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Flying the noble banner blue.... Fiji's 55th Independence commemoration saw people of 'all walks of life' including civil servants attired in their best Fiji Day kavalavata and students (inset) flying the Fiji flag at the national celebrations held at Albert Park in Suva. **Photos: MELI NAISELE AND AZARIA FAREEN**

Living with dignity is true independence: PM Rabuka

By PRASHILA DEVI

TRUE independence means being able to live with dignity, no matter where in Fiji you live. Prime Minister, Sitiveni Rabuka, in delivering his Fiji Day message marking the nation's 55th year of independence, provided a snapshot of how Government was spreading the benefit of development to all parts of the country. "The Government is expanding access to clean water, electricity, internet and essential infrastructure across rural and maritime communities. Roads, wharves and bridges are not just structures — they are gateways to opportunities, education, and healthcare, and futures." PM Rabuka said initiatives like the Fiji

Rural Electrification Fund, the reintroduction of the Rural Housing Programme, and investments in sanitation and climate-resilient infrastructure, were aimed at reducing hardships while lifting the quality of life of the rural communities. "Our people are at the heart of our nation. That's why health remains a national priority." The PM, however, said nation-building was not just about infrastructure — it was about healing and belonging. In doing so, the Head of Government acknowledged the contribution of the different communities into developing the country to what is it today. "Our indigenous iTaukei communities remain the custodians of our land and

traditions, sharing their resources and space for the wellbeing of the many, preserving the identity that defines Fiji for all time." "Our Indo-Fijian brothers and sisters have enriched our economy, culture, and social fabric through their hard work and resilience. All our communities have contributed to the tapestry of our nation — a nation stronger because of its many threads," PM Rabuka said. He said the theme for this year's celebration, "Peace, Unity and Progress for All", was not merely a celebration of the past. "It is a solemn commitment to our future and a recognition that our strength lies in our diversity and our shared determination to build a prosperous nation for every Fijian."

PM Rabuka highlighted the developments in the different spheres of the socio-economic fabric of the nation and also emphasised the importance of 'healing'. "That is why we are establishing the Fiji Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the Constitutional Review Commission." "These are not political tools — they are national conversations. They will give our people voice, dignity, and ownership of their democracy. In essence it is about investing in democracy." "Fiji is large enough for all of us. This is your home. And we want you to need no other."

By MELI NAISELE

opportunities through initiatives like free education at Polytech institutions, which has allowed students like him to pursue vocational training and build a better future.

“Without this support, many of us wouldn’t be where we are today,” he said. As others enjoy the festivities, Mr Sokiveta finds celebration in purpose — working, saving for his studies, and planning for a brighter tomorrow.

“I encourage my fellow youths to get employed, support their families, and make the most of every opportunity. That’s the best Fiji Day we can have.”

Mr Sokiveta story is a powerful reminder of what Fiji Day truly stands for resilience, gratitude and hard work — values that continue to inspire young Fijians across the nation.



Sireli Sokivate of Lautoka, Fiji **Photo: MELI NAISELE**

Tongan entrepreneur finds opportunity in Fiji Day celebrations



Lia Susau, Tongan born entrepreneur displaying her products during the Fiji Day Celebration **Photo: AZARIA FAREEN**

By AZARIA FAREEN

FOR Tongan-born entrepreneur Lia Susau, Fiji has become more than home—it's where her business dreams have taken root. Now based in Delainavesi, Ms Susau has been in Fiji for 12 years and runs Susau Investment, a growing micro-business selling traditional Tongan products such as kiekie, kafa (magimagi), and ngatu (tapa). "I started selling my products from home and then took my business online for more reach," she said. "Now I'm taking advantage of opportunities at events like Fiji Day, where I can set up a stall, sell more, get more customers, and make more profit." Ms Susau sources her raw materials directly from Tonga, supplied by her mother and sister, and then completes the products locally in Fiji. "I couldn't be happier that my business is growing, and having a booth here while people are celebrating Fiji Day will surely attract more customers," she added. Her products appeal not only to the Tongan community but also to Fijians from Lau, who, she says, are among her most loyal buyers. Since setting up her booth, Lia has already seen strong interest from visitors and civil servants. She encouraged everyone to visit her stall and support small vendors. "The more you buy, the more discount you will get," Lia said with a smile. Fiji Day celebrations are expected to draw large crowds, creating a valuable opportunity for micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) like Susau Investment to grow their customer base and generate income.

Fiji Day 2025: Peace, Unity and Progress for All!



Civil servants march to Albert Park to celebrate Fiji's 55th Independence. **Photo: MELI NAISELE**



By AZARIA FAREEN and MELI NAISELE

IT was a sea of blue at Albert Park in Suva today as proud Fijians from all walks of life came together to celebrate 55 years of independence under the theme “Peace, Unity and Progress for All.”

The day started with a march led by civil servants and school students, which began at the Suva Flea Market and proceeded to Albert Park, where the main Fiji Day celebrations were held.

At the forefront was the Fiji Police Force Band, whose lively tunes brought rhythm and excitement to the streets as they led participants along the route.

Dressed in shades of blue — symbolising Fiji’s national pride — marchers showcased the nation’s multicultural harmony and shared spirit.

The colours of the ocean filled the park, with people dressed in shades of blue and waving the Noble Banner Blue high in the air - a true reflection of love, pride, and unity.

The highlight of the celebration came with the Republic of Fiji Military Forces’ 21-

Gun Salute, which echoed across Suva to the cheers of the crowd — a moment of pride that stirred hearts and reminded everyone of Fiji's enduring strength and sovereignty.

Acting President and Chief Justice Salesi Temo reviewed the parade and took the Presidential Salute, commending those who have led and continue to lead Fiji through unity and resilience.

"Fifty-five (55) years of independence is a great achievement for Fiji. We pay due respect to our previous leaders and present leaders in shaping democracy in Fiji despite the challenges we faced on the way. We have to look after our children so that the future of tomorrow for Fiji is promising for all of us."

"Thank you for your excellent performance that you've shown today," acting President Temo said.

The air was filled with celebration, the music, the smiles, and the proud voices of Fijians rejoicing together as one people.

As the Noble Banner Blue fluttered proudly against the Suva sky, one thing was clear — Fiji's heart beats stronger when we stand together in peace, unity, and progress.

PM calls for global peace, climate justice and sustainable development at UNGA 80

PRIME Minister Sitiveni Rabuka reaffirmed Fiji's commitment to peace, climate action, and development justice for small island states at the 80th Session of the United Nations General Assembly. In delivering Fiji's national statement, PM Rabuka highlighted Fiji's 55 years of independence and over four decades of peacekeeping leadership, noting that Fiji remains the world's largest per capita troop contributor to UN peace operations. He also took the opportunity to highlight the Pacific's vision for an Ocean of Peace, a concept which was formally adopted by Pacific leaders at the recent Pacific Islands Forum Leaders meeting in Honiara, Solomon Islands. "The vision of the "Pacific as an Ocean of Peace" is rooted in the noble values of mutual respect for sovereignty, territorial integrity, and political independence. It embodies the essence of our commitment to peace and unity. These are born from the very Pacific Way of life, that is the life-long integral heart to our identity as Pacific

peoples," PM Rabuka said. Under our foreign policy priority of 'family first Pacific regionalism', PM Rabuka asserted that Fiji stands with our Pacific members. He further stated that peace and prosperity for our people means addressing the expanded definition of security with climate change high on the list. The issue of climate change took centre stage where PM Rabuka called on major emitters, particularly the G20, to shoulder responsibility, finance adaptation, and operationalise the Loss and Damage Fund. Further, he emphasised Fiji's support for Australia's bid to host COP31 as a "Pacific COP" and urged bold reforms to end fossil fuel subsidies and accelerate a just energy transition. PM Rabuka also raised the plight of low-lying Pacific nations facing displacement, stressing the need for legal recognition and dignity for climate-affected communities. "Under our 'family first Pacific regionalism' foreign policy priority, Fiji stands with its fellow Pacific Island neighbours. Some



Prime Minister Sitiveni Rabuka delivers Fiji's national statement at the 80th United Nations General Assembly in New York, United States of America last month. **Photo: SUPPLIED**

of our smaller Pacific Island communities are struggling to stay above sea level. The international community is faltering in its commitments to keep below 1.5 degrees Celsius. Low lying Pacific states expect the worse." In this regard, the Prime Minister highlighted that the Fiji Government is looking at ways to host these island communities if it is not possible to remain on their islands.

On the home front, PM Rabuka outlined Fiji's progress on constitutional reform, the establishment of a Truth and Reconciliation Commission, the launch of a National Security Strategy, and new initiatives to combat drugs, non-communicable diseases, and to better engage Fiji's diaspora community.

(Source: Office of the Prime Minister)

PM Rabuka calls for global action NCD and mental health



Prime Minister, Sitiveni Rabuka, seen here with Minister for Health and Medical Services, Dr Atonio Lalabalavu, reaffirmed Fiji's support for the Political Declaration on non-communicable diseases prevention and mental health promotion at an event in the sidelines of the 80th United Nations General Assembly last month. **Photo: SUPPLIED**

"NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES account for over 80 per cent of deaths in Fiji, affecting nearly every family, while mental health challenges—especially among our young people—too often go unrecognised."

This was the stark picture laid out by Prime Minister, Sitiveni Rabuka, as he joined world leaders and UN member states representatives, where he outlined the need for global action on the prevention and control of NCDs and the promotion of mental health and well-being at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. PM Rabuka reaffirmed Fiji's support for the Political Declaration on NCD prevention and mental health promotion, highlighting the country's commitment to achieving global health targets and universal health coverage. "Fiji welcomes the timely convening of this meeting, and the draft Political Declaration presented before us. We endorse the Declaration and commit to achieving the global targets on NCD prevention, mental health promotion, and the pursuit of universal health coverage," he remarked. "We also recognise the central role of the World Health Organisation (WHO) in addressing NCDs and mental health globally. "These interconnected crises threaten not just individual lives, but our nation's social and economic development." He highlighted Fiji's efforts to strengthen legislation on food marketing, introduce healthy school policies, and invest in mental health services. In tackling mental health issues, Fiji was increasing investment in mental health services, decentralising care, and training health workers to provide psychological first aid. However, PM Rabuka noted that stigma, underfunding and limited resources remain major obstacles. He further emphasised the added strain small island developing states (SIDS) face from climate change, food insecurity, and geographic isolation, calling for targeted international financing to meet the rising costs of NCDs and mental health care. "There is a need for targeted international financing for SIDS to address the rising cost of NCDs and mental health care.

(Source: Office of the Prime Minister)

PM Rabuka reaffirms Fiji's commitment to youth empowerment at UN



Prime Minister Sitiveni Rabuka spoke at the 30th anniversary of the World Programme of Action for Youth, a side event held during the 80th United Nations General Assembly in New York, United States of America last month. **Photo: SUPPLIED**

IN marking the 30th anniversary of the World Programme of Action for Youth, Prime Minister Sitiveni Rabuka highlighted Fiji's ongoing commitment to advancing the rights, empowerment, and participation of young people.

PM Rabuka, speaking at the side event held during the 80th United Nations General Assembly, said that youth development was central to the global development agenda, aligning with the Pact for the Future and its call to safeguard future generations.

He outlined Fiji's initiatives, including the revision of the National Youth Policy and the Pacific Youth Development Framework (PYDF), which prioritise health, education, employment, inclusion, non-discrimination, safety, and justice.

"Fiji also passed our National Anti-doping Bill and established a National Anti-Doping Organisation called 'Drugs Free Sports Fiji,' to tackle the rise in drug addiction," PM Rabuka said.

"Today's youth do not have the privileges we once enjoyed. They are now forced to muster

courage and resilience to survive the multiple and complex challenges the world presents today.

"In championing resilience, our Youth Training Centres provide skills for youths who have fallen out of the mainstream education system."

Fiji's head of Government also stressed the importance of sports, leadership exchanges, and digital services as tools to equip young people with the knowledge and skills to participate in decision-making.

PM Rabuka urged world leaders to provide the political will, resources, and determination necessary to restore hope and prosperity for future generations.

Thirty (30) years ago, the UNGA adopted the World Programme of Action for Youth – a landmark international commitment to prioritise the rights, aspirations, and potential of young people.

(Source: Office of the Prime Minister)

Fiji strengthens ties with India and Israel

By VILIAME TIKOTANI

PRIME Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Sitiveni Rabuka, has reaffirmed Fiji's commitment to advancing its national interests through strengthened partnerships with India and Israel.

PM Rabuka, speaking in Parliament last week, highlighted Fiji's bilateral progress with two of the world's most ancient nations, renowned for their rich history, innovation, and modern development.

In India, Fiji secured agreements to enhance healthcare and infrastructure, reflecting centuries of Indian ingenuity applied to contemporary needs.

Initiatives include the establishment of Jan Aushadhi Kendras for low-cost generic medicines, the Tubalevu Village Groundwater Project, and plans for a 100-

bed Super Specialty Cardiology Hospital.

A lease was also exchanged for the construction of the Indian High Commission Chancery and Cultural Centre in Suva.

"Fiji and the Republic of India have shared close and cordial relations since 1970," PM Rabuka said, while emphasising the contributions of Indian indentured labourers to Fiji's socio-economic development.

In highlighting the different areas of cooperation, he enlisted the following:

- Jan Aushadhi Kendras will ensure access to affordable healthcare.

- The Super Specialty Cardiology Hospital will bring advanced medical care to ordinary Fijians and the wider Pacific region.

- The Tubalevu Village Groundwater

Project will deliver clean drinking water to local communities.

In Israel, Fiji officially inaugurated its first resident Embassy in Jerusalem, becoming the 7th country in the world to do so and marking Israel's 100th diplomatic mission.

"Israel, a nation with a history spanning millennia, has shown extraordinary innovation and resilience. Establishing our Embassy in Jerusalem opens a new chapter in our relations, built on mutual respect and shared values," PM Rabuka said.

He described the Embassy as a "beacon of friendship and a platform for peace" highlighting deep cultural and religious ties between Fiji and the Holy Land.

Looking ahead, Fiji seeks to deepen cooperation in areas including climate resilience, agricultural innovation, border security, and digital transformation.



Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Sitiveni Rabuka, spoke in Parliament last week where he reaffirmed Fiji's commitment to advancing its national interests through strengthened partnerships with India and Israel.

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"These partnerships with India and Israel, nations that beautifully blend ancient heritage with modern achievement, will bring tangible benefits to the people of Fiji while reinforcing our place in the global community," PM Rabuka concluded.

Fiji Government commits \$3m to iTaukei Resource Development Fund

By JACKSON TUVICI

THE Coalition Government has allocated \$3 million to the iTaukei Resource Owners Support and Development Fund for the 2025-2026 financial year, aimed at bolstering iTaukei landowning unit entrepreneurship and economic well-being.

In a written response provided during the September-October sitting of Parliament, Minister for iTaukei Affairs, Ifereimi Vasu, said the funding was expected to support a total of 65 new and existing projects through major lending institutions—60 through the with Merchant Finance Limited (MFL) and five through the Fiji Development Bank (FDB).

"Provinces already engaged include Tailevu, Macuata, Ba, and Nadi, with more expected as new applications are lodged," Minister Vasu said.

He said a core reform was the shift from a grant-based scheme to an interest-subsidy model, designed to promote accountability while significantly reducing the cost of borrowing for iTaukei groups.

Milestones achieved in 2024-2025 include:

- 11 projects worth \$291,000 approved through MFL,
- Eight projects worth \$331,000 submitted to the Ministry of Finance, and
- The Tailevu Provincial Company securing a \$3 million facility through FDB, with subsidised interest.

To address technical challenges, Minister Vasu said a Project Management Unit was being established to provide crucial oversight, training, and



Minister for iTaukei Affairs, Ifereimi Vasu, on his way to the Parliamentary chambers.

Photo: SUPPLIED

monitoring support for successful project execution.

In a complementary effort, the iTaukei Development Fund Facility, administered by the iTaukei Land Trust Board (TLTB), has supported 30 groups across nine provinces, including 23 landowning units and seven co-operatives.

Minister Vasu said the eligibility and selection process under TLTB was comprehensive and rigorous, ensuring only well-prepared and sustainable ventures are supported.

Applicants are required to provide:

- Legal standing: Registered trust deeds, Joint Card/TIN, and VKB confirmation.
- Business viability: Detailed business plans, projected cashflows, supplier quotations, and, where relevant, farm reports from

the Ministry of Agriculture.

- Financial health: Six months of bank statements, existing loan statements, and, for operating businesses, three years of financial statements.
- Security: A valuation report of the property or lease to be mortgaged, consent from 51 per cent of LOU members for assignment of lease monies, and in some cases security over machinery, vehicles, or even ship mortgages for maritime ventures.

"Both initiatives strengthen iTaukei entrepreneurship, promote accountability, and most importantly, contribute to the economic wellbeing of Taukei communities and the alleviation of poverty."

Cabinet approves first-ever Child Safeguarding Policy

AZARIA FAREEN

FIJI'S Cabinet has approved the country's first Child Safeguarding Policy - a landmark step in protecting children from abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

"This policy is not only about rules and procedures. It is about building a culture of safety—a culture where children feel secure in their homes, their schools, their villages, and their communities," the Minister for Women, Children and Social Protection, Sashi Kiran said during her Ministerial statement in Parliament last week.

"The policy, developed after extensive consultation with government agencies, civil society, the private sector, and community groups, rests on four principles: zero tolerance for abuse, a child-centred approach, shared responsibility, and accountability," Minister Kiran highlighted.

"The scale of the problem is urgent - in 2024, 1,977 child welfare cases were reported through the Child Helpline and partner services, with 62 percent linked to neglect, physical abuse, or sexual abuse. Police data shows 63 percent of all sexual offences in Fiji last year involved children, including 29 infants under five."

"Each of these statistics represents an innocent Fijian child suffering harm in the very places where they should feel the most safe," the Minister added with concern.

The new guiding framework applies to all organisations and individuals working with children—including schools, community groups, sports clubs, faith-based organisations, NGOs, and businesses. It requires child-safe environments, risk assessments, safe recruitment practices, staff training, clear reporting systems, and disciplinary measures against those who fail to safeguard children.

Minister Kiran said that the Policy was aligned with recent legal reforms, including the Child Care and Protection Act 2024, the Child Justice Act 2024, and the Adoptions Act. Together, these measures aim to strengthen Fiji's child protection and justice systems.

"Violence against children currently costs the nation an estimated 4.23 percent of GDP—about \$460 million a year—in health, justice, and social impacts," she revealed.

"This Government is determined to act," the Minister told Parliament. "Protecting children is not optional—it is non-negotiable and every child in Fiji deserves to be safe, deserves to be heard, and deserves to be protected from all forms of violence."

The Policy will be officially launched next month, with implementation guidelines already in place to support rollout across government, civil society, and the private sector.



Minister for Women, Children and Social Protection, Sashi Kiran, spoke in Parliament on the first Child Safeguarding Policy.

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Teacher appointment and acting policy to ensure fairness and transparency

Education Ministry develops new discipline policy to address misconduct cases

By WANSHIKA KUMAR

THE Ministry of Education is revamping its teacher appointment and acting appointment policy to ensure fair, transparent, and merit-based placements, ending delays, favouritism and inefficiencies that has affected everyone.

Updating the Parliament on the key policy reforms last week, Minister for Education, Aseri Radrodro, said the previous policy framework for appointments and acting roles lacked consistent processes across teaching and non-teaching sectors and did not adequately capture accountability mechanisms.

This led to:

- Unclear approval pathways and delays in processing
 - Perceptions of favouritism and lack of merit-based decisions
 - In sufficient checks for disciplinary or performance issues prior to appointment
- “These gaps presented not only operational inefficiencies but also risks to the integrity of our workforce. The appointment

policy ensures that the right people are placed in the right roles, not by chance or convenience, but by merit and necessity. Our teachers and education officers deserve nothing less, and our students depend on it.”

Minister Radrodro said the revised policies for the ministry will include key features, laying out guiding principles and standardised principles in order that would further strength these policies as an effective administrative tool.

“We will continue to undertake consultations with all the relevant stakeholders including the teacher unions in the formulation and the revision of the MoE policies.”

“The overall objective is to provide a conducive, friendly and more efficient and effective learning and teaching environment and therefore these policy gaps are crucial to eliminate the long-standing discrepancies that affect everyone and particularly disadvantages schools in the rural areas and maritime islands.”



Minister for Education, Aseri Radrodro, spoke in Parliament last week where he provided an update on the issues being addressed by the Ministry and new initiatives to improve the quality of education in the country. Photo: SUPPLIED

By WANSHIKA KUMAR

IN a bid to address cases of misconduct by Heads of Schools, and Ministry of Education teaching and non-teaching staff, the Ministry is currently developing a comprehensive Discipline Policy.

Speaking in Parliament last week, Minister for Education, Aseri Radrodro, stated that the new policy is proposed to be anchored with the existing Civil Service Discipline Guidelines and the Civil Service (Discipline) Regulations, which already require that any action taken must be “prompt, transparent, fair and impartial, consistent” with clear responsibilities, rights to response, and confidentiality safeguards.

Minister Radrodro shared that past practices have often resulted in teachers who commit serious misconduct being simply transferred to another school or moved to headquarters, rather than being held accountable.

“This only serves to transfer the problem from one location to another, rather than resolving it, and in most cases, it has put students, schools, and the integrity of the education system at risk. Ministry of Education is continuously working to address the anomalies raised to us on a regular basis,” he said. “In order to mitigate unresolved misconduct in the workplace from slipping through the system, the ministry will continue to develop and enhance policies to address misconduct that are usually handled by the Performance & Disciplinary Unit (PDU) of the Ministry. This is to ensure that our employees are empowered to perform their roles and responsibilities diligently.”

“The Ministry is taking steps in working towards restoring public confidence and trust in our education system. We are also ensuring that our schools and the workplace are safe and accountable institutions.”

Skills fairs key to empowering Fiji's future: Radrodro



Minister for Education, Aseri Radrodro- seen here attending the Central Division Skills Fair held in Suva recently- put forth the proposal for a National Skills Fair in Parliament last week. Photo: SUPPLIED

By VILIAME TIKOTANI

FII'S education system is moving towards a future that blends knowledge with practical skills, says Minister for Education, Aseri Radrodro.

Speaking in Parliament last week on the Central Division Skills Fair, which was held at the National Gymnasium recently, Minister Radrodro put forth the proposal for a National Skills Fair.

The fair had drawn participation from more than 60 schools alongside industry partners, training providers and community groups.

Over 4,800 students and teachers attended across two days, showcasing innovation in fields ranging from construction, agriculture, and hospitality to digital technology, robotics, and fashion design.

“The creativity, confidence, and determination of our young people was inspiring,” said Minister Radrodro.

“They demonstrated not only craftsmanship but also innovation — using local resources and indigenous knowledge to design renewable energy models, eco-friendly homes, and climate-smart farming systems.”

He announced that building on this success, the Ministry will host a National Skills Fair from December 1-5, 2025 as part of the Viti Showcase and Skills Fair National Finals.

The national event will:

- Showcase the best student projects from all four divisions,
- Promote school-industry collaboration,
- Support micro-qualifications and recognition of prior learning,
- Encourage innovation aligned with Fiji's green and blue economy, and
- Launch skills competitions and career pathways.

Minister Radrodro emphasised that this initiative is aligned with the ongoing Education Act Review and the upcoming Education Sector Strategic Plan 2025–2030, ensuring students graduate with both knowledge and employable skills.

“Our young people are calling for learning that is relevant, practical, and empowering,” he said.

“The Skills Fair shows us that when given the opportunity, students can innovate, lead, and shape Fiji's future with confidence and pride.”

Fiji schools boost staffing with Teacher Transfer Policy



Minister of Education, Aseri Radrodro, seen here at Jai Narayan College in Suva, has been consulting with Heads of Government Schools in August and September. Photo: SUPPLIED

By WANSHIKA KUMAR

THE Ministry of Education is addressing staffing challenges in Fiji's schools through its strengthened Teacher Transfer Policy, aimed at tackling shortages, delays, and inequities in teacher placements.

Updating the Parliament on the key policy reforms last week, Minister for Education, Aseri Radrodro, said the policy plays a critical role in mitigating teacher shortages by enabling greater flexibility, responsiveness, and equity in staffing.

“This policy allows teachers who have served in one school for a tour to request or be considered for transfer,” Minister Radrodro said.

“The policy helps redistribute human resources where they are needed most. This allows the Ministry to address surplus teachers in some locations and

shortages in others. For example, when a teacher retires, resigns or when fewer teachers are available in certain STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) subjects or remote schools.”

“Moreover, this policy includes annual transfer windows and formal procedures, so that movements happen in a planned, systematic way, reducing delays and gaps in school staffing. This means when schools in maritime or rural regions lose teachers, they are more likely to have replacements ready, reducing disruption to learning.”

Minister Radrodro reiterated that by making transfer opportunities more predictable, transparent, and fair, the policy helps retain teachers, reduce attrition, motivate staff, and ensure that all schools no matter which location can access qualified teachers.

Minister Naivalurua urges ethical standards in CNB revamp

By AZARIA FAREEN

THE Counter Narcotics Bureau (CNB) is undergoing a major restructuring to strengthen its direction and effectiveness with the need for ethical officers, modern capabilities, and strong leadership to drive the bureau forward.

This was relayed by the Minister for Policing, Ioane Naivalurua, in Parliament last week where he described CNB as “too critical and too vital” to Fiji’s security to be abolished.

The Bureau, endorsed by Cabinet in 2024, will spearhead Fiji’s Counter Narcotics Strategy 2023–2028, which focuses on reducing drug supply, lowering harm, building recovery and rehabilitation services, and strengthening legal frameworks.

“We have reviewed the unit which needs to be aligned, adjusted, the structure needs to be changed, it needs a new direction and above all have a new fitting into the unit,” he highlighted.

“It is similar to you refitting your new furniture at your home. Some could be old, some worn out and some are not suited for the weather, so we change it. So similarly, the same principles apply to the Narcotics Bureau.”

“Right now, we are going through a strong, open, merit-based recruitment process to acquire the right people who are fit for the (CNB),” he added.

He said that this includes the ability to bring in candidates with the right capabilities, the right technologies and above all, the right tempo.

“For me, the biggest challenge will be selecting the right people that have strong ethical values and who are able to withstand the challenges of the department they will be working in and will not succumb to the temptation of doing something wrong or bad,” the Minister said.

“That really is the key issue right now - we need strong, ethical officers that can withstand the challenges of what they go through in their work environment. We need members that are not just experienced but have the appropriate knowledge, skills, proven integrity and professionalism.”

“The Bureau has been allocated a budget of \$2 million which is established under the Ministry of Policing and will be fully operational before the end of this fiscal year,” the Minister assured.

The Counter Narcotics Strategy 2023-2028 focuses on seven strategic areas, including demand reduction, supply reduction, harm reduction, legal reform, data collection, establishment of a Drug (treatment) Court, and strengthening partnership, coordination and international cooperation.

Meanwhile, Minister Naivalurua has urged police officers to be respectful, obedient and not get into trouble.

He also has advised the public to rally behind the Police Force to ensure that they are able to provide the services they are



Minister for Policing, Ioane Naivalurua, in Parliament last week where he emphasised the importance of Counter Narcotics Bureau to Fiji’s security. Photo: SUPPLIED

meant to.

“My message to you all is to please support the police in their work as we need a community that is fully behind the police force and we need a holistic approach as it is one of the best impactful ways to create lasting security,” he urged.

“Do not take the law into your own hands. We cannot afford to have a community that is full of vigilante groups as that is not the way forward for Fiji.”

“I know we have issues too within the force, however, that is a role that the Commissioner of Police, Rusiate Tudravu

and I are working hard to improve but we need a little bit of time,” Minister Naivalurua stated.

“We are known to be a very peaceful country and we should maintain that.”

“When human security and national security work hand in hand, they reinforce each other and together, they build the sphere of peace that we all desire—a sphere where our communities are protected, our youth are given hope, and our nation stands resilient against crime and disorder,” he further added.

Youth at the centre of Fiji’s drug crisis



Minister for Policing, Ioane Naivalurua, met with civil servants and frontline police officers in Kadavu as part of his ongoing five-day visit to the island, during his August this year. Photo: MELI NAISELE

By AZARIA FAREEN

THE Fiji Government has sounded the alarm over the nation’s growing youth involvement in illicit drugs, warning that the problem is now an “existential threat” to Fiji’s future.

“Our young people, who should be shaping the future of our nation, are instead being drawn into the cycle of drugs—whether through possession, use, or cultivation,” the Minister for Policing, Ioane Naivalurua said.

“Between January 2024 and August 2025, Police recorded 3,096 cases of unlawful possession and 225 cases of unlawful cultivation of illicit drugs,” he relayed.

“In the same period, 3,441 offenders were arrested—most of them aged 18 to 35 years. By contrast, only 71 offenders were over the age of 56.”

“These figures reveal a troubling truth: Fiji’s drug problem is overwhelmingly a youth problem,” the Minister said.

Police raids between March and September 2025 seized more than 19 tonnes of marijuana, valued at FJ\$194.2 million, along with 4.9 kilograms of methamphetamine worth USD \$1.3 million.

“This calls for urgent action, not only through strong enforcement but also through prevention, education, and opening of pathways that give our youth real alternatives to crime,” Minister Naivalurua added.

He emphasised that the new integrated approach would combine law enforcement with community development, tackling both the supply of drugs and the social drivers—poverty, unemployment, and lack of opportunity—that allow trafficking and abuse to spread.

Fiji’s Fight Against Drugs – 2024/2025

Major Seizures (March–Sept 2025)



Drug Cases (Jan 2024 – Aug 2025)



Who is Affected?



Government Response

-  Stronger police raids & arrests
-  Targeting marijuana & synthetic drugs
-  Community, schools & faith groups engaged
-  National strategies to protect Fiji’s future

Minister for Policing
Hon. Ioane Naivalurua

Ministry of Information takes part in mangrove planting initiative



As part of the 2025 Fiji Day Celebration, the Ministry of Information joined other Government Ministries in the week-long mangrove planting initiative, spearheaded by the Ministry of Fisheries and Forestry, along the Suva foreshore.

Minister for Information, Lynda Tabuya and her staff participated in the planting of 1,500 seedlings as part of the 7,500 potted mangrove seedlings planned for the week-long initiative.

Photos: WANSHIKA KUMAR



DPM Gavoka calls for stronger agriculture-tourism partnership



Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Tourism and Civil Aviation, Viliame Gavoka, highlighted the importance of closer collaboration between Fiji's agriculture and tourism sectors to build resilience and drive authentic visitor experiences.

Speaking at the plenary session of the 2025 National Agriculture Show at Koroivolu Park, DPM Gavoka said agriculture and tourism were two pillars of the economy that must walk hand in hand.

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"Hibiscus festival is the beating heart of our nation": DPM Prasad



Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance, Biman Prasad, praised the 69th Hibiscus Festival as a celebration of Fiji's culture, unity, and community spirit, describing it as "the beating heart of our nation."

Speaking at the closing ceremony in Suva late last month, DPM Prasad congratulated the 2025 Miss Hibiscus Queen and the contestants for their grace, intelligence, and poise.

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Fiji-China relationship has stood the test of time



Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance, Biman Prasad, has reaffirmed Fiji's strong and enduring ties with the People's Republic of China as the two nations celebrated 50 years of formal diplomatic relations.

Speaking at the anniversary event in Suva, DPM Prasad said Fiji's relationship with China was at an unprecedented level, characterised by respect for sovereignty, mutual prosperity, and collaboration in areas of shared interest.

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Local family business showcases poultry farming at National Agriculture Show 2025

By AZARIA FAREEN and MELI NAISELE

AWESOME Chicks Supply - a local family-based business in Ba has been making waves at the National Agriculture Show 2025 in Nadi, showcasing their impressive poultry farming operations and poultry products.

Business owner and farmer, Mr Rae Prakash said that the business has attracted customers in the local community and across Fiji, including the outer islands.

"We are displaying our products in particular "Bula Bird" which is a cross between a meat bird and wild chicken," he said.

"While the meat bird takes 6-weeks to get ready, the Bula Bird takes 12-weeks to be ready. Even though we have a longer waiting period before the bird is ready, it is worth the wait as it tastes delicious."

"I have a farm and hatchery which has been in operation since 2009. I have more than a thousand egg laying birds and we have brought in 600 hundred breeder birds from New Zealand which are 8 weeks old," he added.

The commitment of the business to quality has led to successful exports of chicks to destinations such as Tuvalu, Nauru, Kiribati, and major islands in Fiji, including Labasa, Laucala Island and

Kokomo Island.

Faith Prakash, a family member, has expressed her gratitude to the Ministry of Agriculture and the government for dedicating a week to promote local agricultural businesses, recognizing the significant support provided to enhance the agricultural sector in the region.

"I acknowledge the Ministry of Agriculture and the government for scheduling a week dedicated to us local farmers, it enables us to not only showcase and sell our produce but to expand networking with other local farmers," Ms Prakash said.

As the journey of poultry farming continued, the 25-year-old highlighted that adverse weather conditions, poultry diseases and fluctuating market prices are the main challenges faced by the family, however, they have developed innovative strategies to navigate these hurdles, continually seeking alternative solutions to ensure the sustainability of their business.

"Life in poultry farming is never easy, we knew there were going to be challenges, however, we worked together and stood our ground to overcome such issues"," she said.

Awesome Chicks Supply family business has also extended a challenge to other local families to consider starting their own businesses whether agricultural or otherwise emphasising the importance of taking the first step.

"It's all about starting somewhere," Ms Prakash said.

The family business also acknowledged the crucial assistance in agricultural services provided by the Biosecurity Authority of Fiji (BAF) which has been instrumental in their operations.

"BAFs dedication to poultry farming not only highlights their entrepreneurial spirit but also serves as an inspiration for aspiring

local business owners across the region," she added.

As Awesome Chicks Supply continues to make its mark at the National Agriculture Show, it stands as a testament to the resilience of local farmers in Fiji, dedicated to contributing to the nation's agricultural landscape.



The Prakash family who are the owners of Awesome Chicks Supply at Koroivolu Park, Nadi. Photo: MELI NAISELE

Mudrenicagi Organic Farm: From Vision to Reality



Karen Mills and Arthur Mills, the couple that owns the Mudrenicagi Organic Farm showcasing their products at the National Agriculture Show in Nadi. Photo: MELI NAISELE

AMONG the many inspiring stories showcased at the 2025 National Agriculture Show, the remarkable journey of Mudrenicagi Organic Farm captured attention, an enterprise driven by the passion and resilience of the Mills family.

Karen Mills, originally from Canada, and Arthur Mills, from Wainunu in Bua, returned to Fiji in 2015 after decades abroad.

The couple's dream was simple yet bold: to farm organically, without chemicals, and to prove that sustainable farming could thrive in Fiji's communities.

Their story reflects more than just farming—it embodies the vision of a safer,

healthier and more prosperous Fiji and through partnerships with the Ministry of Agriculture and support from other organisations, the farm continues to grow as a beacon of innovation and sustainability.

"Our journey would not have been possible without the encouragement and support from the Ministry of Agriculture. Their recognition of our work shows the Government's dedication to building resilient and healthy farming communities," Mr Mills said.

He explained that their approach was challenging, as many believed organic farming could not succeed in Fiji, yet they remained committed over the years.

Mr Mills reflected that the journey has not

been without setbacks as Cyclone Winston and Cyclone Yasa devastated parts of their farm, wiping out their first vanilla crop but resilience has defined the Mills family.

Today, their vanilla vines are thriving once again, alongside cocoa, coffee, coconuts, and diverse root crops.

On their 93-acre property, the Mills family has established a mixed farming system.

They now manage 25 beehives, producing honey and beeswax products, as well as poultry, supplying eggs and fresh produce to markets in Nabouwalu.

Value-added products such as sauces, jams, and candles also showcase the versatility of their farm.

"Our philosophy is never to rely on one crop," Mrs Mills explained.

"We want to model a diversified, high-value farming system that is both sustainable and resilient. That's what organic farming is about—healthy soil, healthy food, healthy people."

Mr Mills encourages Fijians to prepare early and invest in farming.

"Don't wait until you retire. Start planting high-value crops and make use of government

grants allocated to the agriculture sector. By the time you return to the village, your farm will already be producing."

At the National Agriculture Show, the Mills family had the chance to showcase their honey, value-added bee products and farm-made preserves.

For them, the event was not only about celebrating their success but also about networking with other farmers, businesses and government agencies.

"It's opportunities like this that help us share our story, connect with suppliers, and continue building a stronger farming community," Mrs Mills said.

As the Agricultural Show celebrates Fiji's farming future, the Mills family's journey has been a testament to what vision, persistence, and sustainability can achieve.

From a dream planted in 2015, with the assistance of the Government and the Ministry of Agriculture, Mudrenicagi Organic Farm now stands as one of Fiji's shining examples of how organic farming can secure livelihoods, restore the land and build healthier communities for generations to come.



Karen Mills and Arthur Mills of Mudrenicagi Organic Farm. Photo: MELI NAISELE

Young Farmer of the Year honoured at National Agriculture Show 2025

By MELI NAISELE

THE 2025 National Agriculture Show held in Nadi, reaffirmed the Government’s commitment to empowering farmers and strengthening Fiji’s agricultural sector as a driver of sustainable development.

Among the highlights of the week-long event was the recognition of 28-year-old crop farmer, Mohammad Iqbal of Valelawa, Dreketi, who was awarded Young Farmer of the Year.

Mr Iqbal dedicated the award to the memory of his late father, acknowledging the pivotal role he played in his farming journey.

After working briefly in the hospitality sector, Mr Iqbal eventually returned to farming full-time, cultivating a wide variety of crops including watermelon, cucumber, pumpkin, maize, cabbage, and dhania.

He credited his success to the strong support provided by the Ministry of

Agriculture and Waterways and the Government through ploughing services, subsidised inputs and advisory assistance.

“Agriculture officers have always been there for us. They helped with ploughing, provided subsidised fertilisers and chemicals, and most importantly, gave us the knowledge to expand our farms,” the young farmer said.

Mr Iqbal further commended the Government for prioritising agriculture as a national development sector, noting that initiatives such as advisory support and subsidised services have significantly improved the livelihoods of farmers.

“If agriculture assistance was not available, we would not be able to reach this level. I would like to sincerely thank the Ministry of Agriculture, especially the officers in my locality, for enabling me to achieve this award,” he said.

The young farmer also encouraged other youths to take up agriculture, highlighting the role of modern technology and advisory

services in helping him grow his farm.

“Be connected with your agriculture department and locality officers because they will guide you in the right way. Use modern technologies wisely—Google, YouTube, and online resources, they have helped me a lot in learning and applying new methods to grow my farm,” Mr Iqbal

added.

The conclusion of the 2025 National Agriculture Show once again underscored the Government’s commitment to supporting farmers, boosting food security, and inspiring the next generation to view agriculture as a viable and rewarding career.



Mohammed Iqbal, 28, of Valelawa, Dreketi after winning the Young Farmer of the Year at the 2025 National Agriculture Show in Nadi. Photo: MELI NAISELE



Minister for Public Works, Meteorological Services and Transport, Ro Filipe Tuisawau, officially opened the \$661,000 Kacidavui Crossing along Nakobo Road in Cakaudrove. Photo: JACKSON TUVICI

New rural crossings commissioned in Cakaudrove and Bua

By JACKSON TUVICI

THE Government has commissioned rural crossings worth over \$2.8 million to improve community access, strengthen connectivity, and boost resilience against climate change.

Minister for Public Works, Meteorological Services and Transport, Ro Filipe Tuisawau, officially opened the \$661,000 Kacidavui Crossing along Nakobo Road in Cakaudrove.

The new bridge will benefit Vunisavisavi Village, providing safer travel and access to the historic Thomas Baker heritage site.

For years, families in Vunisavisavi faced dangerous river crossings during heavy rain. Parents like Elena Vakaselekabu carried children across rushing waters to reach school, healthcare, or town.

“This bridge has brought us peace,” Mrs Vakaselekabu said.

“It’s more than just a bridge, it’s a

blessing for our community.”

Other projects include the \$671,000 Namuavoivoi 2 Crossing in Nabilodra, serving the Tikina of Lekutu and Wainunu in Bua; the \$707,000 Wairiki Crossing along Navakuru Road, serving Navakuru Village and Wairiki Primary School; and the \$840,000 Bagasau Crossing, benefitting Bagasau, Nakobo, and Vunisavisavi villages, Nakobo Primary School, and Hannibal Resort.

Delivered in partnership with the Fiji Roads Authority and maintenance contractors Fair Deal and RPA, the projects highlight the Government’s commitment to rural infrastructure, economic development, and climate resilience.

“These crossings are more than infrastructure,” Minister Tuisawau said.

“They are lifelines that connect our people to markets, schools, healthcare and opportunities while strengthening resilience against climate change.”

Minister Tuisawau concludes Northern Division



Minister for Public Works, Meteorological Services and Transport, Ro Filipe Tuisawau, recently concluded his five-day tour of the Northern Division where he commissioned infrastructure projects. Photo: JACKSON TUVICI

By JACKSON TUVICI

MINISTER for Public Works, Meteorological Services and Transport, Ro Filipe Tuisawau, recently concluded his five-day tour of the Northern Division with the commissioning of the upgraded Vunikoka Water Pump Station and a new Customer Service Office in Savusavu. The \$1.4 million Government-funded project includes a new pump house and service

facility for the Water Authority of Fiji (WAF). The upgraded pump will strengthen water supply to Savusavu town and surrounding communities while providing backup capacity during service disruptions.

The new Customer Service Office will make it easier for residents to pay bills, lodge requests and access other WAF services, complementing the utility’s digital platforms.

“These projects are an important investment for the people of Savusavu and surrounding villages, ensuring reliable access to clean water and better customer service,” Minister Tuisawau said.

The project will directly benefit more than 2,400 people, including families, businesses, and tourism operators in Savusavu. It also supports the Water Sector Strategy 2050, which focuses on building resilient infrastructure to meet Fiji’s future water and sanitation needs.

The commissioning closed the Minister’s five-day Northern tour, which included visits to infrastructure projects and community engagements across the division.

New Nabouwalu Town Development

In Nabouwalu, Government is developing approximately 5.5 hectares of land into a new township.

The approved subdivision scheme includes:

- 23 commercial lots
- 4 civic lots (including the market and bus stand)
- 1 government lot (for future government offices)
- 4 industrial lots
- Recreational space

Phase 1, now underway

- Focuses on 7 commercial lots along Nabouwalu Highway and \$1.3 million budgeted this financial year to cater for civil works
- A total of over \$3.2 million to-date injected into the Nabouwalu Township Project, with overall project cost amounting to \$8.38 million
- Project expected to complete in 2027 - 2028 financial year

Nabouwalu Passenger Services Terminal

Alongside the new township, to cater for seafarers and travellers through Nabouwalu, the Ministry has developed a Passenger Services Terminal. This includes:

- Seating for 150 passengers
- Modern restrooms
- Offices for BAF and MSAF
- Ticketing booths, kiosks, and a coffee shop
- A police post for safety



Hon. Maciu Nalumisa
Minister for Local Government and Housing

FLIPS: Revitalising Fiji's civil service for a future-ready nation



Prime Minister and Minister for Civil Service, Sitiveni Rabuka, and Public Service Commission chairperson, Luke Rokovada, with guests at the opening of Fiji Institute for Public Service (FLIPS) earlier this year. Photo: SUPPLIED

AFTER more than six decades since its inception, the Fiji Learning Institute for Public Service (FLIPS) has reopened with a renewed mission: to build a future-ready Civil Service.

For generations, the institute has been pivotal in preparing Fiji's civil servants; from the days of independence to the modern era of governance.

It has nurtured local leadership, shaped national policies, and strengthened the machinery of government.

At the reopening in March 2025, Prime Minister and Minister for Civil Service, Sitiveni Rabuka highlighted FLIPS' purpose:

"The Civil Service is responsible for implementing and enforcing Government's national development aspirations. I am rest assured that the national and international learning opportunities that will be coordinated under FLIPS, will strengthen the capacity of civil servants, ensuring continuous skills development."

Founding years - building local civil servants: 1960 - 1974

The mid-1960s colonial administration recognised the urgent need to build capacity for local civil servants.

A Training Division was approved in 1965, with the goal of preparing Fijians to take on greater responsibility as the country moved towards independence.

In 1968, under the leadership of Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara as Chief Minister and Governor Sir Robert Foster, the division was expanded into the Department of Localization and Training, a step that was designed to ensure that the emerging independent state had a strong local civil service.

By 1974, the Department was transferred to the Public Service Commission, cementing its role in shaping the early years of Fiji's governance.

Evolution and growth: 1980 - 2000

As Fiji navigated its first decades of independence, the institute became central to strengthening governance and policy practice.

The courses offered included supervisory and executive officer training, report writing, industrial relations, performance appraisal, and leadership which not only provided

practical skills but also established a professional and accountable public service.

Institute rebirth: 2025

Recognising the need to modernise the Civil Service, the Coalition Government approved the establishment of FLIPS at the old Government training center in March 2024.

More than \$1 million was allocated in the 2024-2025 National Budget to support the initiative.

The late Parmesh Chand, former FLIPS Board Chairman, played a pivotal role in shaping the vision for the institute.

He described FLIPS as "a central hub for training and capacity building...a practitioner-based training institute where experienced public administrators can guide new graduates and civil servants in understanding the ethos, principles, and responsibilities of public service."

FLIPS' mandate is to strengthen service delivery, improve accountability, and ensure that resources entrusted to the state are mobilised effectively for the benefit of the everyday people of Fiji.

FLIPS today

Now fully operational, the institute delivers a wide range of local training programmes, including Public Service Leadership, Quality Customer Service, Effective Communication, Mental Health and Suicide Prevention, Records Management, Mediation, Anti-Corruption, and Sustainable Leadership.

Each year, FLIPS also facilitates training opportunities for more than 1,000 civil servants overseas in countries such as China, South Korea, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, Australia, and India.

Its facilities are designed to provide a modern and collaborative learning environment featuring three dedicated training centres; the Vuale Talanoa House, the Ocean of Peace Building, and the William Cruickshank Building designed to provide a modern and collaborative learning environment.

Outlook for FLIPS

FLIPS is positioned to support the Government's drive to modernise public administration by building institutional resilience and developing the skills needed to meet complex governance challenges, from global crises to digital transformation.

Ministry of Civil Service acting permanent secretary and FLIPS acting chief executive officer, Pita Tagicakirewa, highlighted this vision:

"FLIPS is designed to build a skilled and accountable Civil Service. Our focus is to ensure that every officer is equipped with the knowledge and standards required to deliver services efficiently and with integrity."

He added that the institute is finalising the rollout of Public Service Exams, which will be compulsory for new civil servants during their probationary period.

Looking ahead, FLIPS will expand its curriculum to include Governance and Leadership, Ethics and Code of Conduct, Project Management, Public Administration, Finance for Non-Finance Officers, and Human Resource Management.

The establishment of FLIPS highlights Fiji's commitment to a Civil Service that is capable, accountable, and ready for the future. By investing in people, the Government is laying the foundation for a resilient public administration that can meet today's demands and prepare for tomorrow's opportunities.

(Kirisitiana Uluwai is the Communications Coordinator at the Ministry of Civil Service)



Civil servants at the old Fiji Institute for Public Service (FLIPS). Photo: SUPPLIED

Honouring PS Parmesh Chand's legacy of public service and patriotism



Leaving behind a legacy...the late Parmesh Chand, former permanent secretary of the Ministry of Civil Service. Photo: SUPPLIED

"I WANT to leave behind a legacy that will allow others (civil servants) to carry on."

When news broke of the passing of permanent secretary, Parmesh Chand, in July this year, many across Fiji and the region flooded social media spaces reflecting on how he impacted their professional lives.

He truly lived a life dedicated to public service.

Mr Chand was more than a senior official to his colleagues and those he led; he was a mentor, a guide, and a steady hand during times of transition.

Known for his humility and calm presence, he carried with him a quiet strength that inspired confidence and respect from all who worked alongside him.

PSC chairman, Luke Rokovada, described him as "a true pillar of strength, a gentle giant whose unwavering commitment to justice and humanity touched the lives of many."

It was this blend of wisdom and compassion that made Mr Chand not only a leader but also a trusted friend and confidant to many within the public service.

Behind the policies and reforms that he spearheaded was a man deeply committed to people and to humanity.

He believed in building institutions that could outlast him, establishing initiatives such as the Fiji Truth and Reconciliation Commission, the Fiji Learning Institute for Public Service (FLIPS), and the Higher Salaries Commission.

For him, these were not just bureaucratic achievements but foundations for a fairer, more capable, and more just Fiji.

For two decades, Mr Chand served in some of the most senior positions in Fiji's governance system, including as Permanent Secretary to the Office of the Prime Minister and later as Permanent Secretary for Civil Service and Public Enterprises.

In every role, he remained guided by values of integrity, humility, and a steadfast belief in the power of good governance.

Yet, beyond his official titles, those who knew him remember a man of deep kindness.

He never hesitated to listen, to encourage, and to share his knowledge generously.

Whether speaking to senior officials or junior officers just beginning their careers, he treated everyone with respect and genuine care.

He valued people for their ideas and contribution, making the work of nation-building feel like a calling from above.

His passing is not only a loss to the Public Service Commission but to Fiji as a whole.

Fiji will remember him as a man whose life's work was rooted in service, and whose memory will continue to inspire generations of civil servants to come.

(Kirisitiana Uluwai is the Communications Coordinator at the Ministry of Civil Service)

By MELI NAISELE

Ms Lata also expressed gratitude to the Government and the Ministry of Agriculture for creating opportunities for farmers to showcase and sell their products.

As the show concluded, the stories of farmers such as Ms Lata stood as a reminder of the vital role agriculture plays in building a secure, prosperous, and inclusive Fiji.



Riteshni Lata showcasing her pot plants at the National Agriculture Show held at Nadi late last month. **Photo: MELI NAISELE**

Mohammed's journey into rice farming



Minister for Environment and Climate Change, Mosese Bulitavu, hands over the Best New Farmer- Western Division award to Mohammed Khan of Raviravi, Ba.

Photo: SUPPLIED

By MAHEMA KHAN

From struggles in his Raviravi fields to national recognition, his journey is proof that resilience can turn hardship into success.

FIJI'S 2024 AGRI-EXPORT HIGHLIGHTS



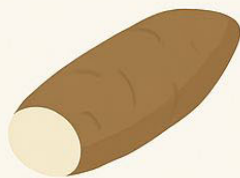
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NEXT STEP: MOVE UP THE VALUE CHAIN

**Too many exports are raw/semi-processed.
We're investing in value addition**

- **Turmeric** → capsules, wellness products
- **Ginger** → extracts, drinks
- **Cassava** → flour, ready-to-cook

- ✓ Higher farmer incomes
- ✓ More jobs
- ✓ Longer shelf life
- ✓ Stronger Fiji branding

2025 National Scam Awareness Week

DEPUTY Prime Minister and Minister for Trade, Co-operatives, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and Communications, Manoa Kamikamica, has highlighted the Government's strong commitment to protecting Fijians from the growing threat of online scams and cyber fraud.

Speaking at the launch of Fiji's National Scam Awareness Week 2025 in Suva, DPM Kamikamica emphasised that scams are no longer minor consumer issues, but national security threats that undermine trust, exploit vulnerable citizens, and destabilise small businesses.

"Scams are already in our inboxes, our phones, and our communities. We must act decisively — together - to make Fiji a scam-free nation," he said.

The Deputy Prime Minister announced several key initiatives, including:

- The development of Fiji's first National Anti-Scam Roadmap, in partnership with the Consumer Council of Fiji and the Pacific Digital Economy Programme.

- The introduction of targeted amendments to the Online Safety Act and Cybercrime Act to strengthen enforcement and penalties.

- The upcoming launch of a national scam reporting and analytics platform in early 2026.

- Progress toward a Data Protection Act to safeguard citizens' personal information.

DPM Kamikamica reaffirmed that Fiji's response will be whole-of-government and globally aligned, with Fiji soon joining the UN Convention against Cybercrime.

He commended the Consumer Council of Fiji and development partners, including the United Nations, European Union, Australia, and New Zealand for their ongoing support in building digital safety and resilience.

"Working together for a scam-free Fiji is not just a slogan, it is our mission," DPM Kamikamica said.

(Source: Ministry of Trade, Co-operatives, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and Communications)



Fijian Competition and Consumer Commission chief executive officer, Senikavika Jiuta, with Ministry of Communications Director-General Digital Transformation, Cybersecurity and Communications, Tupou'tuah Baravilala at the launch of Fiji's National Scam Awareness Week 2025 in Suva this week.

Photo: SUPPLIED

Govt assures support for Tavua farmers following Ba Mill fire



Sugarcane farmers in the greater Tavua area whose cane deliveries have been affected by the recent fire at the Rarawai Sugar Mill in Ba have been assured of support by the Ministry of Multi-Ethnic Affairs and Sugar Industry. Photo: SUPPLIED

The Ministry of Multi-Ethnic Affairs and Sugar Industry has reaffirmed its commitment to supporting the sugarcane farmers in the greater Tavua area whose cane deliveries have been affected by the recent fire at the Rarawai Sugar Mill in Ba.

Ministry's permanent secretary, Dr Vinesh Kumar, met with farmers from Wainivoce, Vatubo, Rakavidi, Wainivoce, and WaiKubukubu recently to discuss their concerns regarding the issue of transporting harvested cane.

The railway loop serving the area had recently undergone successful repair and maintenance works by the Fiji Sugar Corporation (FSC) and was ready for operation prior to the mill fire.

However, with the Ba Mill temporarily non-operational, farmers now face major challenges in moving their cane out from the farm.

Many have engaged manual

labourers who are becoming increasingly concerned as harvesting activities are on hold.

After consultations with farmers and industry representatives, Dr Kumar announced that the Ministry and FSC have agreed to develop alternative transport access routes to ensure cane delivery continues.

FSC has been tasked to conduct scoping works in the affected areas to determine the best approach for creating dual-mode cane transfer routes, which will allow trucks to access farms.

"Given the urgency of the situation and the remote nature of these farming communities, we have decided to mobilise machinery to begin access road construction immediately. Our goal is to ensure that farmers can deliver their cane before the rainy season begins and that no farmer loses their crop because of the current disruptions," he said.

As part of this intervention, two FSC lorries have been dedicated

to service the affected areas and farmers have been encouraged to work collectively to ensure the new road access routes are shared and connect to all farms requiring transport assistance.

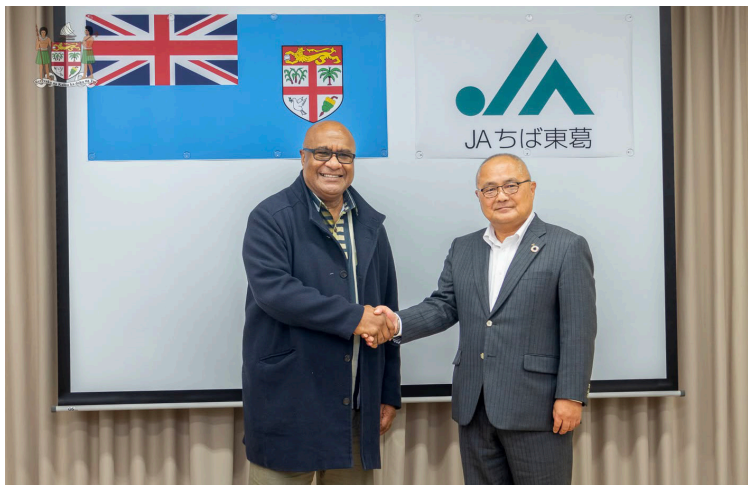
Balbant Singh, a farmer and advisory councillor, expressed his gratitude to the Government for its timely intervention and support.

"This initiative will greatly benefit more than 50 farmers in our area," Mr Singh said.

"Until now, we have relied solely on the rail system to transport cane to the mill. With the Government's swift response to construct access roads and provide trucks, our farmers can now deliver their cane without loss. Without these new roads, much of our cane would have been left in the fields."

(Source: Ministry of Multi-Ethnic Affairs and Sugar Industry)

Lessons from Japan's cooperative success to strengthen Fiji



Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Trade, Cooperatives, MSMEs and Communications, Manoa Kamikamica visited the Chiba Toukatu Agricultural Cooperative (JA Chiba Toukatu) in Tokyo, Japan recently. Photo: SUPPLIED

DEPUTY Prime Minister and Minister for Trade, Cooperatives, MSMEs and Communications, Manoa Kamikamica visited the Chiba Toukatu Agricultural Cooperative (JA Chiba Toukatu) in Tokyo, Japan recently.

The visit, a part of the Deputy Prime Minister's official programme for the Fiji-Japan Business Mission and Fiji's National Day at the World Expo 2025 in Osaka, reflected Fiji's partnership with Japan that has thrived for more than 50 years.

It also provided an opportunity to study Japan's successful agricultural cooperatives model and to explore how its principles might be adapted to Fiji's context.

"The JA Chiba Toukatu experience is a clear demonstration of how cooperative enterprises can empower communities," DPM Kamikamica said.

"As Fiji and Japan mark over five decades of friendship, we look forward to drawing inspiration from this model to advance our own cooperative sector."

JA Chiba Cooperative was formed through the consolidation of several cooperatives, including JA Chiba Kenhoku, JA Kashiwa-shi and JA Nishi-Funabashi, followed by the 2017 merger with JA Tokatsu Futaba.

It now operates with a share capital of ¥1.76 billion (FJ\$26.8million) and a membership base of 18,882, comprising 7,168 regular members and 11,714 associate members.

The JA group Chiba provides a wide range of services, including general coordination and management consulting, credit and economic support (purchasing and marketing), mutual insurance, welfare assistance, media and information services, publishing and cultural activities, as well as travel services.

(Source: Ministry of Trade, Cooperatives, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and Communications)

Fiji strengthens maritime partnership with India

By SHILTA SINGH

THE Commanding Officer of the Indian Naval Ship Kadmatt, Commander Kutuhul Limaye, underscored the significance of Fiji-India relations during the ship's recent pivotal three-day goodwill visit to Suva.

Commander Limaye said the deployment of INS Kadmatt marked the first step following the recent meeting between the Prime Ministers of both countries, where it was agreed to strengthen the partnership, particularly in maritime security and related issues.

"When Fiji and India's Prime Ministers met recently in Delhi, they discussed the foundational idea of an Ocean of Peace and decided to strengthen the partnership between India and Fiji. A part of this agreement was to enhance cooperation in maritime security and maritime issues."

"Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra

Modi expressed his strong support for this vision and welcomed its alignment with India's foreign policy priorities of promoting peace."

"Following that, the first step was to bring a ship here to Fiji, because when an Indian naval ship comes, India itself is represented here," Commander Limaye explained.

He added that the ocean presents challenges that no single navy can manage alone, highlighting that cooperation remains a fundamental principle for both nations.

"There is no better partner than Fiji. Our countries have shared a long-standing relationship. The ocean has always been central to civilisation here, and it has contributed immensely to the progress of this region. The sea connects us and therefore, the presence of a ship here is natural and necessary," he said.

Commander Limaye described Suva's scenic entry at dawn as a memorable



Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Finance, Biman Prasad, with the Commanding Officer of the Indian Naval Ship Kadmatt, Commander Kutuhul Limaye, with a colleague and Indian High Commissioner to Fiji, Suneet Mehta. **Photo: SUPPLIED**

moment for the crew, adding that the warm welcome of the Fijian people brought a sense of home and family after seven days of sailing.

In addition to its primary mission being in anti-submarine warfare, INS Kadmatt also plays an important diplomatic role by engaging with friendly nations and strengthening bilateral ties.

"Our ship is 109 metres long, 14 metres wide, and weighs 3,000 tons. It is equipped

with weapons and sensors. The most important fact is that it is completely designed in India, built in Indian shipyards, and equipped with Indian weapons and sensors."

"Serving on a Made in India, Made for India ship, and performing our duty for the nation, gives us immense pride and honour," Commander Limaye added.

Fiji and Japan partner to boost cybersecurity capacity in the Pacific



Manager Cybersecurity at the Ministry of Policing, Savenaca Siwatibau, (fourth from left, in blue) with participants of the regional cybersecurity training programme for Pacific Island countries. **Photo: SUPPLIED**

By AZARIA FAREEN

THE Fiji Government, in partnership with the Government of Japan, has successfully concluded a regional cybersecurity training program for Pacific Island Countries.

The program, held in Nadi from 28th September to 2nd October 2025, brought together more than 20 participants from 13 Pacific Island Countries. This marked the third consecutive year Fiji has hosted the training.

Manager Cybersecurity at the Ministry of Policing, Savenaca Siwatibau, reaffirmed the Government's commitment to building regional resilience.

"Over the week, participants strengthened their skills in incident response, threat

intelligence, cyber forensics, and hands-on exercises such as CYDER, preparing them to better defend against evolving cyber threats," Mr Siwatibau said.

"These skills are critical as our region faces growing challenges in cybercrime and digital threats, and as our digital border officers must continually upskill to protect citizens and infrastructure," he added.

Mr Siwatibau highlighted that the program also formed part of Fiji's contribution to Cyber Awareness Month.

"This program underscores our commitment to digital resilience and promoting safe cyber practices across the Pacific."

He also acknowledged the strong support from Japan's Government and its Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC).

"As Fiji progresses

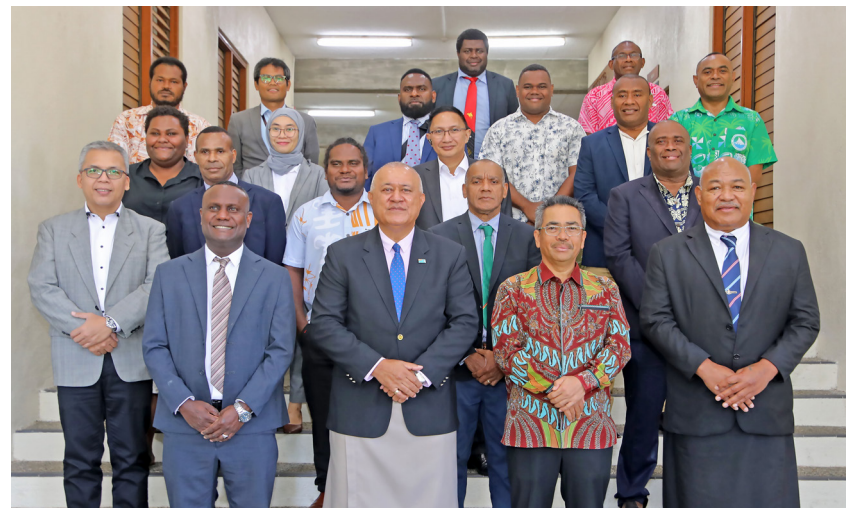
towards securing critical infrastructure and protecting vital information, we deeply appreciate the unwavering support of our partners," he said.

The training was aligned to the regional priorities under the Pacific Islands Forum's Boe Declaration on Regional Security, the new Ocean of Peace strategy and Fiji's National Security Strategy, which emphasises stronger cooperation, incident readiness and skills development.

"As host nation, Fiji is proud to take a leadership role in advancing cybersecurity capacity for the Pacific, ensuring that all island nations benefit from shared knowledge, tools, and resilience strategies," Mr Siwatibau said.

"Together, we are building a safer and more resilient Pacific."

MSG meeting opens to strengthen regional security



Minister for Policing, Ioane Naivalurua with participants at the opening of the 7th Melanesian Spearhead Group (MSG) Regional Security Strategy Working Group Meeting. **Photo: AZARIA FAREEN**

By AZARIA FAREEN

“WITH our vast ocean homes, no single state alone can preserve and maintain regional safety – it will require collaboration and cooperation to foster security.”

In opening the 7th Melanesian Spearhead Group (MSG) Regional Security Strategy Working Group Meeting recently, the Minister for Policing, Ioane Naivalurua, emphasised the importance of solidarity in facing shared security challenges.

Speaking before delegates from Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu, Minister Naivalurua said, “the MSG represents more than just a sub-regional institution – it is a partnership forged on political, economic and social cohesion”.

He commended the foresight of past leaders in shaping the proposed Peace and Security Strategy (PSS), which will be finalised during the meeting.

“This strategy, to be finalised today, is a testament to their vision – maintaining peace and prosperity through collaboration, information sharing, and effective response,” he said.

Addressing threats such as transnational crime, cyber threats, climate change, and geopolitical competition, Minister Naivalurua stressed resilience.

“As nocoious as these challenges may be, they provide us with an opportunity to strengthen regional solidarity and build a peaceful and prosperous Melanesia.”

“The proposed peace and security strategy aims to enhance regional security, build on existing mechanisms like the Boe Declaration on Regional Security, the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent and the Ocean of Peace concept, which will foster a peaceful and prosperous Melanesia,” he emphasised.

The meeting consolidated the MSG's Regional Security Strategy (RSS), guided by six priority areas.

“I am confident that the RSS will bring about a prosperous and peaceful Melanesia where our people feel safe to pursue their dreams. This Strategy will embody the Melanesian Way – unity, security, and peace – and create an arc of stability across our region.”

Key outcomes from the meeting will be tabled at the upcoming MSG Leaders' Summit in Jakarta, Indonesia, for further deliberation.

Fiji

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Fiji's Prime Minister, Sitiveni Rabuka, and Israel's Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, with their delegation during the opening of Fiji Embassy in Jerusalem. Photo: SUPPLIED

Beacon of friendship, platform for peace

FIJI'S embassy in Jerusalem, Israel is a beacon of friendship and a platform for peace. In a historic move, Fiji established its permanent mission in the 'Holy Land' in the presence of Fiji's Prime Minister, Sitiveni Rabuka, and Israel's Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu. At the event, PM Rabuka highlighted that "our presence here reflects our desire to build bridges—not walls—between nations, cultures, and peoples". "The people of Fiji share a very close religious and cultural connection to the Holy Land. We deeply value your great nation, which is the birthplace of Christianity. Our similarities, faith and common values continue to strengthen us together in unity and solidarity."

PM Rabuka asserted that the opening of Fiji's Embassy reflects the Fijian Government's commitment to be deeply engaged with the international community. "This position is consistent with our Foreign Policy statement in the White Paper which encourages the expansion of links with key strategic and traditional partners beyond the region, to stimulate progress and shared prosperity," he added. PM Rabuka emphasised that the opening of the Embassy reflects Fiji's strategic intent to broaden its global partnerships and elevate its presence in the Middle East. "We seek to deepen our bilateral ties with the State of Israel in areas that matter most to our people, that

is, climate resilience, agriculture, innovation, border security, energy and digital transformation," he further remarked. "I hope this Embassy will be a place where Pacific wisdom meets Middle Eastern innovation. Let it be a space where our nations collaborate to solve global challenges—from food security to sustainable development—and where our peoples learn from one another." PM Rabuka said Fiji will continue to contribute to United Nations Peacekeeping operations including in the Middle East and advocate for the Ocean of Peace Declaration, for the prosperity of our Blue Pacific Continent, and beyond. PM Netanyahu said Israel and Fiji

share a strong friendship founded on mutual respect, religious and common values, and a commitment to peace and prosperity. The embassy will work to advance bilateral initiatives in trade, investment, innovation, education, and cultural exchange, while also supporting Fiji's long-standing contributions to international peacekeeping and multilateral cooperation. Fiji becomes the 100th diplomatic mission in Israel and the seventh country to open its embassy in Jerusalem, alongside the U.S., Guatemala, Honduras, Kosovo, Papua New Guinea and Paraguay. (Source: Office of the Prime Minister)

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Coral Coast, Ba

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Rakiraki



Vakavotukana na Tatadra ni oti e dua na gauna balavu



Na Paraiminisita ni noda vanua Hon Sitiveni Ligamamada Rabuka kei na Paraiminisita ni matanitu o Isireli Hon Benjamin Netanyahu ena kena dolavi na valenivolavola ni matanitu o Viti e Isireli. **Taba Fiji Government**

Talanoa: Katarina Naqarase

Ena dua na tiki ni siga guiguilecavi dredre kana tawa taqusi rawa ena vuku ni kena sa mai vakavotukana na veika e tatadra taki tu mai ena dua na gauna balavu sai koya na kena sa mai dolavi enai sevu ni gauna na valenivolavola ni noda mata kina matanitu levu o Isireli. Era laki vulagi dokai kina nai liuliu

ni noda matanitu Hon Sitiveni Ligamamada Rabuka, era veitomanile tale tiko ga na Minista ni Tabana ni Tukutuku Hon Lynda Tabuya, na Minisita ni Veitaqomaki Hon Pio Tikoduadua ka vaka kina nai vakalesilesi vakamatanitu eso ka ra tiki tiko ni lakolako qo. ‘Na Matanitu o Viti e veisemati voleka sara ena Lotu ka vaka kina nai tovo e Na Vanua Tabu, keitou rokova na nomuni vanua, ni vanua

ka mai sucu kina nai vakabula, na Vakabauta kei na veika eda wasea vata ena vakaukauwataka na duavata kei na vakarokoroko me vaka e mai vakadinadinataki ena siga nikua”. “Nai tuvatuva oqo e umani vata ena veika e mai veitalanoataki ena (White Paper) ka vakaqacotaki kina na veiwekani ka mena laveti cake talega na veivakatoroicaketaki eso keitou gadreva mena titobu na veiwekani mai na Matanitu o Isireli

vakabibi ena nodra okati tiko kina na lewenivanua, me vaka na draki, tabana ni teitei ka vaka kina na tabana ni veitaqomaki”. “Satunavakanuinuinivalenivolavola oqo ena yaco mena dua na vanua na sotavi kina na gagadre ni Pasivika kei na veika vinaka ena Tokalau e Loma ka mena wali kina e so na leqa edau sotavi, mai na taqomaki ni kakana, na veivakatoroicaketaki mera na rawa ni vulica tale mai e levu naka” Era mai tinia nai liuliu ni matanitu Hon Rabuka nina tomani tikoga na kena vakayacori na veisaututaki kei na Matanitu Cokovata(United Nations) oka talega kina na Tokalau e Loma vakauasivi ena kena vakatetei na Wasawasa ni Duavata(Ocean of Peace)mena cava kina dua na vanua vinaka nai tuvatuva ni Blue Pacific Continent. Era mai vakaraitaka talega na nodra vakavinavinaka kei na vakanuinui vinaka na Paraiminsita ni matanitu o Isireli Honorable Benjamin Netanyahu ena kena sa mai dola na valenivolavola ena matanitu o Isireli me vaka ni rau veitokoni voleka ena vuku ni duavata, lotu ka vaka kina na veisaututaki. Ni mai cava na kena dolavi na valenivolavola era laki sotavi ira na Itaukei era sa tu mai ena vanua o Isireli na vuku ni veisaututaki ka vakavinavinaka vei ira na tiko mai Golan Heights kei Syria ena vuku ni kena garevi na duavata kei na tiko vinaka. Era tiko talega na Liuliu ni Mataivalu ena noda vanua Major General Ro Jone Kalouniwai. Sa vakanuinui vinaka tu nina cagi donu na veiqaravi ena matanitu o Isireli.

Vakavinavinakataki na kena vakaqacotaki na iTei ogo na Cocoa

“**K**eitou vakavinavinaka na tikina o Tai Vugalei ena vuku ni vei qaravi ni Matanitu kei na Tabana ni Teitei ena kena rawa ni kau lesu mai kina nai tei ogo na Cocoa”.

Nai tukutuku e vakaraitaka na turaga yabaki 78 o Jiuta Turaganivalu Nabunobuno ka cavutu mai na koro vakaturaga o Vatukarasa ena tikina o Tai Vugalei ena loma ni yasana o Tailevu. Na Turaga ogo o Nabunobuno e mai taura nai cocovi ni dau tei Cocoa ena soqo ni vakaraitaki vuanigele kei na susu manumanu ena National Agriculture Show ni 2025.

Na Cocoa e sa tekivu teivaki e Vatukarasa ena 1980 ni oti oya sa qai mai sogo tu vakalailai ena vuku ni leqa ni veitalanoa ena kena maketetaki, ka qai mai tekivutaki tale ena 5 na yabaki sa oti. Na kena sa mai tomani tale ogo e vakadeitaka tale tiko ga na yaloqu meu na tomana na veika e ratou sa teivaka tu mai na qase, me vaka ni gauna ogo e levu sara na vei bisinisi e Vanuatani era sa vinakata nai voli ogo na Cocoa.

“Au vakavinavinaka ki na Tabana ni Teitei ena vuku ni nona veivuke tiko mai vei au ka rawa kina ni ratou vakarautaka e dua na noqu misini ni vakamamaca taki cocoa (dryer), kau marau sara kina vakalevu ka dua na veivuke levu e ratou vakarautaka”.

Na veivakauqeti ni Tabana ni Teitei e sa tomani sara kina na tei Cocoa, me vaka ni dau tei ga vakadua na Cocoa ka sa qai mai nomu I tavi ga na samaka. E kuria



Na Turaga na Tui Nawaka Ratu Joeli Bulu ka solia tiko nai cocovi ni Cocoa farmer of the Year vei Jiuta Turaganivalu na turaga yabaki 78 e Vatukarasa Tailevu. **Taba: Tabana ni Teitei**

o Nabunobuno ni 1 na Vuni Cocoa e rawa ni solia e 23 na vuana ka dau vakauta tiko e 300 na kilokaramu ki Vanuatani. E tu na gagadre ni taukeni bisinisi mena vakau e 1000 na kilo ia sa tu na vakanuinui nina rawa ni rawati ena Mua ni Yabaki ogo.

Sa vakamamasu o Nabunobuno ki vei ira na i Tabagone ena gauna nikua mera yadra ka cakacakavata ena

kena vakayagataki na qele ena noda veitikotiko. Na vakayagataki gauna e rui bibi e rau veisemati vinaka kei na kena teivaki na Cocoa. Sa veitataunaki talega ena vuku ni kena vakarautaki na koronivuli e Navuso mera na vakayagataka saraga me vaka ni vakatabakidua kina teitei. ua ena kena vakayagataki na qele.

Veivuke o Japani e Nadave



Na Minisita ni Tabacakacaka iTaukei ena kena laki dolavi na koronivuli ni veivakarautaki e Nadave ka veivuke kina na Matanitu o Japani. **Taba: iTaukei Affairs.**

Ena Lotulevu na ika 25 ni vula o Seviteba e dua na siga marautaki ena matanitu veisemati o Viti kei Japani. Na mata ni vanua o Japani e Viti, o Rokoicho Michi, e mai solia e 3 na valenivuli vou, ka dua na bure kina koronivuli ni veivakarautaki e Nadave - Centre for Appropriate Technology and Development (CATD).

Ena nona vosa o Rokoicho Michi, e vakadeitaka ni dei tiko na Matanitu o Japani ena nona veivuke ena veivakatoroicaketaki ena matanitu o Viti. Qo e dua na iloloma ka na vukea na vuli torocake, ka vaka kina na kena vakatoroicaketaki na noda itikotiko, ka vaka uasivi na noda veikoro vakaviti.

Na Minisita ni Tabacakacaka iTaukei ea sauma ena vakavinavinaka, ena vuku ni Matanitu o Viti ka kaya na kena tau-coko na veivuke ni na laveta na vuli vei ira na luveda e Nadave. Na valenivuli kei na bure ogo e rauta ni sivia e \$1Mil-

ioni na kena isau vakailavo.

“Ki vei kemuni na gone mai na loma ni 14 na yasana ka oni mai tuberi tiko e Nadave, na veivuke ogo mai na matanitu o Japani e baleti kemuni sara-ga vakatabakidua, sa nomuni gauna moni vakayagataka sara vakavinaka, vuli ena yalo dina me na rawa ni o kauta lesu eso na kila ka ki na nomuni veikoro”

Na ikuri ni veisemati ogo e sa mai digitaki talega kina e rua na gone o Uraia Aune Junior (Sasa, Ba) kei Jone Vanani (Naduri, Nadroga), mai na koronivuli e Nadave me kena isevu me rau matataki Viti ki Japani. Ogo me rau na laki vuli ka cakacaka ena tabana ni Automotive. E ratou vei veivuke na kena dolavi na vale vou ogo o Rokoicho Michi (Mata mai Japani), Ifereimi Vasu (Minisita ni Veikavakaitaukei), kei Ratu Popi Epeli Cakobau na Turaga Lailai mai Mataweilagi.

Cavu isausau o Nabutautau Cooperatives



Lewe ni soqosoqo ni Nabutautau Farmers' Cooperative kei na Turaga na iVukevuke ni Minisita ni Tabana ni Teitei Hon Kuridrani kei na ililui ni Tabana ni teitei e Nadraoga Navosa Ilisoni Banuve.

Vakaraitaka na nodra vakavinavinaka na turaga na ivukevuke ni Minisita ni Tabana ni Teitei kei na ivakaso ni wai o Hon Inosi Kuridrani vei ira na lewe ni soqosoqo ni dau ni teitei e Nabutautau Cooperative e na nodra laki solia na katavila ni sivi yara (tractor) Vakaraitaka o Hon Kuridrani ni veisolisoli vakainavinaka ogo e sa ivakaraitaki ni cakacakavata, sole-solevaki e na kena laveti cake na ivakatagedegede ni vakayagataki qele me vurevure ni lavo kina veivuvale. Tomana e na nona kaya, na gauna qo, e solia e dua na bolebole levu ki vei ira na lewe ni soqosoqo, ka vaka kina na matanitu, e na nona veivuke e na veivakatoroicaketaki ni caka bisinisi se vakaukauwataki na vei qaravi mera vukei kina na dau ni teitei me ra ladeva yani na teitei vakabisinisi.

Veivakadeitaki vei ira na dau ni vakayagataki qele e na tikina o Navatusila, na veivuke e sa mai qaravi tiko e na loma ni tikina, qo na kena sagai me vakatoroicaketaki na vakayagataki qele e na tikina o Navatusila. Kuria e na nona vakamatataka, ni tiko na porokaramu e na loma ni tabana ni

teitei ka vakatokai me “Highlands Programme” ogo na porokaramu ka vakatabakidua ki vei kemuni na dau ni teitei e na loma ni vanua ko Navosa, Ba kei Ra. Na porokaramu qo e baleti kemuni na dau ni teitei.

Na veivuke ni katavila e dua tiko na tiki ni vei qaravi ni matanitu me vukea:

- Vakaukauwataki na vei qaravi e na veitabana ni Teitei

- E laveta cake na nodra vakatagedegede ni bula na dauteitei e na tau-daku ni koro vakavavalagi

- E vaka deitaka vei ira na dau ni teitei lalai kei iea e ra e na kena veimama ni tiko e so na yaragi e rawa ni vukei ira me ra rawaka vakalevu.

E kaya ni veisolisoli ogo e rawa ni kauta mai na tiko vinaka kei na tiko sautu e na itikotiko, na solesolevaki ogo e kauta tale ga main a bula ni veirogorogoci kei a bula ni veilomani e na loma ni soqosoqo.

Tinia e na nona veivakadeitaki e na loma ni soqosoqo ni dau teitei e Nabutautau Cooperative ni na tu vakarau na tabana ni teitei me na vukei kemuni na dau ni teitei, vakatale ga kina na bibi ni veisemati vakavinaka kei ira na dauni vei qaravi se o ira na dau rai teitei.

Kacivaka na inaki ni Matanitu ko Viti

Talanoa: Viliame Tikotani

SA vakadeitaka tale na matanitu o Viti na nona veitokoni ena sasaga baleta na bisinisi ni veivuka yaki ena vuravura ka wili kina na veimatani lalai.

Vakaraitaka na veika oqori na Minisita ni Saravanua kei na Veivuka ena noda vanua, Honorable Viliame Gavoka ena nodra vosa ena bose ni A42 International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) Assembly mai Montreal, Canada.

Tukuna na Minisita, ni veimatani lalai era vakayagataka na bisinisi ni veivukayani me baleta na nodra bula ni veiqaravi ka veisemati ena vuravura levu ka sega walega ena veivukayaki.

“Na macala ni bose ogo ena vinaka saraga vei keda,” kaya ko Minisita Gavoka.

“Ko Viti e rai ta yaloyalo taka jiko na veisiga ni mataka ni veivuka yaki

ni kaukauwa vinaka jiko ka rawa ni taqomaki tiko na kena bulabula, ka takosova na veivakatoroicaketaki lewa matau, veitaqomaki, mona livaliva ki na bula ni lewa okoya vakaikoya.

Sa ciqoma talega o Minisita Gavoka na kaukauwa ni veitokoni ni ICAO ena nona sasaga baleta na vakalailaitaki ni kasi gaga ena yabaki 2050 ka marautaka na Global Framework for Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF).

Vakadreta ko Minisita Gavoka na yaga ni kena vakarautaki vinaka na veivuke vakailavo, kila ni monalivaliva kei na veivuke ni SAF veina matanitu lalai.

Vakadeitaka na veitokoni ni matanitu ko Minisita Gavoka ena veiqaravi ni veivukayaki kei na kena taqomaki ka vakakina na muri vinaka ni porokaramu kei na vakayagataka ni lewa matau ka dodonu.

Ko Viti esa vakadeitaki koya ena lawa lelevu vakavuravura raraba vaka na



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Montreal Convention 1999, na Beijing Convention, na Beijing Protocol, wilikina na veivuke mai na ICAO. Kacivaka

talega ko Minisita Gavoka na bibi ni vakaukauwataki ni veitokoni ena veiya-sai vuravura.

Tauyavutaki na Fiji Mabe Pearls



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Talanoa: Katarina Naqarase

Esa toso sara tiko na veiqaravi ni Minisitiri ni Qoliqoli ena noda vanua ena kena sa mai tauyavutaki na Fiji Mabe Pearls ena noda vanua. Ena nodra vosa na Minisita ena Bose Lawa Hon Alitia Bainivalu era vakaraitaka ena vukeveitokoni ni Australian Center for International Agriculture Research ena Value Chain Review Pearl Industry esa rauta ni \$8m e vakau ki vanuatani ena veiyabaki ka takete taka na Makete ni saravanua ena noda vuravura.

E tekivutaki na sasaga ogo ena 2006 e Viani Cakaudrove ka vaka kina e Raviravi Macuata esa mai dolavi talega e 6 na na Mabe Pearls ka sa veiqaravi sara tiko ga ena gauna nikua ka sa dolavi tale e 4 ena loma ni yabaki ogo. E dau

rawa mai kina e 200-2000 na oyster shells ka tiko na kena isau vakailavo ena \$8,000 ki na \$10,000 na kena isau vakailavo.

Esa tomani tale tiko ga na kena larai na makete ka sa mai tavoci kina na veidinadinati kei na kabani o Jacks e Nadi, Denarau, Baravi, Intercontinental Hotel, Shangril Resort ka vaka kinana Marriot Resort.

E a sa vukei talega nai soqosoqo ena waqa me vaka na Nasomo Ra Marama Handicraft Cooperative e Taveuni kei na soqosoqo ni marama e Gau na Nawaikama Womens Cooperative. Esa dolavi talega na Savusavu Mabe Pearl ena Tiseba ni 2024. Esa qaravi talega a sasaga ogo e Nakorotubu-Rakiraki ka vaka kina e Togovere kei Malake.

Meda qacoya na Vuli: PM



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Talanoa: Viliame Tikotani

“Ko Viti me qacoya vaka-levu na vuli ni noda gonevuli baleta edua na ka bibi na nodra vakarautaki vinaka e koronivuli, ni bera ni qai ra dewa yani ena vulitorocake ka tarava sarayani ena nona kune cakacaka”

Oqori na nodra vosa ni veivakauqeti na liuliu ni matanitu, Paraiminisita Sitiveni Ligamamada Rabuka ena nodra tataunaki ira tiko na gonevuli e na noda vanua ni tekivu ogo na ikatolu ni wasewase ni vuli ena yabaki 2025.

Kuria na Paraiminisita na nona veivakananumi vei ira na tubutubu dauni-veisusu me ra tokona ka vukei nodra vuli na luvedra.

Vakaraitaka o Rabuka ni nona matanitu e solia jiko edua na ivota levu ni ilavo ena qaravi ka laveti cake na vuli. Tukuna ni nodra bose na liuliu ni matanitu ena Pasivika era talanoataka na bibi ni vuli vinaka ni lewenivanua ena Pasivika.

“Dua na ka marautaki ni sa rawaka vinaka tiko mai na luveda kei na maku ena sasagataki ni vuli,” kaya ko PM Sa vakanuinui vinaka tiko nai liuliu ni Matanitu ena ikatolu ni Wasewase ni vuli vakabibi vei ra na Kalasi ni Veitarogi ena paraimiri, kei na secondary and vakakina oira era sa jiko ena vulitorocake.

Tokona na rai ni vuli ogo na liuliu ni Fiji Higher Education Commission, Dr Eci Naisele ka kaya ni dodonu mera tuberi vinaka na gonevuli mera rawa ni vuli na lesoni ka na vukea nodra tubu vakatamata ka dewa yani ena nodra kilaka kei na cakacaka.

Kuria o Naisele koya ni matanitu sa tekivuna me vakabibitaka tale na vultara ena noda vanua me rawa ni yaga veira na gone era jiko vei ira na taledi ni qarava na vuli tara ena vakatagede ni vuli torocake.

Vakavinakataki na gaunisala ena Vualiku

Talanoa: Katarina Naqarase

“Na gaunisala oqo e sega walega ni dolavi esa dua na cavu 1 kalawa levu ki vei ira na lewenivanua , ena nodra lako ki koronivuli na gone, kau nai voli kina makete , tabana ni bula kei ne vei-vuke tale eso”

Nai tukutuku era vakaraitaka na Minisita ni Matai ,Draki kei na Veilakoyaki o Hon Ro Filipe Tuisawau ena nodra tiko voli mai ena vualiku ni noda vanua ena kena laki dolavi e vica na gaunisala ena lomani Yasana o Cakaudrove ka vaka kina na Yasana o Bua. E tiko na kena isau vakailavo ena \$661,000.

Na kena mai dolavi na gaunisala oqo e Kacidavui sa na rawa mera vakayagataka na lewenikoro e Vunisavisavi ka vaka kina na vanua ni sarasara e na Thomas Baker. Na veika oqo ena kauta mai na tiko vinaka, rawarawa na kena qaravi na bula ena veisiga, veiqaravi vakavanua kei na veivakatoroicaketaki ena veitikotiko.



Na kena mai dolavi na gaunisala oqo e Kacidavui ena sana rawa mera vakayagataka na lewenikoro e Vunisavisavi ka vaka kina na vanua ni sarasara e na Thomas Baker. Tab: Fiji Roads Authority.

“Na veivakatoroicaketaki oqo ena vukei ira na dauteitei ena kena kau nai voli ki na makete, na nodra vakayagataka na tabana ni bula na lewenivanua ena vukei keda talega meda maroroya na noda vanua ka vaka kina na kena I tukutuku me baleti ira na noda kawa”. E vakaraitaka na Qasenivuli liuliu ena Koronivuli e Nakobo District School o Qasenivuli Penina Pickering ni veigauna sa sivi era dau takosova na uciwai na gonevuli vakabibi ena gauna ni tau ni uca esa dau rivarivabitaki sara-

ga ni gauna e dau tubu kina na wai. “Ena kena sa mai vakadinadinataki na kena sa mai dolavi nikua nai tatakoso e kauta mai vei keimami na marau kei na luluvu , keimami vakavinavinakataki ira na dodoliga mai ena vuku ni kena sa mai vakavotukana na sasaga oqo”. E vakaraitaka o Elena Vakasalakabu na marama ni Taveuni ka vakawati mai Vunisavisavi era vakavinavinakataka na matanitu ena vuku ni nodra sa nanumi ena kena sa mai dolavi na wavu oqo era sa takoso vinaka sara na lori ena kena sa

vakau na gone ki koronivuli sa sega ni ra lomaleqa taka tale na nodra takoso. Esa mai kacivaka talega na Matanitu ena kena dolavi talega na gaunisala e Namuavoivoi , Nabilodra, Bua-\$617,000 kena vakavinakataki e Lekutu kei Wainunu , Bagasau kei Nakobo(Cakudrove-\$840,000 na kena vakatoroicaketaki na gaunisala e Bagasau, Nakobo kei nakoro o Vunisavisavi.



Laveti cake na veiqaravi ni Tabana ni Veivakavaletaki

Talanoa:Katarina Naqarase

Na Minisitiri ni Veivakavaletaki esa rawata e 48 na veivakatoroicaketaki ni lisi ena noda vanua, e 44 ena ruku ni Tabana ni Qele Maroroi ka va e lisi ni matanitu(State). Na lisi oqo e vagolei ki na 21 na vanua sega ni vakadeitaki(Informal Settlement) ena Mua Ira, 14 ena Vualiku, ka 13 ena Wasewase e Loma ena kena na vakatoroicaketaki na veitikotiko oqo. Ena nona mai vosa ena Bose Lawa na kena Minisita ni Veivakavaletaki o Hon

Maciu Nalumisa e vakaraitaka me yacova mai na vula o Me 2025, na Tabana oqo esa solia rawa e 113 na lisi ki vei ira na vakaitikotiko e Cuvu. “Ena tuvatuva vakailavo ni 2025-2026 e sa vagolei e \$14.6m ena kena tokoni na kenaq vakavinakataki na vanua sega ni vakadeitaki, ena oka kina e 6 na vanua, wili kina o

- Tavale , Nadi(68)
- Tore , Lautoka(59)
- Field 4 , Lautoka(77)
- Sakoca , Nasinu(174)
- Valewaquyaya, Ba- vanua vou-(35)
- Vuniika, Labasa-vanua vou-(101)

E sa vakaraitaka talega o Hon Nalumisa nisa tiko talega nai tuvatuva ena kena na tekivu tara vou eso na porokaramu ni veivakavaletaki ena yabaki vakailavo talega ni 2025-2026.Oqo e oka kina nai tikotiko e ,

- Delaisaweni, Lautoka(126)
- Lovu Seaside, Lautoka(185)
- Nabare, Lautoka(71)
- Caubati,Nasinu(309)

Esa tiko talega ena loma ni tuvatuva na kena tara tale e 17 na itiko tiko me vaka taki,

- Wakanisila, Veivauceva, River Road (Nasinu)

- Nadonumai, Osonabukete (Lami)
- Vunivau A, Vunivau B, Siberia Vatia, Vunitivi, Qelewaqa (Labasa)
- Tukutora, Delainamasimasi, Tore II (Lautoka)
- Tauvegavega (Ba)
- Uluisila (Sigatoka)
- Vunarewa (Nadi)
- Sasawira(Nausori)

E kuria o Hon Nalumisa ni veika kece oqo e vakaraitaka na cakacaka esa qarava tiko mai na Matanitu Cokovata ena kena vakatoroicaketaki na tabana ni veivakavaletaki ena nodra nanumi na wekada ena veitikoitiko ena noda veitaoni.

Tokoni na Vuli ena Fiji National University

Talanoa:Katarina Naqarase

Era laki veitokoni na Peresitedi ni noda vanua His Excellency Ratu Naiqama Lalabalavu kei na mara-ma na Radini Vanua Emily Lalabalavu ena kumuni lavo me baleta na koronivuli na Fiji National University ka vakayacori ena Sheraton Golf&Spa Resort , Denarau e Nadi.

Na inaki ni soqo oqo me vakatabakidua ena vuku ni kena tokoni na FNU Scholarship ni 2026, ka kauti ira mai na vuli ot, dauniveitokoni, ena vuku ni sasaga yaga oqo. E vakaraitaka na Turaga na Peresitedi ni vakavinavinakataka nai tuvatuva oqo nina vakayaloqagataki ira na sausau vou era muri mai ena bibi ni vuli nina yaga vakalevu.

“Na vuli e dua na ka bibi kina noda bula , e laveta cake na noda bula yadudua, vuvale, noda I tikotiko, na sasaga e vakayacori ena siga nikua e sega walega ni veika me baleta na sikolasivi e na umani talega kina na bula vakailavo ena kena rawati na vuli na noda vanua ena kena sotavi na veisau ena noda vuravura”.

E vakaraitaka na Vice Chancellor ni FNU o Professor Unaisi Nabobo ni soqo emai vakayacori e sai tukutuku ni veigauna vei ira ena vuku ni kena sasaga taki na toso ki liu,

“ Na veika kece sara ena rawati nikua ena gole vakatabakidua ena kena tokoni na nodra sikolasivi na gonevuli, me rawa ni laurai ni sega ni 1 na gone e lutu ena se biu ena bula vakailavo, na vulli ena veisautaka na nodra bula, vuvale, mata itikotiko kei na lewenivanu ena kena buli e dua na Viti vinaka”.



Marautaki nai ka 55 ni yabaki ni tu galala

“Kevaka moni a tiko ena rara levu na Albert Park ena mataka ni siga Vakarau-wai, ena rawa nio vakadinadinataka nai tukuni veigauna ena nodra sa mai solia na Ravouvou mai Bolatagane ena nodra laki solia na nai vola ni tu galala ki vua na paraiminisita Turaga na Tui Nayau Ratu Kamisese Mara”.

Nai tukutuku era vakaraitaka nai liuliu ni noda matanitu Hon Sitiveni Rabuka ena nodra vosa ni kena vakananumi nai ka 55 ni yabaki ni tu galala ni noda matanitu. Na yabaki oqo e kena I kau tiko na Tiko Sautu, Duavata kei na Toso Vata ki Liu.

“Na siga nikua e dua na siga marautaki , noda raica lesunai ka 10 ni Okotova 1970, na noda matanitu lomani esa taura na ikalawa vou , ena kena cadra e dua na Viti vou, maroroi vata kei na kena itovo kei na ivakarau”.

“ Na 55 na yabaki eda sa dodonu meda vakavinavinaka vei ira na sa liu vei ira na veiqaravi tiko ena gauna nikua meda ma-

sulaki ira tiko ka vaka kina vei ira na muri mai mera na tomana tiko na kena vakare-wataki na noda drotini”.

E veitataunkai nai liuliu ni noda matanitu nisa dodonu meda duavata ena kena sagai mena dua na Viti vinaka na noda vanua. Na Matanitu Cokovata esa duavata ena vuku ni veivakatoroicaketaki ena noda vanua, na taudaku ni koro lelevu, ka vaka kina na veianuyanu. Nai Tabagone e tiko ena 70% nai wiliwili ena noda vanua, ka sa tiko vata kei na ituvatuva levu ni matanitu ena vuku ni veivakatoroicaketaki, bula vakailavo ka vaka kina na veilitutaki vinaka.

“Vei kemuni na lewei Viti ena veiysai vuravura vinaka vakalevu ena kena cuqeni tiko nai tavi ni matanitu, na vei vakasaututaki, na duavata enaq kena laveti cake na bula vakailavo ni noda mata”. “Au sa vakauinui vinaka tu vei keda kece sara na lewei Viti ena vuku ni 55 ni yabaki ni noda tu galala, meda duavata, da veilo-mani vakalevu mena dua na Viti vinaka ena veisiga ni mataka”.



Sa ka ga ni vosota

Edua na siga marautaki ka na guiguilecavi dredre vei Avinesh Vishal Ram na cauravou yabaki 24 e na vanua vakaturaga o Bua ka mai ciqoma nai cocovi ni dau tei raisi ena noda vanua ka vakayacori mai ena vanua ni tei raisi ena vualiku ni noda vanua e Dreketi. Na cauravou oqo esa teivaka rawa e 20 na ekatea ka solia talega e 20 na tani na Raisi kina Fiji Rice Limited ena loma ni yabaki oqo.



Na Cauravou yabaki 24 ka mai taura na cocovi ni Young Rice Farmer of The Year 2025 o Avinesh Vishal Ram kei na Minisita ni Draki Veisau Hon Mosese Bulitavu ena soqo me baleti ira na dau tei raise e Dreketi.

Taba Nanise Neimila

“E vakauqeti na yaloqu meu tei raisi niu raica na vanua ia kau vakavinavinaka kina ki vua na noqu leweni vuvale ena kena soli na tiki ni qele meu tei raisi kina, mani voli e dua na katavila mena rawa ni vukei au ena teitei”.

E kuria o Ram ni lako curumi eso na dredre ena vuku ni nodra vakaitavi taki na tamata cakacaka ka sala muria na vanua era bula voli kina e sega ni ganita tale e dua nai tei ka vuna levu ni nona sa tei raisi. Ka sa vavaci ooq nai ka tolu ni yabaki ni nona tei raisi, ka sa tu talega eso na gagadre ena nona laveta cake na nona ivakarau ni teitei.

“Noqu mai ciqoma nai cocovi oqo au sega ni namaka kau vakavinavinaka kina ena vuku ni veivakabauti ni cocovi ena siga nikua na young farmer e rawarawa vei keimami na tei raisi baleta ni sau rawarawa”.

Na Matanitu o Viti esa vakauta rawa e \$50m na Raisi ena 2022, ka 880 e na noda vanua. Na Matanitu esa raica vakabibi na veika me baleti ira na Dau Tei Raisi ka sa vagolei kina e \$115.3m ki na tabana ni Teitei kei na Susu manumanu ena tuvatuva ni lavo ni 2025-2026 ka votai e \$2.7m kina Tabana ni Raisi.

Vakatoroicaketaki o Vunitavola

Talanoa:Tabacakacaka iTaukei

Era mai marautaka na lewe ni mataqali o Vunitavola. ena kena mai dolavi na nodratou qele ka vakatokai na Vunitavola Subdivision.

Oqo na Mataqali mai na koro o Maumi, ena Tikina o Dravo, ena yasana o Tailevu. Na qele oqo e toka ena yasa ni gaunisala na Vuci Road. E rauta ni 26 taucoko na levu ni qele era sa vakarautaki oti tiko mera lisitaki (26 Lots). Oqo na lisi ni veivakavaletaki (Residential Lease). E vakaraitaka na Vunilewa ni Matabose ni Qele Maroroi o Solomon Nata ni rauta e 2.3 na milioni na isau vakailavo ni kena vakarautaki na vanua oqo.

E kuria ni rawa na cakacaka oqo ena nodratou veitauriligatakavata na Tabacakacaka ni Qele, Nausori Town Council, Valenivolavola ni Yasana o Tailevu, Provincial Administration, Tabana ni Livaliva, ka vaka kina na Tabana ni Wai.

E mai dolava na Turaga na Tui Maumi o Ratu Karai Vuibau na soqo lagilagi oqo ka vakaraitaka na nodra marau na lewe ni Mataqali, ka vakavinavinakataki ira na ivakalesilesi na itavi levu era sa qa-

rava tiko. E kuria ni siga oqo e siga ga ni nodratou via vakavinavinaka, siga me marautaki, ka dua tale ga na siga ena guiguilecavi dredre ena loma ni mataqali o Vunitavola.

Ena nona mala ni vosa na Minisita ni Veikavakaitaukei o Ifereimi Vasu, e vakaraitaka ni levu na gauna sa dau tukuni tiko ni TLTB e ratou sa dau via lewa tiko na qele, ia e vakamatatataka na Turaga Minisita na bibi ni veiqaravi ni TLTB ni ratou qarava, vakaivolataka, ka maroroya tiko vakavinaka na noda qele na kawa iTaukei. Na kena taukeni na qele se tiko vinaka ga vei keda na kena kaukauwa.



Na Turaga na Tui Maumi o Ratu Karai Vuibau, Minisita ni iTaukei Hon Ifereimi Vasu kei nai Vukevuke ni Minisita ni Itaukei Hon Ratu Isikeli Tuiwailevu ena kena mai dolavi na nodratou qele ka vakatokai na Vunitavola Subdivision. Taba: iTaukei Affairs

Vakavinakataki na Valenibula e Vunisea



Na kena sa vakacagau sara tiko na kena vakavinakataki na valenibula e Vunisea Kadavu ka ratou qarava tiko na matanitu o Ositerelia ena ruku ni Vuvale Partnership. Taba: Supplied

Esa tomana sara tiko na Matanitu Cokovata na veitokoni Vuvale Partnership kei na Matanitu o Ositerelia. Esa cavu I kalawa sara na veisemati oqo ena vuku ni veivakatoroicaketaki ena noda vanua oka kina na veigaunisala ka vakauasivi ena Tabana ni Bula.

Ena nodra siko sara mai nai liuliu ni Matanitu o Ositerelia o Honorable Anthony Albaness kina noda vanua ena vula o Jiune era vakaraitaka ena vuku ni tavi ni matanitu o Viti ena Wasa Pasivika ena vuku ni duavata kei na cakacakavata.

“Na matanitu o Ositerelia esa raica talega na tuvatuva ni kena valuti na draki veisau ena Wasa Pasivika ka vaka talega kina na bibi ni COP 31 keina vei matanitu ena Pasivika”.

“Na Matanitu o Ositerelia keimami vakabauta ni

veiqaravi ni Tabana Ni Bula e dua naka bibi ki vei ira na lewenivanua , se mani vakacava nai tuvaki ni nodra bula, au kila ni lewenivanua e Viti era na vakabauta. Ni sa gadrevi saka yani na veivuke ena kena vakavinakataki na veiqaravi ni Tabana ni Bula ena dua na kena I tuvatuva levu , keitou sana vakarorogo ka cakacakataka.”

Ena vuku ni veivakatoroicaketaki ni tabana ni bula oqo ena kena sa tomani sara tiko na kena vakavinakataki na valenibula e Vunisea Kadavu ka ratou qarava tiko na matanitu o Ositerelia ena vuku tiko ga ni veisemati ni Vuvale Partnership. Na valenibula oqo ena rawa ni qaravi ira e 75 nakoro ena loma ni yanuyanuanu o Kadavu. E namaki mena mai vakacavari tiko na cakacaka oqo ena Tiseba ni 2025.

Toso na Veiqaravi ni Tabana ni iTaukei ni iYaubula

Na Matanitu Cokovata esa na veivakatoroicaketaki ena iTaukei ni Yaubula ena vei tokoni ni Merchant Finance kei na Fiji Development Bank. Na iTaukei Development Fund Facility e qaravi tiko ena ruku ni Tabana ni Qele Maroroi.

Itaukei Resource Development Fund

Ena yabaki vakailavo ni 2025-2026 na \$3m nai lavo ni veivuke kei na veivakatoroicaketaki vei ira na iTaukei ni qele .Mai nai wase ni lavo oqo e namaki me tokoni kina e 60 na bisinisi ka veitokoni kina na Merchant Finance(20 esa cici tiko mai ka 4 mena qai tekivu vou)kei na lima na porokaramu ena rukuni baqe ni veivakatoroicaketaki na FDB. Na veiyasana era sa tekivu vakaitavi taki ira oka kina o

- Tailevu
- Macuata
- Ba
- Nadi , ka nanumi tiko mena lewe levu sara era na vola kerekere yani.

Veika e rawati ena 2024-2025

- 11 na porokaramu ka tiko ena \$291,000 ka vakadonua na baqe na Merchant Finance
- 8 na porokaramu e \$333,000 e vakarautaka na Tabana ni Lavo

- Na kabani ni Yasana o Tailevu esa rawata e \$3m mai na Baqe ni Veivakatoroicaketaki ka vakalailaitaki na kena tubu.

iTaukei Development Fund

Na Tabana ni Qele Maroroi esa qarava edua na sasaga levu ena kena tokoni na iTaukei Development Fund Facility. Na porokaramu oqo esa vukea e 23 na taukeni qele ena 9 na Yasana me vaka taki

- Ba-7 units
- Naitasiri-4 units
- Nadroga/Navosa- 3 units

- Macuata- 2 units
- Ra -2 units
- Tailevu- 2 units
- Cakudrove- 1 units
- Kadavu- 1 units
- Rewa- 1 units.

E vakarautaki talega na veivuke ena vitu nai soqosoqo cokovata(Cooperative) ka lewe levu sara mai na lewe ni mataqali kei na Yavusa me vaka na Dreketi MahoganyLandowners Cooperative, ka rauta ni lewe 30 taucoko era sa vukei.



Na Matabose ni Itaukei Resources Owners Forum kei na Turaga na Minisitan iTaukei, Tovo kei na iYau Vakamareqeti ni oti na boseni ena Harbour Point e Lami. Taba: Itaukei Affairs.

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93.4FM
Rakiraki



Cava ena dua na delana Cecere na Tabana ni Teitei



Erau veitalanoa toka oqori na Minisita ni Teitei Hon Tomasi Tunabuna kei na Minisita ni Saravanua kei Vuka Hon Viliame Gavoka ena soqo ni vakaraitaki Vuanigele ka vakayacori ena Koroivolu Park e Nadi. Taba:Tabana ni Teitei kei na Susu Manumanu

Ena kena mai vakacavari na soqo ni vakaraitaki vua ni qele kei na susu manumanu ena Mua Ira ni noda vanua(National Agriculture Show) eda rawa ni vakadinadinataka na kena sa tubu totolo sara na Tabana ni Teitei ena noda vanua. Ena kena mai vakacavari na macawa dua ni soqo , sa dodonu meda sa yadra ena kena vakayagataki na noda qele. E vakaraitaka na Turaga Minisita Hon Tomasi Tunabuna ni tabana ni teitei e

yavudei talega ni veika vakailavo ena noda vanua. Na nodra sa tekivu cavu I kalawa na dauteitei ena kena teivaki na qele sa vurevure dei saraga ni lavo ena veivuvale. “ E na loma ni yabaki oqo na tabana ni teitei e sa bisinisi vinaka ni kena rawa nai lavo, sa dodonu meda tu vata ka cakacakavata ena gauna nikua ena sega walega ni vakatabakidua kina kakana kei na susu manumanu e na okati talega kina na na noda bula ena veisiga kei na noda vanua”.

E vakavinavinaka talega kina vanua o Nadi, Turaga na Tui Nadi, Momo na Tui Nawaka kei ira na veidelaniyavu vakaturaga ena kena tokni tiko na vei qaravi ni matanitu ena vuku ni veivakatorocaketaki. E dua talega na ka e kurabuitaki ena soqo oqo sai koya na nodra vakaitavi taki ira na marama ena Tabana ni Teitei, esa I vakaraitaki nisa boroi e dua nai yaloyalo vinaka ena veivakatoroicaketaki vei ira na marama. Na kena mai soli e so nai cocovi ni dauteitei vei ira

na marama sa dodonu mesa toso sara ka vakanamata kina veigauna vinaka. Era vakaraitaka talega na Momo na Tui Nawaka Ratu Joeli Bulu na nodra vakavinavinaka kina matanitu ena vuku ni kena kau yani ena Mua ira ni noda vanua na soqo bibi oqo ka sa veivakananumi vei ira na lewenivanua ena kena vakayagataki na qele , nisa sega ni gauna ni vakasavuliga ka mera nanumi na noda kawa ena veisiga ni mataka: **Taba: Supplied.**

फ़ीजी दर्पण



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तावुआ, लम्बासा

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प्रधानमंत्री माननीय सितिवेनी रम्बूका हालही न्यू यॉक अमेरिका में फ़ीजीवासियों से मुलाकात करते हुए चित्र: प्रधानमंत्री दफ़्तर

आज़ादी दिवस पर प्रधानमंत्री का बयान

रोनल देव

पचपन साल पहले, हमारा देश आज़ाद हुआ जहाँ पहली बार देश का झण्डा लहराया गया और देशवासियों से राष्ट्र गान किया। एल्बर्ट पार्क सूवा में शनिवार दस अक्टूबर 1970 की सुबह दस बजे महाराजा चार्ल्स ने देश के प्रथम प्रधानमंत्री स्वर्गीय रातू सर कमिसेसे मारा को स्वतंत्र के कागज़ात सौंपा। हमारे लोगों की आँखों में गर्व, यह विश्वास था कि हम अपने पैरों पर खड़े होने, अपनी विरासत की सम्मान करने, अपनी संप्रभुता की रक्षा करने और अपने साथी देशवासियों की सेवा करने के लिए तैयार हैं। प्रधानमंत्री माननीय सितिवेनी रम्बूका ने राष्ट्र के नाम अपने भाषण में कहा कि हम जबकि पचपनवीं आज़ादी दिवस

मना रहे हैं तो ऐसे में वो आपार गर्व और कृतज्ञता महसूस कर रहे हैं। दस अक्टूबर घण्टाभङ्ग को हमारे प्रिय फ़ीजी ने राष्ट्रों के समाज में अपना उचित स्थान प्राप्त किया और आत्मनिर्णय की ऐसी यात्रा पर निकल पड़ा जो आज भी हमारी पहचान और हमारे भाग्य को आकार दे रही है। इस साल के उत्सव का मुख्य विषय है, 'सभी के लिए शान्ति, एकता और प्रगति।' यह केवल हमारे अतीत का उत्सव नहीं है – यह हमारे भविष्य के प्रति एक गम्भीर प्रतिबद्धता और इस बात की मान्यता है कि हमारी शक्ति हमारी विविधता और प्रत्येक फ़ीजीवासी के लिए एक समृद्ध राष्ट्र के निर्माण के हमारे समान दृढ़ संकल्प में निहित है। एक राष्ट्र, एकता में आगे बढ़ रहा है। आज हम प्रत्येक समाज

जिनमें ई-तउकेई, भारतीय, रोटुमन, चीनी, युरोपियन तथा प्रशान्तीय द्वीप के हैं जो फ़ीजी को अपना घर मानते हैं, के योगदान का सम्मान करके उनके दृष्टिकोण का सम्मान करते हैं। फ़ीजी में बसे हमारे भारतीय भाईयों-बहनों ने अपनी कड़ी मेहनत और लगन से हमारी अर्थ-व्यवस्था, संस्कृति और सामाजिक ताने-बाने को समृद्ध किया है। हमारे सभी समाजों ने राष्ट्र के निर्माण में योगदान दिया है- एक ऐसा राष्ट्र जो अपने अनेक धागों के कारण और भी मज़बूत हुआ है। आज से पचपन साल बाद इतिहास हमें कैसे आंकेंगा? क्या हमें या तो एक ऐसी पीढ़ी के रूप में याद किया जाएगा जिसने अपनी विरासत की रक्षा की और उसे आगे

बढ़ाया – या एक ऐसी पीढ़ी के रूप में, जिसने उसे अपने हाथों से फि-सलने दिया? आज का दिन सिर्फ एक उत्सव नहीं है – यह कर्तव्य की माँग है। हम अपने संस्थापक माता-पिताओं का सम्मान करते हैं, उनके द्वारा शुरू किए गए कार्य को और गहरा तथा आगे बढ़ाकर। सच्ची आज़ादी का मतलब है सम्मान के साथ जीना, चाहे आप फ़ीजी में कहीं भी रहते हों। आपकी सरकार ग्रामीण और समुद्री समुदायों में साफ पानी, बिजली, इंटरनेट और ज़रूरी बुनियादी ढाँचे तक पहुँच का विस्तार कर रही है। सड़कें, जेटी यानि घाट और पुल सिर्फ बुनियादी ढाँचे नहीं हैं – ये अवसरों, शिक्षा, स्वास्थ्य सेवा और भविष्य का द्वार हैं।

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फीजी ने एक बार फिर अंतरराष्ट्रीय मंच पर मौसम में हो रहे बदलाव के लिए नए सिरे से वैश्विक प्रतिबद्धता और छोटे द्वीपीय विकासशील देशों के लिए मजबूत समर्थन की तत्काल ज़रूरत को रेखांकित किया है। बाईस सितम्बर 2025 को संयुक्त राष्ट्र महासभा के अवसर पर आयोजित एक उच्च स्तरीय कार्यक्रम में प्रधानमंत्री सितिवेनी रम्बूका ने जोर दिया कि मौसम में हो रहे बदलाव, फीजी और अन्य दक्षिणी अफ्रीका देशों पर गम्भीर और बुरा प्रभाव डाल रहे हैं, जिससे राष्ट्रों को विकास प्राथमिकताओं से हटकर अपने सीमित संसाधनों को पुनर्निर्माण और पुनर्प्राप्ति प्रयासों की ओर मोड़ने के लिए बाध्य होना पड़ रहा है। पलाउ और जर्मनी द्वारा संयुक्त रूप से आयोजित इस कार्यक्रम में सरकार के अध्यक्षों और उच्च नीति निर्माताओं ने मौसम में हो रहे बदलाव, भू-राजनीति और आर्थिक विकास के गठजोड़ से जुड़ी चुनौतियों पर विचार-विमर्श किया। अपने संबोधन में, प्रधानमंत्री रम्बूका ने

जी-20 देशों से मौसम में हो रहे बदलाव वाले संकट से निपटने में अगुवाई का परिचय देने की माँग की है:

“साथ मिलकर, हम मजबूत और ज्यादा ज़रूरी जलवायु कार्रवाई की वकालत करने में अगुवाई को कायम रखना जारी रखेंगे। ब्रजील के बेलेम में होने वाले COP30 की ओर देखते हुए, हमें 1992 से चली आ रही अपनी प्रतिबद्धताओं पर अटल रहना होगा – प्रमुख उत्सर्जकों को जवाबदेह

ठहराना, क्योटो प्रोटोकॉल का अनुपालन सुनिश्चित करना और महत्वाकांक्षी राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर निर्धारित योगदान प्रदान करना होगा।”

प्रधान मंत्री ने कर्ज संबंधी कमज़ोरियों को दूर करने, मौसम में हो रहे बदलाव वाली आर्थिक सहायता तक पहुँच का विस्तार करने और वैश्विक आर्थिक ढाँचों के अन्दर एस.आई.डी.एस के सामने आने वाली चुनौतियों की पहचान करने के लिए वास्तविक साझेदारियों की ज़रूरत पर जोर दिया। अपने भाषण के अंत में प्रधानमंत्री रम्बूका ने तत्काल, न्यायसं



गत और प्रभावी मौसम में हो रहे बदलाव की कार्रवाई को आगे बढ़ाने के लिए वैश्विक समुदाय के साथ एकजुटता से काम करने की फीजी की अटूट प्रतिबद्धता की पुष्टि की। इस कार्यक्रम ने नेताओं को मौसम में हो रहे बदलाव की अंतर्राष्ट्रीय नीति पर विचारों के आदान-

प्रदान के लिए एक महत्वपूर्ण मंच प्रदान किया, जिसमें हाल ही में आई.सी.जे. की सलाहकार राय, COP30 की तैयारियों और सीड्स के लिए विकास और मौसम में हो रहे बदलाव वित्तपोषण की मौजूदा चुनौतियाँ शामिल थी।

संयुक्त राष्ट्र की उच्च स्तरीय बैठक में पुरुष-महिला समानता के प्रति फीजी की प्रतिबद्धता



प्रधानमंत्री माननीय सितिवेनी रम्बूका पिछले महीने अन्य विश्व नेताओं के साथ न्यू यॉक अमेरिका स्थित संयुक्त राष्ट्र महासभा में भाग लेते हुए चित्र प्रदान किया गया

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महिलाओं की उन्नति के लिए फीजी के उद्देश्य गरीबी, शिक्षा, स्वास्थ्य, क्षमता निर्माण, महिलाओं के विरुद्ध हिंसा, महिलाएं और सशस्त्र संघर्ष, महिलाएं और अर्थव्यवस्था, सत्ता में महिलाएं और निर्माण लेने की प्रक्रिया, महिलाओं के मानवाधिकार, महिलाएं और समाचार माध्यम तथा महिलाएं और बालिकाओं के कल्याण जैसे प्रमुख क्षेत्रों पर केंद्रित हैं। अभी हालही में प्रधानमंत्री माननीय सितिवेनी रम्बूका, संयुक्त राष्ट्र महासभा में महिलाओं पर चौथे विश्व सम्मेलन की तीसवीं वर्षगांठ के उपलक्ष्य में आयोजित उच्च स्तरीय बैठक में अपना संबोधन देते हुए ऐसा कह रहे थे। संयुक्त राष्ट्र महासभा के 80th सत्र का उच्च-स्तरीय सप्ताह बीजिंग प्लेटफॉर्म फोर एक्शन के तीस साल पूरे होने के उपलक्ष्य में हुआ। अपने संबोधन में, प्रधानमंत्री रम्बूका ने बीजिंग सम्मेलन को पुरुष-महिला

समानता के वैश्विक आंदोलन में एक ऐतिहासिक मील का पत्थर बताया और इस बात पर जोर दिया कि यह महिलाओं और लड़कियों के अधिकारों और सशक्तिकरण को आगे बढ़ाने के लिए एक मार्गदर्शक ढाँचा बना हुआ है। “इन महत्वपूर्ण क्षेत्रों में, फीजी एक समावेशी वातावरण के प्रति अपनी प्रतिबद्धता पर प्रगति कर रहा है, पारिवारिक कानून सुधारों के माध्यम से पुरुष-महिला समानता को सुनिश्चित कर रहा है और फीजी के घरेलू हिंसा अधिनियम 2009, बाल कल्याण अधिनियम 2010 और रोजगार संबंध अधिनियम जैसे कानूनों को अपना रहा है, साथही महिलाओं के विरुद्ध हिंसा, बाल संरक्षण और रोजगार अधिकारों से संबंधित अन्य राष्ट्रीय नियम भी अपना रहा है।” “यह उत्सव है, महिलाओं के उन बहु-मूल्य योगदानों के लिए जो उन्होंने हमारी जिन्दगी में किए हैं। लेकिन यह कई समाजों में हिंसा, भेदभाव और असमानता

को दूर करने की तत्काल ज़रूरत को भी एक गम्भीर याद दिलाती है। उन्होंने ने कहा कि पुरुष-महिलाओं के बीच समानता की शुरुआत नेताओं की मजबूत राजनीतिक इच्छाशक्ति और जवाबदेही से होनी चाहिए। उनके अनुसार दुनिया की आधी से ज्यादा आबादी का प्रतिनिधित्व करने वाली महिलाओं के सशक्तिकरण पर कभी भी बहस नहीं होनी चाहिए या इसमें देरी नहीं होनी चाहिए। प्रधानमंत्री ने आगे कहा कि फीजी का मौजूदा कानूनी और संस्थागत ढाँचा महिलाओं और लड़कियों को पर्याप्त सुरक्षा प्रदान करता है, जिससे सरकारी संस्थान और अधिकारी भेदभाव को दूर करने और अपराधियों को जवाबदेह ठहराने में सक्षम होते हैं। “हमारा लक्ष्य है यह सुनिश्चित करना कि सरकारी ढाँचों में पुरुष और महिला के बीच समानता को संस्थागत रूप देना और इससे हमारे महिला, बाल और सामाजिक संरक्षण विभाग को और

अधिक सहायता मिले,” उन्होंने आगे कहा। प्रधानमंत्री रम्बूका ने बीजिंग प्लेटफॉर्म फोर एक्शन में महत्वपूर्ण क्षेत्रों जिनमें गरीबी कम करने, शिक्षा, स्वास्थ्य, आर्थिक सशक्तिकरण और महिलाओं के खिलाफ हिंसा खत्म करना शामिल है, के प्रति फीजी के समर्पण की पुष्टि की। एक विकासशील देश के रूप में, फीजी यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिए काम कर रहा है कि हमारी बेटियों को एक ऐसा भविष्य विरासत में मिले जहाँ समानता एक जीवंत वास्तविकता हो, न कि केवल एक आकांक्षा।” बीजिंग प्लेटफॉर्म ओफ एक्शन गरीबी, स्वास्थ्य, हिंसा और राजनीतिक भागीदारी जैसे बारह महत्वपूर्ण क्षेत्रों में राजनीतिक उद्देश्यों और कार्यों की रूपरेखा प्रस्तुत करता है, और महिलाओं के अधिकारों को आगे बढ़ाने और विकास लक्ष्यों को प्राप्त करने के वैश्विक प्रयासों के लिए एक महत्वपूर्ण दस्तावेज़ बना हुआ है।

युवा किसान को मिला सम्मानित



राष्ट्रीय कृषि दिवस के दौरान युवा किसानों को प्रोत्साहित करने के लिए टेकेंती के मोहम्मद अफज़ल इख्वाल को सम्मानित किया गया
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नांदी में हुए 2025 राष्ट्रीय कृषि शो में किसानों को सशक्त बनाने और देश के कृषि क्षेत्र को मज़बूत करने के लिए सरकार की प्रतिबद्धता की पुष्टि हुई है। सप्ताह भर के कार्यक्रम के मुख्य आकर्षणों में वालेलावा इकेती के, अट्ठाईस (28) वर्षीय किसान मोहम्मद अफज़ल इख्वाल को इस साल के सर्वश्रेष्ठ युवा किसान का पुरस्कार मिला। इख्वाल ने यह पुरस्कार अपने स्वर्गीय पिता को समर्पित किया जिन्होंने कृषि यात्रा में उनके लिए एक महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाई है। आतिथ्य क्षेत्र में कुछ समय तक काम करने के बाद, इख्वाल खेती में लौट आए और तरबूज, खीरा, कद्दू, मकाई, पन्ना-गोभी और धनिया सहित विभिन्न प्रकार की फसलें उगाई। उन्होंने अपनी सफलता का श्रेय कृषि मंत्रालय तथा सरकारी सहायता जैसे कि खेतों की जुताई कार्यक्रम और सहायता के माध्यम से प्रदान किए गए सहयोग को दिया। “कृषि अधिकारी हमेशा हमारे साथ खड़े रहे। उन्होंने जुताई में मदद की और सबसे महत्वपूर्ण बात, हमें अपने

खेतों का विस्तार करने के लिए शिक्षित किया,” उन्होंने कहा। उन्होंने कृषि को राष्ट्रीय विकास क्षेत्र के रूप में प्राथमिकता देने के लिए सरकार की सराहना की और कहा कि सलाहकार सहायता और सॉल्सिडी वाली सेवाओं जैसी पहलों ने किसानों की आजीविका में सुधार किया है। “अगर कृषि सहायता उपलब्ध नहीं होती, तो हम इस मुकाम तक नहीं पहुंच पाते। मैं कृषि मंत्रालय, खासकर अपने इलाके के अधिकारियों को हार्दिक धन्यवाद देना चाहता हूँ, जिन्होंने यह पुरस्कार हासिल करने में मुझे सक्षम बनाया।” इख्वाल ने अन्य युवाओं को भी कृषि क्षेत्र की ओड़ मुड़ने के लिए प्रोत्साहित किया और अपने खेत को विकसित करने में आधुनिक तकनीक और सलाहकार सेवाओं की भूमिका पर भी प्रकाश डाला। अपने कृषि विभाग और स्थानीय अधिकारियों से जुड़े रहें क्योंकि वे आपको सही रास्ता दिखाएंगे। आधुनिक तकनीकों का बुद्धिमान से उपयोग करें गूगल, यूट्यूब और ऑनलाइन संसाधन, इसने मुझे अपने खेत विकसित करने के नए तरीके सीखने और लागू करने में बहुत मदद मिली है।

पानी की सेवाओं में सुधार के लिए एडीबी ने दिया कर्ज



उप प्रधानमंत्री तथा फायनेन्स मंत्री माननीय विमान प्रसाद, एशियन डिवेलोपमेंट बैंक के प्रतिनिधि के साथ एक समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर करते हुए
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फीजी सरकार ने हेल्थी ओशन और पानी सप्लाई सुधार कार्यक्रम के नीचे एशियन डिवेलोपमेंट बैंक के साथ एक समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर किया है, जिसका मूल्य 171 मिलियन अमरिकी डोलर (385 मिलियन फीजी डोलर) है। यह योजना किनोया पानी सप्लाई की सेवाओं को दोगुना करेगी। कुल योजना लागत में से, एडीबी चालीस वर्ष की अवधि, 10 वर्ष की रियायती अवधि और 1% ब्याज दर के साथ 135 मिलियन अमरिकी डोलर (304 मिलियन फीजी डोलर) का रियायती प्रदान कर रहा है; एडीबी दस मिलियन अमरिकी डोलर (23 मिलियन फीजी डोलर) का 100 प्रतिशत अनुदान भी प्रदान कर रहा है, जबकि फीजी सरकार छब्बीस 26 मिलियन अमरिकी डोलर (59 मिलियन फीजी डोलर) का योगदान देगी। उप प्रधानमंत्री तथा फायनेन्स मंत्री माननीय बीमान प्रसाद ने कहा कि यह योजना फीजी के पानी क्षेत्र

में एक महत्वपूर्ण योगदान है। “हमारे पानी क्षेत्र को कुछ बड़ी चुनौतियों का सामना करना पड़ रहा है, जिनमें पुराना बुनियादी ढाँचा, रिसाव और समस्या, जो हमारे वातावरण और अर्थिक विकास, दोनों के लिए खतरा है।” उप प्रधान मंत्री ने यह भी आश्वासन दिया कि यह उधारी सरकार के लक्ष्यों के अन्दर है। “इस साल जुलाई के अंत में, सरकार का कुल कर्ज लगभग 10.8 बिलियन डोलर या जीडीपी का 77.1 प्रतिशत था। यह योजना एक प्राथमिकता वाला योगदान है और हमारा कर्ज स्थिरता के ढाँचे में शामिल किया गया है।” “प्रधान मंत्री और फीजी सरकार की ओर से, मैं एशियन डेवलपमेंट बैंक के प्रति इस शानदार साझेदारी और तकनीकी विशेषज्ञता के माध्यम से फीजी की विकास प्राथमिकताओं को समर्थन देने के लिए हार्दिक आभार व्यक्त करता हूँ, माननीय प्रसाद ने कहा।

सरकार ने गन्ने के किसानों को दिया आश्वासन

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मल्टी-एथनिक अफैयस और चीनी मंत्रालय के माध्यम से सरकार ने बा स्थित रारावाई चीनी मिल में हाल ही में लगी आग के बाद रारावाई मिल के गन्ने के किसानों को सरकार के निरंतर सहयोग का आश्वासन दिया है। मंत्री माननीय चरण जीत सिंह ने उप प्रधान मंत्री माननीय विमान प्रसाद के साथ मिलकर रारावाई चीनी मिल का दौरा किया और फीजी शुगर कोर्पोरेशन (एफएससी) के रारावाई लोरी ड्राइवर्स एसोसिएशन सहित प्रमुख साझेदारों से मुलाकात की। इस दौर के उद्देश्य, चल रहे कार्यों को सुनिश्चित करने के लिए सरकार की तत्काल कार्रवाई और प्रतिबद्धताओं के बारे में जानकारी प्रदान करना था। मंत्री सिंह ने किसानों को आश्वासन दिया कि आग से उत्पन्न चुनौतियों के बावजूद, इस मौसम में खेतों में खड़े सभी गन्नों की कटाई की जाएगी। उन्होंने इस बात पर जोर दिया कि सरकार, फीजी शुगर कोर्पोरेशन के माध्यम से बा मिल को भेजने वाले गन्ने की समय पर कटाई के लिए पूरी तरह प्रतिबद्ध है। रारावाई मिल और लौतोका मिल में लगभग चालीस हजार टन गन्नों की कटाई बाकी है, और मंत्रालय सभी संबंधित हिधारकों के साथ मिलकर यह सुनिश्चित करेगा कि कटाई बिना किसी और बाधा के जारी रहे।



चीनी मंत्री माननीय चरण जीत सिंह ने उप प्रधान मंत्री माननीय विमान प्रसाद के साथ रारावाई चीनी मिल का दौरा किया।
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“हम इस कठिन समय में अपने किसानों की कठिनाइयों को समझते हैं,” मंत्री सिंह ने कहा। सरकार किसानों को आश्वासन देती है कि कोई भी गन्ना नहीं छूटेगा। लौतोका चीनी मिल, बा, तावुआ और राकीराकी से आने वाले गन्ने के लिए योजनाएँ बनाई जाएगी। एक और आश्वासन देते हुए, मंत्री सिंह ने पुष्टि की कि आग के कारण एफ.एस.सी. के किसी भी कर्मचारी की नौकरी नहीं जाएगी तथा उनका रोज़गार सुरक्षित रहेगा। किसानों पर पड़ने वाले प्रभाव को कम करने के लिए, मंत्रालय, एफ.एस.सी. के माध्यम से, रारावाई चीनी मिल को गन्ना सप्लाई करने वाले किसानों को पंद्रह डोलर प्रति टन का मुआवज़ा देगा। इस सहायता का उद्देश्य है रारावाई चीनी मिल में लगी आग के परिणामस्वरूप बढ़ी हुई यातायात खर्च को पूरा करने में मदद करना।

नवोसा में विकास लाने के लिए सरकार की सहायता



कृषि मंत्रालय ने नवोसा स्थित बुलाताले फार्मस कौपरेटिव को हाल में एक ट्रैक्टर प्रदान किया है। ये फीजी में दूर दराज़ के इलाकों में से एक है। सहायक कृषि मंत्री माननीय इनोसी कुरीझानी का कहना है कि यह नया ट्रैक्टर, निर्वाह खेती से व्यवसायिक उत्पादन में परिवर्तन के लिए एक उपकरण है। कौपरेटिव के पंद्रह सदस्य खास करके यंगोना और जड़ वाले भोजन बोते हैं तथा नया ट्रैक्टर मिलने से खेत तैयार करने, फसलों की पैदाईश बढ़ाने तथा बा, तावुआ और नान्दी में बाज़ार तक पहुँच के नए अवसर मिलेंगे। यह पूँजी किसानों सशक्त बनाएगा, उनकी जीविका को बढ़ावा देगा और यह सुनिश्चित करता है कि कोई भी समाज पीछे न छूटे।

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किसानी हमारे राष्ट्र की रीढ़ है – उप प्रधानमंत्री प्रसाद



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न्यूयोक में फीजी का राष्ट्रीय दिवस मनाया गया



फीजी प्रवासी समाज, हाल में न्यूयोक अमेरिका में फीजी का राष्ट्रीय दिवस मनाने के लिए एकत्रित हुए। इस अवसर पर प्रधानमंत्री माननीय सितिवेनी रम्बुका मुख्य मेहमान थे जिसमें न्यूजर्सी, वाशिंगटन और पश्चिमी तट के समाज सहित अमेरिका और कनाडा के फीजीवासी शामिल हुए। अपने संबोधन में प्रधानमंत्री रम्बुका ने उपस्थित लोगों के प्रति आभार व्यक्त किया और उनके मज़बूत समर्थन के लिए उनकी सराहना की तथा उन्हें हमारी संस्कृति, मूल्यों और सद्भावना का अच्छा दूत बताया। प्रधानमंत्री ने स्वतंत्रता के बाद से फीजी की याता पर विचार किया। उन्होंने विश्व मंच पर फीजी और प्रशान्त क्षेत्र की आवाज़ बुलन्द करने के महत्व पर प्रकाश डाला।



रोतूमा में नई जेटी और सड़कों से लोगों की ज़िन्दगी सुधरी



रोतूमा के पोस्ट-मास्टर रिचर्ड नाईडू सुकुना पार्क का मज़ा ले सकेंगे चित्र: प्रदान किया गया

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रोतूमा जेटी और सड़कों में सुधार से लोगों और कारोबार के लिए रोज़मर्रा की ज़िन्दगी आसान हो गई है। अब सफर और भी तेज़ तथा भरोसेमंद हो गया है।

लोकल पोस्ट-मास्टर रिचर्ड नायडू, जो पिछले ढाई सालों से वहाँ काम कर रहे हैं, कहते हैं कि इन बदलावों से भारी फायदा हुआ है।

“नई जेटी ने ज़िन्दगी सुखद बना दी

है।” पहले जहाज़ों को सही से रूकने में दिक्कत होती थी और हमारी टेनविलर सप्लाए ट्रक खराब सड़कों की वजह से देर से आती थी। अब नया जेटी जहाज़ों को आसानी से लगने देता है और अच्छी सड़कें ट्रक को जल्दी पहुँचने देती हैं।” 35 वर्षीय रिचर्ड ने फीजी सरकार का धन्यवाद किया। उन्होंने कहा, “इन प्रोजेक्ट्स से कारोबार आसान हुआ है और लोगों एव सप्लायर्स के बीच बेहतर जुड़ाव हुआ है। अब ज़रूरी सामान हम

गन्ने के किसानों के लिए खुशखबरी



सूबा और आस-पास के निवासी, फिर से चमकाए गए रातू सुकुना पार्क का मज़ा ले सकेंगे चित्र: प्रदान किया गया

महिमा खान

बहु-जातीय मामलों और चीनी शेत के मंत्री, माननीय चरण जीत सिंह ने हाल ही में बा के रारावाई मिल में लगी आग से असर पड़े किसानों के लिए तुरन्त राहत की घोषणा की है।

सोमवार, 22 सितम्बर 2025 से लेकर इस पेराई के मौसम के अंत तक, पश्चिमी विभाग के जो किसान कटाई खर्चों के लिए कर्ज़ लेना चाहते हैं, उनके लिए शुगर कैन गोवस फंड कर्ज़ की अज़ी और कागज़ात की फीस पूरी तरह माफ कर देगा।

मंत्री ने गोवस फंड और पैसिफिक एनर्जी के बीच एक नई साझेदारी भी शुरू की है। इसके तहत:

किसान अगर अपनी गाड़ियों का रजिस्ट्रेशन

करवाते हैं, तो उन्हें लोयल्टी कार्ड मिलेगा। इस कार्ड से उन्हें अगले तीन साल तक फियूल प्रति लीटर, पाँच सेंट अतिरिक्त छूट मिलेगी, जो अन्य ओफर्स के अलावा होगी। यह लोयल्टी कार्ड प्रोग्राम पिछले साल शुरू हुआ था और अभी तक 2,222 किसान इसका फायदा ले रहे हैं।

उन्हें प्रायवट अस्पतालों, फार्मसी, दुकानों, हार्डवेयर की दुकान और मशीनरी डीलरों पर 2% से 12.5% तक की छूट मिल रही है। मंत्री सिंह ने पैसिफिक एनर्जी को धन्यवाद देते हुए कहा कि इस तरह की योजनाएँ किसानों का आर्थिक बोझ कम करती हैं और उन्हें अपनी जीविका बनाए रखने और आगे बढ़ाने के लिए ज़रूरी सहयोग और प्रोत्साहन देती हैं।

विदेशी दौरे, फीजी की बढ़ती वैश्विक साझेदारी और फिजीवासियों के बेहतर जीवन के लिए थे



प्रधानमंत्री माननीय सितिवेनी रम्बूका संसद भवन में अपने विदेशी दौरे की सफाई देते हुए चित्र: संसद भवन

रोनल देव

प्रधानमंत्री माननीय सितिवेनी रम्बूका ने विश्व नेताओं और संयुक्त राष्ट्र सदस्य देशों के प्रतिनिधियों के साथ न्यू योक अमेरिका स्थित संयुक्त राष्ट्र मुख्यालय में गैर-संक्रामक बीमारियों (एन.सी.डी) की रोकथाम और नियंत्रण तथा मानसिक स्वास्थ्य और कल्याण को बढ़ावा देने के लिए वैश्विक कार्रवाई की ज़रूरत पर एक मजबूत संदेश दिया। प्रधानमंत्री रम्बूका ने गैर-संक्रामक बीमारियों की रोकथाम और मानसिक स्वास्थ्य पर राजनीतिक घोषणापत्र के प्रति फीजी के समर्थन की पुष्टि की और वैश्विक स्वास्थ्य लक्ष्यों और स्वास्थ्य सेवा प्राप्त करने के प्रति देश की प्रतिबद्धता पर प्रकाश डाला।

फीजी इस बैठक के समय पर आयोजन और हमारे समक्ष प्रस्तुत राजनीतिक घोषणापत्र के ड्राफ्ट का स्वागत करता है। “हम इस घोषणापत्र का समर्थन

करते हैं और गैर-संक्रामक बीमारियों की रोकथाम, मानसिक स्वास्थ्य के वैश्विक लक्ष्यों को प्राप्त करने के लिए प्रतिबद्ध है। हम वैश्विक स्तर पर गैर-संक्रामक बीमारियों और मानसिक स्वास्थ्य संगठन की केंद्रीय भूमिका को भी स्वीकार करते हैं। फीजी में अस्सी प्रतिशत से ज़्यादा मौतें गैर-संक्रामक बीमारियों के कारण होती हैं, जो लगभग हर परिवार को प्रभावित करती हैं, जबकि मानसिक स्वास्थ्य चुनौतियाँ - खासकर हमारे युवाओं में - अक्सर अनदेखी रह जाती हैं।

ये परस्पर जुड़े संकट न केवल व्यक्तिगत जीवन के लिए, बल्कि हमारे देश के सामाजिक और आर्थिक विकास के लिए भी खतरा हैं।”

उन्होंने खाद्य बाज़ार संबंधी कानूनों को मजबूत करने, स्वास्थ्य स्कूल नितियों को लागू करने और मानसिक स्वास्थ्य सेवाओं में पूँजी लगाने के फीजी के प्रयासों पर प्रकाश डाला।

हर बच्चे को सुरक्षित महसूस होने का हक है

बच्चों, याद रखें:
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अगर कोई आपको ऐसे छूता है जो आपको गलत लगता है या असहज करता है, तो किसी ऐसे व्यक्ति को बताएं जिस पर आप भरोसा करते हों।

* आप अपने माता-पिता, मौसी, दादी, शिक्षक, नर्स, डाक्टर या पुलिस से बातें कर सकते हैं।
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आइए, हम सब मिलकर अपने बच्चों की रक्षा करें।

विडियो देखने के लिए: महिला, बच्चों एवं सामाजिक सुरक्षा मंत्रालय के फेसबुक पेज पर जाएं।

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पहाड़ी इलाकों में गन्ने की कटाई करने वाली मशीन के साथ चीनी मंत्री चरण जित सिंह चित्र: प्रदान किया गया

महिमा खान

बहु-जातीय मामलों और चीनी क्षेत्र के मंत्री, माननीय चरण जित सिंह ने हाल में फीजी के चीनी क्षेत्र के लिए ऐतिहासिक कदम उठाया। ओकिनावा जापान की कुमिकी कंपनी लिमिटेड से लाई गई पहली बार की खास मोडल की मशीन का शुभ आरंभ किया गया। कार्यक्रम में चीनी मंत्री चरण जित सिंह ने कहा कि इस मशीन का उपयोग सरकार की उस बड़ी योजना का हिस्सा है, जिसके तहत गन्ने की कटाई पूरी तरह मशीन से करने की कोशिश हो रही है। खासकर उन किसानों की मदद के लिए जो पहाड़ी इलाकों में हाथ से गन्ना काटने में कठिनाई झेलते हैं। सबसे पहले इस मशीन का परिक्षण क्षेत्र में होगा। वहाँ एफ एस सी और शुगर

रिसेच इंस्टीट्यूट ऑफ फीजी ने खेतों को मशीन के हिसाब से तैयार किया है ताकि यह सुक्षित और असरदार तरीके से काम करे। मंत्रालय, एफ एस सी और शुगर रिसेच के बीच एक समझौता हुआ है जिसमें मशीन की फंडिंग, लाने-ले जाने, चलाने और देखभाल की जिम्मेदारियाँ तय की गई हैं। इस सीज़न के बाद शुगर रिसेच-पूरी रिपोर्ट तैयार करेगा ताकि आगे का रास्ता तय किया जा सके। जापान से आए विशेषज्ञ, ऑपरेटर और मेकेनिक को ट्रेनिंग दे रहे हैं। 2025-26 बजट में इसके लिए 978,200 डॉलर रखे गए हैं। अभी 100 से ज्यादा मशीनें इस सीज़न में गन्ना काटेंगी जिससे 40% से ज्यादा गन्ना मशीन से कटेगा। लक्ष्य है कि अगले साल यह 60% तक पहुँचे।



नया वतुलाउलाउ हिन्दू श्मशानभूमि



मल्टी-एथनिक अफैयर और चीनी मंत्री, माननीय चरण जित सिंह ने नए वतुलाउलाउ हिन्दू श्मशानभूमि का उद्घाटन किया चित्र: प्रदान किया गया

शीलता सिंह

भावना का प्रदर्शन किया।

मल्टी-एथनिक अफैयर और चीनी मंत्री, माननीय चरण जित सिंह ने नए वतुलाउलाउ हिन्दू श्मशानभूमि का उद्घाटन किया। यह योजना मल्टी-एथनिक ग्रांट के माध्यम से पूरा किया गया है। यह श्मशानभूमि अब वतुलाउलाउ स्टेज 1 और 2, तारिवो, तलैया, नासोलो और वाईवाई में 192 परिवारों की सेवा करेगा, जिससे उन परिवारों को सम्मान और सुविधा मिलेगी जिन्हें पहले लंबी दूरी तय करनी पड़ती थी। मंत्रालय ने 14,951.35 डॉलर का योगदान दिया, जबकि स्थानीय कमिटी ने बाकी बची राशि का भुगतान किया, जिससे सरकार और समुदाय के बीच साझेदारी की सच्ची

“यह श्मशानभूमि केवल एक विश्राम स्थल नहीं है; यह उस गहरे सम्मान को दर्शाता है जो एक समुदाय मृत्यु के बाद भी जीवन के प्रति रखता है।” वतुलाउलाउ योजना, कार्यक्रम के तहत पिछले वर्ष में पूरी की गई 202 सामुदायिक पहलों में से एक है, जो अब अपनी सफलता और देश भर में भारी मांग के कारण 12 लाख डॉलर से बढ़कर 20 लाख डॉलर हो गई है। इस योजना को साकार करने में उनके प्रयासों के लिए श्री शैलेंद्र इंद्र्यू और स्थानीय समिति को विशेष धन्यवाद है। हम सब मिलकर एकता, गरिमा और सेवा के साथ निर्माण करते हैं,” मंत्री सिंह ने कहा।



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कौन अर्जी लगा सकता है:

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– फीजी के शहरी, अर्ध-शहरी, ग्रामीण, समुद्री क्षेत्रों में निवास करता हो;

– दो वर्षों के प्रासंगिक बाज़ार अनुभव सहित एक मौजूदा रजिस्टर्ड व्यापार हो;

– रजिस्टर्ड एनटीटी का बहुसंख्यक फीजी (51% या अधिक) के पास होना चाहिए; और कुल योजना लागत का एक-तिहाई पैसा भर सकता हो।



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उप प्रधानमंत्री तथा फायनेन्स मंत्री माननीय बिमान प्रसाद ने संसद में प्रकाश डाला कि वेट पंद्रह प्रतिशत से घटाकर बारह दशमलौ पाँच प्रतिशत करना जो इस साल पहली अगस्त से लागू हुआ है से फीजी के परिवारों के लिए जीवन-यापन की लागत को कम करने के लिए गठबंधन सरकार द्वारा लिया गया एक साहसिक नीतिगत फैसला है।

मुख्य विशेषताएं:

वेट में कटौती से पूरी अर्थव्यवस्था में दो सौ पचास मिलियन डोलर की बचत होने की उम्मीद है इससे कम और मध्य आमदनी वाले परिवारों के खरीदबीन की शक्ति में सीधे तौर पर वृद्धि होती है। फीजीवासी अब बिजली, फियूल, खाने-पीने वाले समान पर -कुछ भी वेट नहीं- सरकारी फीस, एल टी ए के लेवी, पासपोर्ट, पुलिस क्लीरन्स वगैरह पर दो दशमलौ पाँच प्रतिशत कम वेट भर रहे हैं।

यह कटौती निर्धारित दवाओं सहित बाईस ज़रूरी वस्तुओं पर कुछ भी रेटड वेट के पूरक के रूप में की गई है

महंगाई का प्रभाव:

इस साल फरवरी से, महंगाई लगातार सात

महीनों से नकारात्मक क्षेत्र में है, खाने-पीने के समान, पेय पदार्थ, यातायात और फियूल की कीमतों में कमी दर्ज की गई है।

माननीय बिमान प्रसाद ने कहा:

इस समयबद्ध कटौती से न केवल कम आमदनी कमाने वाले परिवारों को भी लाभ होगा, जो बढ़ती लागतों का सामना कर रहे हैं, लेकिन सब्सिडी के लिए पात्र नहीं है। वेट कम करके, हम यह सुनिश्चित कर रहे हैं कि सभी फीजीवासियों तक राहत पहुँचे। उपभोक्ताओं की सुरक्षा के लिए सरकार ने मूल्य निगरानी और प्रवर्तन कार्यबल, एफसीसीसी, कोनजुमा काउन्सिल ओफ फीजी और एफआरसीएस के साथ मिलकर काम कर रही है ताकि यह सुनिश्चित किया जा सके कि व्यवसाय वेट बचत का उचित लाभ उठाए।

यह सुधार जीवन-यापन की लागत के दबाव को कम करने, निष्पक्षता को बढ़ावा देने और हर एक फीजीवासी परिवार का समर्थन करने के लिए गठबंधन सरकार की प्रतिबद्धता को दर्शाता है।



अक्टूबर 2025 के लिए नया स्वीकृत फियूल कीमत				
उत्पाद	वर्तमान कीमत (30 सितंबर 2025 तक)	नया स्वीकृत कीमत (1 अक्टूबर 2025 से प्रभाव में आया)	कीमत में परिवर्तन	
			(\$)	(%)
मोटर स्पिरिट	\$2.56 (VIP)	\$2.58 (VIP)	↑ \$0.02	0.78%
प्रोमिक्स	\$2.40 (VIP)	\$2.41 (VIP)	↑ \$0.01	0.42%
केरोसीन	\$1.76 (वेट लागू नहीं है।)	\$1.72 (वेट लागू नहीं है।)	↓ \$0.04	-2.27%
डीज़ल	\$2.30 (VIP)	\$2.22 (VIP)	↓ \$0.08	-3.48%

याद रखें: केरोसीन की कीमत वेट मुक्त कीमत है।

— कोई परिवर्तन नहीं हुआ है। — कम किया गया है। — बढ़ि हुई है।

अक्टूबर 2025 के लिए नया स्वीकृत एलपीजी कीमत				
उत्पाद	वर्तमान कीमत (30 सितंबर 2025 तक)	नया स्वीकृत कीमत (1 अक्टूबर 2025 से प्रभाव में आया)	कीमत में परिवर्तन	
			(\$)	(%)
4.5 केजी सिलेंडर	\$14.27 (वेट लागू नहीं है।)	\$13.52 (वेट लागू नहीं है।)	↓ \$0.75	-5.26%
12 केजी सिलेंडर	\$38.05 (वेट लागू नहीं है।)	\$36.05 (वेट लागू नहीं है।)	↓ \$2.00	-5.26%
बल्क गैस	\$2.94 (VEP)	\$2.78 (VEP)	↓ \$0.16	-5.44%
आँटो गैस	\$2.02 (VIP)	\$1.91 (VIP)	↓ \$0.11	-5.45%

याद रखें: सिलेंडर की कीमत पर वेट लागू नहीं किया गया है। बल्क की कीमत पर वेट नहीं लगाया गया है। आँटो गैस की कीमत पर वेट लगाया गया है।

— कोई परिवर्तन नहीं हुआ है। — कम किया गया है। — बढ़ि हुई है।