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AND

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**Vice-President:**

PIARA SINGH (Country Section)

**General Secretary:**

J. C. NATALI (Auckland)

**Assistant Secretary:**

K. L. VASANJI (Wellington)

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**Executive Committee:**

L. N. PATEL (Auckland)      G. KANJI (Wellington)

C. PANCHIA (Manawatu – Hawke’s Bay)  
ARVIND GANDA (Christchurch) R. SUKHA (Taranaki)  
K. PARSOT (Pukekohe) KARAM SINGH (Country Section)  
M. PARBHU (Waikato) S. B. MASTERS (Rotorua - Bay of Plenty)

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### ANNUAL CONFERENCE 1970

The Forty-Fourth Annual Conference of the New Zealand Indian Central Association (Inc.) was held in Auckland under the auspices of the Auckland Branch Association during the Easter recess, commencing at 10 a.m. on Saturday, 25th March, 1970,

Mr. Thakorbhai Parbhu, Vice-President of the host Association, welcomed the visiting delegates and the guest speaker, Mr. Manibhai, Chlianabhai Patel, and wished them every success in their deliberations.

The National President Mr D Kesrv welcomed the assembled delegates to the conference.

Two minutes’ silence was observed by the assembly in respect of those members and patriots who had passed away during the year in New Zealand and in India~

#### **Guest Speaker:**

Mr Mambhai Chhanabhai Patel the former Principa of Bharat Vidyalay of Karadi, was the guest speaker at the conference Mr Patel stated that he had been in New Zealand for about three months and he had received the impression that the Indians were “well settled” here Mr Patel believed that the younger generation’s ties with India were weaken. He said that short trips to India gave only superficial impressions but a lasting impression of Indian culture could be had by having Indian books available here.

Mr. Patel urged young Indians to join influential service organisations, such as the Lions and Rotary Clubs, and thereby mate worthwhile contributions. Mr. Patel mentioned the considerable contribution we had made from time to time towards the various relief funds.

Mr. Patel also made a brief comment on the political situation in India. He said that, although there is a split in the ruling Congress Party, the political goals of the two factions were the same. The split was in the implementation of the policy.

The guest speaker ended his address by consenting to answer general questions from the delegates.

**DELEGATES PRESENT****DELEGATES****Auckland**

1. Thakorbhai Parbhu
2. Chhotubhai L. Mistry
3. Parbhubhai Kanji
4. Babubhai G. Merai
5. Dayalbhai Kesry
6. Jagdish Natali
7. Lalbhai N. Patel
8. Parbhubhai Kasanjji
9. Khüsälbhai Madhu
10. Nanubhai Bhana

**Pukekohe**

1. Keshavbhai Parsot
2. Bhulabhai K. Bhakta
3. Paragbhai Kanji
4. Maganbhai Ranchhod
5. Khandubhâi Parag
6. Unkabhai Chhiba
7. Ramánbhai Wallabh

**Country Section**

1. Piära Singh
2. Harbans S. Radhawa
3. Som Prakash
4. Harprem Singh
5. Sarvan Singh
6. Karam S. Basi
7. Gurmat Singh

**Manawata**

1. Morarbhai~ R. Patel
2. Haribhai Naran

**Wellington**

1. Kantibhai L. Vasan
2. Kantibhai S. Ramji
3. Parbhubhai Ratanji
4. Pravinbhai Dalubhai
5. Bhukanbhai Parbhu
6. Govindbhai Bhaga
7. Narsihbhai Vallahh
8. Vallabhbhai Hira
9. Amratbhai Dullabh
10. Bhanabhai Naik

**Rotorua - Bay of Plenty**

1. Shivilalbhai Masters
2. Bhañabhai Unka
3. Jerambhai Chhima
4. Rambhai Jeram
5. Rambhai Makan
6. Hirabhai Unka

**Waikato**

1. Maganbhai Parbhu
2. Parbhubhai D. Lala
3. Bhukhanbhai F. Patel
4. Devjibhai Patel

**Taranaki**

1. C. Chhiba
2. P. Pema

**Christchurch**

Nil

## MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

### MINUTES

Minutes of the 1969 Conference, held at Bharat Bhavan, Wellington, on 29th March, were read and confirmed.

The ensuing discussion on matters arising out of minutes and action taken on last year's resolutions were as follows:—

#### **1. Re Speech of Mrs. Gandhi:**

Mrs. Gandhi's speech, which was to have been published in the 43rd (March, 1969) Annual Report, did not eventuate because the General Secretary had been unable to obtain the transcript of the speech from the New Zealand Broadcasting Corporation. Mr. Govindbhai Bhaga said that, if the Secretary had approached the N.Z.B.C. through the appropriate channel it would have been possible to obtain the recording of the speech. After brief discussion, the meeting asked Mr. Govindbhai if he would kindly consent to obtaining the recording, of the speech for inclusion in our next report.

#### **2. Question of P. Form:**

After a lengthy discussion on this matter, it was moved that a letter be written to the Indian High Commissioner in Wellington stating that the formality re P. Form should not apply to people travelling to New Zealand when their fares are paid in New Zealand and that this form be eliminated in such cases.

The Conference went into recess from 12 noon -4 p.m.

#### **Re Award for School Certificate:**

The Secretary circulated a list of School Certificate candidates and 'the marks they had obtained in the 1969 examination. He said the list was by no means exhaustive, but that was ' all the information he~ had received.

The meeting resolved that this year the Certificate of Merit and the \$50 prize be awarded to the candidate who obtained the highest aggregate, in four subjects, with English as the compulsory subject. Miss Manjulaben Jogi, of Auckland, with an aggregate of 293 marks, was adjudged the top candidate. Furthermore, the conference unanimously agreed to donating a cash prize of \$20 and \$10 respectively to the candidate with second and third highest aggregate marks.

The conference recommended that the Secretary arrange for the list that he had compiled to be published in the Annual Report.

**Results of School Certificate Examination:**

## Auckland—

Kusumben R. Dhana: English 66, biology 61, geography 78, shorthand and typing 75—total 280.

Kantilal Naran: English 65, mathematics 66, book-keeping 82, science 73—total 286.

Manjulaben Jogi: English 72, mathematics 73, chemistry 73, history 75—total 293.

Thakor Nana Bhana: English 62, mathematics 83, chemistry 73, geography 71—total 289.

Suresh Dhana: English 50, mathematics 51, chemistry 73, geography 69—total 243.

## Wellington—

Jayanti Dahya English 36 mathematics 85 applied mathematics 89, technical drawings 55—total 265.

Natvar N. Vallabh: English 56, mathematics 86, geography 62, French 50—total 254.

Kusumben Govind: English 62, mathematics 69, history 63, French 57—total 251.

John G. Chhiba: English 60, mathematics 63, geography 62, French 61—total 246.

Jumna Mary Nathu: English 69, geography 64, history 68, French 54 —total 255.

## Rotorua—

Shantaben Jeram: English 52, biology 82, science 70, French 66—total 270.

## Pukekohe—

Lalitaben Jeram: English 76, mathematics 65, science 61, art 64—total 266.

## Waikato—

Vinod B. Patel: English 52, mathematics 83, book-keeping 74, technical drawings 73—total 282.

Mohan P. Lala: English 46, mathematics 72, geography 69, bookkeeping 72—total 259.

## Country Section—

Bakshkaur Singh: English 56, biology 60, geography 67, shorthand and typing 57—total 240.

## Manawatu—

Vinod K. Ranehhod: English 52, mathematics 84, science 74, French 77—total 287.

## Re Affiliation Fee:

The General Secretary pointed out that there was a considerable amount of affiliation fees outstanding. He brought to notice the Branch Associations that were in arrears and suggested that these branches should make every endeavour to bring their fees up to date.

Mr Govindbbai (Wellington) suggested that, in order to assist the General Secretary in arriving at the correct affiliation fee each branch should send its statement of accounts with the cheque. This was agreed to unanimously.

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Gentlemen,—

This opportunity of expressing my thoughts as a responsible person of this Association gives me a great pleasure indeed. During the last twelve months the activities of our Association has been almost limited to the decisions we had taken at our last conference.

Most important event of the year was the celebration of the one hundredth birthday anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. This event had been celebrated on a very large scale with a special lengthy programme by our Auckland and Wellington Associations. Auckland was assisted in its programme by our General Secretary and Wellington was also given help by our Assistant Secretary. I congratulate these two Associations for their work in connection with Gandhi's one hundredth birthday anniversary celebration.

"Lok Milap Trust" had been formed with the object of spreading the high standard of Indian literature in other countries. An exhibition of these special books was held at Gandhi Hall, Auckland, at the Auckland University and at the Auckland Building Centre, with the help of the Auckland City Council. A similar exhibition was also held at the Wellington Public Library.

A special representative from "Lok Milap Trust", Mr. Jayant Megani, had come from India to attend these exhibitions. His personal service had made the occasion very interesting. There is no doubt that this occasion had given at least some opportunity to our children to have a glimpse of some interesting books about India.

In India, the capital city of Gujarat State, Ahmedabad, had suffered a very heavy communal riot. These riotings had lasted for almost three weeks and had spread to many neighbouring towns and villages. Hundreds of lives had been lost and property had been destroyed. After twenty-two years of independence, the evilness at the root of this cause has not been eradicated.

The Indian National Congress, the present ruling party which has formed a Government of India, has now been divided into two parties and thus has created a situation as such that a ruling government does not hold more than half of the seats of Lok Sabha. However, it has been able to carry on as a government with the backing of other members of smaller groups and independent members also. It is not in the interest of the public that a greater part of the energy of these people is spent on fighting against their opposition. Division of India has taken place ever since its independence and has never stopped. Recently there was a further division of Punjab, Haryana and Punjab Suba, and then there was struggle for Chandigarh.

The situation for Indian people in many foreign countries has become unbearable and thus they are re-migrating to other countries such as England, Canada and so on. Race relationship has deteriorated to such an extent that there is no opportunity left for progress or to carry on normal business, or even for peaceful co-existence, so they are voluntarily forced to leave the country.

There has been unrest in Middle East countries and fighting flares up every now and again. The people of these countries live under a constant strain of war. It is very interesting to know that these fighting countries are not the only ones to have their interest in the fighting, but there are many others who play interesting roles behind the scene.

Gentlemen, there has been several changes in the immigration policy of the Government of New Zealand, yet there has never been a major change in the immigration policy of the New Zealand Government for the Indian people. It is high time we made a move to approach the Minister with a well worthwhile proposal for his consideration. It may be possible that we may achieve some small concession from our effort.

Many of us think that our problems are no longer in existence. One has to think deeper on the subject and we will find enough of them, more deeper and effective than the past ones.

Thank you for your trust in me for the past twelve months.

I am,

Your Honourable Servant,

D. KESRY.

The President's Report was duly approved and adopted.

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### **Financial Statement:**

The General Secretary pointed out that, because the meeting is being held before 31st March, the Bank Statement as at 31/3/1970 was not available, and he was unable to balance the books as at 31st March, 1970. In order to assist the General Secretary in balancing the books before the conference is held, it was moved that in future the books be balanced as at 31st December.

It was also moved that the balancing of the books for the 1969 financial year be done after the statement is received after 31st March, 1970, and that the accounts to be approved by the incoming Executive Committee.

### **Inward and Outward Correspondence;**

Inward correspondence received and outward endorsed.

A Letter from “LINK”:

It was decided that this Association write to the “LINK” stating that, because we are affiliated with the International Friendship League, we have no desire to be affiliated with the “LINK”.

## **OFFICERS ELECTED**

### **Election of Officers:**

A vote of thanks was accorded by Bhukhan Lal (Wellington) to the outgoing officers who had rendered their honorary services during the year.

The following officers, including the Executive Committee, were elected for the year 1970-71:—

President:	G. B. BHULA (Wellington).
Vice-President:	HARBANS RAGHWA (Country Section).
General Secretary:	JAGDISH NATALI (Auckland).
Assistant General Secretary:	MAGAN RANCHHOD (Pukekohe).
Auditor:	PARBHU KANJI (Auckland).
Executive Committee:	THAKOR PARBHU (Auckland).
	K. L. VASANJI (Wellington).
	KESHAV PARSOT (Pukekohe).
	PIARA SINGH (Country Section).
	MAGANBHAI PARBHU (Waikato).
	CHHOTU CHHLBA (Taranaki).
	HARIBHAI NARAN (Manawatu).
	SHIVLAL MASTERS (Rotorua).
	D. KESRY (Auckland), retiring Past President, elected automatically.

After the election the meeting adjourned for dinner recess at 8 p.m. and was re-commenced at 9.30 p.m.

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## **REMITTS AND RESOLUTIONS**

A letter received from Auckland stating that the retiring President be elected automatically on the Executive Committee for a period of one year. This was carried unanimously.

### **Remit from Wellington:**

The Wellington Branch stated that Indian parents who have stayed away from New Zealand for a number of years in India, and, when there was no-one to take care of him or her, if they are called back to New, Zealand why cannot they enjoy the Social Security benefit the same as the rest?

Mr. Lalbhai pointed out that the policy of the New Zealand Government is to allow people of 55 years of age and over to re-enter, provided they are in good health and, that the sponsor will maintain them

and incur all the expenses in New Zealand. The sponsor is required to sign a Deed of Covenant, which states that he will personally meet all the maintenance costs of the applicant and not claim anything from Social Security benefit.

## GENERAL BUSINESS

### **1. Question of Visas to Australia:**

This matter was discussed at the 1969 Annual General Meeting, held in Wellington, and was again discussed at this meeting. After a long discussion it was moved that a letter be written to the Minister of External Affairs, in Wellington, pointing out the fact that, while the Australian citizens, regardless of what race they may be, are allowed to enter New Zealand without the visa, the New Zealand - born Asiatics or part Asiatics of New Zealand parents are required to obtain the visa prior to their entry into Australia.

### **2. Government Life Insurance Policy:**

Mr. Madhu (Auckland) pointed out that the Children's Deferred Assurance Policy offered by the Government Life Insurance Department is denied to Indian children. This, statement was based on his personal case and therefore he suggested that enquiry be made with the Government Life Insurance Department asking them why this policy is denied to the Indians?

After a lengthy discussion, it was resolved that the General Secretary obtain and study all the correspondence that transpired between Mr. Madhu and the Government Life Insurance Department and then write a letter to the Department enquiring as to what their policy is regarding insuring Indian children with the Children's Deferred Assurance Policy.

### **3. Activities of Branch Associations:**

The Wellington Branch pointed out that the Branch Associations should report in brief at each conference on the activities of their Branch during the year.

The Pukekohe Branch of the Association extended an invitation to hold the next Annual Conference in Pukekohe under their auspices. This was heartily accepted by the Association.

The various delegates then expressed their thanks to the Auckland Branch for their hospitality and cordial welcome extended to them during their stay in Auckland. A special thanks was accorded to Mr Ravji Daya for providing lunch and dinner.

In his concluding address, Mr Bbula (the President) thanked the host branch for their hospitality and the efficient manner in which the branch had carried out arrangements for the conference. He also thanked Mr Ravji Daya for providing two tasty meals on the day.

A very successful conference concluded on Saturday, 5th March 1970, at 12 midnight with the singing of the Indian National Anthem, "Jan Gan Man"

J. C. NATALI,  
Honorary General Secretary

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT 1970

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT (1969-70)

<b>CREDIT</b>		<b>DEBIT</b>	
<b>Last Year's Bank Balance Brought Forward-</b>		Repaid Chhagan Ramji (\$60 paid in bank by Chhagan Ramji when two cheques, Christchurch \$43.50 and Rotorua \$16.59, became overdue and invalid)	\$60.00
Bank of New Zealand	\$3,380.71	Whitcombe & Tombs (500 envelopes)	2.95
Post Office Savings Bank	1,164.64	Rental for Post Office Box	6.00
<b>Affiliation Fees-</b>		Gujerat State Flood Relief Fund	4,723.00
Auckland: 1966-67, 1967-68, 1968-69, 1969-70	400.00	The Strand Printing (for printing of 100 letter-heads)	18.50
Wellington: 1968-69	71.00	Printing of 42 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Report	63.75
Country Section: 1965-66, 1966-67, 1967-68	36.00	R.B. Singh's Hospitalisation (paid to L. N. Patel)	300.73
Pukekohe: 1966-67, 1967-68, 1968-69	42.00	Flowers for Garland for Gandhiji's Centennial Celebration in Auckland	2.52
Rotorua: 1967-68, 1968-69	16.50	Mahatma Gandhi Prize – Massey University	20.00
<b>Gujerat State Flood Relief Fund-</b>		Government Printer, for the N.Z. Census 1966 Publication	.55
Auckland (second instalment)	723.00	Postage	1.96
Wellington	3,291.50	Toll Calls	18.67
Pukekohe	447.00	Telegrams	15.42
Country Section	125.00	Balance in Post Office Savings Bank	1,164.64
Taranaki	87.00	Balance in Bank of New Zealand	3,497.01
Rotorua	50.00		
<b>Interest-</b>			
Current Account, Bank of New Zealand	61.35		
Post Office Savings Bank			
	<u>\$9,895.70</u>		<u>\$9,895.70</u>