से आए 300 से ज़्यादा प्रतिनिधियों ने भाग लिया था।

शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में गौरवशाली उपब्धियाँ

संगीता लाल

“2013 में शुरू की गई शिक्षा क्रांति (education revolution) सरकार की गौरवशाली उपलब्धि है।” हाल में नान्दी में आयोजित राष्ट्रमंडल शिक्षा मंत्रियों के सम्मेलन (Conference of Commonwealth Education Ministers) के औपचारिक उद्घाटन के दौरान ये थे प्रधान मंत्री, वॉरेनो बर्डनिमरामा के शब्द।

उन्होंने कहा कि उनकी सरकार शिक्षा प्रणाली पर ध्यान केंद्रित करना जारी रखेगी। “असल में, अब हम इसे रोक नहीं सकते। क्योंकि जैसा कि कोई भी नई चीज़ सीखने के लिए उम्र की कोई सीमा नहीं है ठीक उसी तरह सीखने की प्रक्रिया को अधिकतम करने की प्रक्रिया का कोई निष्कर्ष नहीं है। लगातार विकास, निरंतर संशोधन और क्षमता निर्माण, लगातार नए क्षितिज और नए

अवसरों की मांग करना।” “उस क्रांति का केंद्रस्थापन था पहली बार फीजी में प्राथमरी और सेकेंड्री स्कूलों में मुफ्त शिक्षा का परिचय। और साथ में मुफ्त पाठ्यपुस्तक (textbook) और स्कूल आने जाने के किराए में छूट।” “इसके अलावा, प्रारंभिक शिक्षा के महत्व को पहचानना - हमने एक प्री स्कूल सेक्टर विकसित किया और अब फीजी में बहुत ज़्यादा किंडरगार्टन हैं,” प्रधान मंत्री बर्डनिमरामा ने कहा।

“हमने देश की पहली लौन स्कीम योजना की शुरुआत की। कड़ी मेहनत करने वाले छात्रों के लिए हमने उपलब्ध छात्रवृत्ति की संख्या में काफी वृद्धि की है। और ट्रेड में भागीदारी को प्रोत्साहित करने के लिए हमने तकनीकी कोलजों का एक राष्ट्रीय नेटवर्क स्थापित किया है ताकि हमारी अर्थव्यवस्था को बढ़ाने के लिए कई कौशल जिसकी फीजी को ज़रूरत है, प्रदान की जा सके,” प्रधान मंत्री बर्डनिमरामा ने कहा।



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**VAKAYACO BOSE KO VITI KEI
PERITANIA, IDIA**

Vakayaco bose na liuliu ni Matanitu Voreqe Bainimarama kei na Minisita ni Vuli mai Peritania Nick Gibb kei Minisita ni Wai kei na Tamata Cakacaka e Idia ko Dr. Satya Pal Singh. Erau gole mai na minisita erua me rau mai lewena talega na i ka 20 ni bose ni Minisita ni Vuli ena Soqosoqo ni matanitu na Commonwealth ka vakayacori e Nadi.
iTaba: ISAAC LAL

Taqomaki vinaka

VILIAME TIKOTANI

EDA na qai taqomaki vakavina-ka ke vaka eda sotava vakavina-ka na bolebole ni bula vumai ena revurevu ni draki veisau.

Oqori na rai nei Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama ena nodra dolava na bose ni Minisita ni Vuli ena soqosoqo ni vakamatanitu na Commonwealth.

“Sega ni dua vei keda e taqomaki, baleta niu dau kaya voliga ni oke-

da eda soko vata tikoga ena dua na waqa,” kaya ko PM Bainimarama

“Edodonu meda cakava edua n aka me vaka eda veiwekani vakamatanitu ena vuravura ogo, meda cakava na veika kece ga eda rawata ena noda kaukauwa me da sotava kina na bolebole ka vakamalua se vakaberabera-taka na revurevu ni draki veisau.”

Tukuna ko PM Bainimarama ni vinakata ena nodra itutu vaka liuliu ni COP meda da duavata ena noda yalo-vata me baleta na cava meda cakava

ka meda sa cakava saraga vakatotolo.

“Ena rawa ni da cakava vata kevaka eda vakadinata na noda veidinadinati ena COP Paris Agreement me rsawa ni da tamusuka kina na leqa ni draki veisau.”

“Meda vakalailai taka ke sega meda na tamusuka saraga vakadua na noda kaburaka tiko na kasigaga ena noda vuravura me vakalailataka na vakatatarani ni maliwa lala ena 1.5 degree Celsius,”

Vakaraitaka na Paraiminista na nona

inaki me laki kacivaka na gagadre ogo kivei ira na Liuliu ni Matanitu ena Soqosoqo ni Matanitu na Commonwealth.

“Au na laki kacivaka vei kemuni kece sara na veimatanitu vakakina oikemuni na cakacaka ena taudaku ni veimatanitu mo ni duavata kei Viti me rawa ni mana kina na 2018 Talanoa dialogue, ka keimami kerea tiko kina na veitokoni ni veimatanitu ena kina vakalailaitaki na kina kaburaki na kasi gaga kina maliwa.



‘Me levu na veivakararamataki’

VILIAME TIKOTANI

SA kacivaka tiko na Minisita ni Marama, Gone kei na Valuti ni Dravudravua Mereseini Vuni-waqa ni dodonu me levu na cakacaka ni veivakararamataki me tamusuki na veivakalolomataki ni marama ena noda vanua.

Vakaraitaka na tikina oqo na Minisita ena nodra laki tavoca na vakamatanitutaki ni koro ko Rukuruku kei Nukutocia e Ovalau mera vakagalalataki mai na cakacaka kaukauwa.

“Na porokaramu oqo ni valuti ni itovo kaukauwa e rui bibi ena noqu minisitiri baleta ni oqo e neitou sasaga tiko vakamatanitu,” kaya ko Minisita.

“Edua na bolebole levu eda sotava tiko sai koya na lailai se sega ni vakayacori tiko na veivakararamataki me baleta na leqa ni kena vakarautaki tiko na itovo kaukauwa.”

“Keitou raica talega ni levu ga na marama era kauwai ena tukutuku oqo ka lailai sara na turaga.”

Vakaraitaka ko Minisita ni dua na sala vou ni veiqaravi ena nona tabana oya

mera cakacakavata kei ira na soqosoqo ni lotu mera vukei na veivakararamataki oqo.

“Keimami sa raica na vinaka ni nodra vakaitavitaki na soqosoqo ni lotu kei na vanua me vaka ni levu sara na marama era sa vakaitavi tiko mai kina.

“Na kaukauwa ni neitou veiqaravi na minisitiri me vakatarovi kina na itovo kaukauwa e tiko saraga ena kaukauwa kei na vinaka ni neitou veimaliwai vinaka kei ira na soqosoqo ni lotu kei ira soqosoqo tale ena taudaku ni matanitu.”

Sasaga ena veivuke baleta na kakana

VILIAME TIKOTANI

EKA bibi na nodra vakailavotaki na matanitu era sotava tiko na revurevu ni draki veisau ena cakacakataki ni kedra kakana tei.

Oqori na vakatutu nei Viti ena bose kei vuravura me baleta na veivakatorocaketaki lewa matau.

Laki tukuna ena bose ko Vunilawa Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum ni kena curumi waitui na qele sa laki vakalevu taka na masima ni qele ka vakacacana talega na kakana tei.

Kauta cake mai na veitalanoa baleta na nodra mai voliqele e Viti na matanitu ko Kiribati nona sa voli qele e Viti me rawa ni tei kina eso na kedra kakana.

“Eda raica e Viti na tubu ni masima ni qele ka keimami sa tokitaki ira tiko na lewe ni vanua mera drotaka mai na tubu ni wai,” kaya ko Vunilawa.

“Eso na yanuyanu rewa era sotava talega na ka vakarerevaki ena gauna e tubu kina na waitui.”

“Na veisau ni draki e vakavolekata mai na dredre ni vakarautaki ni kakana ena vuravura vei ira na yanuyanu rewa ira,” kaya ko Vunilawa. “Sa bibi kina nodra vukei vakailavo na vei matanitu era sotava tiko na dredre oqo ka mera vukei kina nodra bula na dauniteitei.”

Era lewena talega na bose oqo na vukevuke ni Minisita ni Veikabula e Ghanako Patricia Appiagyei kei na Vunivola levu ni Matabose cokovata ni taqomaki ni vakacacani ni qele, Ms. Monique Barbut kei Dr. Sanjaasuren Oyun, jeameni ni soqosoqo ni wai e vuravura, se na Global Water Partnership.



Ko Vunilawa ka Minisita ni Vuli, Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum ena boseka mai Nadi ka veitalanoataki kina na vakaqacacotaki na cakacakavata me baleta na veivakatorocaketaki ena vuli. Taba tiko oqori kei ira na ivakalesilesi ni bose mai na veimatani. iTaba: ISAAC LAL

Uto ni veitalanoa ko ira na itabagone

VILIAME TIKOTANI

KO ira na itabagone kei na gonevuli era tiko ena uto ni veitalanoa me baleta na lawatu ni vuli ni ra se gone ka se bera

ni matua vinaka nodra tuvaki ni rai me baleta na bula.

Oqori na nodra vakamacala na Minisita ni Vuli Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum vei ira na bose tiko ena Integrated Partners Forum (IPF) mai Nadi.

Vakaraitaka na Minisita ni Vuli vei ira na 200 na lewe n ibose e Nadi ni veimatani e tiko na nodra ituvatuva me baleti ira na nodra gonevuli kei ira na itabagone.

“Na noda toso vinaka ena vuli ena vakatautaki tiko ena na veivakatorocaketaki lewa matau, ka dodonu meda duavata ena ilakolako oqo, oira na matanitu lelevu mera

vukei ira na matanitu lalai, ka lalai nodra iyau ni veivakatorocaketaki.”

Kuria na Vunilawa ni o Viti ena tokona tiko na sasaga ni vakarabailevutaki na veiqaravi ni vuli vei ira kece na lewe ni vanua e Viti me vaka esa liutaka tiko na Matanitu ena kena soli tiko na vuliwale ka sega ni saumi.

“Sa vakarautaki tiko nodra ivola na gone, vodovodo ni basi, ka keitou sa vakarawarawataka na nodra saumi curucuru ena vuli toro cake ena univesiti,” kaya ko Minisita Sayed-Khaiyum.

“Namaka tiko na matanitu

me vakalevutaki na ilavo ni veiqaravi ena vuli ena veivakatorocaketaki mai vei ira na soqosoqo kei na tabana era dau veivuke kei na matanitu.

Vakaraitaka ko Minisita Sayed-Khaiyum ni sa dodonu meda toso laivi mai ena rai makawa ni veiqaravi ena vuli kei na nodra qaravi na noda gone ena nodra vuli.

“Me da vakasamataka na cava meda cakava se na sala meda muria ena rai levu ni veivakatorocaketaki ena vuli, ena kena gacagaca vou ena mona livaliva,” kaya ko Minisita Sayed-Khaiyum.

Veisiko ki Ostierelia, Niusiladi ko Usamate

VILIAME TIKOTANI

VEISIKO voli na Minisita ni Veivakacacakataki, Jone Usumate ena vanua ko Ositerelia kei Niusiladi me laki boseka kina kei ira na itaukei ni kabani ni cakacaka mai keya.

Oqo ena kena semati tikoga na veidinadinati vakamatanitu me baleta na nodra vakauti na tamata cakacaka me ra laki cakacaka ki keya.

Na veidinadinati ena Fijian seasonal workers scheme e vakatara na nodra vakauti na tamata cakacaka kina vanua ko Ositerelia kei Niusiladi.

Nodra tiko mai Niusiladi na Minisita ni Cakacaka Jone Usumate era veitalanoa kina kei ira na mata ni veibisinisi kei ira na tamata cakacaka era gole yani Viti.

Sotavi ira na lewenivanua kai Viti ena Hawkes bay, Alexandra, kei Blenheim me veitalanoataka talega na sasaga ni vakalevutaki ni tamata cakacaka mai

Viti.

Vakayaco talanoa talega na Minisita kei ira na kai Viti e Wellington, ena valenilotu ni wesele e Taranaki ka dewa yani ki Blenheim kei Auckland.

Sotava talega na kena isa ko Minisita Iain Lees-Galloway kei na vunivola era ni palimedi Fletcher Tabuteau.

Rau salavata kei na Minisita ko Vilimone Baledrokadroka na vukevuke ni vunivola tudei kei na daireketa ni itagede ni veivakacacakataki Atish Kumar.



Ko Minisita ni Veivakacacakataki, Jone Usumate e na nona tiko voli e Niusiladi.



Suka na qele vakaitaukei

VILIAME TIKOTANI

SA vakasukai tiko na qele vakaitaukei vei ira na kena itaukei kevaka era sa vinakata mera vakayagataka.

Vakaraitaka na tikina oqo ko Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama vei ira na lewe ni vanua ena Mua-i-Ra ena nodra veisiko voli ena macawa rua sa oti.

Laki vakayacora talega kina ko Paraiminisita Bainimarama na boseka me baleta na bisinisi ni tei suka.

“Au vinakata me’u vakaraitaka ni sa vakasuka na matabose ni qele maroroi se TLTB na qele schedule A and B vei ira na itaukei ni qele era sa vinakata mera vakayagataka.”

“Sa vakayacori kece na veikame baleta na cakacaka oqo ka tekivutaki mai na 2003 ka vakatotolotaki saraga.

Vakaraitaka ko PM Bainimarama ni matabose ni qele maroroi esa vola oti e 1,074 na tiki ni qele vaka schedule A and B ka tautauvata ni 95 na pasede. Na levu kece ni qele vakasukau e tiko ena 1100.

“Ena schedule B, mai na 304 na qele vakasukai esa volai oti e 265 na tiki ni qele kivei ira na taukei ni qele,ka vakatautauvata ni 87%.”

“Na cakacaka oqo esa vakavuna mera vakasukai sara e levu na tikini qele era dau tiko ena crown lease nib era na 2003 mera sa suka tale ki vei ira na itaukei.”

Kuria ko PM Bainimarama ni kevaka era sa lisitaki tu na tikini qele oqo, ena vakagolei na ilavo ni lisi kivei ira na itaukei ni qele.

“Oqo edua na cakacaka rogorogo vinaka kivua na itaukei baleta ni sa na levu na ilavo ni lisi ka levu talega na qele mera na lisitaka ena tei ni dovu ka vakakina na veivakatoroicake cava e ganita na qele oqo,” kaya ko PM.

“Na yaga ni noqu mai visiko voli ena yasayasa na muaiRa me rawa ni’u veitaratara vakadodonu kei ira na itaukei ni qele kei ira na lewenivanua era vakaitavitaki ira ena dei ni dovu kei na teivaki ni qele ena kakana,”kaya ko PM.

“Ena yaga talega baleta ni rawa ni vakaukauwataka na tei ni dovu me baleta na suka.”

Yaga sara vakalevu na veitalanoa mai na Mua-i-Ra baleta ni ra vukei kina na lewenivanua ka vakavurea talega eso na vakasama vinaka vua na matanitu.

Uto ni rawa ka vakailavo na suka

VILIAME TIKOTANI

SA solia nodra veivakadeitaki na liuliu ni Matanitu vei ira na dau tei dovu kei ira na vakaitavi ena bisinisi ni suka ena noda vanua.

Tukuna ko Paraiminisita Voreqe bainimarama ni matanitu ena vukea ka tokona tikoga na bisinisi ni suka ena noda vanua me vaka ni tiko saraga ena uto ni veiqaravi ni rawaka vakailavo.

Vakaraitaka na tikina oqo na liuliu ni matanitu Voreqe Bainimarama ena macawa sa oti ena nodra veisiko voli mai na Mua-i-Ra ni noda vanua ka vakayacaco boseka kei ira na lewenivanua, taukei ni qele kei ira na dauteitei.

“Mo ni kua ni vakacalai ni dei tiko na neitou inaki me baleta na bisinisi ni suka ena noda vanua, ka keitou vinakata me tikoga ena uto ni veiqaravi vakailavo ni matanitu,” kaya ko PM Bainimarama.

“Na neitou veiqaravi vei ira na itaukei ni qele sa ikoya na nodra vakayaragitaki vakavinaka me rawa ni ra cakacakataka na nodra qele ka rawaka vinaka mai kina,” kaya ko PM Bainimarama.

“Au solia tiko na noqu veivakadeitaki vei kemuni kece na veiqaravi tiko ena bisinisi ni suka, vei kemuni talega na nomuni matavuvale ni deitiko na sasaga kei na veitokoni ni matanitu.”

Laki sotavi ira na lewenivanua ena Mua-i-Ra ni noda vanua na Paraiminisita ka sauma talega kina e levu sara na vakatataro me baleta na kena vakatuburi na bula vakalaivo ni matanitu.

“Au lako tiko mai vakaveisiko nikua meu mai sotavi kemuni ka veitalanoa kei kemuni me baleta na ka mena cakava me vukei kina na sasaga ni vakatuburi ni bula vakailavo,” kaya ko PM.

“Au gadreva talega meu vosa veikemu-nu na dauniteitei kei kemuni na taukei ni

qele baleta niu Paraiminisita kau kauwataka na cavuikalawa eda sa vakayacora tiko. Kevaka ena kaukauwa na nomuni cakacaka ena vinaka talega na kena mana veikemuni kei na nomuni vuvala,” kaya ko PM.

Vakaraitaka ko PM Bainimarama ni nodra veitokoni esega ni vakatabakidua ga ena dua na bisinisi ena noda vanua ka gadreva me vakatauvatani na veivuke ni matanitu vei ira kece saran a veimataqali bisinisi.

“E vakagolei talega ena kena taqomaki na dodonu ni veimata tamata kei na soli vei ira na veikatuba ni sasaga mera laveta kina nodra bula,” kaya ko PM.

“Noqu matanitu esa sovaraka tiko na iyau vakailavo me vukei kina na nodra bula na lewenivanua, ena kena ta vou na gaunisala, vakadrodroi na wai kei na kena vakasucumi na livaliva keina na veiqaravi raraba ni matanitu.



Oira na itaukei ni qele era tauri ilavo ni veivuke mai na matanitu mera vukei kina ena nodra bisinisi. Oqo era laurai tiko ena itaba kei PM Bainimarama ni soli oti nodra ilavo e Ba. iTaba: ISAAC LAL

Votai na veivuke nodra na itaukei ni qele

VILIAME TIKOTANI

SA vakarautaka tiko na Matanitu me na veiwayaseyaka tale e \$350,000 vei ira na itaukei ni qele me vukei ira ena nodra vakacivaki bisinisi ena nodra qele.

Kacivaka na itukutuku oqo na liuliu ni Matanitu, Paraim-

inisita Voreqe Bainimarama mai Ba ena macawa sa oti.

Tukuna kina ko PM Bainimarama ni matanitu ena vukea na nodra sasaga na itaukei ni qele me ra cakacakataka na nodra qele.

“Oqo e tiki tikoga ni veivuke ni noqu matanitu kivei ira na itaukei ni qele mera vakacivaki bisinisi ena nodra delani qele,” kaya ko PM Bainimarama.

Veisoliaka talega na Paraiminisita e \$200,000 vei ira e lewe 29 na itaukei ni qele

mai na na yasayasa vaka Ra.

“Sa inakinaki tiko na Matanitu me vakatubura edua na uma ilavo ena Matabose ni Qele Maroroi me baleta na nodra vukei na itaukei ni qele ena vakacivaki bisinisi,” kaya ko PM.

“Nikua eda na mai vakadinata na veivuke ni matanitu me vaka ni sa soli tiko e \$200,000 vei ira na 29 na itaukei ni qele mera qarava kina nodra bisinisi. Sa na vakavatukana kina na nodra tatadra.”

Vakaraitaka ko PM Bainimarama ni sa vakarautaka tiko na TLTB na sasaga oqo ka ra na digitaki na taukei ni qele ena nodra kaukauwa kei na vinaka ni vakacivaki bisinisi ka laurai nira na vukea kina na sasaga matanitu.

Kuria na PM ni solia tiko nodra veivakabauti na matanitu ena sasaga ni lewenivanua ka vinakataka talega ni vukea me vakavatukanataki na nodra sasaga ni bula ena veisiga.



Sotavi na gagadre ni lewe ni vanua ena Mua-i-Ra

DUA na macawa vinaka vei ira na lewenivanua ena muaira ki Viti ena nodra mai sotava ka veitalanoa kei na liuliu ni Matanitu Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama.

Tekivu taka nodra veitalanoa na Paraiminisita mai Sigatoka ena siga Vukelulu ena 14 ni Veverueri, ka dewa yani ki Nadi, Ba kei Lautoka ena lotulevu ena 15 ni Veverueri, ka laki vakacavaru yani ena vakarabuka 16 ni Vevurieli ki Tavua kei Rakiraki.

Era osota yani na lewenivanua na Sai Hall ena tauni ko sigatoka mera laki rogoca na liuliu ni matanitu ka soli vakatutu talega baleta na nodra gagadre kei na veiqaravi ni matanitu.

Veitalanoataki sara kina e levu na tukutuku ka ulutaga lelevu kina na qele, na lisitaki ni qele, na ite ni dovuni, oira na daunimusudovu ka vakakina na veivakatorocaketaki ni matanitu.

Vakaraitaka na liuliu ni matanitu vei ira na lewe ni vanua ni matanitu esa tu vakarau mena sotava ka qarava na nodra gagadre kece sara na lewenivanua me laveta kina na nodra bula ena veisiga.

Vakauqeti ira na lewenivanua na liuliu ni matanitu ena vukei ira ka na sotava na nodra gagadre ni veivakatorocaketaki.

Era sala vata kei na Paraiminisita ena visiko oqo na Minisita ni Wai Dr Mahendra Reddy kei na Minisita ni Veivakatorocaketaki Parveen Bala Kumar kei ira na ivakalesilesi ni matanitu, vunivola tudei ni Tabana ni Itaukei Naipote Katonitabua, Vunivola tudei ni Teitei David Kolitagane ka vakakina na Komisina ni Ovisa Siti Qiliho.

Eratou lewena talega na ilakolako ni matanitu oqo na Vunivola tudei ni Suka Yogesh Karan, Manidinia ni Matabose ni Suka ko Graham Clark, Manidia ni matabose ni dau tei dovuni ko Sundresh Chetty ka vakakina na Manidia ni Matabose ni Qele Maroroi Tevita Kuruvakadua kei na nona ivukevuke ko Solo Nata.

Era lewena talega na ilakolako oqo na ivakalesilesi mai na veitabana ni matanitu, me vaka na wai, tabagone kei na qito, tabana ni qele, tabana ni marama, gone kei na valuti ni dravudravua.

ITaba: ISAAC LAL





Laveti na cakacaka ni dau tei dovu

VILIAME TIKOTANI

Ko ira na dau tei dovu era dua vei ira na tamata dau cakacaka kaukauwa ena noda vanua.

Oqori na nodra vosa na liuliu ni matanitu, Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama.

“Na matanitu ena tu vakarau me na vukei ira ena veigauna kece me rawa ni mana na cakacaka ni rawa ka vakailavo mai na tei ni dovu kei na bisinisi ni suka,” kaya ko PM Bainimarama.

Mai vakaraitaka tiko na tikina oqo na PM Bainimarama ena nodra veisiko voli ena mua-i-Ra ni noda vanua e na veitalanoa kei ira na dau teitei kei ira na taukei ni qele.

“Au gadreva me’u na vosa vei kemuni na dau teitei ka meu tukuna na vakavinavinaka ni noqu Matanitu ena nomuni gumatua ena cakacaka kaukauwa,” kaya nai liuliu ni Matanitu. Kemuni edua vei ira na tamata dau cakacaka kaukauwa ena noda vanua.”

Kuria ko PM ni nona Matanitu e vukea na kena laveti cake na cakacaka ni veiqaravi me baleta na tei ni dovu kei na bisinisi ni suka ena noda vanua.

“Sa lutu saraga vakaca na itagede ni veiqaravi ena bisinisi ni suka kei na tei ni dovu, ia keitou sa vakatubura tale mai,” kaya ko PM Bainimarama.

“Keitou sovaraka kina na ilavo levu e \$60 na milioni ka sa laveta saraga na itagede ni veiqaravi ka tubu kina na levu ni dovu e qaqi rawa kina rua na milioni na tani.”

Lutu sobu na isau ni qaravi ni bisinisi ni suka

VILIAME TIKOTANI

Esa vakalutuma tiko na Matanitu na isau ni vakacivaki ni bisinisi ni suka ena noda vanua.

Vakaraitaka na Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama ni na rawati ga na tubu kevaka esa vakalutumi sobu na isau ni bisinisi ni suka.

“Sa vukea tiko na matanitu na nodra cakacaka na dauniteitei mera vakayagataka na misini vou keina na gacagaca vou ni veiqaravi,” kaya ko PM Bainimarama.

“Vakarautaki kina e \$16 na milioni me baleta na cakacaka ni tei vou ni dovu.

“Oqo esa vakavuna na kena sa tei rawa e rauta ni 5671 na eka ena 2017 me vakatauvatani ena 3900 ena yabaki sa oti.”

Sa uqeti ira na dau teitei mera vakayagataka vinaka na veivuke ni Matanitu mera teitei kina me vaka ni 30,000 na hectare na qele era sa bera ni vakayagataki.

Tukuna ko PM Bainimarama ni veivuke ni Matanitu ena isau ni vakabulabula ni qele se maniwa sa vakalutumi kina na isau kina \$20 dua na taga ka sa toso cake kina na kena volitaki ena \$40.

“Sa vukei ira e rauta ni lewe 21 na isoqosoqo ni veivoli na Matanitu ena \$90,000 me baleta na vakayagataki ni misini ni musu dovu,” kaya ko PM

“Sa tubu talega mai na walu kina 18 na pasede na levu ni dovu e musuka ena misini oqo.



Paraiminisita Bainimarama kei ira na lewe ni vanua mai Ba ni oti na soqo ni dola ni valenivolavola ni Matabose ni Qele maroroi mai Ba. Mai tavoca toka ko Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama na ivakananumi ni kena dola na vale ni volavola ni qele maroroi e Ba.

iTaba: ISAAC LAL

Voleka na nodra qaravi e Ba

VILIAME TIKOTANI

NAMAKI mera na voleka na lewenivanua mai na yasana ko Ba ena teveli ni veiqaravi ni Matabose ni Qele Maroroi ena dola ni valenivolavola mai Ba.

Laki dolava na liuliu ni Matanitu, Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama na vale ni volavola vou oqo e Ba.

Sa na oti kina nodra veila-koyaki vakabalavu yani ki Suva se ki Lautoka na lewe ni vanua mera laki qaravi

vakavale ni volavola.

“Keitou vakila ni sebera ni qaravi vinaka tiko na vanua ko Ba ka keitou nanuma kina me mai dolava edua na valenivolavola e ke. Oqo era na qaravi kina erauta ni 358,000 acres na qele vaka itaukei ka 32 na pasede era lisitaki tiko. Sa dreu vinaka tiko ko Ba.”

Kaya ko Paraiminisita Bainimarama ni ciwa na tikina ena maliwa kei Lautoka kei Rakiraki town ka veiqaravi kina na valenivolavola oqo, wilikina na tikina o Nailaga, Bulu, Tavua, Qaliyalatini,

Nalotawa, Magodro, Naloto, Savatu kei Nadrau.

“Sa na oti kina na gauna ni lako vakabalavu yani ki Ba mo ni laki qaravi mai kina ena veiqaravi ni Matabose ni Qele maroroi,” kaya ko PM

“Na Ba sub-regional office ena vakarawarawataka na veiqaravi vei kemuni na itaukei ni qele, ka ratou na veiqaravi kina e 12 na ivakalesilesi.”

Vakaraitaka ko PM Bainimarama ni sa kauta vakavolekataka mai na matanitu ena veiqaravi ena matanika-

tuba ni lewenivanua me vaka na inaki ni matanitu me yacovi ira kece na lewe ni vanua ena noda vanua.

“Keitou sa vakarawarawataka na bula vei kemuni na lewenivanua ena vakarautaki ni veiqaravi oqo, ka sa na rawa kina mo ni yacova yani na veiqaravi vinaka oqo kei na veivuke ni matanitu levu veitalia na vanua ni tiko kina

“Vakaraitaka talega na dola ni valenivolavola oqo na veivakadeitaki ni matanitu ena nodra veiqaravi ena yasana ko Ba.

Sa vukea tiko na matanitu na nodra cakacaka na dauniteitei mera vakayagataka na misini vou keina na gacagaca vou ni veiqaravi.

Liuliu ni matanitu, Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama



Era vakamacala tiko oqo na marama ena yasayasa na Mua-i-Ra ena nodra boseka kei na Paraiminisita kei ira na ivakalesilesi ni veitabana ni matanitu ka wilikina oiratou na Matabose ni Qele Maroroi kei na Matabose ni Suka.

Marau na itaukei ni qele

VILIAME TIKOTANI

ERA vakacaucautaka na matanitu e lewe 29 na itaukei ni qele era vukei vakailavo me baleta na nodra cicivaki ni bisinisi. Solia na Matanitu ena ma-

cawa sa oti e rauta ni \$200,000 ena veivuke vakailavo vei ira na itaukei ni qele e Viti Levu. Vakatokai na veivuke oqo me seed capital grant ka dua na uma ilavo vakarautaki ka soqona na Matabose ni qele maororoi me vukei

ira na itaukei ni qele era sa vakaitavitaki ira tiko ena vakaduri bisinisi ena nodra qele.

Na mataqali bisinisi vaka-oqo e wilikina na teitei, susu manumanu bulumakau, vua-ka, susu honey kei na vakacivaki ni bisinisi tale eso me vaka na saravanua.

“Au vakamuduo kina na matanitu ena nodra vakatura mai na veivuke vakailavo oqo mera vukei kina na itaukei ni qele vakai au. Au dau teitei ka na vukei au saraga na ilavo oqo,” kaya ko Jese Roko, dauteitei mai Nabukaluka, Naitasiri.

“Au tea na dalo kei na veimataqali kakana draudrau me vaka niu bisinisitaka tiko.

“Oqo edua na veiqaravi

vinaka saraga ka vakarautaka na matanitu me vukei keimami na dauteitei itaukeni qele.”

“Au ciqoma e \$5,000 mai na matanitu me na vukea noqu teitei bisinisi ena noqu qele 6 na eka.”

Tokona ko Seru Tuidravutu mai Waikete, Nakelo na veivuke ni matanitu ka vakamuduo ena ilavo levu e \$5000.

“Au dau susu oni ka teitei talega, dau susu manumanu talega. E ono na noqu bulumakau, ono noqu kisi ni susu honey ka’u tea tiko ena gauna oqo e ono na eka.”

“Au na wasea vakavinaka na ilavo oqo me rawa ni veirauti ena noqu bisinisi. Au vakamuduo talega kina Matabose ni qele maroroi.”

Nanumi oira na vakaleqai ena Winston

VILIAME TIKOTANI

ERA vakananumi na vakaleqai nodra bula ena Cagilaba ko Winston ka ravuti Viti ena noda vanua.

Kacivaka na veivakananumi oqo na liuliu ni Matanitu, Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama ena dua na bose ni Minisita ni Commonwealth ni Vuli e Nadi.

“Au kerei kemuni mo ni duri ka vakananumi ira na vakaleqai na nodra bula ena Cagilaba ko Winston,” kaya ko Paraiminisita Bainimarama.

“Me da vakananumi ira e Samoa, Tonga kei ira ena sauca kei Lau ira na vakaleqai tiko nodra bula ka sotava tiko na dredre me baleta na Cagilaba Gita.”

Kuria ko Paraiminisita Bainimarama ni rawa ni taravou tale na vale kei na koronivuli ia ena sega ni vakasukai na bula ni 44 na lewe ni vanua kara a vakaleqai ena gauna ni Cagilaba ko Winston.

“Oqo eso na tamani gone, tinanigone, tuakana se tacina, tukai se vuqona, se tavale. Era na wekada na kaiviti, na suitu ni noda vanua,” kaya ko PM.

“Baleta ni vanua lailai ko Viti, eda veikilai tu ga ka levu vei ira era wekada voleka. Eda se vakalolokutaka tiko na nodra mai leqa ena yabaki dua ni kena cabeti keda mai na Cagilaba ko Winston.

“Sa noda vata na masu ni na solia na Kalou na nodra vakacegu ena ligana dauloloma.”

Bibi na vuli cakacaka

VILIAME TIKOTANI

SA rui ka bibi vei ira na gonevuli ena noda vanua mera vulica ka kila na cakacaka.

Vakaraitaka na Minisita ni Vakaduri bisinisi, Veivoli, Saravanua, Qele kei na iYau Bula Faiyaz Koya ena dua na bose main a Univesiti ni ceva ni Pasifica.

“Na koronivuli ni vuli torocake kece ena dodonu mera toka sara iliu ena cakacaka ni vukei ni vakaduri bisinisi lalai,” kaya ko Minisita Koya.

“Oqo e wili kina na gacagaca ni veiqaravi, vuli ni veiliutaki kei na nodra vukei na gonevuli mera rawaka vinaka.”

Kuria ko Minisita Koya ni Matanitu ena tokona na kena buli vou na bisinisi lalai ena



Taba toka ko Minisita Koya kei ira na ivakalesilesi ni Univesiti ni Ceva ni Pasivika ena nodra laki vulagi dokai ena dua na bose e kea.

kena veigacagaca me rawa ni vukei ira na taledi vou kei ira na noda gone.

“Au gadreva mera vakaitavitaki na itabagone

mera dau vakasamataka na veika ena taudaku ni veitalanoa, mera vukei Viti. Sa kena gauna mera vakila na itabagone na katuba.”

Kuria ko Koya ni dodonu mera sa vakaqara na nodra bula na itabagone ka mera bulia na cakacaka ka sega walega ni cakacaka.

Na koronivuli ni vuli torocake kece ena dodonu mera toka sara iliu ena cakacaka ni vukei ni vakaduri bisinisi lalai. Oqo e wili kina na gacagaca ni veiqaravi, vuli ni veiliutaki kei na nodra vukei na gonevuli mera rawaka vinaka

Minisita ni Vakaduri bisinisi, Veivoli, Saravanua, qele kei na iYau bula Faiyaz Koya



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NIUSILADI
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**MARAU
KO IRA NA
ITAUKEI
NI QELE**



SIGA TABU, 25 NI VEVERUERI, 2018 - KA 4 NI TABANA

Noda Viti



Ko Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama kei na lewe ni vanua ena yasayasa na Mua-i-Ra ni noda vanua ena boseka vakayacori e Lautoka ena macawa rua sa oti.

‘Yalo vata’

VILIAME TIKOTANI

SA ka bibi mera yalo vata ena nodra veivakadonui me baleta na lisitaki ni qele na taukei ni qele ena noda vanua.

Oqo na ivakasala nei Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama vei ira na itaukei ni qele era dau vinakata mera lisitaka na nodra qele mai na Matabose ni qele maroroi.

Rogoci tiko na itukutuku oqo ena nodra veisiko siga tolu tiko na liuliu ni matanitu ena Mua-i-Ra ka laki veitalanoa kina kei ira na taukei ni qele kei ira na dau teitei.

Vosa tiko ko PM Bainima-

rama ena nodra tokona tiko na cakacaka ni Matabose ni qele maroroi.

“Na ka e tukuni oya na veivakadonui e dodonu moni cakava e sega tiko ni caka, mo ni yalo vata me qai vakau mai veiratou na matabose ni qele maroroi na nomuni veivakadonui me baleta na ka me caka ena nomuni qele,” kaya ko PM Bainimarama.

“Ki vei kemuni na taukei ni qele e Monasavu, Naitasiri, kei kemuni na itaukei ni qele ko ni nanuma tiko me dau lisitaki na qele ka saumi vei kemuni na ilavo.”

Vakamacala tiko na iliuliu ni Matanitu ena levu ni kudru

era rogoca tiko mai vei ira na itaukei ni qele ena veisiko siga tolu ena yasayasa na Mua-i-Ra. Levu na kudru oqo e baleti Monasavu kei na ilavo e saumi vei ira na itaukei ni qele.

Vakamacalataka na vuk-evuke ni manidia ni qele maroroi, ko Solo Nata, ni veika kece me baleta na qele mai Monasavu esa saumi kece vei ira na itaukei ni qele.

“Na saumi kece na ilavo ka rawati mai ena qele ena 1984, so na ilavo oni sa tara na itaukei ni qele, eso na ilavo esa vakatubuilavo tiko kina na matanitu,” kaya ko Nata.

“E investtaka tiko na mata-

bose ni qele maroroi ena vukui kemuni na itaukei ni qele.

Kuria ko Nata ni dua na lisi sa mai vakadonui solia kina na matabose ni qele maroroi me lisitaki ena monasavu catchment area ka saumi kina e \$1.1 na milioni.

Na rede oqo sa sivi tiko na \$270,000 ena dua na yabaki.

“Na catchment ka tini ena vale ni veilewai esa saumi kina e \$50 na milioni sa tiko oqo vei Tevita Fa me vaka na kisi ni veilewai ka sa saumi tale tikoga vei kemuni na itaukei ni qele me vaka nai vakaro ni mataveilewai.

Kuria ko Nata ni vakatulewa ni veilewai oqo e tukuna ni oti

e rua na yabaki ena soli vua na itaukei ni qele me lewa kevaka e vinakata me soli tale vua na Matabose ni Qele Maroroi me sa manidia taka na sausaumi ni ilavo vei ira na itaukei ni qele.

“Levu vei kemuni mai kudru tiko mai tagi tiko ni ko sega ni taleitaka na wasei ni ilavo oya, na ka me tukuni vei kemuni mo ni laki lai kauta mai nomuni sainsi ni veivakadonui,” kaya ko Nata.

“Keitou ya lako kina na ivakalesilesi ni matabose ni qele maroroi me keitou kauta mai na sainsi, ka ka ni rarawa ni lailai mai na 30 na pasede na sainsi. Sa mani keitou sega ni cakava rawa kina edua na ka.”

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