

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

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT
AND
ANNUAL REPORT**

57th ANNUAL CONFERENCE
held at
BHARAT BHAWAN, WELLINGTON
Saturday, 2 April 1983

**THE
NEW ZEALAND INDIAN
CENTRAL ASSOCIATION
INC.**

President:

— GANGES B. SINGH (Pukekohe)

Vice President:

— BHUKHAN LAL PARBHU (Wellington)

General Secretary:

— JAGDISH C. NATALI (Auckland)

Under Secretary:

UKA CHHIBA (Pukekohe)

Auditor:

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RAMAN BUDHIA (Christchurch)
SANTOKH SINGH BHULLAR (Country Section)
HARIBHAI NARAN (Manawatu)
NARENDRA MASTERS (Pukekohe)
DIYAL DHEDA (Rotorua)
CHHOTUBHAI C. PATEL (Taranaki)
BHANUBHAI PATEL (Waikato)
AMRIT VASAN (Wellington)

CONFERENCE DELEGATES 1983

Auckland

1. Raman Ganda
2. Dinesh Tailor
3. Parbhu Kanji
4. Chhotu Mistry
5. Shantiben T. Parbhu
6. Jayanti Vaidya
7. Shantilal Prema
8. Ashok Darji
9. Shantilal Govind
10. Raman Patel

Wellington

1. Amrat L. Vasani
2. Kiran Chauhan
3. Nanabhai Ranchhod
4. Kanti L. Vasani
5. Maniben Naik
6. Raman Vasani
7. Chhotu Kanji
8. Pravin Dalu Patel
9. Rama K. Ramanathan
10. Raman Khandu

Rotorua

1. Dnyal Dheda
2. Suresh Kanji

Waikato

1. Ramabhai Unka
2. Bhanubhai Patel
3. Puspa B. Patel
4. Vinod Ranchhod

Pukekohe

1. Ranchhod Kana
2. Narendra Morar
3. Narendra Masters
4. Ravji Uka
5. Khandu Parag
6. Khusal Naran
7. Magan Ranchhod
8. Raman Wallabh
9. Mohan Parsot
10. Dhiru Makan

Taranaki

1. Chhotubhai C. Patel
2. Girishbhai Bhana
3. Parshottambhai
4. Ramanbhai Sukha

Country Section

1. Sarban Singh
2. Santokh Singh Bhullar
3. Karam Singh Basi
4. Piara Singh
5. Balbir Singh

Attending Life Members

1. Khushalbhai Madhav
2. Narsinh Vallabh
3. Govindbhai Kanji
4. Ravjibhai C. Hari
5. Shivalal B. Masters
6. Piara Singh
7. Karam Singh Basi

15 or more Conference Attenders

1. Haribhai Jagu
2. Chhimabhai Vallabh

Youth Conference Delegates

1. Anil Makan (Wellington)
2. Pravin Lallu (Wellington)
3. Mukesh Dayal (Wellington)
4. Dilip Parag (Wellington)
5. Vinod Govind (Wellington)
6. Bharti Sukha (Taranaki)
7. Joyti Patel (Taranaki)
8. Barti Patel (Taranaki)
9. Mina Dahya (Bay of Plenty)
10. Mukesh Dahya (Waikato)
11. Ramila Keshu (Waikato)
12. Meena Bhikha (Waikato)
13. Geeta Kana (Pukekohe)
14. Nalini Chhiba (Pukekohe)
15. Pall Khusal (Pukekohe)
16. Anil Wallabh (Pukekohe)
17. Suresh Wallabh (Pukekohe)
18. Chandrakant Patel (Auckland)

19. Kanu Kesry (Auckland)
 20. Hansa Kesry (Auckland)
 21. Hareesh Kika (Auckland)
 22. Usha Mavji (Auckland)
 23. Kantu Makan (Auckland)
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

FELLOW DELEGATES AND MEMBERS

Fellow Delegates and Members
Namaste — Satshiriakal

It gives me great pleasure in presenting this year's Annual Report. It has been a great honour to be your President. I am very proud of the way you chose to elect me unopposed. I take this opportunity to congratulate you all.

In 1982-1983 the Youth Section was successful in bringing the youth together and discussing and resolving some of their problems. They held two conferences, one in Rotorua and the other at Pukekohe. The latter was attended by 80 Youths and was officially opened by the Indian High Commissioner, Hon. Arun Budhiraja. In my absence overseas, our Assistant Secretary, Mr Uka Chhiba represented our Association at this Youth Conference and concert at Pukekohe. I take this opportunity to congratulate the Officers and members of the Youth Group and wish them every success in the future. I feel it is our duty to give them moral and financial support.

The recent happenings in India show that the Congress Party is slowly losing control in some states. Unfortunately policies adopted to control are not in line with the democracy you and I know. I hope the situation will bring things to normal soon.

Recent Fire in Australia brought hardship to lots of people. I am proud of the contributions made by New Zealanders to this disaster. Another disaster was the damage caused by Hurricane Oscar in Fiji which has caused hardship and losses to many people there. I feel all branches should do all they can to help the victims of this disaster.

The landslide victory of the Labour Party in Australia is bound to bring changes and hopefully improve the unemployment and economic situation there.

On the home scene recession is hitting our country and Government seems to have lost control of the situation. Businesses are folding up, farmers are facing hardship. I would like our members to help anyone in our community who becomes a victim of this recession in whatever way they can, forgetting their differences in the past.

On immigration matters, Central can only approach the Minister when a case of happening is presented with facts to us. I would be happy with others to make representation.

The arrival of Miss Lata and Usha Mangeshkar, Nitin Mukesh and party was a very notable event which gave our members in Wellington and Auckland the opportunity to see and hear great artists in person. I would like to congratulate and thank Nagin G. Patel for bringing them here. I hope to see more

talented artists visiting our country in the near future. Miss Lata Ji was very impressed by the Indian Community here and hopes to come again.

I would like to congratulate those students who received School Certificate prizes from the Association and wish them success in furthering their careers.

It is with regret I must record the passing of Ravji Hira, one of our Life Members. He was one of the instigators of N.Z.I.C.A. He served as Vice President and Committee Member of many occasions. He was very actively involved in the formation of the Wellington Indian Association of which he was made a Life Member.

He was well known and highly respected by the Indian Community throughout New Zealand. To his family I on behalf of the members of the New Zealand Indian Central Association wish to convey my sincere condolences. Your loss is ours also.

To all delegates, I hope that this conference will enable you to renew acquaintances and strengthen old friendships as well as to put forth new ideas and discuss old problems and find the solutions to solve them.

Finally, I would like to thank Vice President Bhukan Parbhu, Jagdish Natali, our Secretary, and Uka Chhiba, Assistant Secretary and all members of the executive for their help and co-operation throughout the year which made my stay in office a happy one.

JAI HIND

GANGES SINGH

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Host President, Amrat Vasan, welcomed the Delegates, Life Members and the Youth Conference Delegates and wished the Conference every success in its deliberations. He thanked his Committee and members without whose assistance and co-operation the organising of the Conference would not have been possible. He also thanked Ramak Ramanathan of Wellington for providing colourful folders. He then introduced the Guest Speaker, Dr G. Wall, M.P. for Porirua and also Labour Party Spokesman on Immigration.

Dr Wall in his address stressed the fact that the Indians in New Zealand have been hardworking, honest, law-abiding citizens. While maintaining their identity and heritage, the Indians have made valuable contribution culturally in New Zealand and have assimilated well in the multicultural society of New Zealand.

Speaking on Immigration Policy of New Zealand, he stated that due to the economic, employment, housing and other factors affecting this country, New Zealand cannot afford to have an open door Immigration Policy. At present the applications for entry into New Zealand receive favourable consideration for people with skills and family reunification.

The National President, Ganges Singh, thanked Dr Wall for his kind and complimentary words. He stated that it was heartening to hear Dr Wall's views on Indians in New Zealand, and he assured him that they would endeavour to maintain their high standard of status in this country. He also thanked the host Association for organising the venue, and presented Dr Wall with a copy

of "Indians in New Zealand — Studies of Sub-Culture". The Conference then adjourned for morning tea.

The main Conference commenced at 11 a.m. at Bharat Bhawan, while the Youth Conference resumed in the Wellington Indian Sports Club Hall. Two minutes silence was observed as a mark of respect for those members who had passed away during the year.

Apologies from Christchurch and Manawatu Indian Associations were accepted. Also apologies from Life Members — J.K. Natali; Rameshbhai Patel, Chhibabhai Lala, Parbhubhai Bhikha and Dayalbhai Kesry; together with Gulab Moral (Taranaki) were received and accepted.

Kanti Vasan (Wn)/Santokh Bhullar (City Section) Carried.

The Minutes of the 56th Annual Conference held in Hamilton on 10th April 1982 were taken as read and the minutes of the Executive Meeting held in Auckland on 27th November 1982 were also read. The minutes of the Conference were adopted. *Bhukhan Lal (Wn)/Chhotu Mistry (Ak.)*

The Executive Meeting Minutes were also adopted after alteration to the name of Ravji Hira from Ravji Daya.

Matters Arising out of Minutes

1982 School Certificate Prizes were awarded as follows:-

1st Prize: Ashok N. Parbhu (Wn.)	347 marks
2nd Prize: Amrat Sukha (Wn.)	341 marks
3rd Prize: Nirmala Bhana (Ak.)	336 marks

Presentation Life Membership Badge

The name of Parag Kanji of Pukekohe was recommended by the Executive Committee for according of Life Membership. An outline of brief history of Parag Kanji's activities at Branch and National level was given by a Pukekohe Branch member.

It was then moved

"That Parag Kanji's nomination for Life Membership of the New Zealand Indian Central Association be Accepted." *Magan Ranchhod (Pukekohe)/Raman Wallabh (Pukekohe)*

On a secret ballot voting, the majority of the members voted in favour and the motion was carried.

Telephone Directory

The Secretary reported that the new Telephone Directory was not printed as information sought from Branches was not to hand.

After a brief discussion on the matter it was moved:-

- (1) The the advertisement charges stipulated at the Executive Committee meeting could be high, therefore the charges approved at Pukekohe Conference remain Status quo.
- (2) As all the Directory information was on hand except for the advertisements, the Secretary be authorised to have the Directory printed by end of September 1983 and if the amount recovered from the advertisements is not sufficient, then the balance of the cost of printing be recovered from Branch Associations on a pro rata basis.

Jagdish Natali (Ak.)/Thakor Parbhu (Ak.)

- (3) That all advertisements be forwarded to the Secretary by 31 May 1983. *Bhukhan Parbhu (Wn.)/Raman Ganda (Ak.) Carried.*

Historical Books

The Secretary reported that except for Christchurch and Manawatu all other Branch Associations had paid for the Historical Books.

"It was moved that a letter be sent to the two Branches requesting payment for the books."
Amrat Vasan (Wn.)/Dinesh Tailor (Ak.) Carried.

Obituary

A tribute was paid to one of the founder members of the New Zealand Indian Association, the late Ravjibhai Hira of Wellington and the following resolution was passed:

"That the Obituary in respect of the late Ravji Hira tabled by Wellington Branch be incorporated in the next Annual Report."

Bhukhan Parbhu (Wn.)/Kanti Vasan (Wn.) Carried

Advertisement in the Annual Report

It was again agreed by the Conference that an advertisement, if obtainable, be inserted in the Annual Report to cover part of the cost of printing.

Inward and Outward Correspondence

The following letters were tabled:-

1. Further communication from the Immigration Department in response to our letters re delay in processing and issuing of permits from their Head Office in Wellington. The Minister assured us that every endeavour will be made in processing permit applications as soon as they are received.
2. A letter from the Secretary to the Indian High Commissioner in Wellington, regarding establishment of Indian Cultural Centre, similar to that operating in Fiji.
3. Reply from the High Commissioner stating that the matter has been referred to the appropriate Authority in India for consideration.
4. Letter to the Post Master General in India concerning poor telecommunication Service between India and New Zealand. (No response to the letter up until the time of the Conference.)
5. Letter to the Minister of Foreign Affairs in New Zealand protesting at the closure of the New Zealand High Commissioner's Office in New Delhi (India).
6. Reply from the Minister of Foreign Affairs stating that due to economic reasons the office in India was closed. New Zealand citizens travelling through India are now to write to the Passport Issuing Office or Immigration Office in New Zealand in the event of losing the Passport or matters concerning Visas. (Not a very satisfactory situation from our point of view.
7. Letter from South Auckland Indian Cultural Society Inc. seeking affiliation with the Central Association.
8. Letter to Indian High Commissioner seeking information re land and property owned in India by Indians residing abroad.

The reply stated that the High Commissioner was not aware of any changes in Legislation depriving Indians, living abroad, of any property or land rights in India.

Matters Arising out of Correspondence

1. The question of poor Telecommunication service between India and New Zealand be followed up.
2. The letter from South Auckland Indian Cultural Society was discussed at length and the following resolutions were passed by majority votes:-
 - (i) "That the needs of Indian people residing in South Auckland are adequately catered for by Auckland Branch."
 - (ii) "That the application by South Auckland Indian Cultural Society, seeking affiliation with the Central Association, does not comply with the Constitutional requirements of the New Zealand Indian Central Association."

Amrat Vasan (Wn.)/Shivlal Masters (Rotorua)

N.Z. High Commissioner for India. Based in New Zealand

The Conference was informed that the New Zealand Government has appointed a High Commissioner for India, who will be based in New Zealand.

After a brief discussion on the matter it was moved

"That we write to the Minister and enquire as to what the duties and function of this appointee will be."

Raman Ganda Ak.)/Bhukhan Parbhu (Wn.)

Financial Report

In presenting the Financial Report, the Secretary drew attention to the outstanding affiliation fees. All Branch Associations were asked to update their affiliation fees.

It was pointed out that on a membership basis, the amount of affiliation fee paid by Auckland Branch is not correct.

Auckland Branch informed the meeting that their membership is collected on a household basis and not per member, therefore the amount paid as affiliation fee for 1982/1983 is 10% of the fees collected.

Majority of the members at the Conference were of the view that the affiliation should be paid per member, in accordance with the constitution, and therefore to ensure that this is done, the President requested all Branches to send their list of Financial Members.

President's Report

President's Report was read and accepted by acclamation.

Election of Officers

A vote of thanks to the outgoing officers was moved and accepted by acclamation.

Amrat Vasan (Wn.)/Dinesh Tailor (Ak.)

President

Ganges B. Singh

Raman Ganda/Raman Patel

Vice President

Shantiben Thakor

Chhotu Mistry/Shantilal Govind

Bhukhan Parbhu

Kiran Chauhan/Raman Parbhu

On a secret ballot B. Parbhu was elected Vice President.

General Secretary

Jagdish C. Natali

Bhanubhai Patel/Chhotu Mistry

Assistant Secretary

Unkabhai Chhiba

Ranchhod Kana/Khandu Parag

Auditor

Kantibhai Vasan

Raman Parbhu/Parbhu Kanji

Executive

Amrat Vasan	Wellington
Raman Ganda	Auckland
Ranchhod Kana	Pukekohe
Santokh Bhullar	Country Section
Chhotubhai Chhiba	Taranaki
Bhanubhai Patel	Waikato
Diyalbhai Dheda	Rotorua
Raman Budhia	Christchurch
Haribhai Nara	Manawau

Youth Conference

The President congratulated the newly elected officers of the Youth Conference, Usha Mavji, Chairperson and Hansa Kesry, Secretary. He wished the Youths every success towards the progress of their activities and the next Youth Forum to be held in Auckland.

Usha Mavji (Chairperson) was given an opportunity to present a brief report of the Youth Conference.

NEW ZEALAND INDIAN YOUTH GROUP

The 1983 Wellington Conference Agenda involved the election of officers, liaison officer reports and branch appraisal, an open discussion on "how to achieve our objectives", and proposals to be submitted to the Central Association. These topics were discussed in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere beneficial to all those who attended.

Usha Marvji was elected Chairperson, and Hansa Kesry, Secretary. Many thanks were extended to their respective predecessors, Mina Dahya and Ramila Kesha, for their excellent administrative work in running the youth group.

The Liaison Officer reports saw that, since the last forum, most areas had held a number of activities including cultural afternoons, games evenings, concerts, soccer and softball games, with the future activities continuing along the same line.

Special mention and congratulations were given to both Taranaki and Wellington. Taranaki, who previously had problems in becoming established had, through recent meetings, laid the foundations towards a better united group. Wellington representatives, since attending the last forum, had begun the process of establishing a youth group and their future participation was welcomed.

The open discussion on "how to achieve our objectives" involved a restatement of our objectives — "to promote communication, interaction and motivation of the Indian Youth, operating under the auspices of the New Zealand Indian Central Association", and general consensus was that Youth Conferences, Forums, newsletters, and inter and intra-regional

functions were achieving this, with continued and increased participation being advocated.

Three proposals were submitted to the Central Association. The first was for recognition of the South Auckland Youth Group. This was declined. The second was that Central direct branches to strongly advocate parental involvement with the youth to help us achieve our objectives. This was done. The third proposal involved the idea of a grant from the N.Z. Lottery Board, Department of Internal Affairs, with regard to the youth groups and their administrative costs. Central agreed to make the necessary arrangements in regards to this.

The Conference closed with Auckland being the venue for the August Forum.

Thanks went to both the Wellington Youth and their Association for hosting a very enjoyable Youth Conference.

REMITTS AND RESOLUTIONS

From Auckland

1. That the Life Members appointed by the Central Association should be guests of the Conference and should be accorded travelling privileges, etc. *(Not carried)*
2. Whether films should now be screened in the light of changing attitudes of merchants. A representative of G.B. Hari Film Distributors of Fiji is apparently available for discussion on the matter. After a brief discussion, the matter was left with the Central Association for investigation.

From Pukekohe

1. Any one person may not be a financial member of more than one Branch of the New Zealand Indian Central Association. As this is a constitutional matter which is not covered in the Central's constitution, it was left at the discretion of the individual Branch Associations.
2. That the B.C.N.Z. be asked to include Indian Cultural Programmes on radio and television. *Carried.*
3. Pukekohe Indian Association support the establishment of a Branch in South Auckland area if it can be established, that by formation of such a Branch it will better serve the needs of Indians living in that area. (With passing of the resolution earlier during the meeting, this remit was lapsed.)

General Business

1. It was suggested that the Association investigate sponsoring a Hindu Priest into New Zealand.
2. the Conference briefly discussed the present Immigration Policy and it was decided that the committee of five people (President, Secretary,

Assistant Secretary, Raman Ganda and Thakor Parbhu) investigate and ascertain from the Minister the Policy on Immigration.

Activities of Branches

Each Branch presented their report of activities carried out throughout the year. Whilst the film screening has come to an end, the Video Clubs established by Branches are running very actively.

Conference 1984

Auckland Branch extended an invitation to hold the 1984 Conference at Easter in Auckland. This was accepted with acclamation.

The President, Ganges Singh, in his closing address thanked the Host Association Wellington for their hospitality and for organising the Conference venue.

The Conference concluded at 6.15pm with the Indian National Anthem "*Jan Gana Man . . .*"

J.C. NATALI
General Secretary

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

An Executive Committee meeting of the Association was held in Gandhi Hall on Saturday, 27 November 1982 under the auspices of Auckland Indian Association.

The meeting commenced at 4.00 p.m. The following were present: Ganges B. Singh (President), Bhukhan Lal Parbhu (Vice President), Jagdish Natali (General Secretary), Unka Chhiba (Assistant Secretary), Raman Ganda (Auckland), Santokh Singh Bhullar (City Section), Narendra Masters (Pukekohe), Bhanubhai Patel (Waikato), Diyal Dheda (BOP); **Life Members:** J.K. Natali, Ramesh Patel, Khushal Madhav, Dayal Kesry, Parbhu Bhikha, Ravji C. Hari, Rambhai Unka, Shivlal B. Masters; **Youth Representative:** Meena Daya (Chairperson); **Apologies:** Taranaki Association, Amrit Vasan (WN), Piara Singh, Govind Kanji, Narsai Vallabh (Life Member).

Delegates were welcomed by the Host President Ramanbhai Ganda, who wished the meeting every success in its deliberation.

Tribute to Ravji Hira (Life Member)

A few minutes silence was observed in memory of Ravji Hira of Wellington (Life Member) who passed away recently. A brief account was given of Ravji Hira's valuable contribution to the Central as well as the Wellington Association.

Historical Report

Amounts for Historical Boks from Christchurch and Manawatu are still outstanding.

Resolved that letters be sent to two branches enquiring if the Historical Books have been sold.

At present there are 203 books on hand with Central Association.

Advertisement on the Annual Report

After a lengthy discussion it was resolved that one advertisement be allocated to whoever pays the best price. However, the members should endeavour to get an advertisement from within our members first.

Unkabhai Chhiba was thanked for his effort in obtaining an advertisement from ALCAN for the Annual Report.

It was suggested that a letter of appreciation be sent to Alcan for their advertisement.

Inward and Outward Correspondence

Letter of congratulations written to Anand Satyanand (Auckland) for being appointed District Court Judge.

A letter from South Auckland Cultural Society was tabled. After a brief discussion it was resolved that in accordance with the resolution passed at the last Annual Conference held in Hamilton during Easter 1982, the matter be referred to Auckland and Pukekohe Association for their opinions and comments.

A letter from Indian High Commission advising that the question of establishment of Indian Cultural Centre in New Zealand has been referred to authorities concerned in India. As there was no further communication, it was suggested that we write again to Indian High Commission enquiring of the current position. The High Commission was also advised that to assist the Branch Associations in displaying Indian arts and crafts in their Centres, where possible the Embassy loan Indian Artifacts to Branches on request.

A letter from Labour Department, Immigration Division, was read and discussed. It was pointed out by members that long delays caused in issuing temporary permits were not in evidence when the New Zealand High Commission had office in New Delhi.

A letter from the Minister of Foreign Affairs was tabled. The Minister stated that any New Zealand traveller to India who is in any difficulty should contact a relative (in New Zealand) by telephone call or by telegram. In an emergency, this line of action would not be possible and convenient. The letter also stated that the New Zealand travellers should not look on the British High Commission in India as New Zealand's agent in consular matters.

Inward and outward correspondence were endorsed.

Raman Ganda/Narendra Masters

Telephone Directory

The Secretary informed the meeting that all the Directory material was on hand except for the advertisements, which is causing the delay in printing of the Telephone Directory.

Mr Ganda pointed out that the advertisement charges approved at the last Annual Conference were not adequate. Therefore after due consideration

the following new charges were approved in addition to typesetting charges (art work).

1. \$500.00 for back outer page.
2. \$400.00 for back inner page.
3. \$300.00 for ordinary full page.
4. \$175.00 for half inner page.
5. \$700.00 for front inner page.

It was also moved that any additions or alterations to the Telephone Directory be forwarded to the Secretary by 31 December 1982 and the Directory be published forthwith.

B. Lal/R. Ganda

The Branches were requested to canvass in their area to obtain advertisers. Following possible commitments were made in obtaining advertisements:-

Auckland 4 Pukekohe 3 and Waikato 1.

Life Members

A nomination for life membership of the Central Association for Mr Parag Kanji received from the Pukekohe Association was tabled.

After a brief discussion it was moved that Mr Parag Kanji's nomination be recommended for acceptance at the next Annual Conference.

New Zealand Indian Youth Group

Miss Meena Daya, the Chairperson of the Youth Group, reported briefly on the activities of the Youth in various Branch Associations since the last Annual Conference. It was most heartening to learn that the youth have got off the ground by holding their first Forum in Rotorua, and Miss Daya outlined the active involvement of Youths in various branches.

A request was made by Miss Meena Daya that the Central Association give financial help to the Youth Club towards their Administrative expenses (i.e. stationery, printing, postage, etc.).

The Association agreed to pay reasonable administrative costs.

Youth Representation

It was suggested that one Youth be on the Central's Executive as of right. This matter was left in abeyance for further discussion until the next Annual Conference.

General Business

The meeting was informed that Piara Singh (Life Member) has been ill lately and that a letter be sent to him for a speedy recovery.

Unkabhai pointed out that financial aid is provided by Internal Affairs from Lottery Grants to various Youth groups in New Zealand. Therefore we should write and seek assistance for our Youth Group.

It was moved that a Telegram of condolences be sent to the Indian Prime Minister for the untimely death of Vinoba Bhave. *Rama Unka/Diyal Kesry*

Mr Santokh Singh Bhullar, brought to the meeting's attention of a newspaper article in Punjabi Dialect, which stated that any overseas resident who owns land in India is required to either sell or gift the land and that they will not be allowed to take money out of India from such sales.

It was suggested that an initial enquiry be made with the Indian High Commission on this matter.

The meeting was informed that the Telecommunication Service between

India and New Zealand is very poor. One has to wait for hours before a toll call is connected.

It was resolved that a letter be sent to the PMG in India pointing out the problem.

In his concluding address the President Ganges Singh thanked the Auckland Indian Association for hosting the meeting and providing afternoon tea. He also thanked Jagdish Natali and his wife, Gauriben, for extending an invitation to all the delegates and visitors to attend a cocktail party at their residence.

The meeting concluded at 7.30 p.m.

JAGDISH NATALI
(General Secretary)

OBITUARY — RAVJI HIRA

The death occurred recently of Ravji Hira, a senior member of the Wellington Indian Association.

Mr Hira was a well respected pioneer of the Indian Community under whose guidance and direction the Association was established.

Mr Hira was born in 1895 and emigrated to New Zealand at the age of seventeen with the preparation to accomplish whatever the new country was offering. His six years of stay until 1921 brought him no fortune but a wealth of experience. He obtained a licence from the Wellington City Council to work as a Hawker in 1915. After several years of hardship he went to India in 1921 but later decided to return with determination to work for the community in New Zealand. By 1925 he was prominent among the New Zealand Indians, taking full part in all local affairs of importance. In recognition of his dedication to the community he was awarded life membership by the Indian Central Association and Wellington Branch Association. His wishes were to keep Indian religion and culture alive if possible within the resources of the community, a Hindu temple erected in Wellington to meet the religious needs of the people.

Mr Ravji held the offices of President of the Wellington Indian Association and Vice President of the New Zealand Central Indian Association.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

JANUARY-DECEMBER 1982

RECEIPTS

Opening Balance		
Current Account	153.23	
Term Deposit	<u>1000.00</u>	1153.23

Interest Received

Current Account	34.03	
Term Deposit	114.49	148.52

Affiliation Fees

Auckland	1980 /81	621.00	
	1981 /82	390.00	
Cty Sec.	1981 /82	70.00	
Manawatu	1981 /82	20.00	
Pukekohe	1980 /81	176.00	
Taranaki	1981 /82	54.00	
Waikato	1981 /82	38.00	
Wellington	1980 /81	<u>579.00</u>	1948.00

Historical Report Donation

Kung Bros		100.00
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Historical Report Sales

Manawatu — 5	62.50	
Sundry — 3	<u>37.50</u>	100.00

Auckland Conference Photos

Country Section		90.00
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Annual Report Advertising

Alcan Industries		<u>250.00</u>
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3789.75

PAYMENTS

School Certificate Prizes

1st Kiran D. Nanu	50.00	
2nd Ashwin Chunilal	20.00	
3rd Niru Wallabh	<u>10.00</u>	80.00

Gandhi Memorial Prize

D.M. Bourn		50.00
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P.O. Box Rental

1981, 1982		65.00
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Telephones 1979 /82		195.16
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Telegrams		49.49
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Postages		40.42
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Photocopying /Stationery		48.12
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Annual Report

Waitemata Press Ltd.		875.76
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Balance

Cash on Hand	25.00	
Bank Current A /c	<u>2360.80</u>	2385.80

3789.75

I certify that the accounts have been audited and found correct.

Kanti L. Vasan.

Auditor

Indian National Anthem

JANA GANA MANA ADHI
NAYAK JAY HE
BHARAT BHAGYA VIDHATA,
PUNJAB SINDH GUJARAT MARATHA
DARAVID UCHKAL BANGA,
VINDHYA HIMACHAL YAMUNA GANGA
UTCHHAL JALDHI TARANGA
TAV SHUBH NAME JAGE
TAV SHUBH ASHISH MANGE
GAHE TAV JAY GATHA
JANA GANA MANGAL DAYAK JAY HE
BHARAT BHAGYA VIDHATA,
JAYA HE, JAYA HE, JAYA HE,
JAYA, JAYA, JAYA, JAYA HE.

Translation:

Thou art the ruler of the minds of all people,
Thou Dispenser of India's destiny.
Thy name rouses the hearts
of the Punjab, Sind, Gujarat and Maratha,
of Dravid, Orissa and Bengal.
It echoes in the hills of the Vindhyas and Himalayas,
mingles in the music of Jumna and Ganges,
and is chanted by the waves of the Indian Sea.
They pray for Thy blessing and sing Thy praise,
Thou Dispenser of India's destiny,
Victory, Victory, Victory to Thee.

Words of Wisdom

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Seven Sins

"Politics without Principles,
Wealth without Work,
Pleasure without Conscience,
Knowledge without Character,
Science without Humanity,
Commerce without Morality,
and Worship without Sacrifice!"

Mahatma Gandhi

"We do not want to produce a dead equality where every person becomes or is rendered incapable of using his ability to the utmost possible extent. Such a society must ultimately perish. I therefore suggest that my advice, that moneyed men may earn their millions (honestly, of course) but so as to dedicate them to the services of all, is perfectly sound."

Mahatma Gandhi

"It is true that I denounce activities, but only activities that lead to the evil in words, thoughts and deeds. It is true that I preach extinction, but only extinction of pride, lust, evil thoughts and ignorance, not that of forgiveness, love, charity and truth."

Lord Buddha

"All forms of Faith and Worship, whatever may be the variations, lead to God and that it does not befit the wise to disturb any man's Faith."

Lord Krishna

"Let us not throw any of our days away upon useless argument or contend who shall hold out longest in stubborn resentment. It is best not to be angry, and best, in the next place to be quickly reconciled."

Dr Johnson

"You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift, you cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong. You cannot help the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer. You cannot further the brotherhood of man by encouraging class hatred. You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich. You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than you earn. You cannot build character and courage by taking away man's initiative and independence. You cannot help man permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves."

Abraham Lincoln

"A high standard of loyalty with the following four D's will help one to keep one's chin up in life.

1. Discipline, Individual and Collective.
2. Determination.
3. Duty — A high sense of it at all times.
4. And the most important of all D's is Dedication."

General Cariappa

"Where two discourse, if the anger of one rises, he is the wise man who lets the contest fall."

Plutarch

"Ignorance is the night of the mind, but a night without moon or star."

Confucius

"Virtues are like essences, they lose their fragrance when exposed. They are sensitive plants that will not bear too familiar approaches."

"Money is like manure, of very little use except it is spread."

Bacon

"As the soil, however rich it may be, cannot be productive without culture, so the mind, without cultivation, can never produce good fruit."

"Let me resolve I will not say one single unkind word today. Let me resolve I will not shirk my uncongenial task of work. Let me resolve I will not rest till I have given of my best. Let me resolve that I will be a friend to all in need of me."

"Win the faith and trust of people in your integrity, honesty and ability. Never make promises you cannot keep. Always listen to the other side of the story. Be natural and humble in the things you say and do."

"Let no one be arrogant thinking that he knows all and that others are to be despised as ignorant."

"If you can't do a good turn to your fellow-being, at least do not do him any harm."

"Humility is the jewel that makes faith beautiful."

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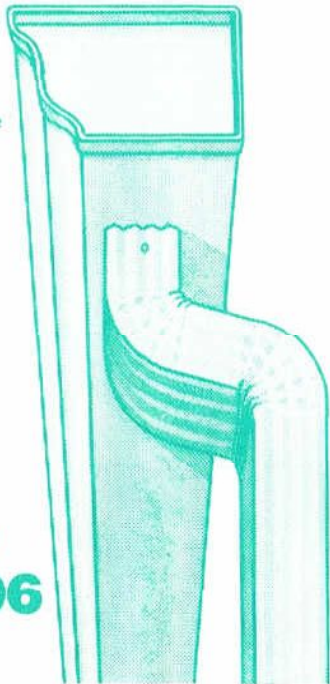
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