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PM hails vocational graduates as change-makers



Prime Minister Sitiveni Rabuka with students at the Monfort Technical Institute graduation in Savusavu. Photo: SUPPLIED

“YOU are change-makers, community builders, and symbols of what is possible when education is inclusive, accessible, and practical.”

Prime Minister, Sitiveni Rabuka, speaking to the 44 graduating students of the Montfort Vocational Institute in Savusavu, hailed the event as “celebration of hard work, discipline, second chances, and the belief that every young person deserves an opportunity to excel in life.”

“You are not only training students - but you are also helping address real national challenges such as unemployment, skills shortages, social exclusion, and poverty,” PM Rabuka emphasised. “You remind us that technical and

vocational training is not a fallback option. It is a powerful pathway to employment, to entrepreneurship, to creativity, to a better Fiji.”

The Head of Government advised the students, “Carry the values you learned here - respect, discipline and unity - into every workplace and every community you will be part of.”

The ceremony highlighted the institute’s mission of providing inclusive education and training opportunities for young people from across Fiji.

Monfort, through both home training that strengthens discipline, character, and teamwork, and vocational training in areas such as carpentry, mechanics, plumbing, agriculture, and cabinet making, equips students with lifelong skills that contribute to stronger com-

munities and improved livelihoods.

This year’s Dux, Mitili Yaya, said the achievement was unexpected and encouraged those who wish to pursue vocational education to do so with determination and sacrifice, reminding future students that success is built through perseverance and commitment.

As the graduates prepare to sit their FNU Class 3 Trade Test, their accomplishments stand as a testament to the vital role of vocational institutions in developing skills, restoring dignity, and building a more resilient and prosperous Fiji.

PM Rabuka added that every student who graduates from the institute represents not only personal achievement, but also family stability, restored dig-

nity, and a stronger, more resilient Fiji.

“We hear your stories. We see your hard work. And we know that the skills you gain here will open doors throughout your lives. To our graduates, I urge you to remain committed to lifelong learning. Never stop improving your skills. Be honest, humble, and hardworking.”

The institute was established by the Fiji Government through the Ministry of Education and was entrusted to the Montfort Brothers of St. Gabriel in 1995.

In the 2025-2026 National Budget, the institute has been allocated over half million for its operations.

- Ministry of Information



Fiji and EU convene 2nd Partnership Dialogue

FIJI and the European Union (EU) convened their 2nd Partnership Dialogue in Brussels, Belgium which was co-chaired by the Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade, Lenora Qereqeretabua and Ambassador Martin Bille Hermann, Managing Director for Multilateral Affairs in the European External Action Service (EEAS). At the Dialogue, the EU and Fiji took stock of bilateral cooperation since the last Partnership Dialogue meeting in Fiji in 2024.

Both parties emphasised the importance of ensuring that multilateralism is effective and inclusive in addressing challenges related to climate change, economic uncertainties, and respective regional security.

Both parties reflected on the success of the first EU-Pacific Business Forum held in Fiji in September 2025, and the opportunities for increased trade and investment with the EU.

Fiji updated its progress on implementation of the Samoa Agreement and the way forward. Both Parties discussed development cooperation for 2021-2027 under the Global Europe Instrument (NDICI) and the implementation of Global Gateway in the Pacific region.

The EU and Fiji discussed the current state of the interim Economic Partnership Agreement (iEPA) implementation and the potential that it offers for Fiji and other Pacific States to increase the level of trade and investment with the EU.

The Dialogue reflected on the importance that the EU and Fiji attach to their shared values, including the rule of law, democracy, and human rights. Climate Change, Environment and Ocean governance and security, also



featured as part of discussions, with Fiji Mission in Geneva Chargé d'Affairs Ms. Keleni Seruvatu providing Fiji's intervention and updates.

Asst. Minister Qereqeretabua re-emphasised the significance of EU-Fiji relations and Fiji's commitment to progress issues of mutual priority.

The Permanent Mission of Fiji to the United Nations and Other International Organizations – Geneva was pleased to support Hon. Qereqeretabua at the Dialogue.

(Source: Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

Re-establishment of Fiji's Embassy in Brussels

FIJI is re-establishing its Embassy in Brussels, following Cabinet's endorsement of a phased reopening.

Originally opened in 1973, the Embassy played a key role in strengthening Fiji's relations with the European Union (EU) and the Organisation of the African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS). It was closed in 2021 under post-COVID austerity measures — but Fiji's growing engagement with Europe now makes its return essential.

Since the closure, Fiji's Mission in Geneva has been covering EU and wider European affairs. However, workload pressures, time zone challenges, and the complex nature of EU institutions have highlighted the need for a dedicated presence in Brussels.

Reopening the Embassy restores Fiji's representation in Europe, strengthens diplomatic and trade ties, and ensures better support for our expanding diaspora across the region.

Fiji is stepping back into the heart of Europe — stronger and more connected.

(Source: Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

Cabinet Decisions

Amended Land Transport Regulations

Cabinet has endorsed a series of updated Land Transport regulations aimed at improving safety, strengthening compliance, and modernising Fiji's transport system.

The endorsed amendments include:

- Land Transport (Public Service Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulations 2025
- Land Transport (Fees and Penalties) (Amendment) Regulations 2025
- Land Transport (Traffic Infringement Notice) (Amendment) Regulations 2025
- Land Transport (Vehicles Registration and Construction) (Amendment) Regulations 2025
- Land Transport (Driver) (Amendment) Regulations 2025

Key changes introduced under these regulations:

- Re-introduction of temporary permits
- Removal of permit transfers through sale and purchase agreements
- Increase in penalties for non-compliance
- New penalty for failure to stop and weigh
- Introduction of a payment plan policy
- Introduction of a two-stage provisional licensing system

These updated regulations will come into effect on a date to be announced by the Minister responsible for transport.

Criminal Records Bill 2025

Cabinet agreed that the Criminal Records Bill 2025 (Bill) be finalised for tabling in Parliament.

Fiji's current criminal records framework imposes lifelong consequences for minor, historical offences, creating enduring barriers to employment, education, and international mobility for rehabilitated citizens.

The absence of a comprehensive and automatic mechanism for non-disclosure undermines rehabilitation, perpetuates stigma, and contradicts national values of fairness and second chances.

The Criminal Records Bill 2025 seeks to align Fiji with international best practices by enabling reintegration, reducing structural exclusion, and restoring dignity to law-abiding individuals.

Review of the Fiji National Policy on Aging

Cabinet was informed on the review of the Fiji National Policy on Ageing (2011-2015) (Policy).

The review will update and realign policy goals with the national development plan and other government frameworks as well as strengthen the commitment and accountability of National Committee on Older Persons.

It will also address emerging challenges and gaps in service delivery to ensure sustainable support systems for older persons and reflect current global frameworks on healthy and active ageing.

Govt reinforces PPP commitment at TOPEX 2025



Minister for Finance, Commerce and Business Development, Esrom Immanuel, with participants at the opening of TOPEX 2025 conference in Nadi. **Photo: SUPPLIED**

THE Minister for Finance, Commerce and Business Development, Esrom Immanuel, has reaffirmed the Government's commitment to strengthening collaboration with the private sector, describing it as "a vital force in the nation's progress." Speaking at the opening of the Top Executive (TOPEX) 2025 Conference at Sofitel Resort & Spa in Nadi recently, Minister Immanuel said Fiji's long-term economic ambitions depend on deeper partnership with industry leaders.

"Our goal of becoming a high-income nation by 2050 requires sustained real GDP growth of five to six percent annually," he said.

"Such growth can only be enabled by greater private sector engagement, leadership and investment."

This year's TOPEX has attracted more than 400 delegates — the largest in the conference's 65-year history.

The Minister acknowledged the Fiji Commerce & Employers Federation (FCEF) for its leadership and for "bringing together the top figures of the private sector under one roof."

Minister Immanuel highlighted several key government initiatives designed to improve the ease of doing business and boost investor confidence, including the BusinessNOW Fiji program, DigitalFIJI, the establishment of the Investment Facilitation Committee, and policy reforms to increase access to finance for MSMEs.

He also noted ongoing collaboration with FCEF on trade facilitation, saying the Single Window Trade Platform will "enhance our export

capacity and reduce our trade deficit."

He praised the role of TOPEX in shaping Fiji's policy dialogue, noting that collaboration between government and industry is "an incredible opportunity to generate constructive discussion and solutions-based outcomes."

"As you discuss priorities and solutions over the next two days, I encourage you to consider how the private sector can continue to strengthen its partnership with the public sector," he told delegates. The Minister officially declared TOPEX 2025 open, wishing all delegates a successful conference.

(Source: Ministry of Finance, Commerce and Business Development)

Fiji's voice of resolve: How a small island nation shaped global climate action at COP30

By AZARIA FAREEN

IN the heart of the Amazon, far from home yet firmly grounded in purpose, Fiji stood tall at the 30th Conference of the Parties (COP30), proving once again that even the smallest nations can shape the world's climate future. Held in Belém, Brazil, COP30 marked a pivotal moment for global climate commitments. With the world edging dangerously close to the 1.5°C warming threshold, this round of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) carried unprecedented significance. Fiji, despite its limited resources, successfully submitted its third NDC—one that reflects the nation's unique needs and unwavering dedication to climate action. Minister for Environment and Climate Change, Mosese Bulitavu, highlighted that uneven progress by larger nations casted a shadow over global efforts. "With only 100 parties submitting revised NDCs, the 1.5°C safeguard hung in the balance, yet Fiji, alongside other small island states, arrived with determination, calling for a global response plan to address

the glaring gap in ambition," he said. "The negotiations were far from smooth as delegates navigated accommodation shortages, flooding, protests, and even a venue fire but still, Fiji remained steadfast. The concept of "Mutirão"—a Portuguese term for collective effort—defined the final days of negotiation, as disagreements threatened a complete collapse of discussions and at this critical juncture, Fiji's leadership shined." "Permanent Secretary Dr. Sivendra Michael played a central role in high-stakes negotiations, representing 39 small island states under AOSIS," he acknowledged. Minister Bulitavu commended PS Michael's endurance —being in the negotiation room for over 20 straight hours which helped secure significant gains, including a major commitment to triple adaptation finance by 2030. Fiji also championed the Belém Mission to 1.5°C and the Global Implementation Accelerator, both aimed at closing the NDC ambition gap. "Fiji's influence did not end there, as coordinator for Pacific SIDS on loss and damage, Fiji helped advance long-stalled

negotiations, paving the way for stronger global reporting and more robust financial support," he emphasised. "Under the Just Transition agenda, the delegation secured the first major decision since COP28, ensuring that vulnerable nations remain central in global climate solutions," he lauded. "Beyond negotiation halls, Fiji's participation carries deeper meaning. It underscores a truth often overlooked at home: climate diplomacy is not optional—it is essential. Every gain translates to real protection for communities, coastlines, and livelihoods across Fiji and the Pacific." "As the world prepares for COP31, Fiji's leadership and persistence continue to open doors," he added. "While the challenges ahead remain daunting, this year's COP proved that Fiji's voice—firm, informed, and grounded in lived reality—continues to shape global climate action in powerful ways," Minister Bulitavu further added. Fiji secured outcomes on Technology and Capacity Building, Global Goal on



Minister for Environment and Climate Change, Mosese Bulitavu. Photo: SUPPLIED

Adaptation, and Gender Action Plan and a full report on the outcomes will be published in January 2026, which will be made publicly available following Cabinet endorsement. Türkiye will host COP31 and take on the COP Presidency while Australia will preside over the negotiations. Australia and Türkiye have jointly agreed that pre-COP will be hosted by a Pacific island nation, and Fiji aspires to link the pre-COP with a global pledging event for the Pacific Resilience Facility.

CWM Hospital redevelopment gains momentum as major upgrades begin

By MELI NAISELE

THE redevelopment of Suva's Colonial War Memorial Hospital is in full steam, with essential upgrades underway as part of the Fiji–Australia Vuvale Partnership. This was highlighted in Parliament by the Minister for Health and Medical Services, Atonio Lalabalavu. Minister Lalabalavu explained that the project focuses on three core areas—the Clinical Services Plan (CSP), Hospital Infrastructure Assessment, and Site Options Analysis — forming the foundation for the long-term redevelopment of Fiji's largest hospital. The Hospital Infrastructure Assessment, completed in early 2025, produced a Priority Infrastructure Plan identifying 138 areas requiring urgent improvement. Current works already in progress include:

- Refurbishment of the Acute Wards washrooms
- Roof repairs from the Emergency Department to the Mortuary

- Construction of a 300,000-litre backup water tank for Maternity and West Wing
- Sewerage and drainage upgrades for the Maternity unit

The Clinical Services Plan will shape the new hospital's design projects major increases in capacity, including:

- Overnight beds rising from 453 to 703
- Procedural spaces increasing from 13 to 25
- Emergency beds doubling from 23 to 46
- Outpatient spaces expanding from 71 to 133

"This means the new CWM Hospital will be almost twice the size of the existing facility," Minister Lalabalavu said. This week marks the start of the Clinical Services Implementation Plan, after which architectural and engineering work for the new hospital will begin. The planning phase has been supported by \$90m in World Bank funding. Minister Lalabalavu said the developments reaffirm Government's commitment to delivering a safer, more resilient, and modern healthcare system for all Fijians.

New Tamavua Rehabilitation Centre construction set to begin in 2026

By MELI NAISELE

CONSTRUCTION of the new 20-bed Tamavua Rehabilitation Centre is scheduled to begin in the first quarter of 2026, marking a major milestone for the Ministry of Health and Medical Services. The update was provided in Parliament by the line Minister, Atonio Lalabalavu. Minister Lalabalavu confirmed that the project, valued at US\$10 million (FJ\$22.58m), will be fully funded and equipped by the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA). "This is a significant milestone, as our building plan approved last August sets the stage for the next chapter in the Tamavua Rehabilitation Centre's journey," he said. Under the funding arrangement, the Ministry will cover only early civil works including landscaping, drainage, carpark upgrades, utility connections and transformer installation—costs estimated at FJ\$2.5 million. KOICA has already completed the tender process and appointed a contractor, who are expected to mobilise works on site in early 2026. The Ministry aims to hand over the site by the end of December, following the demolition of the final old building, which was delayed due to the presence of asbestos. Minister Lalabalavu noted that construction will take approximately 19–20 months once underway. "While we honour the legacy of the Tamavua Rehabilitation Centre, we remain steadfast in our commitment to provide a sanctuary of hope and healing for all who seek our services," he said. The new facility is expected to significantly strengthen rehabilitation services once completed.



RFMF to take a balanced approach: Minister Tikoduadua

By PRASHILA DEVI

THE Government's role is to ensure that no community is overlooked in the Republic of Fiji Military Force's internal reconciliation process.

Furthermore, it must ensure that engagements by the institution are grounded in accuracy and that any steps taken towards acknowledgment or forgiveness are guided by fairness rather than selective emphasis.

Minister for Defence and Veteran Affairs, Pio Tikoduadua, speaking in Parliament recently, has pointed out that a balanced approach, with careful oversight, practical support and "a clear focus on stability, accountability, and fairness—creates an environment where the RFMF can carry out its internal work without external pressure".

On the reconciliation efforts of institution, Minister Tikoduadua explained the

complexity of approaching the different communities affected by the actions of the past.

"At the centre of this effort are structured internal consultations involving former and current personnel, families, and individuals affected by the events of 1987, 2000 and 2006," he said.

"The RFMF has acknowledged that the Indo-Fijian community experienced substantial and lasting consequences arising from the events of 1987 and 2000."

"These consequences extended beyond immediate disruptions. Many Indo-Fijian families faced prolonged uncertainty about their safety, their livelihoods, and their long-term place in the country."

Minister Tikoduadua said the RFMF was aware that the circumstances surrounding 1987 and 2000 were complex as the involved political forces, social tensions, historical grievances, and institutional decisions that intersected in ways that cannot be reduced to a single narrative.



Minister for Defence and Veteran Affairs, Pio Tikoduadua, walks into the Parliament chambers with the Minister for Policing and Communications, Ioane Naivalurua. Photo: SUPPLIED

This complexity, he added, means that no single gesture—whether symbolic or administrative—can address the full range of experiences carried by Indo-Fijian families.

"The RFMF is therefore considering a structured approach that balances cultural sensitivity with practical engagement. This includes identifying appropriate community representatives, consulting

individuals who lived through the period, and documenting their accounts in a manner that accurately reflects the range of experiences that occurred."

Minister Tikoduadua said the RFMF was exploring how it might frame an acknowledgment of harm that avoids generalisation and reflects the diversity of circumstances experienced within the Indo-Fijian community.

Minister Gavoka discusses Fiji's Commercial Use of Marine Areas Bill 2025

By AZARIA FAREEN

THE Commercial Use of Marine Areas Bill 2025 (CUMA Bill) aims to fix long-standing legal gaps affecting customary owners, marine governance, and the sustainable commercial use of Fiji's ocean spaces.

For years, Fiji has operated under outdated and fragmented laws—most notably the Regulation of Surfing Areas Act 2010, which opened surfing areas to unrestricted public use.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Tourism and Civil Aviation, Viliame Gavoka, said that, while this boosted tourism, it also meant customary owners received no compensation, creating tension between communities, businesses, and tourists.

"The CUMA Bill seeks to correct these issues and bring fairness, clarity, and modern governance to the use of marine resources," he said.

"The Bill will repeal the 2010 Act and replace it with a transparent framework that recognises the proprietary rights of customary owners. While iTaukei communities currently hold traditional rights of access and use, the Bill ensures they can also regain full ownership of marine areas being used for commercial purposes. This transition will not occur automatically. Instead, the Bill sets out a structured, lawful, and inclusive process to ensure natural justice and consistency with the Constitution."

"Under the new process, customary owners may apply to the iTaukei Fisheries Commission (iTFC) to reclaim ownership and they will assess the applications, consult all



Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Tourism and Civil Aviation, Viliame Gavoka, speaks in Parliament. Photo: SUPPLIED

interest holders—such as tourism operators—and, if satisfied, recommend a vesting order to a tri-ministerial Vesting Authority comprising the Ministers for Fisheries, iTaukei Affairs, and Tourism," he stated. He noted that ownership will transfer fully to customary owners once the vesting order is issued.

The Bill also outlines how disagreements will be handled. If parties cannot agree on compensation or transition terms, the Vesting Authority may refer the matter to arbitration, or determine the terms itself when arbitration is not possible. Any party may appeal to a new Marine Area Appeals Tribunal, appointed by the Chief Justice. Once transferred, the marine areas will be administered by the iTaukei Land Trust Board (TLTB).

DPM Gavoka said that existing tourism operations will

not be disrupted and current licences and agreements will remain valid until renegotiated.

"The Bill also allows the Vesting Authority to exempt certain arrangements from renegotiation if the existing terms are already fair and if changes might harm economic viability. It also protects constitutional rights, including freedom of movement and public enjoyment of the marine environment."

"Ultimately, the CUMA Bill aims to restore fairness to customary owners while ensuring business certainty and investor confidence," he said.

"By establishing a clear, consultative, and modern system, the Bill encourages partnerships rather than conflict and ensures that commercial activities in Fiji's marine areas benefit both local communities and the wider economy," he added.

LTA pilots body worn cameras

THE Land Transport Authority is piloting five Body Worn Camera (BWC) units with the Central and Eastern Enforcement teams at present.

Speaking in Parliament, Minister for Public Works, Meteorological Services and Transport Ro Filipe Tuisawau stated that there were plans to expand this pilot by trialling the same units with enforcement teams in the Western and Northern divisions.

The introduction of BWC devices is to complement existing safety standards and operational procedures as the devices provide significant benefits to enforcement officers by enhancing their health and safety, particularly in situations that may pose perceived or actual risks.

"This structured pilot approach allows the Authority to assess operational viability before wider deployment," Minister Tuisawau said.

"In addition to frontline safety, the recordings captured by BWCs also support professional development through training and review. They further assist with investigations, especially in cases where allegations may be made against LTA officers, ensuring a transparent and evidence-based process."



As part of its ongoing efforts to improve road safety enforcement, Land Transport Authority (LTA) Road Enforcement Officers have been equipped with body-worn cameras, commonly known as bodycams. Photo: SUPPLIED

Bills passed in the November-December 2025 sitting

- Credit Union (Amendment) Bill**
A Bill for an Act to provide for the repeal of the Credit Unions Act 1954 and for the regulation of Credit Union business and related matters.
- Burial And Cremation (Amendment) Bill**
The Burial and Cremation Act 1911 (Act) was originally enacted to manage public health and land use related to burial practices during a time when Fiji had a smaller population and fewer urban centers. The Bill aims to update the Act and reflect modern realities, including urbanization, limited land availability, changing cultural practices, and the operational challenges of maintaining registered burial grounds.
- Quarantine (Amendment) Bill**
The Quarantine Act 1964 establishes the legal framework for preventing the introduction and spread of infectious diseases in Fiji through ships, aircraft, people, and goods. The Quarantine (Amendment) Bill 2025 seeks to amend the Act to provide for updated policy and regulatory changes.
- Registration Of Skilled Professionals (Repeal) Bill**
The Registration of Skilled Professionals (Repeal) Bill 2025 seeks to repeal the Registration of Skilled Professionals Act 2016 ('Act') to ensure that the registration and licensing of skilled professionals are done by relevant professional bodies and work permits are processed by the Ministry responsible for immigration.
- Public Health Camendment Bill**
The Public Health (Amendment) Bill 2025 seeks to amend the Public Health Act 1935 to provide for updated policy changes and for compliance with the digital building permit approval system ('BPAS').

Govt modernises land administration with new e-Plan Lodgement System

By VILIAME TIKOTANI

A MAJOR step forward in modernising Fiji’s land administration system through the rollout of the e-Plan Lodgement System has been undertaken by the Ministry of Lands and Mineral Resources. The line Minister, Filimoni Vosarogo, while bringing this development to the floors of Parliament recently, highlighted that this digital platform was designed to significantly improve the efficiency and transparency of survey plan processing. Minister Vosarogo explained that Phase 2 of the system was officially launched on November 7, 2025, which would expand access to external surveyors from private firms and other government ministries. “These users can now lodge survey plans directly online, ensuring faster submissions, improved workflow, and greater accessibility to survey and cadastral data.” He further elaborated that Phase 1 of the initiative established an internal digital platform for Ministry surveyors, enabling them to lodge and assess plans electronically

using specialised survey software. This first phase strengthened internal processes and laid the foundation for sector-wide adoption. Minister Vosarogo said the new e-lodgement system addresses one of the survey sector’s long-standing challenges: delays in plan assessment. “Under the traditional paper-based approach, approvals could take up to 90 days. With the new system, the Ministry aims to reduce processing time by 45 per cent, targeting a 30-working-day turnaround,” he said. The Minister stated that “this shift is more than a technological upgrade; it represents a transformation in service delivery”. “Faster processing will enhance investor confidence, accelerate land development, and improve overall satisfaction for stakeholders and the public.” He added that the system also strengthens the Ministry’s digital infrastructure by integrating the Lands Information System with other government databases, ensuring greater data security, accuracy, and consistency across platforms. Minister Vosarogo said the long-term vision was for all surveyors in Fiji to be connected



Minister for Lands and Mineral Resources, Filimoni Vosaroga shares a light moment with students during Parliament sitting. **Photo: SUPPLIED**

to the e-Plan portal, with standardised use of common survey software across the profession. This will improve collaboration between the public and private sectors and support consistent national data standards.

He reaffirmed the Ministry’s commitment to modernising land administration and improving service delivery in line with its mandate to administer, develop and manage State land.

Agricultural growth and export opportunities open after New Zealand scoping mission

By VILIAME TIKOTANI

FIIJIS recent scoping mission to New Zealand has opened important opportunities to boost agricultural exports, strengthen climate and water resilience, and advance the adoption of modern farming technologies. Minister for Agriculture and Waterways, Tomasi Tunabuna, while speaking in Parliament, said the mission, conducted from 15–23 November 2025, was focused on expanding partnerships in agricultural research, biosecurity, market development, and integrated water management. The Minister highlighted that agriculture remains Fiji’s largest contributor to gross domestic product (GDP), accounting for 12.8 per cent in 2024, valued at \$1.567 billion. “Non-sugar agriculture earned \$328.1 million in exports with New Zealand representing 13 per cent of this value, amounting to \$41.64 million.” He stated that New Zealand continues to be a premium market with strong demand for sustainably produced, high-quality food products, and that the mission strengthened Fiji’s readiness to expand its export offerings. He said the mission produced several key outcomes. “New Zealand distributors expressed interest in a wide range of Fijian commodities including taro, cassava, breadfruit, ginger, turmeric, pineapples, bananas, mangoes, eggplants and taro leaves.” Minister Tunabuna informed Parliament that work was now underway to improve production quality, enhance biosecurity processes and ensure compliance with New Zealand’s import standards. He added that the delegation engaged with leading agricultural research institutions specialising in precision agriculture, crop genetics, irrigation systems, soil health and climate adaptation. A cooperation agreement has been submitted to Cabinet to formalise joint research and technical exchange.



Minister for Agriculture and Waterways, Tomasi Tunabuna speaks in Parliament. **Photo: SUPPLIED**

“The mission also examined New Zealand’s advanced flood forecasting, riparian restoration and catchment management systems. The New Zealand Minister for Regional Development expressed interest in visiting Fiji to advance collaboration on water retention and climate-resilient infrastructure,” Minister Tunabuna explained. He further elaborated that New Zealand partners signalled support for agricultural training programmes, veterinary exchanges and research into climate-resilient crop varieties. Opportunities were also identified for funding and technical cooperation in flood mitigation, watershed planning, early-warning systems and hydrological modelling. The Minister said the Ministry will now finalise cooperation agreements, expand technology assessments, strengthen export protocols, scale up catchment management projects and engage importers to secure long-term supply arrangements.

Forestry research strengthens Fiji’s timber industry and rural livelihoods

By VILIAME TIKOTANI

ONGOING scientific research is driving major progress in Fiji’s forestry sector—supporting national economic growth, rural employment, and sustainable forest management, says Minister for Fisheries Forestry, Alitia Bainivalu. Speaking in Parliament recently, Minister Bainivalu highlighted that while logging alone contributes around 0.5 per cent of gross domestic product, the broader forestry sector adds approximately \$140 million, or 1.4 per cent of real GDP, through wood processing and other downstream industries. “Pine and mahogany plantations continue to play a central role in this contribution.” She said a major focus of the Ministry was its groundbreaking research on Lesser-Known Timber Species (LKS), including species previously overlooked due to limited scientific information. The Ministry, through the Wood and Non-Wood Research and Development Project, aims to identify new timber options that can substitute high-value native species such as Vesi, Yaka, Dakua, Kouvula and Kaudamu. To date, 30 lesser-known species have been identified for study, with detailed research completed on nine species including Dulewa, Kuluva, Sa, Velau, Mako, Tadalo, Vutukana, Dalovoci and Kaunigai. Minister Bainivalu noted that these findings have already benefitted local furniture makers, woodcarvers and commercial operators. The Ministry was also advancing research on White Teak, an exotic species flourishing in the western highlands. Early testing confirms it is a light hardwood suitable for house construction—supporting what communities such as Nalebaleba Village have long known from experience. The Ministry has also started issuing harvesting licences for African Tulip as biomass fuel for Nabou Green Energy, which currently supplies around four per cent of Viti Levu’s electricity and aims to increase its contribution to six–seven per cent with planned upgrades. “This research ensures we make full



Minister for Fisheries and Forestry, Alitia Bainivalu **Photo: SUPPLIED**

use of our forest resources—reducing waste, increasing timber production per hectare, supporting natural regeneration of native species, and enhancing income for landowners and operators,” Minister Bainivalu said. The Minister also acknowledged current challenges, including the need for improved technical capacity among staff, major upgrades to outdated research facilities and sustained funding support. This fiscal year, the Research and Development Project received \$225,000 to continue work on both wood and non-wood species such as bamboo, rattan, agarwood, mahogany and candlenut. Minister Bainivalu said the Ministry will continue strengthening partnerships with the private sector to expand knowledge-sharing, encourage innovation and support the long-term sustainability of Fiji’s forestry industries. “Quality wood research is essential for the future of our forests and our economy. It diversifies our timber supply, protects our natural resources, and strengthens livelihoods in rural communities,” she said.



Minister urges young women to fight Cyber Abuse



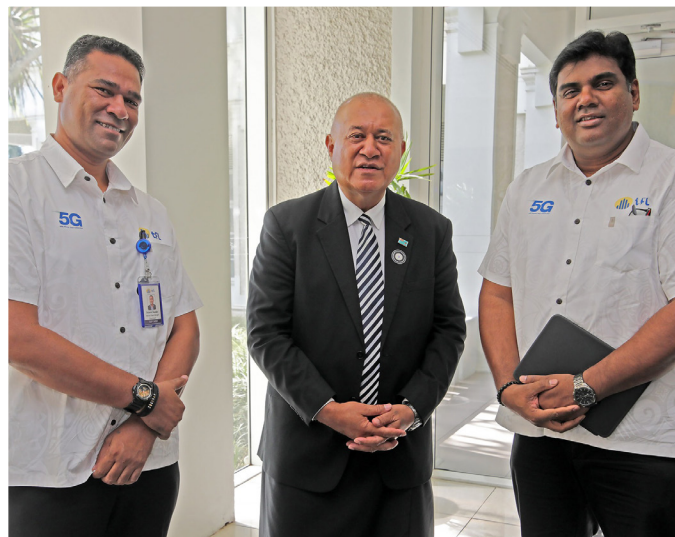
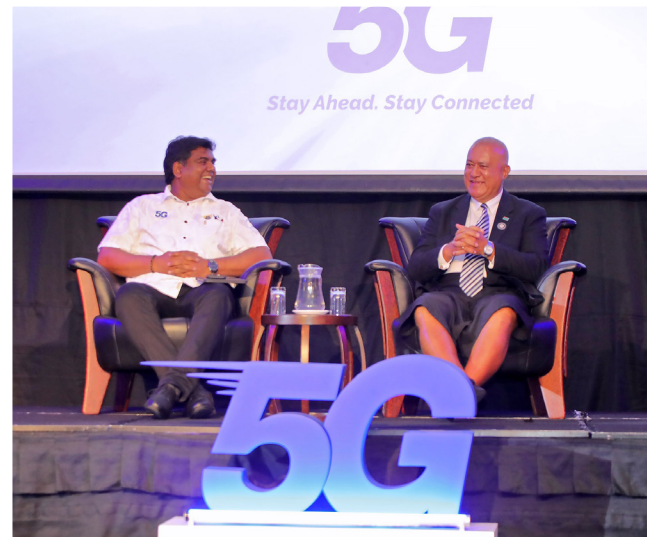
Online violence is no longer a rare or distant threat; it sits on our phones, follows us, disrupts our peace, and tries to convince us that we are less than who we truly are.

Minister for Information Lynda Tabuya echoed this sentiment while addressing 53 young women from all over Fiji at the second Young Women's Forum on Technology Facilitated Gender Based Violence recently

Photos: WANSHIKA KUMAR



Government advances digital transformation as TFL launches nationwide 5G network



Government recently reaffirmed its commitment to accelerating national digital transformation as Fiji marked a major milestone with the launch of Telecom Fiji Limited's (TFL) nationwide 5G network — a platform that will connect Fijians, empower industries, and drive intelligent innovation and inclusion.

In launching the initiative, Minister for Policing and Communications, Ioane Naivalurua highlighted that the introduction of 5G aligns with the Government's strategic direction on digital transformation and national connectivity, following the establishment of Fiji's National Digital Strategy

Photos: AZARIA FAREEN



Opening of Crowne Plaza Fiji Nadi Bay and Convention Center



Fiji celebrated a key milestone as the Minister for Lands and Mineral Resources, Filimoni Vosarogo, officially opened the new Crowne Plaza Fiji Nadi Bay Resort and Spa, including its modern Convention Center. With 300 premium rooms and a 600-seat convention facility, the development boosts Fiji's ability to host major international events while showcasing genuine Fijian hospitality.

Photos: AZARIA FAREEN



President of Fiji hosts Vanuabalavu Primary School athletics team at State House



The President, Ratu Naiqama Lalabalavu, recently warmly welcomed the Vanuabalavu Primary School Athletics team to the State House.

The visiting group included 34 students along with 14 teachers and parents.

The President spent time engaging with the students, asking about their recent athletics competition and encouraging them to think about their future aspirations. He highlighted the importance of setting goals and mapping out a clear vision for their lives, reminding them that their dreams begin with the choices they make now.

Photos: AZARIA FAREEN



Building a resilient and inclusive MSME Sector for Fiji's Future

THE Government is scaling up its support for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) as part of a national strategy to build a resilient, inclusive, and future-ready economy.

Minister for Finance, Commerce and Business Development, Esrom Immanuel announced in Parliament announced that MSMEs remain “Fiji’s growth engine,” contributing 18 per cent of the gross domestic product (GDP), employing 60 per cent of the workforce, and accounting for over 80 per cent of registered businesses. He emphasised that the Government’s commitment was to unlock MSME potential so that “every Fijian can contribute to — and benefit from — national prosperity.”

Record Investment of Nearly \$160 Million for MSMEs

The Minister reported that Government has committed almost \$160 million to MSME programmes this financial year — the largest allocation to date and a 33 per cent increase from the previous year.

This investment spans multiple ministries and was aimed at fostering innovation, absorbing economic shocks, and driving inclusive growth.

The was in line with the Government’s long-term goal for MSMEs to contribute 40 per cent of GDP by 2030.

Expanded Financial Incentives to Boost Enterprise Creation

Minister Immanuel highlighted new incentives introduced this year, including a 150 per cent tax deduction for businesses that donate to accredited start-up incubators and accelerators.

“This incentive strengthens private-sector involvement in building a vibrant entrepreneurship ecosystem, especially for young Fijians,” he said.

Regulatory Reforms Improving Ease of Doing Business

Minister Immanuel said major reforms are underway to simplify starting and operating a business.

The BusinessNOW Fiji digital platform now consolidates registration and compliance into a single online interface, enabling faster formalisation for new enterprises.

The Minister said the June MSME Conference, themed “Sustainable Tides: Connecting MSMEs for a Circular Economy,” revealed strong demand for:

- Simpler licensing
- Better finance access
- Climate resilience tools
- Support for women, youth and rural entrepreneurs
- Digital transformation, including AI for marketing and exports

These insights directly inform Fiji’s first National MSME Strategic Plan, now in its final stages.

Minister Immanuel said Government aims to empower women, youth, the unemployed and maritime communities through improved access to:

- Skills training



Minister for Finance, Commerce and Business Development, Esrom Immanuel, delivering his speech in the recent Parliament sitting. Photo: SUPPLIED

- Affordable finance
- Market connections
- Digital literacy
- Export opportunities and e-commerce pathways

- 36 per cent of these jobs filled by women
- Programme success rates of 89 per cent (IHRDP), 91 per cent (NDP), and 81 per cent (TEP)
- NES-supported exporters average \$10 million annually in sales turnover

Robust Monitoring Shows Strong Job Creation and High Success Rates

The Government reviewed 5,053 MSME projects this year — a 46 per cent increase from last year — using real-time monitoring tools.

Over the past three years, investments of \$8 million in MSMEs have generated:

- 2,175 jobs, benefiting over 8,700 Fijians

Minister Immanuel concluded that Fiji has moved from ad-hoc MSME assistance to a professional, data-driven, nationally integrated system.

“The path forward is clear, the commitment is strong, and the results are already visible. Together, we are building an entrepreneurial Fiji where every good idea is given the chance to flourish.”

Building Permits Approval Subsystem

PRIME Minister, Sitiveni Rabuka, reaffirmed the Government’s commitment to simplifying, digitalising, and modernising its services to businesses and citizens through the Building Permits Approval Subsystem (BPAS).

Prime Minister described BPAS -a major milestone under the national businessNOW Fiji programme- as a whole-of-government reform that makes it easier, faster, and more transparent for Fijians and investors to apply for and obtain building permits.

“BPAS is one of the most significant national reforms under the businessNOW Fiji project. The businessNOW is Fiji governments’ digital initiative to modernise public service delivery and improve the ease of doing business,” PM Rabuka said.

Driving Digital Transformation Across Government

BPAS is the second major reform implemented under businessNOW Fiji, following the success of the Starting a Business Subsystem (SABS), launched in 2024.

The SABS platform — which has already processed over 10,900 applications for new business registrations — has made it significantly easier for entrepreneurs to start and formalise their businesses in Fiji. Building on that success, BPAS focuses on streamlining the building and construction approval process through a single, secure online system.

It provides a single online platform that

links multiple agencies, including the Department of Town and Country Planning, National Fire Authority, Fiji Roads Authority, Department of Environment, Energy Fiji Limited, Water Authority of Fiji, National Occupational Health and Safety Services and Municipal Councils.

Through this integration, applicants can submit one online application rather than visiting multiple offices. This reduces duplication, eliminates delays, and ensures a single, reliable source of information for all stakeholders.

“Fiji is breaking down traditional silos and establishing a model of whole-of-government cooperation rarely seen in the region,” PM Rabuka told Parliament during the December sitting.

Phased Rollout and Capacity Building

Preparations for the soft launch of BPAS are well underway. Five municipal councils will be the first to go live in 2025, followed by the remaining councils by February 2026.

This phased implementation allows the Government to test, adapt, and refine the system based on feedback from early adopters — ensuring a robust, user-friendly platform nationwide.

Capacity building remains a central element of the initiative. Officers from all participating agencies have undertaken nationwide training, supported by designated “agency champions” to promote consistency, accountability, and the transfer of technical expertise across institutions.

Supporting Legislation and Public Awareness

To ensure BPAS operates effectively, the Government has launched comprehensive



Members of the Building Permits Approval Subsystems (BPAS) posing for a group photo. Photo: SUPPLIED

change management and public communication programmes.

These efforts include targeted workshops with municipal councils to align processes and promote digital readiness at the local level.

In parallel, policy and legal reforms are underway to modernise key laws — including the Environment Management Act and the Town Planning Act — to better support electronic submissions and online decision-making processes.

A nationwide public awareness campaign has also been rolled out, featuring educational materials shared with participating ministries, to help Fijians understand how to access and benefit from the new digital services.

Fostering Investor Confidence and Economic Growth

Between January and November 2024, municipal councils across Fiji received

2,186 building permit applications, representing an estimated investment value of \$1.16 billion.

PM Rabuka emphasised that BPAS will make the processing of such applications faster, traceable, and more cost-effective, thereby enhancing investor confidence, strengthening transparency, and driving economic growth.

“BPAS is not only a technological upgrade — it is a transformation in how the Fiji Government serves its people,” PM Rabuka stated.

“BPAS will make the construction process faster, fairer, and more efficient — helping Fijians build their homes, helping investors build businesses, and helping our nation build its future.”

(Source: Ministry of Finance Commerce and Business Development)



Flood Safety Tips

Before a Flood

- Ensure all family members are accounted for
- Store drinking water in sealed plastic containers as water supply may be interrupted
- Move household items to higher ground and secure objects that could float and cause damage
- Move livestock to higher grounds
- Watch for rapidly rising water
- Listen to emergency instructions
- Evacuate if necessary when it is safe to do so
- Avoid areas prone to flash flooding
- Do not cross flooded areas
- Turn off electricity at the main switch before evacuating

During a Flood

- Never allow children to play in flood waters and storm drains
- Do not cross water-covered roads and bridges
- Do not cross rivers or streams where water is above knee level
- Animals can swim well. Do not leave them in confined areas or pens. Open gates and untie them so that animals can escape.

After a Flood

- Boil drinking water
- Check perishable food for contamination
- Keep away from flooded areas

- Re-enter buildings with caution in case of broken glass, loose roofing irons and exposed electrical wires
- Use flashlights when needed, NOT lanterns with open flames in case of flammable leaks
- If the building has been under water, do not switch on the electricity, wait for professional assistance
- Never touch electrical switches while wet or standing in water
- Do not use appliances or equipment until they have been cleaned, dried and thoroughly checked for damage
- Report damaged utility lines (electricity, water and telephone) to the appropriate authorities



A MESSAGE FROM
THE NATIONAL DISASTER
MANAGEMENT OFFICE
(NDMO)



DISASTER AWARENESS TIPS

Methods of preserving Rootcrop commodities [Tubers/Corms/Storage roots/Planting material]

- ★ The major tuber crops such as yams, cassava, taro and sweet potatoes. Although they are quite different from each other, they do have similar characteristics when they are in storage.
- ★ All tubers are living things therefore, they must be taken care off Proper care should be taken when harvesting and transporting all tuber crops for longer storage.
- ★ Cassava – Cut cassava branches and place them upright in a cool safe area for replanting.
- ★ Store tuber crops in cool dark dry and well ventilated places to keep the tubers living and respirating at a slower rate.
- ★ All tuber crops can be harvested and made in to flour or chips Rebury the tubers in trenches covered with plant materials and soil; piling the tubers in heaps and keeping them moist [Daily watering] – a traditional method especially for cassava.
- ★ Cassava tubers generally cannot last more than a few days once they are harvested. It should be left in the ground and harvested as it is needed.
- ★ Yams and cassava should be cut away from the stem so that a part of the woody stem is attached to the root.
- ★ Apply ash on damaged yams for longer storage. This prevents it from rotting.
- ★ Do not store damaged or disease infested tubers with non damaged ones.
- ★ Kumala tubers can also be used for the production of slips for future planting material.
- ★ Kumala vines can be collected and dipped in water covering 1 to 2 nodes in a safe area for rooting and replanting.

Disaster supply kit



CROPS DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PLAN

- Farmers are advised to harvest all matured crops
- Keep seeds in dry and secured storage for replanting
- Store planting materials for cassava, kumala and dalo in shade and well ventilated space
- These planting materials can be stored for 1 week and planted when flood water recedes
- If farmers have excessive planting materials, it can also be shared with neighbouring farmers
- Clear drains and waterways around fields to improve flow and reduce waterlogging

LIVESTOCK DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PLAN

BEFORE DISASTER

- * CHECK ON THE HEALTH OF ANIMALS
- * PREPARE THE EMERGENCY FIRST AID KIT AND STORE IT IN A SAFE PLACE
- * SECURE THE SHELTER
- * STORE ENOUGH FEED AND CLEAN WATER
- * PREPARE AN EVACUATION PLAN
- * STORE ANIMAL AND FARM RECORDS IN A SAFE PLACE
- * SECURE THE BEE HIVES
- * KEEP INVENTORY OF LIVESTOCK AND FARM EQUIPMENT

DURING DISASTER

- * MOVE THE ANIMALS TO A SAFE PLACE/ HIGH GROUND
- * MONITOR THE DISASTER SITUATION AND STAY UPDATED

AFTER DISASTER

- * CHECK ANIMALS FOR INJURIES OR SICKNESS AND CALL A VETERINARIAN IF REQUIRED
- * WATCH OUT FOR FALLEN POWER LINES AND DAMAGED BUILDING STRUCTURES
- * HANDLE ANIMALS CAREFULLY AS THEY MAY BE FRIGHTENED
- * CLEAN AND DISINFECT SHEDS, WATER, AND FEED TROUGHS
- * DISPOSE OF SPOILED FEED AND CONTAMINATED WATER
- * DISPOSE ANY DEAD STOCK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
- * ASSESS BEE HIVE DAMAGE

QUICK FARMER CHECKLIST

- * SAFE SHELTER SECURED
- * HIVES SECURED
- * FEED AND WATER STORED
- * GENERATOR READY
- * FIRST AID KIT PREPARED
- * ANIMAL AND HIVE RECORDS UPDATED
- * EMERGENCY CONTACT LIST READY



Women leaders in Tailevu empowered through leadership training

THE Ministry of Women, Children and Social Protection, in collaboration with Pacific Centre for Peacebuilding, Balance of Power, iTaukei Affairs Board, and Soqosoqo Vakamarama Taukei, successfully facilitated a Leadership Training for the Soqosoqo Vakamarama Tailevu.

The training, which was held last month, was designed to strengthen the leadership roles of women, build their capacity in lobbying and communication skills, and enhance networking among women leaders to effectively progress women’s issues and development agendas at the community and district levels.

More than 40 women leaders participated in the program, including district coordinators of the Soqosoqo Vakamarama Tailevu and representatives from faith-based women’s organizations in the Tailevu area.

Throughout the training, participants engaged in interactive sessions focused on:

- Becoming an effective and compassionate leader
- Active listening and effective communication
- Stress and trauma management
- Anger management and emotional intelligence
- Good governance and organizational structure
- Planning, setting targets, and achieving measurable outcomes

Speaking at the closing of the program, Divisional Women Interest Officer, Sera Halofaki, commended the participants for their commitment and emphasized the importance of women’s leadership in driving sustainable community development. Empowering women at all levels of leadership ensures that decisions made in our communities are inclusive, balanced, and reflective of everyone’s needs.

The Ministry expressed their appreciation to all partners—Pacific Centre for Peacebuilding, Balance of Power, iTaukei Affairs Board, and Soqosoqo Vakamarama iTaukei—for their collaboration in supporting this initiative to empower women leaders in Tailevu.

(Source: Ministry of Women, Children and Social Protection)



Members of the Soqosoqo Vakamarama Tailevu who were part of the leadership training hosted by the Minister for Women, Children and Social Protection. **Photo: SUPPLIED**



More than 40 women participated in the leadership training including district coordinators of the Soqosoqo Vakamarama Tailevu and representatives of faith-based women’s organization in the Tailevu area. **Photo: SUPPLIED**

Call for united stand to support survivors and end impunity online and offline!

The Ministry for Women, Children and Social Protection through the National Action Plan to Prevent Violence Against Women and Girls championed a united, national call to action during the 16 days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence, with the national theme of: “Support the survivor, report the abuse, and end impunity online and offline!”

This is the second year that Fiji has localised its theme for the 16 Days of Activism to focus on the impact of Gender Based Violence locally.

This theme serves as a powerful reminder of the Government’s core mission to unite all Fijian society in creating a nation where every woman and girl is safe, valued, and lives free from all forms of violence.

The line Minister, Sashi Kiran, stressed the urgency of this call, citing the stark reality that two in three women in Fiji have experienced physical and/or sexual violence from a male intimate partner in their lifetime, one of the highest rates in the world.

“This whole-of-government and whole-of-population commitment is fundamental to stopping this violence before it starts,” Minister Kiran said.

“This theme is not just a slogan; it is a direct plea to every Fijian, every community, and every institution to activate their role. We must all work together to support survivors, encourage reporting, and ensure that perpetrators face real consequences for their actions, whether they are committed in person or in the digital world.”

The theme’s components are practical, everyday actions that every citizen can take, and they align directly with the government’s key strategic priorities:

- “Support the survivor”: This means believing survivors and connecting them with professional, survivor-centered services available through the Ministry and its partners, as outlined in the National Service Delivery Protocol.
- “Report the abuse”: This reinforces the government’s goal of creating a safe environment where violence is not hidden or excused. It calls for strengthening the mechanisms that allow survivors and bystanders to report abuse safely, knowing they will be heard and protected.
- “End impunity online and offline”: This directly supports the national commitment to strengthening legal protections and ensuring the justice system—from the Fiji Police Force to the Judiciary and Corrections Service—is responsive, equitable, and holds perpetrators accountable.

The call to end impunity “online” is a critical component, addressing the growing threat of technology-facilitated violence. The government explicitly recognizes that violence occurring through online technologies and social media—such as harassment, cyber-bullying, and the non-consensual sharing of images—is a severe form of violence that requires robust reporting mechanisms and accountability. What transpires online is perpetuated off-line.

Context: The 16 Days of Activism

This united national call to action was launched as Fiji prepared for the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence. This annual global campaign, which runs from 25 November (the International

Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women) to 10 December (Human Rights Day), serves as a critical period to mobilise, raise awareness, and demand an end to VAWG.

The campaign period is not just symbolic; it strategically links violence against women and human rights. It also includes several other key international days of observance, including 29 November (International Women Human Rights Defenders Day), 1 December (World AIDS Day), 3 December (International Day of Persons with Disabilities), and 6 December (the Anniversary of the Montreal Massacre, a day of remembrance for femicide).

The campaign has deep roots in Fiji. The global initiative was first conceived in 1991 by a group of 23 women leaders at the inaugural Women’s Global Leadership Institute, and the government proudly acknowledges that Fiji’s own Shamima Ali of the Fiji Women’s Crisis Centre (FWCC) was one of those founding members.

The MWCSP urges all sectors of society—from faith-based organisations and traditional institutions to workplaces, media, and sporting bodies—to embed this theme into their activities.

This national effort is a cornerstone of the Fiji National Action Plan (2023-2028). Change is possible and it requires every Fijian to move from being a bystander to being an active part of the solution.

(Source: Ministry of Women, Children and Social Protection)



Minister for Women, Children and Social Protection, Sashi Kiran, at the workshop on Preventing and Responding to Technology-Facilitated Gender-Based Violence (TFGBV) for Persons with Disabilities. **Photo: SUPPLIED**

Fiji

FOCUS



The President, Ratu Naiqama Lalabalavu, unveils Fiji's new polymer banknote series with the Reserve Bank of Fiji Governor, Ariff Ali. Photo: NANISE NEIMILA

President unveils Fiji's new polymer banknote series

By NANISE NEIMILA

THE President, Ratu Naiqama Lalabalavu, unveiled the country's new polymer banknote series recently at the Grand Pacific Hotel in Suva.

In attendance was the Prime Minister, Sitiveni Rabuka, cabinet ministers, members of parliament, members of the diplomatic corp and the private sector.

President Lalabalavu highlighted that the currency was more than just a medium of exchange; it was a symbol of nationhood and sovereignty.

"Today, we celebrate progress, prosperity, and unity as Fiji introduces a complete family of polymer banknotes for the first time. The new banknotes maintain the primary colors of existing

notes while introducing updated designs that reflect Fiji's national identity, heritage, and values:

- \$5 – The endangered Vonu Dina (green turtle), Fiji's only herbivorous sea turtle.
- \$10 – Children planting mangroves, highlighting their role in climate mitigation
- \$20 – The Reserve Bank of Fiji building, a landmark representing economic stewardship.
- \$50 – A Girmitiya lady and the vessel Leonidas, honoring the Girmitiya community's contribution to National development.
- \$100 – An iTaukei gentlemen holding a bowl of yaqona, celebrating the Yaqona Vakaturaga Ceremony – President Lalabalavu highlighted that

the Polymer banknotes are layered with a combination of overt and covert security features, creating distinctive points for authentication.

This makes them significantly more difficult to counterfeit compared to paper notes.

"Globally, polymer banknotes have supported central banks' sustainability efforts by reducing the volume of notes required, resulting in less waste for disposal. Each polymer banknote carries a vastly lower carbon footprint and is considered more environmentally friendly than paper or hybrid substrates."

"The Reserve Bank of Fiji (RBF) has further offset emissions through a community project providing solar energy to 24 homes and the village hall in Nakida, Naitasiri Province."

President Lalabalavu acknowledged the Bank's strong economic management, noting robust financial systems, control of inflation, and near-record levels of foreign reserves.

"Today, we celebrate not just the new designs, but the strength of the Fiji dollar and our economy," President Lalabalavu said.

The New Polymer Series Banknotes mark a historic milestone in Fiji's financial history, combining innovation, national pride, and sustainability. RBF Governor, Ariff Ali highlighted the RBF's commitment to environmental responsibility, revealing that the bank has offset carbon emissions associated with the production of the new notes and is working with recyclers to explore recycling opportunities throughout the cash cycle.

Noda VITI





FIJI GOVERNMENT
RADIO PROGRAM

Voqa Ni Davui

Monday
Tuesday

8.30PM

Wednesday | Thursday

8.00PM

Sunday

9.05AM



93.0FM
Suva, Navua, Nadi, Deuba
Lautoka, Savusavu, Korovou
Yasawa Taveuni

92.8FM
Frequency
Sigatoka,
Coral Coast, Ba

93.2FM
Tavua, Vatukoula

93.4FM
Rakiraki

TAVOCI NA NODA ILAVO VOU



Na Turaga na Peresitedi ni noda vanua Turaga Tui Cakau Ratu Naiqama Lalabalavu kei na Kovana Ariff Ali ni Reserve Bank of Fiji ena soqo ni kena mai tavoci na na noda ilavo vou ena Grand Pacific Hotel e Suva. **Taba: Azaria Fareen .**

Talanoa: Watisoni Butabua.

Era sa tavoca na ilavo vou ni noda matanitu na turaga na Peresitedi ka ra Turaga Tui Cakau Ratu Naiqama Lalabalavu. A qaravi na kena soqo ena Grand Pacific Hotel e Suva .Era a tiko talega kina na Turaga na iliuliu ni noda Matanitu, Prime Minister Sitiveni Rabuka, kei ira na lewe ni Boseyaco, ira na lewe ni Palimedi, ira na mata ni veimatanitu kei ira na ivakalesilesi liu ena veitabana tale eso. Era kayana Turaga Peresitedi ni noda vanua, ni ilavo oqo ni sega walega ni vakayagataki me vakayacori kina

na veivoli, ia, sa i vakatakilakila tudei, ni noda matanitu kei na kena vei qaravi. Era kaya ni ilavo vou ena dei koto kina na kena roka taumada me vaka e koto ena ilavo eda sa vakayagataka tiko ena gauna oqo, ia, esa vakacurumi tale kina eso na vakatakilakila vou ka yavutaki mai na veika e kilai tani kina ka dau vakabibitaki ena noda vanua. Na noti 5 na dola sa taba toka kina na vonu dina(e drodroka na kena irairai) sa sega ni kune vakalevu tiko enaa noda vanua ena gauna oqo. Na noti 10 na dola sa ra taba toka kina na gone era tei dogo tiko ena dua na matasawa .me wali kina na draki veisau. Na noti 20 na dola

esa koto kina na itaba ni taba vale ni reserve bank of fiji, ka dusia koto na bula vakailavo ni noda vanua. Na noti 50 na dola e taba toka kina edua na marama ni idia ka tokara toka na kena isulusulu, ka taba tale toka ga kina na waqa na Leonidas... ka coka koto na uto ni na nodra a gole mai ki viti , na qirimiti ena vuku ni cakacaka ni veivakatoroicaketaki. Na noti 100 na dola e taba koto kina edua na turaga itaukei, ka tara toka e liga, edua na bilo yaqona....ka dusia koto na yaqona vakaturaga. Era kuria, ni ilavo vou oqo e sega ni pepa, ka ni sa veisau ka vaka esa palasitika mai na kena irairai. Era vakamatatataka na turaga peresited,

ni koto talega ena noda ilavo vou na veivakatakilakila eso ka na vakadredretaka na kena lavetaki. Na ilavo vou ka tavo oqo esa itekitekivu ni nodrau veidinadinati o viti kei na kabani na crane currency, edua na kabani levu ni taba ilavo ena noda vuravura sa sivia e 200 na yabaki na nodratou qarava tu mai na cakacaka oqo. E vakamatatataka na Kovana Ariff Ali, ni Reserve Bank of Fiji ni sega ni na veisau na noda sede me vaka ni se vinaka tu na kena irairai, ka lailai talega na ririko e koto kina me baleta na kena rawa ni lavetaki.

Lawa Vakaturi ni Dodonu ni Taukei ni Vanua ni 2025



Sa vakadonuya na Boseyaco me sa na laveti ki na Pali-medi, na Lawa Vakaturi ni Dodonu ni iTaukei ni Vanua.

Na lawa vakaturi oqo, e solia na kaukauwa vakalawa, ka yavutaki mai na lawa levu ni Matabose Levu kei Vuravura me baleta na Dodonu ni iTaukei ni Vanua, oya na kena kilai, taqomaki, kei na kena tutaki na dodonu ni iTaukei e Viti kei na iTaukei ni vanua tale eso, me vaka e koto ena Yavu ni Vakavulewa e Viti, vakabibi vei ira na Rotuma kei na Banaban.

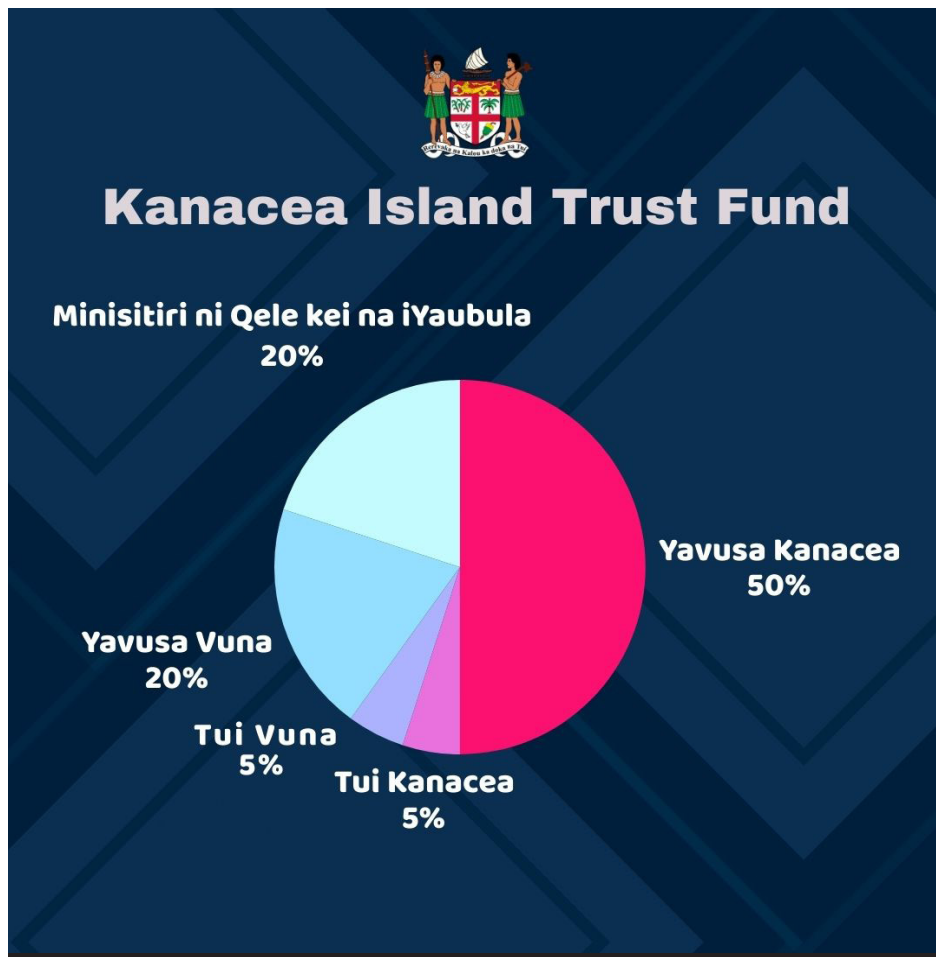
Veisau na Lawa ni Veito-soyaki.

Esa mai vakadonuya na bose yaco na kena tososi cake nai totogi lavo me

saumi mai na kena dau voroki tiko na lawa ni gaunisala. Qo e oka kina nai totogi me baleta na totolo sivia e dau vakayagataki, bau kovuta tale ga na totogi ni kele vakaveitalia kei na kena dau sivia na bibi ni usana vei ira na lori lelevu ni vakavodo i yaya se kako.

Sala muria tiko ga na kena mai vakadeitaki na vakatulewa qo, sa vakaraitaka tale ga na minisita ka qarava na veilakoyaki ena dela ni vanua mamaca Hon Ro Filipe Tuisawau ni kauwai levu tiko ena i wiliwili levu ni wekada sa mai kacivi na nodra bula ena vakacalaka e gaunisala kei na kena sa rui dau voroki tiko ga vakawasoma na vei lawatu virikotori me baleta na veivakaleleci ka sa rui bibi dina kina na kena rokovi na lawa ni gaunisala.

Kanacea Island Trust Fund



Esa vakadonua na Boseyaco ni noda matanitu me raici lesu tale na ivakarau ni kena dau saumi na ilavo ni Kanacea Islands Trust Fund, me vaka edau qarava na Minisitiri ni Qele kei na Yau bula.

Na ivakarau vou ni kena votai na sau-saumi ena vakatoka qo:

Mai na 20% oqo, 5% ena vagolei vua na iTaukei ni vanua ena itutu vaka Tui Cakau.

Na yanuyanu ko Kanacea e ciri tiko ena Vualiku ni Yatu Lau ka rauta ni 1248, 5968 na eka. Ena yabaki 1991, a sa mai volitaki na yanuyanu ena \$6milioni, ka solia kina na kabani na

Carpenters Fiji Limited e \$1milioni kina matanitu me ivakavinavinaka ena nona veiwekani vakabalavu kei na lewenivanua e Viti.

Na Uma ilavo qo e maroroi e na vanua ni vakatubuilavo, ka vakatulewa kina na matanitu me qarava na kena vakatuburi na kena tubu. E nona itavi na Vunivola Tudei ena Minisitiri ni Qele kei na Yaubula mena raica na kena maroroi na ilavo ka me vagolei na tubu kina Yavusa Kanacea ka ra vakaitikotiko e Vuna Taveuni.

Vaqaqacotaki ni Veiqaravi Matau Vukei na veitikotiko .Taqomaki na iTovo Vakavanua



Sa vakadonuya na Valeniboselawa na Lawa Vakaturi ni Veikau Na lawa vakaturi qo e tokana na tuvai vakamatau ni tuvatuva ni kena qaravuni ka maroroi na veikau, kei na kena vakatoroicaketaki na Tabana ni Veikau, me veisotari kei na ituvatuva levu ni matanitu, rokovi kina na dodonu ni iTaukei ni Qele, kena lewai vakamatau na veika bula, ka vakamuri kina na Lawa ni Veika Bula Vakavolivoliti keda ka sotavi talega kina na kena ituvatuva levu e vuravura.



Na inaki ni Lawa Vakaturi qo me vakavoutaki ka vaqaqacotaki na Lawa ni Vakatakilakila Tudei e Viti, me veisotari kei na lawa levu e vuravura, laveti cake ni vakasama vou vakabisinisi, kei na taqomaki ni dodonu ni veika e noda dina.

Lawa Vakaturi ena Vakayagataki ni Qoliqoli ena Veika Vakabisinisi 2025

Sa mai vakadonuya na Bose Yaco na lawa vakaturi ni Vakayagataki ni Qoliqoli ena Veika Vakabisinisi ni 2025 ka sa na dolava na kena vakasukai tale na dodonu vua na itaukei ni qoliqoli na vanua eso a vakayagataki vakabisinisi - vakabibi na saravanua.

Na kena sa pasitaki e Vale ni Bose Lawa na lawatu vou qo e sa na so-somitaki kina na lawatu ni Vanua ni Vakatasisi ni 2010 ka vakasucuma edua na ituvatuva e vinaka ka veiganiti

kaya kei na nodra dodonu na itaukei ni Qoliqoli ena vanua e vakayagataki vaka Bisinisi.

E vakaraitaka na matanitu ni tuvatuva qo ena muria vinaka na lawa kei nai vakarau kece ni cakacaka e vinaka ka rogoci kina na domoda kece sara. Ena vakabibitaki kina nodra vaqacotaki na itaukei ni qoliqoli mera yadrava nodra vakatulewataka vakamatau na nodra iqoliqoli.

E nanuma na Bose Yaco ni lawa vakaturi oqo e vakarautaki me sega walega



nira kila kina na itaukei ni Qoliqoli na kena vinaka, ia mera na kila na itavi bibi e tiko kina, oya na kena lewai vakamatau na nodra iyau bula, me qaravi vinaka, ka qaravi vakatautau-

vata na bisinisi ena veivanua qo, ena ituvatuva e sega ni veicoqacoqa kei na nodra ivakarau ni bula.

Vaqacotaki Tale Na Veisemati kei na Matanitu o Solomoni

Talanoa: Tabacakacaka iTaukei

Eka dokai ka marautaki vakalevu ena loma ni Tabacakacaka iTaukei na nodra sikova mai na Valenivolavola na Turaga Minisita ni “Traditional Governance, Peace and Ecclesiastical Affairs” Hon. John Tuhaika Jr. mai na matanitu o Solomoni. Era veitomaniti tiko mai kei na vica na ivakalesilesi ena nodra siko lekaleka oqo.

Na inaki levu ga ni nodra veisiko oya na kena mai vaqacotaki tale na veiwekani ni Matanitu e rua, ka vaka kina na nodra via mai vulica mera kila na ituvatuva levu ka veiqaravi tiko kina na Tabacakacaka iTaukei ena gauna qo.

Era vakaraitaka na nodra vakavinavinaka na Turaga Minisita ni Veika vaka iTaukei Hon. Ifereimi Vasu, ka ra vakavinavinaka taka vakalevu na nodra yaco mai na Turaga Minisita kei iratou na nona vakaillesilesi. E kuria ena nodra vakamacala ni sa tu oti tu na isema ni Matanitu o Solomoni kei Viti. E dua na kena ivakadinadina levu ena nodra sa mai okati tale ga mera lewe ni vanua tudei e Viti na wekada mai Solomoni



ka ra gole mai na tukadra mera mai vakacakacakataki ena dua na gauna e liu. Era sa mai cau vakalevu sara na wekada ena kena tarai cake na vanua o Viti me yacova tu mai edai.

Ena nodra vakamacala na Turaga Minisita Hon. Vasu era vakaraitaka ni

sa sasaga vakaukauwa tale tiko ga na Matanitu ena nona veivuke na Tabacakacaka iTaukei, oya me vakadeitaki na vanua era sa vakavaletaki tiko kina ena gauna qo na wekada, ka me lisitaka na Matanitu na tikini qele oya me rawa ni ra taukena.

Era veivakararamataki na Turaga Dareketa Operations Paula Tuione ka ra vakamacalataka na vei itavi duidui e qaravi tiko ena Tabacakacaka iTaukei kei na vei ituvatuva ena rawa ni rau cakacakavata kina na Tabacakacaka iTaukei kei na Matanitu o Solomoni.

PASITAKI

Sa vakadonui ena Valenibose Lawa na lawa vakaturi ni kena veisau eso na tikina ena lawa ni Bulubulu kei na Vakamai ni Yago ni Mate, Naba 30 ni 2025.

Na lawa ni Bulubulu kei na Vakamai ni Yago ni Mate, 1911, a buli ena gauna oya, me baleta na kena vakayagataki edua na tiki ni qele me ibulubulu ka raici vata na kena se lailai na iwiliwili ni lewenivanua e Viti ka vaka kina ni se lailai na tauni.

Na inaki ni lawa vakaturi oqo, me veisautaka eso na tikina ena lawa me veisotari vata kei na veika esa yaco tiko ena gauna oqo, oya na veitosoyaki ni lewenivanua mai nakoro ki na koro vakavalagi se tauni, na kena sa lailai tikoga na tiki ni qele e vakayagataki, na veisau ni ivakarau se itovo ni veiqaravi kei na bolebole e sotavi me baleta na kena qaravi na ibulubulu era sa vakamataniutaki tu.



Nai Rogo ni Vadididike mai
na Yatu Yasawa

“Mai na vakadidike e
vakayacori ena vakatutu
ni cakacaka se tuvatuva
me na qaravi, esa koto
kina na nona vakanananu
na Matanitu Cokovata me
na qaravi talega na vuka ki
na Yatu Yasawa.”

Vukevuke ni Paraiminisita ka Minisita ni Saravanua kei na Vuka

Hon. Viliame Gavoka



Marautaki na 100 na yabaki ni Sathya

E ra laki veitomani na Turaga Peresitedi ni noda vanua Ratu Naiqama Lalabalavu ena kena marautaki na yabaki 100 ni Sri Sathya Sai Baba ka marautaki mai ena vanua o Mauddenahalli ena matanitu levu o Idia.

Era vakaraitaka na Turaga Peresitedi ni Sri Sathya Sai Baba esa mai tete sara na veivakavuvuli eso ena noda vuravura me vaka na Dau Lomani na Tamata Kece, Dau Cakacaka Vinaka. Vukei Tikoga, Kakua na Veivakacacani.”

E a vakavinavinakataka na turaga Peresitedi ni veiqaravi ni Tabana ni bula e vakarautaka tiko na Sai Prema Foundation ena Sri Sathya Sai Sanjevani Children’s Heart Hospital e Muanikau, Suva, ka tukuna ni veiqaravi vinaka taudua ena kena soli na veivakabulai ki vei ira na gone kei na vuvale,ka ra sega ni saumi e dua na ilavo.

Era laki sikova talega na vale ni bula vou e tu kina e 600 na idabedabe kei na Sri Madhusudan Sai Institute of Medical Sciences and Research (SMSIMSR) vou, e Sathya Sai Grama mai Muddenahalli, Karnataka.”

E mai sotavi ira talega na noda era sa laki vakaitikotiko ena Matanitu o Ositerelia , ka ra vakavinavinakataka na itavi era sa laki qarava ena kena tomoni na Vuvale Partnership. Era kuria ni sasaga oqo ena titobu kina na veiwekani ni matanitu e rua.



Sainitaki Na Veidinadinati ni Fiji Indigenous Tourism Framework

E mai sainitaka na Tabacacaka iTaukei e dua na veidinadinati kei Dr. Movono me baleta na kena qaravi na Fiji Indigenous Tourism Framework. Qo na nodratou ituvatuva na Development Services Division e dua na tabana ena noda loma ni Tabacacaka iTaukei.

Na inaki levu ni ituvatuva qo, me veivuke ka vakalevutaka na noda vakaitavi na kawa iTaukei ena tabana ni saravanua, meda lewa vinaka na kena vakayagataki na noda iyaubula kei na noda itovobula ka me vakayagataki vakavuku se vakamatau ka me rawa ni tudei. E kena inaki tale ga me vakatubura na noda rawaka vakailavo, me rawa ni vakabulabulataki na noda

tiko vinaka na iTaukei.

Na cavuikalawa qo ena cakacaka vata kina na Tabacacaka iTaukei kei Dr. Movono me rawa ni veivuke ena kena vakayacori na bosebosa, veivosaki, kei na so na vuli bibi. Na cakacaka qo ena kumuna vata mai na veivakasama yaga eso kei na nodra i vakamacala eso na tabana era kenadau ena veika me baleta na saravanua, me rawa ni taucoko, mana, ka vakavotukana kina na noda gagadre na itaukei eda via cicivaki bisinisi ena saravanua. Na sasaga qo e vakaraitaka na noda sa saga meda maroroya na noda itovo vakavanua, qai da tokona na tubu ni veika vakailavo ena tabana ni saravanua vei keda na kawa iTaukei.



Dabe tale na BLV

Mai tomani tale e Draiba na Bose Levu Vakaturagaga kara gole mai kina na Turaga kei na marama bale na veidelaniyavu vakaturaga.

E va na tikina bibi era a veitalanoataka na noda Turaga kei na Marama bale.

Oqo na veika e vakaraitaka na iliuliu ni Bose Levu Vakaturaga, Ratu Viliame Seruvakula.

- Na tauyavutaki ni tobu ilavo ni veinanumi Vakaturaga ni Bose Levu Vakaturaga.
- Tauyavutaki ni tobu ilavo ni kena maroroi ni vakayagataki ni iYau bula ni iTaukei.
- Veitalanoataka ni tikini lawa ni kena saumi na ivakacavacava ni vuni kau ka ra tu ena vanua maroroi ni vakasoniwai.
- Na vaka matanitutaki ni qele soli ena lotu Wesele e Viti.

Na vei tikina bibi oqo era wase vaka matanitu vanua, Kubuna, Burebasaga kei Tovata ka ra biuta vata na nodra nanuma se vakatutu ena veilutaga oqo. Ni bera ni qai mai cauraki ena loma ni matabose.



Vukei o Oakley Cooperative ena Katavila



Hon Inosi Kuridrani kei na I liuliu ni Oakley Farm Cooperative Limited e na nodra mai ciqoma na ki ni katavila.

Cevai e dua na drauniveva vou mai na koro o Rorokoro e Barotu e na loma ni Tikina o Saivou mai na yasana vakaturaga o Ra e na siga Lotulevu (13/11/25) vei iratou na soqosoqo ni Oakley Farm Development Cooperative Limited.

E ra marautaka na vanua vakaturaga o Ekubu kei ira na kena I Taukei na marama bale na Tui Korolevu na cavu I sausau oqo e na kena mai ciqomi na katavila (Tractor) kei na kena kena yaya ni cakacaka me baleta na I soqosoqo mai vua na Turaga na I vukevuke ni Minisita ni Tabana ni Teitei kei na I vakaso ni wai, o Hon Inosi Kuridrani.

E ra veitomini na siga lagilagi oqo na Turaga na I liuliu ni makete ni Matanitu Agricultural Marketing Authority (AMA), na Turaga na Roko Tui Ra, na i vakalesilesi ni Baqe ni veivakatoroicaketaki (FDB) kei na I vakalesilesi ni tabana ni Qele Maroroi ena nodra tokona vakalevu na vakatoroicaketaki ni vakayagataki ni qele e loma ni yasana o Ra.

Vakaraitaka na nona vakavinavinaka levu o Hon Kuridrani ki na Oakley Farm Development Co-operative Limited e na vuku ni sasaga yaga kei na solesolevaki ka rawa kina ni vakavotukana na tatadra ni soqosoqo. Tauyavutaki na Oakley Farm e na I ka

26 ni siga ni vula o Jiulai 2023 mai vei iratou na lewe 10 na lewe ni soqosoqo e na tatadra levu ni kena vakacokotaki na bula ni tamata yadua ka vakauasivi tiko vei ira na I tabagone, ena kena qaravi ni bula ni matavuvale kei na valuti ni bula dravudravua.

Kaya o Hon Kuridrani, na Tabacakacaka ni Teitei sa mai solia oti e Ono (6) na katavila e na loma ni yasana vakaturaga o Ra. E tolu (3) e na loma ni Tikina o Nalawa, ka dua (1) e na loma ni Tikina o Saivou, ka 1 e na tiki-na o Mataso ka dua (1) ena koronivuli o Navesau Adventist High School. Oqo me sa I ka 7 ni katavila me na soli kina loma ni yasana vakaturaga o Ra, ka rauta ni sivia na \$330,000.00 na kena isau vakailavo .

E ra marautaka na I vukevuke ni Minisita o Hon Kuridrani ni rawati na katavila kei na kena I yaya ni cakacaka e na veivuke ni matanitu, dua na I katolu (1/3) e sauma na co-operative kei na rua nai katolu (2/3) e sauma na matanitu ena porokaramu ni veivuke e na loma ni Minisitiri ni Teitei, kei na I vakaso ni Wai.

“Oqo e dua na veivuke ka vakaitavi kina na matanitu me tosoa cake na I vakatagedegede ni vakayagataki qele meda yacova yani na buturara vakabisinisi, kei na bula sautu e na noda veikorokoro ka vakauasivi me na sautu

tiko na kakana e na veisiga” vakaraitaka o Hon Kuridrani.

E kaya vei ratou na lewe ni soqosoqo ni Oakley Co-operative ni yaga ni katavila oqo e na vakatautaki e na nodratou cakacakavata, veirogorogoci, veivukei , veivakabauti ka kena I usutu na veilomani .

Tomana, na nona vosa kina Oakley Farm Development Cooperative ka vakabibitaka ki vei ira na I tabagone kei ira na uabula , me ra na curu kina I soqosoqo ena vakanananu ni solesolevaki mai na cakacaka yadudua ka ra tokona sara vakalevu na I soqosoqo .

“Au kerea tale ga mo ni semasa sara vakavinaka vei iratou na neitou vakailsilesi, meda na cakacakavata , mo ni na vakaraitaka na lomamuni kei na nomuni gagadre, me rawa nio ni na qai vukei. Me da vakatoroicaketaka na noda qele me yaga vei keda, vei ira na luveda kei ira na noda kawa era muri mai,” kaya o Hon Kuridrani.

E tinia Hon Kuridrani e na nona vakaraitaka, ni kena soli na katavila oqo kei na I yaya ni cakacaka e sega ni na mai tinia na noda veiwekani. Oqo e i tekitekivu ni veika vinaka ena cakacaka ni veivakatoroicaketaki , ka vakauasivi ena kena sautu na kakana . Ia kena dina ga moni na semasa vinaka ka cakacakavata kei ira na I vakalesilesi era veiqaravi veikemuni.

Laveti na veiqaravi e Naililili



Talanoa : Katarina Naqarase

Esa mai laveti cake tale na veiqaravi ni Tabana ni Bula ena valeniwai e Naililili e Rewa ni oti na kena mai vakacavari na kena vakavinakataki ka veivuke kina na kabani oqo na KOICA ena ruku ni porokaramu ni WHO SHAPE ka tiko na kena isau vakailavo ena \$378,000.

E dola na vale ni wai oqo ena 1965 ka qaravi rawa kina e 3,398 na lewenivanua ena loma ni 14 na Koro kei na 18 na itikotiko .Na kena vakatoroicaketaki na valeniwai oqo ena rawa ni vukea na lewenivanua ena nodra qaravi vakavalenibula.

E ra lai vulagi ena kena laki dolavi na Minisita ni Bula kei na veiqaravi Vakavuniwai Hon Ratu Atonio R Lalabalavu , ka ra vakaraitaka tiko na bibi ni kena vakavinakataki na veivaleniwai . E kuria

ni veika oqo e vakaraitaka na cakacavata ni Matanitu o Viti kina Universal Health Coverage ka me na raica vakatabakidua na nodra qaravi na lewenivanua ena Taudaku ni Koro Lelevu ka vaka kina na veiyanyanu ena noda vanua.

“ Na veika esa mai saravi ena siga ni kua esa dua na cavu ikalawa levu ena vuku ni veiqaravi ni Tabana ni Bula, ena kena sa tokoni na veiqaravi vei ira na lewenivanua”.

Era tiki tale tiko ni veika oqo o Dr Mark Jacobs na mata mai na WHO ena Wasa Pasivika ka vakaraitaka tiko na na bibi ni duavata ena veitikotiko ena kena sotavi na draki veisau. E maliwai ira talega o Ms Hankyulsam Cho na Dairekita ni KOICA ena noda vanua ka vakabibi taka tiko na bibi kei na kaukauwa ni kena vakavinakataki na veiqaravi ni Tabana ni Bula ena veivanua.

Gadrevi na Toso ki Liu

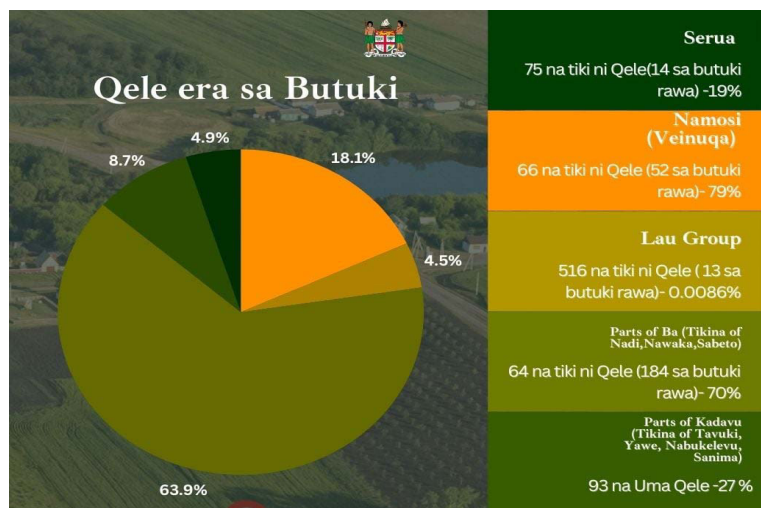


Ni tatadrataki na cakacakataki ni bula sautu e talei ni sa tekivu me da raica na kena sa toso na tatadra qo ena loma ni Mataqali ko Naivoco ena loma ni koro ko Nairukuruku ena yasana ko Naitasiri. E ratou sikova nikua na tabana ni vakatubu bisinisi ena loma ni matabose na Mataqali ko Naivoco. E ratou veitomini talega na baqe na Merchant Finance ena nodratou veivakasalataki ena vuku ni veivuke e tiko ena porokaramu ni Vanua Finance.

Na Mataqali Naivoco e qarava tiko

e dua na bisinisi ni volitaki qereqere ka sa tiko na gagadre me ratou vakarabailevutaka na nodratou veiqaravi. Na kena vakarabailevutaki e tiko kina nai tavi ni kena veisemati na Mataqali kei nomuni valenivolavola kei na baqe na Merchant Finance.

Sa tu na vakanuinui ni da dau semasa tiko kina noda veivalenivolavola ni yasana ke tiko na gagadre ni noda vakaduri bisinisi. Na noda valenivolavola ni yasana ena katuba mai ni kena curumi na noda valenivolavola liu ni bera ni da semati ki na veitabana tale eso.



Veivuke ni Veivakavaletaki ena Taudaku ni Koro Lelevu



Matai ni Veivuke - Kau ni Yaya ki na Veivanu

E rawa ni ra kerekere mai e na Scheme 1, o ira na noda lewenivanua ka volia na nodra i yaya ni vale ka ra gadreva na veivuke e na kena kau yani ki yanu na i yaya. E nodra i tavi na lewenivanua e 1/3 ni i sau ni kena kau e na waqa (Sea Freight) ka 2/3 me nona i tavi na matanitu.

Karua ni Veivuke – 1/6 to 5/6

• O koya e kerea na veivuke me solia:

1/6 ni i sau ni vale

• Na Matanitu e sauma na kena vo 5/6 ni i sau ni vale

• E baleta na tara vale vou taucoko ni kerekere ni lewenivanua yadua (individual applicant)

Ka rua ni veivuke

• E so na veivuke e gadrevi kina 1/3 mai vei koya e kerekere

• Na Matanitu e sauma na kena vo 2/3

• E okati kina:

• Na tara ni vale vou 24' x 18'

• Vakalevutaki/Semati na vale sa tu oti (sanitation & kitchen)

• Vakavinakataki/Vakaukauwataki na vale me rawa ni vorata na Cagilaba Category 4 & 5

• Vakacavari na vale se tara tu vakavo
• Tara na vale e taukeni va koro se vakaitikotiko me vaka na valenivuli ni qasenivuli kei na veivale vakavanua (communally owned buildings and as-sets)

Ka 3 ni Veivuke

Vakayagataki na i yau bula ni Vanua me vaka na paini (pine) se mahogany se Kau Dina kei na qereqere (gravel) me 1/3 ni nona i votavota na lewe ni vanua ka me qai nona i tavi na matanitu na 2/3 e na i sau ni vo ni yaya ni vale, se na hardware. E na gadrevi vei ira na gadreva me ra vakayagataka na Scheme 3, me kua ni lailai mai na 5 na vale me na tara ke ra via vakayagataka na porokaramu qo. Keitou cakacaka vakaveivolekati kei na Tabana ni Veikau e na scheme. E ratou dau mai soveya taka na kau ka gadrevi me na vakayagataki me vakadinadinataki ni na rawa dina ni na tara na levu ni vale e ratou gadreva me tara.

Ke ratou sa vakadinadinataki na sa na

rawa, e ratou na qai mai caka vuli e na musu kau (logging) kei na kena varo ka vakayagataki kina na Portable Mill ni neitou tabana. E ratou na veivakavulici talega e na kena vakawainimate taki na kau.

Sa oti ya, e sa qai tekivu na tara vale. I vakaraitaki ni koro ka vakayagataka na porokaramu qo, na koro o Lekana, Gau ka vakayagataki na nodratou paini me tara kina e ciwa na nodratou vale.

Ka 4 ni Veivuke

Vakayagataki vei ira na lewenivanua ka ra qaravi tiko e na Tabana ni Bula Raraba ena ruku ni Minisitiri ni Marama, Gone kei na Bula Raraba ke tiko e so na lewenivanua ka laurai ni qaravi tiko e na Tabana oqo ka sega beka ni dua na luvedra e tiko e Viti e na rawa ni kerei mai ka me ratou veitokoni mai na Minisitiri ni Marama Gone kei na Bula Raraba ka na tara na vale qo ka nona i tavi na matanitu na kena i sau taucoko.

Marau o Bureruaa



“Kevaka ena cakacakavata na Matanitu kei na lewenivanua eda na kauta mai e levu sara na veiveisau lelevu, ka da sa mai vakadinadinataka saraga ena siga nikua”, Oqori na nodra mala ni vosa na iliuliu ni noda matanitu Hon Sitiveni Ligamamada Rabuka ena kena sa mai dolavi ka vakamatanitu taki na medra wianigunu vou na leweni koro vakaturaga o Burerua ena tikina o Sawakasa ena loma ni Yasana o Tailevu.

Na veivuke qo e vagolei mai na Valenivolavola ni Paraiministia ena ruku ni porokaramu ni Small Grants Scheme ka tiko na kena isau vakailavo ena \$37,493.50 ka sa rawa ni ra sana gunuva na wainigunu savasava ena nodra matanivale ka sa mai cava talega kina na veigauna dredre era dau lako

curuma tu mai ena veiyabaki sa sivi ena nodra dau vakayagataka voli na uciwai ka drodro toka ena yasa ni Koro.

E vakaraitaka na mata mai na soqosoqo vakamarama o Miriam Masitabua, ni sa veisau na gauna ka ra sa marautaka sara vakalevu, vakananuma lesu na gauna dredre era dau sotava voli mai sai koya na nodra taubale kina uciwai vosoti na mosi ena vuku walega ni kena lai kau mai na wai ena vuku ni vuvala.

“Na siga nikua e dua na siga marautaki, ni keimami sa mai raica saraga na drodro ni wai ena loma ni neimami dui vale, ka duanaka e tatadra taki tu mai”.

Na koro o Burerua eda rawa ni kaya nisa vakaraitaka e dua na ivakaraitaki vinaka ena vuku ni veitokoni kina matanitu ena vuku ni veivakatoroicaketaki ena Taudaku ni Koro Lelevu.

Nida Tu Vata ena Vuvu na Wai



E mai marautaki na Siga kei Namosi ka vakayacori e na loma ni koro vakaturaga e Veivatuloa e na nodra itikotiko na Turaga na Vunivalu na Tui Namosi.

E vakavotui ena soqo oqo na kena matanataki na bula ni solesolevaki, cakacakavata kei na yalovata ena nodra dui maqusa mai na lewenivanua vakaturaga o Nabukebuke mera mai marautaka na nodra siga namaki e na loma ni yabaki taucoko.

E lima (5) taucoko na tikina ena loma ni yasana vakaturaga o Namosi, qo e oka kina na Tikina o Veivatuloa, Namosi, Naqarawai, Veinuqa kei Wainikoroiluva.

E talei nida sarava ka mai vakadinadinataka

na nodra dui cakacaka ni liga ka vakayagataki kina na iyau bula e tu wavoliti ira, ka vaka talega kina na kena vakaraitaki na vuaniqele. Sa da rawa ni kaya ni se vakabulabulataki tiko na kena matanataki na nodra itovo, na maroroi ni nodra iyaubula ka dau nodra isakisaki kei na nodra vaqacotaka tiko na nodra bula veiwekani kei na nodra itavi vakavanua.

Vakayacori talega na veisisivi:

- Vatunuloga;
- Cakacakaniliga- Ibe;
- Cakacakaniliga – iTabe/Sova ni magiti;
- Vuaniqele;
- Vosa;
- Serekali; kei na
- Sere ni vanua.



E sega ni na wawa na cakacaka ni Draki Veisau. Na vuravura esa toso ena vakayagataki ni waqa savasava ena gauna oqo, me rawa kina na bula, na tiko vinaka kei na ciqomi ni veisau mai vei ira na veivanu me vakataki Viti.



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Kemuni na inuinui ena veisiga ni mataka

Na 44 na gonevuli esa main cava na nodra vuli ena koronivuli ni vuli tara na Montfort Vocational Institute in Savusavu. **Taba: Ilisapeci Tuivale**

Talanoa: Katarina Naqarase

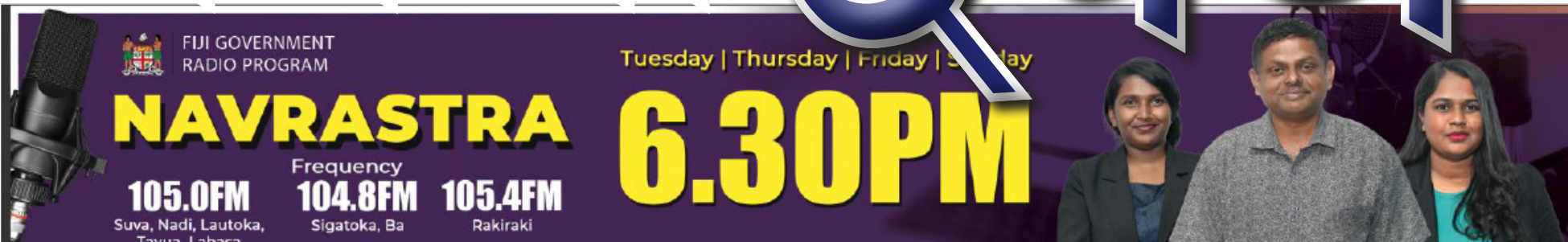
“Ko Viti me qacoya vakalevu na vuli ni noda gonevuli baleta edua na ka bibi na nodra vakarautaki vinaka e koronivuli, ni oira oqo era na kaita mai na veisau kei na tiko vna-ka ena noda veitikoitko”.

O qo na veika era vakaraitaka na iliuliu ni noda Matanitu Hon Sitiveni Rabuka ena nodra laki vulagi dokai ena soqo ni tuva itutu ni ktonivuli na Montfort Vocational Institute in Savusavu. E rawa lewe 44 taucoko na gonevuli kara mai tuki ni soqo bibi oqo. Na koronivuli oqo e itukuni tu ni veoigauna sa sivi, tauyavutaka na Matanitu ena ruku ni Tabacakacaka ni Vuli ka veitokoni kina na Matanitu o Jaina. Na koronivuli oqo era tuberi kina na gone mai na veimatalotu duidui ena

noda vanua ka vaka kina na gone mai na veivanua sega walega e Vanualevu Raraba, wili talega o Taveuni, Lomaiviti, ka vaka kina e Vitilevu. “Vei kemuni na sa mai cava na nomuni vuli ena siga nikua oni sega walega ni vulici ira na gone oni sa vukea talega na kens sagai mena wali na leqa se na matetaka esa tauva tu na noda vanua ena gauna nikua me vaka na sega ni cakacaka, lailai na kila, ka vaka kina na bula dravudravua”. “Keimami na dau rogoca na nomuni italanoa keimami raica na nomuni sa-

saga kei na cakacaka vakaukauwa, ka keimami kila deivaki ni veika oqo ena tadolava na matanikatuba ni rawaka ena nomuni bula. E vakavinavinaka taka talega na Montfort Brothers, Qasenivuli, vakaleselesi ni koronivuli ena vuku ni kena tokoni ka qaravi vinaka sara na koronivuli ni vuli tara na Montfort Vocational Institute. Vakaraitaka okoya ni nona matanitu e solia tiko edua na ivotavota levu ni ilavo ena qaravi ka laveti cake na vuli.

फीजी दर्पण



प्रधान मंत्री माननीय सितिवेनी रम्बूका, रिज़ेर्व बैंक ऑफ फीजी के गवर्नर आरिफ अलिक ने नए बैंक नोटों के साथ चित्र: प्रदान किया गया

फीजी के लिए नए बैंकनोट

रोनल देव

फीजी के राष्ट्रपति महामहिम रातू नईगामा लालाम्बालावू ने हालही ग्रेन्ड पैसिफिक होटल में फीजी के नए बैंक नोटों का विमोचन किया।

इस अवसर पर प्रधान मंत्री माननीय सितिवेनी रम्बूका, मंत्रीमण्डल के सदस्य, संसद सदस्य, निजि क्षेत्र तथा कुटनैतिगियों ने इस समारोह में भाग लिया।

राष्ट्रपति लालाम्बालावू ने इस बात पर जोर दिया कि हमारी मुद्रा सिर्फ चीज़ें खरीदने बेचने का माध्यम नहीं है, यह हमारी राष्ट्रीयता और संप्रभुता का प्रतीक है। “आज हम प्रगति, समृद्धि और एकता का जश्न मना रहे हैं क्योंकि फीजी पहली बार पोलिमार बैंक नोटों का एक पूरा परिवार पेश कर रहा है। एक नए बैंकनोट, वर्तमान के नोटों के प्राथमिक रंगों को बनाए रखते हैं और साथही ऐसे डिजाइन भी पेश करते हैं जो फीजी की राष्ट्रीय पहचान, विरासत

और मूल्यों को दर्शाते हैं:

- पाँच डोलर के नोट पर लुप्त होने वाला वोनू दिना शहरा कछुआत्त की तस्वीर है जो कि फीजी का एकमात्र शाकाहारी समुद्री कछुआ है।
- दस डोलर के नोट पर बच्चों द्वारा मनगोव श्तिरीतिकरीत्त बोनो की तज़वीर है जो मौसम में हो रहे बदलाव के खिलाफ अपनी भुमिका दर्शा रहे है।
- बीस डोलर के नोट पर रिज़ेर्व बैंक ऑफ फीजी की इमारत बनी है, जो कि आर्थिक प्रबंधन का प्रतिनिधित्व करने वाला एक मील का पत्थर है।
- पचास डोलर के नोट पर गिरमिटिया महिला के साथ लियोनिदास जहाज का चित्र है, जो राष्ट्र के प्रति गिरमिटिया समुदाय के योगदान को सम्मानित करता है
- सौ डोलर के नोट पर एक इ-तउकेई पुरुष का चित्र है जो यंगोना वाकातुरांगा समारोह का जश्न मनाते हुए

एक कटोरा में यंगोना पकड़े हुए हैं राष्ट्रपति लालाम्बालावू ने जोर दिया है कि पोलिमार बैंक नोटों में विशेष सुरक्षा विशेषताओं का संयोजन होता है, जिससे प्रमाणीकरण के लिए विशिष्ट बिंदु बनते हैं। इससे कागज़ के नोटों की तुलना में इनकी जालसाज़ी करना काफी मुश्किल हो जाता है।

वैश्विक स्तर पर, पोलिमार बैंक नोटों ने ज़रूरी नोटों की माता को कम करके केंद्रीय बैंकों को स्थिरता प्रयासों में योगदान दिया है। हर एक पोलिमार बैंक नोट का कार्बन फुटप्रिंट काफी कम होता है और इसे कागज़ या हाइब्रिड सब्सट्रेट की तुलना में आर्थिक पर्यावरण के अनुकूल माना जाता है।”

राष्ट्रपति ने कहा कि आज हम न केवल नए डिज़ाइनों का, बल्कि फीजी डोलर और हमारी अर्थव्यवस्था की मजबूती का भी जश्न मना रहे हैं। नई पोलिमार श्रृंखला के बैंकनोट फीजी के आर्थिक इतिहास में

एक ऐतिहासिक मील का पत्थर हैं, जो नए विचार, राष्ट्रीय गौरव और स्थिरता का संगम हैं।

रिज़ेर्व बैंक ऑफ फीजी के गवर्नर, आरिफ अलिक ने पर्यावरणयि ज़िम्मेदारी के प्रति आर.बी.एफ की प्रतिबद्धता पर प्रकाश डाला और बताया कि बैंक ने नए नोटों के उत्पादन से जुड़े कार्बन उत्सर्जन की भरपाई कर ली है और पूरे नकदी चक्र में सीसाइक्लिंग के अवसरों का पता लगाने के लिए रिसाइकलर्स के साथ काम कर रहा है। यह लौन्च दो सौ से ज़्यादा सालों के अनुभव वाली वैश्विक बैंकनोट निर्माता कम्पनी केन करेंसी के साथ फीजी के पहले सहयोग का भी प्रतीक है। उन्होंने यह भी स्पष्ट किया कि फीजी के सिक्कों की टिकाउपन

और कम जालसाज़ी के जोखिम के कारण 2030 से पहले इन्हें बदलने की सम्भावना नहीं है।

घरेलू पानी की सुरक्षा मजबूत हुआ

शीलता सिंह

फीजी सरकार, पब्लिक वर्क्स, मौसम सेवा और ट्रांसपोर्ट के जरिए, वोटर अथोरिटी ओफ फीजी के साथ मिल कर पानी की समस्या कम करने के लिए कदम उठा रही हैं।

यह कार्यक्रम दो भाग में सहायता प्रदान करता है:

घरेलू पानी की टैंक सब्सिडी योजना एक हजार लीटर का होगा।

किन लोगों को यह सहायता मिल सकती है:

- उन लोगों को जिनके पास पानी का टैंक नहीं है।

- जो लोग वोटर अथोरिटी के जांच किए हुए इलाके के अन्दर रहते हैं।

- प्रति संपत्ति को एक 1000 लीटर का टैंक दिया जाएगा।

तकनीकी जरूरतें:

- ग्राहको को अपना कनेक्शन लगाना होगा।

- टैंक को रखने के लिए बर्ईस बनाना होगा।

- पानी की स्पलाई के लिए पाइप लगाना होगा।

बरसात के पानी को बचाने की व्यवस्था: यह योजना उन लोगों के लिए है जो बिना मीटर वाले या ग्रामीण/शहरी इलाकों में रहते हैं।

जरूरतें:

- सही टैंक बर्ईस बनाना

- छत पर गटर सिस्टम लगाना

- यह सिर्फ उन घरों पर लागू होता है जिनके पास पहले से टैंक नहीं है।

जरूरी सुचना:

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आपकी सरकार फीजी के हर घर को आज और भविष्य में सुसक्षित, भरोसेमंद और पानी की समस्या कम करने के लिए अटल है।

फीजी के घरों के लिए पानी वाला टैंक सहायता उपलब्ध है



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लांगी हेल्थ सेन्टर की दो स्वास्थ्य अधिकारी चित्र: प्रदान किया गया

महिमा खान

मंतीमण्डल ने पब्लिक हेल्थ (संशोधन) बिल 2025 को संसद में पेश करने की मंजूरी दे दी है- यह फीजी के स्वास्थ्य कानूनों को मजबूत करने की दिशा में एक बड़ा कदम है।

यह बिल पब्लिक हेल्थ एक्ट 1935 की व्यापक समीक्षा के बाद तैयार किया गया

है। इसका उद्देश्य है, फीजी के स्वास्थ्य कानूनों को आधुनिक बनाना है, ताकि वे अंतरराष्ट्रीय मानकों के अनुरूप हों और आज तथा भविष्य की स्वास्थ्य चुनौतियों का सामना कर सकें।

एक आधुनिक और आवश्यकता के अनुसार तैयार स्वास्थ्य प्रणाली का मतलब है- हर फीजीवासी के लिए बेहतर सुरक्षा।

न्यू ज़ीलैंड तक फीजी का पहला अनरस ट्रायल निर्यात सफल रहा

महिमा खान

फीजी ने न्यूज़ीलैंड तक "रिप्ली क्वीन" किस्म के पहले तीन टन अनरस का ट्रायल निर्यात सफल रहा। यह कदम फीजी के लिए बहुत बड़ी उपलब्धि है। यह निर्यात कृषि व्यापार और मार्केटिंग रिसर्च कार्यक्रम के तहत किया गया था, जिसमें स्थानीय अनरस की गुणवत्ता और नए बाज़ार में उसकी क्षमता दिखाई गई। कृषि मंत्री, माननीय तोमासी तुनावुना ने किसानों, निर्यातकों, साझेदार एजेंसियों और सभी संबंधित लोगों के संयुक्त प्रयासों की सराहना की। उन्होंने कहा कि यह उपलब्धि दिखाती है कि फीजी उच्च गुणवत्ता वाला उत्पादन लगातार दे सकता है और यह हमारे कृषि निर्यात बढ़ाने के प्रयासों को मजबूत करता है।

"रिप्ली क्वीन" अनरस ने न्यूज़ीलैंड में पहले ही उच्छी रुचि हासिल कर की है, क्योंकि यह ज्यादा मीठा, स्वादिष्ट और लंबे समय तक ताज़ा रहता है। मंत्री ने कहा कि इस ट्रायल की सफलता कृषि क्षेत्र को विविध बनाने, नए बाज़ार खोलने और ग्रामीण समुदायों की आमदनी बढ़ाने के बड़े लक्ष्यों से मेल खाती है। इस निर्यात ने न्यूज़ीलैंड के सभी बायोसिक्योरिटी और गुणवत्ता मानकों को भी पूरा किया, जो भविष्य में और अधिक निर्यात बढ़ाने के लिए एक महत्वपूर्ण कदम है। मंत्रालय बाज़ार प्रदर्शन पर नज़र रखेगा और निसानों और निर्यातकों को लगातार सहायता देता रहेगा, ताकि न्यूज़ीलैंड और अन्य देशों में आपूर्ति बढ़ाने पर होने वाली चर्चाएँ आगे बढ़ सकें।



पुर्वी विभाग नारियल पर सर्वेक्षण शुरू हुआ

शीलता सिंह

फीजी का नारियल क्षेत्र हमारी हमारी आर्थिक विकास और विरासत का एक अहम हिस्सा है। लेकिन नारियल के कई पेड़ बूढ़े हो रहे हैं, और खेती की जगह कम होती जा रही है।

नारियल क्षेत्र के भविष्य सुरक्षित करने के लिए, कृषि मंत्रालय ने पिछले महीने से इसी महीने तक पूर्वी विभाग में नारियल का सर्वेक्षण शुरू किया है।

यह सर्वेक्षण हमारी मदद करेगा:

-मौजूदा नारियल के पेड़ों की गिनती

करने में

- बूढ़े हो रहे पेड़ों की पहचान करने

-उत्पादन को समझने में मदद

-किसानों की चुनौतियों को समझना

-राष्ट्रीय नारियल क्षेत्र की योजना को मजबूत करना।

हम लाउ, लोमाईविति, रोतुमा और कन्दावु के किसानों को इसमें भाग लेने के लिए प्रोत्साहित करते हैं। आपकी आवाज़ मान्यता रखती है। हम सब मिलकर फीजी के लिए एक मजबूत और टिकाऊ नारियल क्षेत्र को बना सकते हैं।

मंत्री किरण: मज़बूत फीजी के लिए शान्ति स्थापना और सामाजिक एकता



महिला, बच्चों और सामाजिक सुसक्षा मंत्री माननीय शशि किरण संसद में अपना भाषण करती हुई चित्र: प्रदान किया गया

शीलता सिंह

महिला, बच्चे और सामाजिक सुरक्षा मंत्री माननीय शशि किरण ने संसद में कहा कि सरकार सामाजिक एकता और राष्ट्रीय उपचार को प्राथमिकता दे रही है, क्योंकि फीजी गहरे ऐतिहासिक, सामाजिक और आर्थिक तनावों का सामना कर रहा है।

* सच और सुलह की कोशिशें

माननीय किरण ने फीजी सच और सुलह कमिशन के चल रहे काम पर जोर दिया, जो पुरे देश में सुनवाई कर रहा है, लोगों को अपनी पीढ़ियों का दर्द बाँटने और खत्म करने के प्रयास शुरू करने की कोशिश कर रहा है।

* राष्ट्रीय शांति स्थापना कार्यक्रम

संयुक्त राष्ट्र के साथ साझेदारी के माध्यम से, सरकार ने समुदायों में एकता और समझ को मज़बूत करने के लिए देश भर में ट्रांमा-हीलिंग कार्यक्रम शुरू की हैं।

* आर एफ एम एफ को मान्यता दी

मंत्री किरण ने रिपब्लिक ओफ फीजी मिलिट्री फोर्सस को श्रद्धांजलि दी, और अतीत की कार्रवाईयों का सामना करने और आंतरिक उपचार में सहायता करने के उनके साहस को मान्यता दी, विशेष रूप से उन सैनिकों के लिए जो विदेशी तैनाती और फीजी की अपनी राजनीतिक उथल-पुथल से सदमे में हैं।

* ओनलाइन नुकसान पर बातें

उन्होंने यह भी चेतावनी दी कि सोशल मीडिया पर जातिएं भेद-भाव और गलत जानकारी सामाजिक एकता के लिए खतरा हैं, और कहा कि आने वाले ओनलाईन सेफ्टी कमीशन कानून जनता को बेहतर सुरक्षा प्रदान करेगी

माननीय किरण ने सभी नागरिकों से मांग की कि वे स्वयं अपने उपचार पर विचार करें, शांति को बढ़ावा दें और ऐसी जानकारी से बचने की अपील की जो नफरत या फूट डालता हो।

पार्म मज़दूर को मिला दो लाख डोलर का हरजाना



रोज़गार मंत्री माननीय अग्नि देव सिंह संसद में मौजूद लोगों से मुलाकात करते हुए चित्र: प्रदान किया गया

रोनल देव

इतिहास में पहली बार पार्म स्कीम के नीचे काम करने वाले एक मजदूर मोसेसे सोंगेता सारेसारेवाता को बीमा के रूप में दो लाख ऑस्ट्रेलियन डोलर का हरजाना दिया गया है। रोजगार मंत्रालय के पेमनन्ट सकेटरी मारितिनो नेमानी तथा रिजनल वर्कफोस मेनेमन्ट के चीफ एक्ज़ेटिव ऑफिसर ब्रेड स्कागोट मिलकर ने श्री सारेसारेवाता को चेक प्रदान किया। माँस वाले व्यवसाय में काम करने के लिए इसी साल पूर्व मोसेसे को विकटोरिया भेजा गया था जहाँ मोसेसे ने जीवन बीमा स्कीम के लिए प्रति सप्ताह छः डोलर भरना शुरू किया। उन्होंने अपने लिए नही बल्कि अपने परिवार के लिए किया जिन्हें वो बहुत चाहते है। यह एक बहुत आसान लेकिन शक्तिशाली चुनाव था। बाद में पता चला कि उन्हें

एक गम्भीर बीमारी हुई है जिसका कोई इलाज नहीं है। उनका यह फैसला उनके लिए जीवन रेखा बन गया, जिससे यह तय हुआ कि उनके परिवार को जीवन के सबसे कठिन समय में आर्थिक तंगी का सामना नहीं करना पड़ेगा। पी एस नेमानी ने कहा कि मोसेसे की कहानी साहस, दूरदर्शिता और प्रेम को दर्शाता है यह दर्शाती है कि कैसे एक छोटा सा त्याग चाहने वालों के लिए जीवन बदल देने वाली सुरक्षा प्रदान कर सकता है। यह पहला पैमन्ट पार्म बीमा पहल के महत्व को उजागर करता है, जिसे विदेशों में रहने वाले फीजी के कर्मचारियों को सम्मान, सुरक्षा और मानसिक शान्ति प्रदान करने के लिए बनाया गया था - क्यों कि कभी-कभी सबसे छोटा योगदान भी सबसे बड़ा प्रभाव छोड़ता है।

हम तक पहुँचे - हम आपके लिए यहाँ है

रोनल देव

स्वास्थ्य मंत्री माननीय एटोनियो लालाम्बालावू ने संसद में एक बयान देते हुए यह ठोस संदेश दिया।

आत्महत्या रोकने वाली एक राष्ट्रीय कमिटी की हालही की एक रिपोर्ट दिखाती है कि इस साल जनवरी से अगस्त के बीच, फीजी ने आत्महत्या के एक सौ दस मामले रिकोड किए जबकि सैतालीस लोगों ने आत्महत्या करने की कोशिश की।

युवा (अट्ठारह से चौबीस साल)

- तेरह युवा लोगों ने अपनी जान गवाई



• ग्यारह ने आत्महत्या की कोशिश की बुजुर्ग (साठ साल से उपर)

- ग्यारह बुजुर्ग नागरिकों ने आत्महत्या की
- पाँच ने आत्महत्या करने की कोशिश की

लिंग के आधार पर:

- सभी मामलों में सत्तर प्रतिशत पुरुष थे
- फाँसी लगाने या दवा पीना सबसे आम तरीका

जात के आधार पर :

- भारतीय मूल के फीजिवासी इक्तालीस मौतें, तैतीस ने कोशिश की
- इ-तउकेई : इक्कीस मौतें, तेरह ने कोशिश की

माननीय गावोका ने संसद में एम एस एम ई और समाजिक टूरिज़्म ग्रान्ट पायलट कार्यक्रम शुरू करने की घोषणा की।

“ अगला कदम स्पष्ट है: हम दिसंबर में लम्बासा, सावुसावु और तवेयुनी में लॉन्च के दौरान अर्ज़ियाँ खोलेंगे और हम यह सुनिश्चित करेंगे कि हर प्रक्रिया बिना किसी भेद-भाव के पूरी हो।”

माननीय विलियामे गावोका
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वंगावंगा क्षेत्र और आसपास के समुदाय अब नए रूप से बने वंगावंगा मातामाई मंदिर से लाभ उठा सकेंगे। यह नवीनीकरण लम्बासा में मल्टी- एथनिक ग्रांट प्रोग्राम के तहत पूरा किया गया। मंत्रालय के मल्टी-एथनिक अफेयर्स ग्रांट सहायता प्रोग्राम के माध्यम से छत , फेसर बोर्ड, लकड़ियाँ बदलने और पूरे भवन की पेंटिंग का काम किया गया। मंत्रालय का \$14,881.75 का योगदान- जो किसी भी सामुदायिक संगठन को दी गई सबसे बड़ी सहायता में से एक है- नए मंदिर की सुरक्षा, मजबूती और लगभग तीन सौ लोगों की स्थानीय आबादी के लिए इसकी सेवाओं को सुनिश्चित किया। मल्टी-एथनिक अफेयर्स और चीनी मंत्री, माननीय चरन जीत सिंह ने हालही लम्बासा में नए मंदिर का उद्घाटन करते हुए समुदाय के सदस्यों की सराहना की। उन्होंने कहा कि समुदाय ने मंदिर को नया, आकर्षक और पूजा के लिए तैयार बनाए रखने में शानदार योगदान दिया है, जो वंगावंगा और आसपास के इलाकों के लोगों के लिए बहुत लाभदायक होगा।



ताम्बिया गरम पानी शिव मंदिर का उद्घाटन हुआ



सरकार ने समुदायिक एकता को मजबूत करने के लिए नए निर्मित ताम्बिया गरम पानी शिव मंदिर का उद्घाटन किया। मल्टी-एथनिक अफेयर्स और चीनी मंत्रालय के मंत्री, माननीय चरण जीत सिंह ने नए बने मबिया गरम पानी शिव मंदिर का उद्घाटन किया। यह परियोजना मल्टी-एथनिक ग्रांट प्रोग्राम के माध्यम से संभव हो पाई, जो सामुदायिक संगठनों को अपनी सुविधाएँ सुधारने में सहायता प्रदान करता है। परियोजना का उद्घाटन करते समय मंत्री सिंह कहा कि यह मंदिर लंबे समय से समुदाय के लिए एक पवित्र स्थान रहा है। यह जगह 1940 के दशक से पूजा स्थल के रूप में उपयोग होती आ रही है। पहले इसे स्थानीय ग्रामीणों ने संभाला था और हाल के वर्षों में इसकी जिम्मेदारी श्री सनातन धर्म सभा ताम्बिया ले पास आ गई। मंत्री सिंह ने कहा, “यह नया मंदिर भक्तों के लिए सुविधाजनक होगा और यह सुनिश्चित करेगा कि आस्था और सामुदायिक जीवन सभी के लिए सुलभ, समावेशी और सक्रिय रहे। यही सामाजिक एकता है, जो मल्टी-एथनिक अफेयर्स मंत्रालय के मुख्य उद्देश्यों में से एक है।” मंत्रालय ने \$5,441.02 का योगदान दिया, जबकि बाकी खर्च समुदाय ने दिया।



कोरोवालेवा कोपरेटिव को मिला ट्रैक्टर, कृषि उत्पादन बढ़ाने की नई उम्मीद



सहायक कृषि मंत्री माननीय इनोसी कुरिदानी, नैडोंगा के किसानों को ट्रैक्टर प्रदान करते हुए चित्र: कृषि मंत्रालय

कृषि मंत्रालय

नैडोंगा के नासामा गाँव स्थित कोरोवालेवा कोपरेटिव लिमिटेड के सदस्यों के लिए खुशी का संदेश आया, जब कृषि और जलमार्ग मंत्रालय ने उन्हें फार्म मेकनाइजेशन प्रोग्राम के तहत एक नया ट्रैक्टर प्रदान किया।

अट्ठारह सदस्यों वाला यह समूह 18 से 68 वर्ष आयु के पुरुषों और महिलाओं से मिलकर बना है और पिछले दो वर्षों से सामूहिक रूप से खेती कर रहा है।

कोपरेटिव के पास कुल 55 एकड़ ज़मीन है, जिसमें से 30 एकड़ खेती योग्य है। ट्रैक्टर मिलने से उनकी जमीन की तैयारी में लगने वाला समय काफी कम होगा, जिससे उत्पादन और गुणवत्ता दोनों बढ़ने की उम्मीद है।

कृषि मंत्री माननीय तोमासी तुनावुना ने इस अवसर पर कहा कि खेती में मशीनों का उपयोग ग्रामीण सिकानों को पारंपरिक खेती की ओर ले जाने में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाता है।

उन्होंने कोपरेटिव में युवाओं की सक्रिय

भागीदारी की सराहना करते हुए कहा कि युवा शक्ति कृषि के भविष्य की रीढ़ है। समूह वर्तमान में बैंगन, बंदगोभी, टमाटर, तरबूज, खीरा, मिर्च, पपीता जैसे विविध सब्जियों के साथ-साथ डालो, कासावा और कुमाला जैसे जड़ वाले भोजन की भी खेती करता है।

कोपरेटिव के अध्यक्ष इलिएसा हानीमो ने बताया कि पहले जमीन तैयार करने में कई सप्ताह लग जाते थे, लेकिन ट्रैक्टर मिलने से काम तेज होगा और सदस्य बड़े क्षेत्र में खेती कर सकेंगे।

उन्होंने मंत्रालय के विस्तार अधिकारियों के निरंतर मार्गदर्शन के लिए भी धन्यवाद दिया।

ट्रैक्टर की कुल लागत में से एक तिहाई राशि कोपरेटिव ने वहन की, जबकि शेष लागत मंत्रालय ने वहन किया। मंत्रालय ने देशभर के किसानों और समूहों को फार्म मेकनाइजेशन प्रोग्राम से लाभ उठाने की माँग की है, ताकि उत्पादन क्षमता बढ़ाई जा सके, लागत कम हो और फीजी की खाद्य सुरक्षा मजबूत हो।

खान परिवार के लिए ट्रैक्टर बना नई उम्मीद



कृषि मंत्रालय ने नवोसा के किसानों को भी खेती में मदद करने के लिए ट्रैक्टर दिया चित्र: कृषि मंत्रालय

कृषि मंत्रालय

यालोकू सेटलमेंट, नवोसा के खान परिवार को आज उनकी खेती के लिए बड़ा समर्थन मिला, जब कृषि और जल संसाधन के सहायक मंत्री, माननीय इनोसी कुरिदानी ने उन्हें एक नया ट्रैक्टर सौंपा। यह कार्यक्रम उनके निवास पर आयोजित किया गया और परिवार की खेती यात्रा में एक महत्वपूर्ण उपलब्धि साबित हुआ। खान परिवार कई वर्षों से खेती में जुटा है। नया ट्रैक्टर उनके काम को आसान बनाएगा, उत्पादन बढ़ाएगा और स्थानीय खाद्य सुरक्षा में उनका योगदान और मजबूत करेगा।

परिवार की ओर से बोलती हुई सोफिया खान, जो तजीम खान की बेटी हैं, ने भावुक होकर कहा कि यह ट्रैक्टर सिर्फ मशीन नहीं बल्कि उम्मीद और प्रगति का प्रतीक है।

उन्होंने कहा, “हमने खेती में कई चुनौतियाँ देखी हैं, लेकिन सरकार के इस सहयोग ने हमारी मुश्किलें कम कर दी हैं और आगे बढ़ने का हौसला दिया है।” सहायक मंत्री इनोसी कुरिदानी ने खान

परिवार की मेहनत और खेती के प्रति समर्पण की सराहना की।

उन्होंने कहा, “ऐसे परिवार हमारे ग्रामीण अर्थव्यवस्था की रीढ़ हैं। इनका समर्पण हम सबके लिए प्रेरणा है। जब हम ऐसे परिवारों में पूँजी लगाते हैं, तो हम देश के भविष्य में योगदान देते हैं।”

उन्होंने यह भी स्पष्ट किया कि सरकार की सहायता योजनाएं केवल बड़े समूहों के लिए नहीं, बल्कि उन व्यक्तिगत परिवारों के लिए भी हैं जो खेती को गंभीरता से आगे बढ़ाना चाहते हैं। उन्होंने कहा, “चाहे तीस लोगों का समूह हो या पाँच सदस्यों का परिवार—हर किसान महत्वपूर्ण है।”

खान परिवार को दिया गया ट्रैक्टर मंत्रालय की एक तिहाई और दो तिहाई सहायता योजना के तहत मिला है, जिसमें सरकार ने दो तिहाई राशि दी और परिवार ने एक तिहाई दिया। यह सहायता नवोसा में कृषि विकास को मजबूत बनाने और ग्रामीण परिवारों को आधुनिक उपकरणों से सशक्त बनाने का एक और कदम है। जैसे जैसे अधिक परिवार आधुनिक मशीनें अपना रहे हैं, क्षेत्र में उत्पादन और कृषि विकास तेजी से बढ़ने की उम्मीद है।

रांबी में नारियल नर्सरी कि स्थाना हुई

कृषि मंत्रालय

कृषि और जल संसाधन मंत्रालय ने रांबी द्वीप के नुकू और उमा गाँवों में नारियल नर्सरी स्थापित कर एक महत्वपूर्ण कदम उठाया है। इन दोनों नर्सरियों में कुल छह हजार नारियल के पौधों को सफलतापूर्वक तैयार गया है, जो आने वाले समय में द्वीप के किसानों और समुदायों के लिए बड़ी सहायता बनेगी।

कृषि और जलमार्ग संसाधन मंत्री, माननीय तोमासी तुनावुना ने बताया कि यह पहल सरकार की उस मजबूत प्रतिबद्धता की दर्शाती है जिसके तहत ग्रामीण और समुद्री क्षेत्रों को कृषि विकास के माध्यम से सशक्त बनाया जा रहा है।

उन्होंने कहा, “नारियल नर्सरी की स्थापना केवल पौधे तैयार करने का काम नहीं है, बल्कि यह समुदायों के लिए एक स्थायी आजीविका का अवसर भी है। इससे उत्पादन क्षमता बढ़ेगी, लोगों में कौशल का विकास होगा और उन्हें भविष्य के लिए बेहतर आर्थिक सुरक्षा मिलेगी।” नारियल फीजी की पारंपरिक और आर्थिक

दृष्टि से महत्वपूर्ण फसल है। नर्सरियों, की स्थापना से किसानों को गुणवत्तापूर्ण पौधे आसानी से उपलब्ध होंगे, जिससे उत्पादन बढ़ेगा और बाजार में बेहतर आमदनी प्राप्त की जा सकेगी।

मंत्रालय ने बताया कि वह रांबी द्वीप सहित सभी समुदायों के साथ मिलकर ऐसे लम्बे समय की परियोजनाओं पर काम कर रहा है, जो एक खाद्य सुरक्षा को मजबूत कर और आर्थिक विकास के नए रास्ते खोलेगा। इस कार्यक्रम का एक प्रमुख उद्देश्य यह भी है कि दूरदराज क्षेत्रों में रहने वाले लोगों को आधुनिक कृषि तरिकों से जोड़कर उन्हें अधिक सशक्त और आत्मनिर्भर बनाया जाए।

नुकू और उमा गाँवों के लोगों ने इस पहल के लिए मंत्रालय का अपभार व्यक्त किया है, क्योंकि इससे स्थानीय युवाओं और किसानों के लिए रोजगार और आमदनी दोनों के नए अवसर बनेंगे।

मंत्रालय ने आगे भी ऐसे परियोजनाओं को जारी रखने का आश्वासन दिया है ताकि रांबी द्वीप जैसे समुदाय कृषि क्षेत्र में और अधिक मजबूती से आगे बढ़ सकें।

“हमारे नए किसान और लीज़ प्रीमियम सहायता कार्यक्रम के माध्यम से, मंत्रालय ने लीज़ की अवधि समाप्त होने की कगार पर पहुँच चुके नए और मौजूदा किसानों, दोनों को सहायता प्रदान करने के लिए 2.7 मिलियन डॉलर की पूँजी लगाई है। इसमें चीनी क्षेत्र में प्रवेश करने वाले 202 नए किसानों और 385 मौजूदा किसानों को लीज़ प्रीमियम भुगतान के लिए सहायता शामिल है। मंत्रालय लीज़ प्रीमियम का 30% या 7,500 डॉलर, का योगदान देता है।”

मल्टी-एथनिक अफेयर्स और चीनी मंत्री माननीय चरण जीत सिंह

फीजी की नई नेशनल रूरल डेवलपमेंट नीति को बनाने में ग्रामीण समाज मदद करेंगी



ग्रामीण इलाकों में लोगों की जिन्दगी सँवारने के लिए सरकार हर सम्भव प्रयास कर रही है

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ग्रामीण और समुद्री विकास मंत्री, माननीय सकियासी दितोका ने संसद में कहा कि गठबंधन सरकार नई नेशनल रूरल डेवलपमेंट (एनआरडीपी) को बनाने के लिए पूरी तरह से सभी को साथ लेकर चलने वाला और लोगों को ध्यान में रखकर काम करने वाला तरीका अपना रही है। संसद में बातें करते हुए मंत्री दितोका ने कहा कि एन आर डी पी का निर्माण ग्रामीण और समुद्री समुदायों के साथ मिलकर किया जाएगा।

मुख्य बातें।

- * राष्ट्र परामर्श दल सभी विभागों, प्रांतों, जिलों और चुनिंदा समुदायों, जिनमें समुद्री क्षेत्र भी शामिल हैं, का दौरा करेंगी। मंत्रालय इनके साथ मिलकर काम करेगी:
- प्रोविंशियल एडमिनिस्ट्रेशन
- रोको तुई और प्रोविंशियल काउंसिल
- जिला अधिकारी और तुरांगा-नी-कोरो
- जिला एडवाइज़री काउंसिल

-समाज और धर्म को मानने वाले लोग * लोगों के लिए अपने विचार बाटने के कई तरीके:

- आमने-सामने परामर्श में भाग लेना
- ऑनलाइन पब्लिक सर्वे
- रेडियो टोकबैक शो
- सोशल मीडिया पर जुड़ जाना
- * एक वास्तविक निर्माण दृष्टिकोण एन आर डी पी को सरकार, समुदायों, नागरिक समाज और विकास भागीदारों द्वारा मिलकर बनाएंगे।

यह प्रक्रिया:

- टोप-डाउन पोलिसी की जगह लेगा
- सहमति बनाएँ
- अपने विचार दें
- सुनिश्चित करें कि नीति व्यावहारिक और राष्ट्रीय रूप से स्वीकृत हो
- मंत्री दितोका ने सभी ग्रामीण और समुद्री समुदायों को हिस्सा लेने के लिए प्रोत्साहित किया।
- “यह आपके लिए हमें यह बताने का अवसर है कि क्या काम कर रहा है, क्या नहीं और क्या बदलना होगा।

समुद्री क्षेत्र के व्यवसायिक उपयोग का बिल 2025

रोनल देव

मंत्रीमण्डल ने समुद्री क्षेत्र के व्यवसायिक उपयोग बिल 2025 को मंजूरी दे दी है, जिससे व्यवसायिक मकसद, खासकर टूरिज़्म के लिए उपयोग होने वाले समुद्री इलाके यानि गोली-गोली का मालिकाना हक उनके आम मालिकों को वापस करने का रास्ता साफ हो गया है। संसद से पास होने के बाद, यह बिल सर्फिंग एरिया रेगुलेशन एक्ट

2010 को रद्द कर देगा और एक नया, सही-और निष्पक्ष ढांचा प्रस्तुत करेगा, जो वर्तमान में व्यवसायिक गतिविधियों के लिए उपयोग किए जाने वाले समुद्री क्षेत्रों पर पारंपरिक हक को बहाल करेगा। सरकार का कहना है कि यह ढांचा सुनिश्चित करता है कि प्रक्रिया कानून के शासन और प्रकृतिक न्याय के सिद्धांतों का पालन करे, जिसमें सभी प्रभावित पक्षों की समान्य भागीदारी हो। यह मौजूदा आदिवासी संस्थाओं को इन समुद्री क्षेत्रों

के प्रशासन और निगरानी में केंद्रीय भूमिका निभाने का अधिकार भी देता है। मंत्रीमण्डल के अनुसार, यह बिल इ-तउकेई समाज को उनके पारम्परिक मालिकाना हक को पहचान देगा, समुद्री संसाधन मैनेजमेंट में भागीदारी को मज़बूत करके, और यह सुनिश्चित करेगा कि सभी सेवा सांस्कृतिक व्यवस्था के तहत संचालित हो। इस बिल के संसद के दो सप्ताह की बैठक में पेश किया गया था।

सरकार ने एम एस एम ई सहायता को बढ़ाया



फायनेन्स मंत्री माननीय एस्मैम इमैनुएल संसद में बोलते हुए चित्र: प्रदान किया गया

शीलता सिंह

फीजी सरकार ने छोटे तथा मध्यम व्यापारियों (एम एस एम ई) समर्थन देने के लिए इस आर्थिक साल में लगभग एक सौ साठ (160) मिलियन डॉलर का रिकॉर्ड दर्ज किया है, जो अब तक की सबसे बड़ी पुजी है और पिछले साल से 33% ज़्यादा है। कोमर्स और बिज़नेस डेवलपमेंट मंत्री, माननीय एस्मैम इमैनुएल ने संसद में बोलते हुए कहा कि इस स्तर का समर्थन नवाचार को मज़बूत करता है, व्यवसायों को आर्थिक चुनौतियों का सामना करने में मदद करता है, और विकास को बढ़ावा देता है। सरकार का लक्ष्य स्पष्ट है: 2030 तक एम एस एम ई फीजी के जी डी पी में

चालीस प्रतिशत (40%) योगदान देंगे। व्यापारियों को प्रोत्साहित करने के लिए, मंत्री ने नए आर्थिक प्रोत्साहनों की भी घोषणा की, जिसमें मान्यता प्राप्त स्टार्ट-अप इनक्यूबेटर और एक्सेलेरेटर को दान देने वाले व्यापारियों के लिए 150% टैक्स कटौती शामिल है। उन्होंने कहा, “यह प्रोत्साहन व्यवसायों को बढ़ावा देता है, खासकर उन युवाओं के लिए जो विचारों को सफल व्यवसायों में बदलने के लिए तैयार हैं।” फीजी का एम एस एम ई क्षेत्र में मज़बूत और ज़्यादा नयापन आता जा रहा है, जिससे यह पक्का हो रहा है कि देश भर के लोगों तक मौके पहुँच सकें।

सरकार की प्रतिक्रिया

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चित्र: ननिसे नईमिला

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शीलता सिंह

श्री सत्य साई बाबा की सौ साल की जंयती, मुद्देनहल्ली भारत में मनाई गई। समारोह में सभी को श्री सत्य साई बाबा की एकता, निस्वार्थ सेवा और आध्यात्मिक विकास के संदेश के अनुसार जीवन जीने के लिए प्रोत्साहित किया गया। समारोह में फीजी के राष्ट्रपति महामहिम रातू नईगामा लालाम्बालावु ने अपने भाषण में कहा कि श्री सत्य साई बाबा की शिक्षाएं इस सिद्धांत के माध्यम से दुनिया को प्रेरित करती रही हैं कि: “सभी से प्रेम करो, सभी की सेवा करो। हमेशा मदद करो, कभी किसी को दुख मत दो।” राष्ट्रपति लालम्बालावु ने ओशन ओफ पीस पर भी प्रकाश डाला, जिसे हाल ही में प्रशान्तीय नेताओं के सम्मेलन ने सोलोमन आइलैंड्स में अपनी बैठक में घोषित किया था और यह फीजी के प्रधान मंत्री माननीय सितिवेनी रम्बुका द्वारा संसद में प्रस्तुत फीजी की विदेश नीति रूपरेखा का प्रमुख मार्गदर्शक सिद्धांत भी है।

उन्होंने पुष्टि की कि श्री सत्य साई बाबा की शिक्षाएं हमें शांति का वाहक बनने की दिशा में मार्गदर्शन करती हैं, हम जहाँ भी जाते हैं, वहाँ शांति, एकता और करुणा लेकर

आती हैं।

राष्ट्रपति लालाम्बालावु ने श्री मधुसूदन साई को श्री सत्य साई बाबा के लक्ष्यों को आगे बढ़ाने में उनके अटूट सहयोग के लिए धन्यवाद दिया।

राष्ट्रपति लालाम्बालावु ने मुआनिकाउ, सुवा में साई प्रेमा फाउंडेशन के श्री सत्य साई संजीवनी चिल्ड्रन्स हार्ट अस्पताल द्वारा दी जाने वाली मुफ्त स्वास्थ्य सेवा की प्रशंसा की।

उन्होंने कहा कि यह साई बाबा की शिक्षाओं को दिखाता है, जिसमें ज़रूरतमंद बच्चों और परिवारों को बिना किसी खर्च के जान बचाने वाली सेवा दी जाती है।

2022 में अपनी स्थापना के बाद से अभी तक चार सौ बीस से ज़्यादा बच्चों की सर्जरी सफलतापूर्वक, उनके परिवारों के किसी भी खर्च के बिना की गई है।

“एक विश्व एक परिवार ग्लोबल ह्यूमैनिडेरियन लक्ष्य” अब दुनिया भर के 100 देशों में स्थानीय संगठनों के साथ मिलकर ज़रूरतमंद लोगों को मुफ्त स्वास्थ्य सेवा, मुफ्त शिक्षा और मुफ्त भोजन प्रदान करता है।

उनके द्वारा संचालित अस्पताल और क्लीनिक इस बात पर आधारित हैं कि हर किसी को अपनी आर्थिक स्थिति की परवाह किए बिना स्वास्थ्य सेवा मिले।

कार्यक्रम के दौरान, विभिन्न संस्थानों के अधिकारियों ने साई बाबा की शिक्षाओं पर विचार बाँटा तथा बताया कि किस प्रकार प्रेम, सेवा और भाईचारे के उनके सिद्धांत, विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में जीवन में परिवर्तन ला रहे हैं।

राष्ट्रपति लालाम्बालावु ने फीजी की समृद्ध जातियों के अच्छे मेल मिलाप पर ज़ोर दिया और कहा कि अलग होने के बावजूद, फीजी के लोगों में एकता की गहरी भावना है।

एक विश्व, एक परिवार विषय पर विचार करते हुए, उन्होंने कहा कि यह सभी के लिए एक शिक्षा प्रदान करता है। श्री सत्य साई बाबा की शिक्षाएँ सरल, स्पष्ट और शक्तिशाली लोगों को एकजुट करने की क्षमता रखती हैं।

उन्होंने ज़रूरतमंदों को भोजन और शिक्षा प्रदान करने के महत्व पर भी ज़ोर दिया।

राष्ट्रपति लालाम्बालावु ने कर्नाटक के मुद्देनहल्ली में स्थित सत्य साई ग्राम में नए 600 बिस्तरों वाले विशेष अस्पताल और नए श्री मधुसूदन साई इंस्टीट्यूट ओफ मेडिकल साइंसेज और रिसर्च (सीएमसीआएएमएसआर) का भी दौरा किया।

नया अस्पताल एक खास किस्म का अस्पताल है जो अच्छी सेवा बिलकुल मुफ्त में प्रदान करता है।