

The  
**NEW ZEALAND INDIAN CENTRAL  
ASSOCIATION**

(INCORPORATED)

●  
**ANNUAL REPORT**

AND

**BALANCE SHEET**

●  
**CONFERENCE -27**

Held 4th & 5th APRIL, 1953

At Auckland.

# **NEW ZEALAND INDIAN CENTRAL ASSOCIATION (Inc.)**

The Annual Conference of the New Zealand Indian Central Association was held at Auckland on the fourth and fifth of April, 1953.

Excellent meals and accommodation was provided by the Auckland Indian Association. The hospitality given to the delegates was a credit to them.

Delegates from the eight branches were present.

## **AUCKLAND**

Mr. K. Devji  
Mr. Narsih B. Patel  
Mr. Ramesh Patel  
Mr. Parbhu Patel  
Mr. Daji Patel  
Mr. Khusal Madhu  
Mr. Lalu Nathu  
Mr. Magan Bhikha  
Mr. Bhana Dandikar  
Mr. Nanu Bhana

Mr. Pritam Singh  
Mr. H. S. Radhawa

## **PUKEKOHE**

Mr. Ravji Chhana  
Mr. Parag Kanji  
Mr. Moti Vallabh  
Mr. Javala Singh

## **WAIKATO**

Mr. Parbhu Dahya  
Mr. Esub E. Bhikoo

## **CHRISTCHURCH**

Mr. Laloo Kika  
Mr. Dayal Bhana

## **ROTORUA**

Mr. Munsha Singh  
Mr. Unka Kanji  
Mr. Kadeer Meia

## **MANAWATU**

Mr. Chhiba Panchia  
Mr. H. Naran  
Mr. Rama Ranchhod

## **WELLINGTON**

Mr. J. G. Nager  
Mr. D. Parag  
Mr. N. Chhiba  
Mr. H. Dahya  
Mr. B. Singh  
Mr. C. Soma  
Mr. L. VasANJI

## **COUNTRY SECTION**

Mr. Piara Singh  
Mr. B. R. Singh  
Mr. Harri Singh  
Mr. Karam Singh

The Conference was opened at 2 p.m. on the 4th April with a welcome speech by the Reception President, Mr. L. N. Patel.

The meeting was declared open by the national President, Mr. Unka K. Dhanji. Two minutes' silence was observed in respect to all deceased members of the Commonwealth.

Copies of the General Secretary's Annual Report were distributed to all delegates.

The report of the activities achieved during the year is as follows:

# **Annual Report (1952-53) of the New Zealand Indian Central Association**

Presented by the Secretary, Mr. J. G. Nager.

Another year has passed since we last met at the Annual Conference at Christchurch, a number of events have taken place both good and bad.

Our brethren in South Africa are still fighting for their rights as Commonwealth citizens and we are sorry to say they have made very little headway in their fight for equal rights. The All India Congress Committee has written and asked our people here in New Zealand to give all their support financially.

The passing of Princess Te Puea Herangi, C.B.E., J.P., on the 12th October, 1952, was a great shock to her own people, the Maoris, for whom she devoted her life's work, especially to encourage them to live in harmony with all peoples. A sympathy telegram, also a wreath was sent from the Central Association and a representative attended the funeral.

On the 23rd October, 1952, we had news of our President losing his beloved father. On this occasion also a sympathy telegram and a wreath were sent to express our feelings in his hour of grief.

The donation of £5/0/0 was sent to Massey's Agricultural College for Mahatma Ghandi Prize which was awarded to Mr. C. O. Hurrell. A letter of congratulations was sent to Mr. Hurrell.

The Indian Association of Fiji sent an appeal for Deen-Bandhu High School.

A letter of thanks was sent to Mr. Manilal, information Officer in Sydney for the regular Indian News that he has so kindly sent in the past.

A letter of appreciation was received from the High Commissioner for India for the courtesy and consideration shown to his wife and himself while in New Zealand from the Indian Community.

An acknowledgement has been received from the Indian Athletic Club of Fiji, for the silver cup donated by this Association.

Notice has been received from Mr. Sanyal that in future the Government of India has appointed Messrs. Technical Books Ltd., 11 Walter Street, Wellington, to act as their agent in New Zealand for the sale of all Indian Newspaper publications.

A cable was despatched to the Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru of congratulations on the occasion of the Third Anniversary of India's Republic Day.

During the year our Indian Trade Commissioner, Mr. Sanyal was appointed as first secretary to his Excellency, M. S. Duleep-sinhji, High Commissioner for India in Australia.

On the 17th March, 1953, at my residence, a meeting was held of the Committee members appointed by the Association to present a deputation to Parliament. Those present were: Mr. D. Kanji, U. K. Dhanji, D. Singh, J. K. Natali, Dr. M. Satyanand, L. N. Fatel and myself. I approached Mr. Nordmeyer, President of the Labour Party, and asked him if he would assist us in presenting the Deputation, he kindly consented and gave us all the assistance we could have wished for. Mr. Nordmeyer gave us valuable advice when we were preparing the deputation at the meeting held at my residence and also presented all the Committee to the Ministers at Parliament on the 18th March. We are indeed grateful to Dr. Satyanand, Mr. Natali and Mr. Nordmeyer for their valuable assistance in this cause.

An invitation was sent to Mr. Sanyal to attend this Conference, a letter of regret was received stating that Mr. Sanyal had already another appointment for these particular dates, but he sends good wishes for a successful Annual Conference.

I wish to thank the Members and Officers for their co-operation through the year in helping me to carry out my duties as General Secretary.

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### LAST YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS.

**1. Customs Department Motherless Minors.**—The Minister has stated that the death of mothers will not be a bar to minor unmarried lawful children whose father is a permanent resident of New Zealand.

**2. Unnecessary Delay in Permits.**—The Minister has made it clear that the delay in issuing permits is mostly due to Indians themselves for these reasons: delay in applying for permits before the age of twenty-one years, delay in medical and relationship certificates. To remedy this, applications should be made for children at an early age.

**3. Branch Secretarys' Negligence.**—On several occasions it has been suggested that each Branch Secretary should send to the General Secretary each year a list of its members and address and Annual Report of their Association. There are branches which have neglected this suggestion passed in the Conference for two or three years. We would appreciate co-operation from all branches in this matter.

**4. All Branches Subscription Fees are all up-to-date.**

**5. Punjab Province Passports.**—Nothing can be done until the Indian Government is given a definite case to work on with full details. Any member who has a definite case with full details write to the secretary of this Association.

**6. Coker Hotel.**—All correspondence with the Mayor of Christchurch and the Canterbury Licensed Victuallers Association was to no avail as the Licensee has every right to refuse whoever he chooses. It was decided in the Conference to drop the matter.

**7. Secretary's Allowance.**—In conversation with Association's Lawyer it was decided that new rules of the Association should be drafted so as to abolish amendments.

**8. Travelling Permits and N.Z. Born Child.**—A Deputation was presented to Mr. Sullivan, Minister of Immigration on the 18th March, 1953, by the appointed Committee. The following is the answer we received:

"I am not unsympathetic to the wishes of your members. However, immigration legislation is under review and I would therefore like to write to you again later. I am hopeful that it will be found possible to at least meet you part of the way."

The Conference has decided to wait for a further letter, then call Committee.

The General Secretary's Report was approved by all attending Delegates.

The resolution was passed unanimously by the Delegates that a vote of thanks be given to the officers for their services during the year 1952-53. This Association records in its minute book a vote of thanks to Dr. Satyanand, Mr. Nordmeyer and Mr. Natali for the assistance they rendered to this Association.

In Mr. Ranji Hira's absence Mr. Khusal Madhau audited the books and approved.

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The following new officers were elected for 1953-54:

**President:** Mr. K. Devji (Auckland).

**Vice-President:** Mr. Lakhu VasANJI (Wellington).

**General Secretary:** Mr. J. G. Nager (Wellington).

**Assistant Secretary:** Mr. B. Singh (Wellington).

**Auditor:** Mr. Khusal Madhav (Auckland).

**CORSO Representative:** Mr. B. Singh and Mr. J. G. Nager (Wellington).

**Committee:** Messrs. Karanl Singh (Country Section), Parbhu Patel (Auckland), Chhiba Panchia (Manawatu), Munsha Singh (Rotorua), Harri Dahya (Wellington), E. Bhikhoo (Wai-kato), L. Kika (Christchurch), R. C. Harri (Pukekohe).

## NEW RESOLUTIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

✓ 1. That the New Zealand Indian Central Association should be called "The New Zealand Indian Association Incorporated" and all branches should have same heading indicating individual branches in brackets. A committee has been appointed to investigate the rules to comply with all branches. The committee elected for this purpose is as follows: Messrs. Unka K. Dhanji, J. K. Natali, Karam Singh, L. N. Patel and B. Singh. The committee has agreed to report on this matter within four months.

✓ 2. An approach to the Reserve Bank for permission to remit money to All India Congress Committee, for the purpose of fighting racial discrimination in South Africa.

2 3. Validity of Passports, resolved that: The Association takes immediate steps to clarify the actual national status of members whose place of birth is situated in the State of Baroda, prior to India becoming a Republic. According to the New Zealand Government's Department of Internal Affairs it appears such persons are treated as "British Protected Persons," and therefore, not entitled to New Zealand passports.

It was decided in the Conference to write to the Indian High Commissioner through Mr. Sanyal to clarify the status of Baroda State to the New Zealand Government.

B. Singh ✓ 4. All important records of this Association up to end of 1952 should be bound for future references.

✓ 5. Regarding accommodation in Sydney it has been considered that the outlay of the capital would be too great for the small amount of our members who travel.

✓ 6. Mr. Ramash, of Auckland, has volunteered to send information to Mr. D. P. Persai, of India, that will be of interest to the Indian papers, of the activities of the New Zealand Indians.

✓ 7. The total of £125,000 from 1949 to 1953 has been sent to India in the form of clothing, milk-powder, medical supplies, etc., from CORSO. This worthy organisation is in need of your full support, and I appeal to all members of the Indian community to help CORSO to the best of their ability.

# THE NEW ZEALAND INDIAN CENTRAL ASSOCIATION (INC.)

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Date	STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS	£	s.	d.	Date	STATEMENT OF DEBITS	£	s.	d.
14/4/52	Balance in Bank of New Zealand	80	11	9	14/4/52	Paid J. G. Nager, General Secretary	24	10	6
14/4/52	Balance in P.O.S. Bank	290	9	1	14/4/52	Paid L. N. Patel for Minute Book	18	0	0
14/4/52	Auckland Assn. Member Fee 1951	22	18	0	28/4/52	Stamps	2	2	0
14/4/52	Amendment Auck. Member Fee 1950	9	16	0	27/5/52	Mahatma Gandhi Prize Massey College	5	0	0
14/4/52	Waikato Assn. Member Fee 1951	2	8	0	3/6/52	Annual Report Postage through N.Z.B.	0	6	0
14/4/52	Pukekohe Assn. Member Fee 1951	14	0	0	26/6/52	Printing Costs Annual Reports	11	19	6
14/4/52	Rotorua Assn. Member Fee 1951	7	2	0	14/10/52	Princess Te Puea Sympathy Telegram	0	5	1
1/7/52	Country Section Association Member Fee 1951	10	0	0	14/10/52	Notification for attendance of funeral P.T.P. four branches, Rotorua, Auckland, Pukekohe, and return telegram to Rotorua	0	9	8
6/8/52	Wellington Assn. Member Fee 1951	16	12	0	17/10/52	Wreath Princess Te Puea	1	5	0
11/3/53	Manawatu-Hawkes Bay Association Member Fee 1952	1	10	0	21/10/52	Sympathy telegram Mr. Unka Dhanji, President	0	5	0
1/4/53	Interest on P.O. Savings Account	7	12	11	23/10/52	Wreath Dhanji Kanji	1	3	4
					9/12/52	Airmail Letter Fiji	0	1	6
					18/1/53	Three Pads and 200 Envelopes	2	7	6
					26/1/53	Third Republic Congratulation Cable	1	11	4
					1/3/53	Notice of Deputation by Phone Taurunui	0	3	5
					1/3/53	Notice of Deputation by Phone Auckland	0	6	8
					1/3/53	Notice of Deputation by Phone Te Kuiti	0	5	0
					1/3/53	Notice of Deputation by Phone Manau			



The present remittance from the Reserve Bank to send to India is as follows:—

	<b>Maximum Amount per quarter</b>					
Father or Mother	....	....	....	25	0	0
Wife	....	....	....	30	0	0
Father and Mother	....	....	....	30	0	0
Wife and 1 child	....	....	....	37	10	0
Wife and 1 parent	....	....	....	37	10	0
Wife and 2 children	....	....	....	45	0	0
Wife, 1 child and 1 parent	....	....	....	45	0	0
Wife and 3 children	....	....	....	52	10	0
Wife, 2 children and 1 parent	....	....	....	52	10	0
Wife and 4 (or more) children	....	....	....	60	0	0
Wife and 2 (or more) children and 2 parents	....	....	....	60	0	0

This scale varies according to the overseas currency held by the Reserve Bank.

The Reserve Bank has informed us that applications for Debits, Insurance, Digging of Wells and repairs to houses is not for approval in the meanwhile.

An invitation by the Manawatu-Hawkes Bay Association for next year's Conference to take place in Palmerston North was accepted.

All Delegates expressed their thanks to the Auckland Branch for their kind hospitality during their stay in their city.

As the Conference came to a close the President, Mr. K. Devji expressed his gratitude to the Delegates for their co-operation in helping to bring this gathering to a successful conclusion and he also thanked the members of the Auckland Association for the commendable manner in which they had taken care of the Delegates.

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### **Indian National Anthem was sung: "Jan Man Gun."**

The Auckland Indian Dramatic Club presented the play "Hum Log" to the delight of all present. We wish the Club every success for the future.

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## ADDRESSES OF OFFICIALS

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**Auditor:** Mr. KHUSAL MADHAV—31 England Street,  
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