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CENTRAL ASSOCIATION  
(Inc.)**



**FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
REPORT**



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**SPORTS & CONFERENCE CENTRE, ROTORUA**  
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THE  
**NEW ZEALAND INDIAN  
CENTRAL ASSOCIATION**  
INC

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(Country Section)

HARIBHAI NARAN (Manawatu)

RAMAN SUKHA (Taranaki)

GULAB V. MORAL

(Immediate Past President)

**DELEGATES PRESENT****CONFERENCE DELEGATES****1980****Auckland:**

1. Chhotubhai Sima
2. Chhotubhai Mistry
3. Parbhuhai Kanji
4. Ramanbhai Ganda
5. Shantilal Govind
6. Ramanbhai R. Patel
7. Jagdishbhai Natali
8. Shantiben T. Parbhu
9. Simabhai Vallabh
10. Rameshbhai Mehta

**Christchurch:**

1. Natu Rama
2. Raman Budhia

**Country Section:**

1. Santok Singh Bhullar
2. Gurbakh Singh Belling
3. Harikishan Sing Kung
4. Harbans Singh Randhawa
5. Chain Singh Ark
6. Sarwan Singh

**Manawatu:**

Apologies

**Pukekohe:**

1. Ganges B. Singh
2. Khushal (Chhagan) Naran
3. Uka Chhiba
4. Raman Vallabh
5. Bhula Das
6. Magan Ranchhod
7. Khandu Parag
8. Narindra Master
10. Mrs Induben Panchia

**Rotorua:**

1. Chandubhai Mavji
2. Ishver Bhana

3. Jayanti Chhima
4. Diyal Dheda
5. Arvind Gordhan
6. Magan Ranchhod

**Youth Delegates:**

1. Ashokbhai Jeram (Auck)
2. Dhansukhbhai Prema (Auck)
3. Dineshbhai Tailor (Auck)
4. Navnitbhai Patel (Auck)
5. Chimanbhai Patel (Auck)
6. Surendar Singh (Puke)
7. Maya Bhula (Puke)
8. Niru Vallabh (Puke)
9. Ratilal Ranchhod (Puke)
10. Jayanti Chhiba (Puke)
11. Pushpa B. Patel (Waik)
12. Hansa B. Patel (Waik)
13. Harjinder Singh Rana (Waik)
14. Ramila L. Kesha (Waik)
15. Niranjan Mistry (Well)
16. Geetaben Champaneri (Well)
17. Shirish Harish (Well)
18. Mahendra Kanji (Well)
19. Lalita Vanmali (Well)
20. Lalita P. Patel (N.Ply)
21. Bharti Raman Sukha (N.Ply)
22. Prabhaven Bhana Sukha (N.Ply)
23. Dinu Morar (N.Ply)
24. Malkiat Singh Randhawa (C.Sec)
25. Meena Dahya (Rot)
26. Usha Mavji (Rot)
27. Dinesh Bhana (Rot)
28. Suresh Kanji

**Taranaki**

1. Ramanbhai Sukha
2. Chhotubhai C. Patel
3. Girishbhai Bhana Sukha
4. Parhubhai Pema
5. Chhiba Lala Patel

**Waikato**

1. Bhanubhaj Patel
2. Aswin Gulab

3. Raghuvir S. Hana
4. Satya S. Dugal
5. Laxman Kesha

**Wellington**

1. Jayanti P. Patel
2. Amrat D. Parbhu
3. Kanti L. Vasani
4. Nagin G. Patel
5. Vallabh Hira
6. Manilal Bhana
7. Kanji Bhula
8. Shantilal Parag
9. Kanji Parbhu
10. Gulab Gosai

**Attending Life Members:**

1. Diyal Kesry
2. Ramesh Patel
3. Govind Kanji
4. Shivalal Masters
5. Karam Singh

**15 or More Conference Attenders:**

1. Piara Singh
2. Keshav Parshot
3. Parag Kanji
4. Khushal Madhav

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Fellow Delegates and Members.

It gives me great pleasure to present the Annual Report of the New Zealand Indian Central Association. The highlight of the Association's last General Meeting held at Pukekohe was the formation of the Youth Group. The interest and intelligence shown by the group showed clearly that it was genuinely interested in the problems confronting the Indian People in New Zealand. Some of the matters raised are worthy of our deepest consideration especially in the field of language, integration, marriage, culture and discrimination of the sexes. The answers supplied by the group were appreciative of the current situation, lucid, and to the point. If this group is representative of the Indian youths in the country then we have no cause of fear for the future. I sincerely hope that this group continue on with its activities knowing full well that it has the whole hearted support of this assembly.

I understand that the Historical report and the work undertaken by Dr Kapil Tiwari with the assistance of our various Branches is well under way. We anticipate that the published book should be available in the very near future. The book, incorporating the history of our presence in New Zealand, will not only serve as a memento but also as a record of our background in this country. I would like to record my appreciation to all those associated with the publication of this book.

Recent events in India caused a considerable surprise to all of us in New Zealand. Mrs Indira Gandhi was elected into power by a sweeping mandate from the people after a short period in opposition. The charisma of the Nehru family never ceases to amaze those who have studied the history of India since the mutiny. We all hope that she will bring stability and prosperity to the Indian continent.

Other events effecting India and possibly the world was the problem of IRAN and more recently AFGHANISTAN. The posture adopted by President Carter towards the Olympic Games and the

American attitude towards arming Pakistan can only lead to further problems in the world. We all hope that a settlement will be reached and the Olympic Games proceed with full participation.

It was with great pleasure that I learnt of the recent Olympic hockey selection. My congratulations to Ramesh Patel and Peter Daji. Ramesh is a veteran in whom we have great faith, and, in Peter who is relatively a young man, great hopes for the future of hockey in New Zealand. My good wishes to all those other trialists — namely Mohan Patel and Balvant Bhana and all the others who made it a difficult task for the selectors in choosing the team. On the scholastic side our younger members are doing well I am very pleased that our young members are excelling in both academic and sporting life and fulfilling both the Western philosophy of ‘a sound mind in a sound body’ and our own ideal of ‘TAN MAN and DHAN’

A pleasant surprise was given to me when I was asked to give a short address at Pukekohe. Both the Pukekohe and Auckland Branches got together and had a joint 26th January Republic Day celebrations hosted by Pukekohe. The Auckland Association in turn had a “HOLI” Celebration in March this year and Pukekohe was the honoured guest on this occasion. On both occasions a concert performance took place before a large audience. Both were enjoyable occasions and I congratulate both Chhotubhai Sima and Ganges Singh and their committee in making the necessary arrangements for the gatherings.

I hope that the goodwill engendered on these occasions will continue and will be a source of inspiration to the other branches to participate in this type of joint activity.

Lastly, but not least, I would like to thank our able Secretary and the other members of our executive whose help, assistance and encouragement has made my office a pleasant and enjoyable one.

Thakor Parbhu  
President

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## ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 54th Annual Conference of the New Zealand Indian Central Association was held in the Sports & Conference Centre, Rotorua on Easter Saturday the 5th April under the auspices of Bay of Plenty (Rotorua) Indian Association.

The Conference commenced at 10.30 a.m. The Host President, Diyalbhai Dheda welcomed the delegates and introduced the guest speaker, His Worship the Mayor of Rotorua, Mr Kean. Mr Kean in his address welcomed the delegates and was delighted that the Conference coincided with the Centennial celebration of the City. He praised the contribution of the Indian Community in the fields of commerce and in the work force for their dedication and sincerity. However, he felt that greater advancement could be made if Members of the community actively participated in local body and national politics where the community’s voice could be heard and suggested that the forthcoming local body elections would give this opportunity. He then declared the Conference open.

The National President, Thakorbhai Parbhu, in reply thanked the Mayor for the kind words and pointed out that amongst our Members there are at least two members who are currently Councillors, namely

Mr Govind Bhaga Bhula on the Lower Hutt City Council and Mr P. D. Lala on Te Aroha Council and that our Life Member J. K. Natali is one-time Mayor of Waimea and adjourned the Meeting for morning tea.

The meeting recommenced at 11.30. Two minutes silence was observed by the Conference as a mark of respect for those members who had passed away during the year.

Apologies from Manawatu Association for not sending any delegates to the conference and a telegram from Narsaibhai Vallabh (Life Member) expressing regrets for inability to attend the Conference on account of his officiating at a wedding was tabled by the Secretary. Apologies for J. K. Natali (Life Member) were also expressed by Auckland delegates. These apologies were accepted.

Chhotubhai Sima/Chhotubhai Mistry carried.

The Conference then recognized the presence of Dr Kapil Tiwari, the Editor of Historical report, Mr Tony Fernandes the Manager of Air India and Mr J. K. Powar representing the Thames Valley Indians. Dr Kapil Tiwari was requested to sit with the Wellington delegation. Tony Fernandes the Manager of Air India was invited to address the Conference and to report on any progress made in the matter of concession fares between New Zealand and India and was invited to make comments on Auckland's remit (that immediate steps be taken to remove the anomaly existing in Air Travel fares between India and New Zealand and visa versa). It was also pointed out by Auckland delegates that the return fare from India to New Zealand was higher than return fare from New Zealand to India. Mr Fernandes acknowledged this directional imbalance and pointed out that it was the result of by-lateral agreement and advised the conference to make written representation to his Company to rectify this so that he may pursue this matter with his Head Office in India and through them with the Air New Zealand and appropriate authorities. This course of action was agreed to.

The Minutes of the 53rd Annual Conference were then tabled and taken as read, with the following amendments made: The name of Mr Keshav Parshot added to Pukekohe's delegation; Chhiba Balu memorial prize to read Chhiba Bala Memorial Prize; and the following names added to the Youth Conference Delegates — ASHOK UKA and PUSHPA B. PATEL (Waikato), NIRU VALLABH AND RAGHU VALLABH (Pukekohe).

The report was then adopted: Manilal Bhana/Chhotu Mistry.

The Minutes of the Committee Meeting held in Auckland on 20 January, 1980 and the Historical record sub-committee held in Auckland on the 17 November 1979 were read and adopted. Ganges B. Singh/Jayanti D. Patel

## **MATTERS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES**

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#### **1. 1979 School Certificate Passes**

1st Prize:	Robert Pancha	354 (Wellington)
2nd Prize:	Raghu Wamanmurthy	350 (Auckland)
3rd Prize:	Rina Mehrotra	341 (Auckland)

## 2. Telephone Directory

A letter and a copy of the printed telephone directory received from Zodiac Print was tabled by the Secretary. Zodiac Print expressed regret for the delay in printing the Directory resulting from continuous amendments and their principal Mr Ishwarbhai Bhana's ill health. The directories were in the process of being compiled into book forms and were to be distributed to Branches by Zodiac Print.

## 3. Old Age Pension/Superannuation

The Secretary advised that he had spoken to Mr Brown, the Secretary of Hon. Mr Gair the Minister of Social Welfare, on this subject and had written to the Minister for an appointment to bring a deputation to make representation for Superannuation to be made payable in India, should Indian recipients desire to spend the rest of their life in India. The President had also written a letter to the Minister advising grounds for our request in change in Policy. The Secretary suggested that in view of the next year's general election approach should be made to the major political parties to ascertain their policy on this matter. A deputation consisting of the officers to make representation was decided on. Branches were requested to provide written evidence to prepare submissions.

## 4. Historical Report

Dr Tiwari reported that the final report was in the hands of the printer and the book will be published in one month's time. He also advised that the Foreword was going to be written by Sir Keith Holyoake, the Governor General of New Zealand. The Secretary advised that donation to date for meeting expenses of the report amounted to \$1,000. The following pledges were received from the Conference delegates: Karam Singh (Country Section); Kanjibhai Bhula (Wellington); Chhotubhai Mistry (Auckland); Kung Brothers (Country Section); J. K. Natali (Auckland); Bhanabhai Naik (Wellington) and Taranaki Indian Association. Dr Tiwari recommended that we authorise the printer to publish more copies at no extra cost to our association for making the books available to general public in New Zealand and abroad and that he will endeavour to negotiate a royalty rate which will be paid to the Association for the extra copies printed.

## 5. Open Heart Surgery — Gurvinder Singh

The Secretary advised that he had forwarded a sum of Rupees 5,062.70 to Mr K. S. Suchadev.

## 6. Constitutional Changes

That the changes were registered with the Registrar of Incorporated Societies **supporting immigration application for migrating to New Zealand of the relatives of the Indians permanently settled In New Zealand who are temporarily residing in India awaiting entry Into England.** The Secretary advised that six families had made application for this scheme and after full details are received this matter will be followed with the church body.

## 7. Videotape

Branches reported that there is a continual demand for feature films and that it will be a long, long while before video films will affect the film screening by the associations. However, the smaller branches felt that this could be a means to overcome their small audiences. The Secretary also reported that there is a duty of 500/0 in sales tax of 30% on video tape recorders and a duty of 25% and sales tax of 40% on video cassettes and informed the conference that if our associations can be classified as approved educational equipment users there will be no duty or sales tax payable on these items. It was resolved that we pursue this matter further with the Customs Department and if necessary with the Education Department and also investigate the legality of the video tapes.

**8. Screening of Indian Films on T.V.**

The Secretary advised that he had written to Television New Zealand regarding the screening of Indian films on T.V. and a favourable reply was received from the Director General of Network advising that the comptroller of programming, Mr Des Moynihan, has agreed to look overseas for sources of such material.

**9. Youths Tour of India**

Due to lack of interest shown the conference felt that this project be abandoned.

**10. Letter from Indian High Commission re films**

Letter received from Indian High Commissioner requesting names of films screened by the Association was tabled and it was resolved that this information should not be supplied by the Central Association as the films screened by various branches are usually advertised in the local papers from which the Commission could gather the information.

**11. Granting of Permanent Residential Status**

Clarification sought from the Department reiterated the provision of Section 12 and 23 of Immigration and New Zealand (a publication issued by the Immigration Department and available from the district offices of the New Zealand Department of Labour, Immigration Division) as follows:

- a) Each case is considered on individual merit: and
- b) That marriages to a permanent New Zealand resident does not automatically entitle permanent residency.

**AWARDING OF ABHINANDANA PATRAS IN LIEU OF TAMRA PATRAS**

This matter is extensively reported in the Executive Committee's minutes. No action was taken by Auckland Branch as regards to complaints referred in the minutes as no official approach was made by the person concerned.

**DECLARATION OF PROPERTIES OWNED BY FOREIGN NATIONALS IN INDIA**

The Secretary tabled the Reserve Bank of India, Press Release circulated by the High Commission of India, Wellington requiring all properties owned by Foreign Nationals (New Zealand Passport holders) to be declared. Although prompt actions were taken by the secretary seeking clarifications and extension of time for the completion of declaration, no replies were received. The conference expressed concern at the lack of response from the Reserve Bank of India, Bombay in the matter and authorised the Secretary to take appropriate actions to expedite the reply.

**INWARD AND OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE****INWARD AND OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE ACCEPTED**

President's report and financial report accepted as presented with a resolution that we place any surplus funds on higher rate of interest. Kanti L. Vasan/Nagin G. Patel carried.

**ELECTION OF LIFE MEMBERS**

The Secretary reported on proceedings of the Executive Meeting held prior to commencement of the

Conference. The following were in attendance: Thakor Parbhu (President); Ganges B. Singh (Vice-President); Gulab Moral (Immediate Past President); Bhukhan Parbhu (Secretary); Amrit Vasan (Asst Secretary); Raman Budhia, Natubhai Rama (Christchurch); Chhotubhai Simar, Dayalbhai Kesry (Life Member) (Auckland); Ukabhai Chhiba (Pukekohe); Bhanubhai Patel (Waikato); Chhotubhai C. Patel, Ramanbhai Sukha (Taranaki); Chandubhai Mavji (Rotorua); Jayantibhai D. Patel (Wellington); Santok Singh Bhullar (Country Section).

The following names were considered: Khushalbai Madhav (Auckland) Haribhai Jaga (Auckland); Rambhai Uka (Waikato); Piara Singh (Country Section); Ravjibhai C. Han (Pukekohe); Keshav Parshot (Pukekohe); Parbhu Bhikha (Pukekohe); Chhibabhai Lala Patel (Taranaki). Auckland withdrew the name of Haribhai Jaga. Profile on each nominee was read and the Branch representatives were given opportunity to speak in support of their candidates. Secret ballots were taken and Mr Piara Singh was endorsed for the Life Membership. Mr Singh's nomination was formerly put to conference. Words of appreciation of Mr Singh's past services and the continued interest in the community service were expressed by the various branches, and was unanimously elected the Life Member of the Association. The President then presented the Life Membership Badge to Mr Singh.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Vote of thanks to the outgoing Officers was moved by Jayanti D. Patel and endorsed by Chhotubhai Sima. Thakor Parbhu was nominated the interim chairman Nagin G. Patel/Amrat D. Parbhu.

#### **President:**

Thakor Parbhu                      Jayanti D. Patel/Chhotubhai Sima

#### **Vice-President:**

Ganges B. Singh                      Raman Budhia/Simabhai Vallabh

#### **General Secretary:**

Bhukhan Lal Parbhu                      Bhanubhai Patel/Govind Kanji  
Jagdish C. Natali                      Chhotubhai Mistry/Shantilal Govind  
Bhukhan Lal Parbhu was elected the Secretary

#### **Assistant Secretary:**

Amrit L. Vasan                      Natubhai Rama (Christchurch)  
Raghuvir Rana (Waikato)

#### **Auditor**

Parhubhai Kanji                      Ganges B. Singh (Pukekohe/Shantilal Govind)

#### **Executive:**

Auckland:                      Chhotubhai Sima  
Christchurch:                      Natubhai Rama  
Country Section:                      Santok Singh Bhullar  
Manawatu:                      Haribhai Naran  
Pukekohe:                      Maganbhai Ranchhod  
Rotorua:                      Dayalbhai Dheda  
Taranaki:                      Ramanbhai Sukha  
Waikato:                      Bhanubhai Patel  
Wellington:                      Jayanti D. Patel

### **REMITTS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**REMITTS AND RESOLUTIONS****Auckland**

- 1 That urgent positive steps in the field of education be taken to preserve the Indian Ethnic Culture, Customs and Religion for the future generation. This was discussed at great length and it was resolved that the Branches take this remit home and bring forward suggestions for implementation.
2. That immediate steps be taken to remove the anomaly existing in Air Travel fares between India and New Zealand and vice-versa. This matter was resolved earlier.
3. That all outstanding remits be auctioned forthwith. As all remits were resolved. Auckland delegates withdrew this remit.
4. That the Central Association further investigate the payment of old age pensions to retired New Zealand Indians in India. This matter was resolved earlier.

**New Plymouth**

That there should be no limit on the number of Life Members and that they should not have voting rights. The majority of the delegates felt that the criteria for the awarding of the Life Membership be not changed.

**Wellington**

That the film prices be renegotiated with Fiji Film suppliers in view of the high price now being demanded by them and being paid by Auckland Indian Association without consulting the other branches. The Auckland delegates felt that this was an unfair remit and offered the burdensome task of handling the film matters to Wellington. After a heated discussion the following resolution was passed and Auckland agreed to continue the administration of the film affairs: That Auckland, Pukekohe and Wellington Branch consult on a more regular basis and cooperate in renegotiating the film prices in the interests of the community. A. L. Vasan/Diyal Dheda.

Auckland delegates also stipulated that the accounts should be settled within 15 days of its receipt and this was agreed to by the conference.

**Pukekohe**

New Zealand Central Leaders should be more active in promoting culture and other activities for all Associations and should have more Executive meetings. These sentiments were noted.

**Thames Valley Indians**

Mr J. K. Power addressed the Conference seeking application of Thames Valley Indian Association to the Central Association. He claimed that there are at least 50 families which are not represented by any other Association.

Mr Power's attention was drawn to Section 7(e) of our constitution by the Secretary which states that "No Branch of the Association shall hereafter be formed unless the opinions of immediate neighbouring Branches have been considered by the Association". Accordingly Mr Power was asked by the Conference to provide the list of names, ages, addresses and signatures of the Members, the Thames Valley Indian Association hopes to represent, within 3 months for the Executive to decide the desirability of forming a new association.

## YOUTH CONFERENCE REPORT

The delegates attending chose not to fill the position of co-chairman due to no-one being prepared to accept the position. Numerous topics were discussed and the conclusions reached and specific actions recommended are listed hereunder.

### **1(a) Integration**

Social integration was considered to be desirable and was considered to be taking place as more of our community develops and pursues other interests.

Recommendations:

- (a) At branch level encourage young people to become involved in other community activities.
- (b) Publicise at local level the achievements of others in outside activities.
- (c) Invite and open our cultural functions to other groups.
- (d) Organise and conduct functions and events in conjunction with other ethnic groups.

### **1(b) Discrimination**

Exactly the same conclusions were drawn as for the previous year and as it was not considered to be a group problem no specific recommendations are forthcoming on this topic.

## **2. Social and Cultural Activities**

Sport and the social activities associated with it was considered to be the predominant social interest of most young people. It appeared that in some cases a faction or rift was developing between the Sports Clubs and the Branches. There seemed to be a general lack of knowledge on cultural activities and the reasons and background for them.

Recommendations:

- (a) Sports Clubs and Branches should be considered complementary rather than competing against each other.
- (b) Branches should promote social activities which are more appealing to young people.
- (c) At branch level promote the use of library material. etc. which is readily available in public libraries on culture. etc.
- (d) Make available publications in English medium that would assist young people to understand various aspects of the culture.

## **3. Politics in India**

Interest in politics in India was not strong and was only of academic interest to the majority of those present. People were reliant on the little information that was available through the news media and the group did not feel that it was well informed enough in this area to pass comment.

Recommendation:

That releases and other information which was available from the Indian High Commission and other sources should be made available to members through their respective Branches.

## **4. Communication and the Generation Gap**

This appeared more to be a cultural gap than a generation gap and particularly between the older immigration generation and the younger New Zealand-born Indians. This topic was considered to be the main reason behind all the areas of concern discussed under the other topics at this Conference.

Recommendations:

- (a) That a Youth Section be established by each Branch with the assistance of the Youth Delegates

attending this Conference.

(b) That each Youth Section conducts it's own meetings and activities and provide a communication link with it's local branch on the views and needs of young people. .

(c) That the types of activities promoted by the Youth Sections could be of an educational nature as well as social. eg a debate with parents with each side negating its logical view, meetings with educational film evening .or guest speakers on Indian topics such as culture. visits to India. etc.

## 5. General

(a) It is recommended that the Central Association investigate the feasibility of producing a newspaper or magazine to be circulated to all members.

(b) The age of delegates to the Young Conference was discussed and it was concluded that whilst the suggested age should remain at 25 years. Branches should use their discretion to ensure that suitable delegates are nominated and that the age limit should be flexible in this regard. The Youth Section of each Branch should nominate to the Branch delegates to attend the Youth Conference in future.

(c) A question from the Wellington Branch asking for a clarification on the duties, responsibilities and obligations of modern youth to their local branch was considered and it was agreed by all that this question can only be answered from the constitution of each branch as to the responsibility of all members. If membership of youth is not defined separately from other types of membership in the respective constitutions then the responsibilities of youth must be deemed to be the same as for other members.

It has been my pleasure to have been given the opportunity to be associated with the Youth Conference for the second year in succession and for this my gratitude to all those involved in the planning and participation in this Conference I have found our young people to be intelligent resourceful and very human and can state with confidence and pride that I have a great deal of faith in our young generation.

MOHAN PARBHU  
Chairman

Word of thanks was recorded to Mohan Parbhu by the Conference.

## ACTIVITIES OF BRANCHES

Each Branch reported on their Cultural. Religious. Sporting activities and related events. Highlights at Branch level included:

### **Auckland**

Hosted Members of the Parliamentary Delegation from India. at this function the High Commissioner presented ABHINANDANA PATRAS to the recipients.

### **Country Section**

Life Membership was bestowed on PIARA SINGH BAINS. KARAM SINGH and SARWAN SINGH.

### **Wellington**

Chief Justice Designate of India visit. Visit by Indian Parliamentary Delegation.

### **Christchurch**

Participation in Telethon. Only Branch to achieve 100% membership.

**Waikato**

Organised Bhajan Mandly with the Associates of the Pukekohe Association. successful screening of Indian films in conjunction with Country Section. Screened films obtained from the National Film Library.

**Pukekohe**

Joint Republic Day and Holi Celebrations with Auckland. First ever official visit by Indian High Commissioner who was welcomed by the Mayor and Councillors. his visit was highlighted by the news media. Visit by Indian Parliamentary Delegation. N.Z. Indian Sports Tournament was hosted.

**Bay of Plenty (Rotorua)**

Successful year, greater participation by younger members. Partook in Centennial celebrations.

**New Plymouth**

Screening of films, annual picnic and planning of their 25th Anniversary Celebration next year.

**CONFERENCE 1981**

Christchurch branch extended an invitation to hold the 1981 Conference and this was accepted by acclamation.

The President in his closing address. thanked the Host Association for organising the conference and providing the excellent hospitality. The Conference closed with the singing of JANA MANA GANA.

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**MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING****MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE MEETING**

An executive committee meeting of the Central Association was held in Gandhi Hall. Auckland on Sunday the 20th January 1980 at 10 a.m. under the auspices of the Auckland Indian Association.

**Present**

Thakor Parbhu (President), Ganges B. Singh (Vice-President), Gulab V. Moral (Immediate Past President), Bhukhan Lal Parbhu (Secretary), Amrit Vasan (Asst Secretary). Chhotubhai Sima (Auckland), Chandubhai Mavji (Rotorua), Gurbaksh Singh Belling (Country Section), Bhanubhai Patel (Waikato), Ramanbhai Sukha (Taranaki), Jayanti D. Patel (Wellington) and Uka Chhiba (Pukekohe).

**Attending Life Members**

Govindbhai Kanji (Wellington). J. K. Natali, Rameshbhai Patel and Dayalbhai Kesry all of Auckland

**Apologies**

Manawatu and Christchurch Associations. Life Members: Narsinh Vallabh, Karam Singh. Shivilalbhai Masters. Others: Santokh Singh Bhullar and Kuldip Singh Thadi. Apologies be accepted. Bhanubhai Patel/Jayanti D. Patel.  
Carried.

The delegates were welcomed by the host President, Chhotubhai Sima who wished the meeting success in its deliberation. The national President, Thakorbhahi Parbhu called the meeting to order.

## **Correspondence**

### **1. Telegram — Mrs Indira Gandhi**

The Secretary tabled the telegram that he had sent to Mrs Indira Gandhi on her being elected the Prime Minister of India. "Accept New Zealand Indian Community's salutations, congratulations and best wishes for you and the country's prosperity."

### **2. 16 mm Hindi Films**

The Secretary advised that he had written to Maganbhai Ranchhod regarding the investigation he was required to make for obtaining supplies of 16 mm films and that after having personal discussion with him in the matter it was felt that in view of the introduction of Video Tapes of Indian Films in New Zealand by various individuals, the proposal should be reappraised.. After a lengthy discussion the following resolution was passed. That the Branches be required to obtain full details of Video Tapes of Indian Films and the implications and the effects if any it is having on the screening of the Films in their respective areas and report at the Annual Conference. Amrit Vasan/Gulab Moral. Carried.

### **3. Letter from Indian High Commission re Films**

A letter from Indian High Commission seeking information regarding the source and names of the suppliers of Indian Films and the names of Films recently screened by the various Branches was tabled by the secretary. It was resolved that we write to the Indian High Commission requested the reasons for the information required as our Associations have been screening films for the last 35 years and no such request was made in the past. Bhanubhai Patel/ Ganges Singh. Carried. Auckland Association was requested to send a copy of this letter to the Film suppliers for their information.

### **4. Granting of Permanent Residential Status**

In response to an enquiry from Waikato Indian Association as to when a person who comes to New Zealand on a temporary or visitors visa with the expressed declared purpose of marriage to a permanent resident of New Zealand. acquires permanent status, the secretary had contacted the Immigration Department in this matter and obtained the Booklet on the Current Immigration Policy. A copy of this Booklet was given to each Branch for their files and information. The relative clauses relating to the issue raised read:-

12. People who apply to enter the country because they have plans to marry a New Zealand fiance(e) are Usually considered under normal temporary entry policy as visitors. Provided they fulfill normal visitor requirements, applicants may visit New Zealand to enable the marriage to take place. If they marry within the validity of their temporary permit they may apply to have their status changed to that of permanent resident and must produce their marriage certificate to the Department of Labour. Applicants in this category may, if they prefer be considered initially under normal permanent entry policy in their own right, e.g. on occupational or family reunification grounds. If, however, applicants do not qualify for entry under normal policy for either temporary entry or permanent entry. the New Zealand fiance(e) may be required to enter into a financial

agreement (Deed of Covenant) in respect of the fiance(e) until the marriage has taken place and permanent residence status has been granted. Details may be obtained from the Department of Labour or from New Zealand posts overseas.

23. It should be noted that while marriage to a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident is a basis for consideration of a request for a change of immigration status, there is no automatic right to permanent resident status simply by virtue of a marriage. The spouse of a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident who is also a prohibited immigrant for example, is unlikely to be permitted to remain in New Zealand. As with any other application for a change of immigration status, the advice of the nearest District Office of the Department of Labour should be obtained about any requirements that may have to be met in the particular case before any final arrangements (such as obtaining a refund on the return portion of an airline ticket) are made.

It was resolved that the person concerned should be advised of the policy and that she should apply immediately for permanent status with the necessary documentary evidence. The Secretary was also required to seek further clarification of the clause 23. Gulab Moral/Jayanti D. Patel. Carried

### **Telephone Directory/Annual Conference Report**

The Secretary advised that the conference reports were printed and ready for distribution. However, the Telephone Directory whilst already compiled was not yet printed. Unfortunately Ishwarbhai Bhana the proprietary of Zodiac Print, had suffered heart attack and could not proceed with the printing of the Directory as required by the last Conference. Both the Secretary and the Assistant Secretary have volunteered to provide any assistance required. In fact Amrit Vasani is receiving advertisements on his behalf. The President also reported of his visit to Ishwarbhai in the matter. The Executive appreciated Ishwarbhai's predicament and in view of his past services agreed to the Directory being published by him as soon as possible. Amritbhai also requested the Branches to forward any advertisements their members may wish to place to him at P.O. Box 7279. Wellington.

### **5. Awarding of Abhinandana Patras In Lieu of Tamra Patras**

The Secretary advised that a function under the auspices of Auckland Indian Association was arranged on the 15th November, 1979 for the awarding of Abhinandana Patras by the hands of His Excellency Mr B. Deva Rao, the High Commissioner of India in the presence of the Speaker of the Indian Parliament Honourable S. K. Hedge and the Secretary General of Rajaya Sabha, Mr S. S. Bhalerao. The following persons were awarded the Abhinandana Patras: Chhotubhai Sima, Dayalbhai Kesry, Hirabhai Dheda, Parhubhai Jogi, Keshavbhai Jeram, Dayalbhai Soma, all of Auckland and Rambhai Uka of Waikato.

At a welcoming reception held for the visiting Parliamentary delegation from India at the residence of His Excellency Mr B. Deva Rao, on the 27th November, 1979 Abhinandana Patras were also awarded to the following persons: Unkabhai Ranchhod and Jerambhai Ravji, both of Wanganui; Dayalbhai Naran and Ranchhodbhai Govind, both of Wellington; and Chhibabhai Lalabhai Patel of New Plymouth. A cheque for Rupees 3,091 being the balance of the Flood Relief Fund was presented to High Commissioner by the National President, Thakorabhai Parbhu.

It was resolved that the secretary obtain the Abhinandana Patras for the following absentee recipients: Late Jerambhai Sukha (Waifara); Ganesh Sukha (Wanganui); and Haribhai? Jaga (Auckland) and these be forwarded to the Branches, Chhotubhai Sima/Ramanbhai Sukha. Carried.

From discussion it appeared that a person in Auckland area might have been inadvertently not

nominated by the Association for receiving of the Abhinandna Patra. A resolution was passed requiring Auckland Association to write to the person concerned setting out the criteria under which the Abhinandna Patras were awarded and if the necessary evidence can be produced, forward the persons name to the Secretary for the necessary action. Bhukhan Lal Parbhu/Chandubhai Mavji. Carried.

#### **6. Youth Tour of India**

As no response was received from the branches to the tour arranged this tour had to be cancelled. It was resolved that a group tour of adult youths and children be organised for December 1980 with the same itinerary and a brief report be presented to the Annual Conference.

#### **7. Affiliation Fees/Conference Photographs**

The Secretary advised that most branches have not yet forwarded their affiliation fees and the money for the Auckland Conference photographs. It was resolved that all financial accounts should be settled by the branch forthwith. Gulab Moral/Ganges Singh. Carried.

#### **8. National Film Library**

The Secretary advised that he had obtained details for joining the National Film Library and obtaining the supplies of films from them for screening in our Associations Hall and had forwarded to all the Branches. Waikato and Country Section reported that they had taken advantage of this and had shown a few films to their members.

Inward and outward correspondence was endorsed. Amrit Vasan/Ganges Singh.

### **YOUTH CONFERENCE**

Ramanbhai Ganda (Auckland). the last years Youth Conference Chairman had made special efforts to be present at the meeting and at his recommendation and the summations of the benefits of the last Youth Conference, it was resolved that a Youth Conference be held again this year provided the Host Association: Rotorua was able to provide the necessary facilities. Gulab Moral/Ganges Singh. Carried.

Chandubhai Mavji confirmed his Associations willingness to host the Youth Conference concurrently with the Annual Conference. Mohan Parbhu of Pukekohe was selected to be the chairman by the meeting and it was resolved that the Youth Conference select their own co-chairman from their delegation.

Ganges Singh/Amrit Vasan. Carried.

It was further resolved that the Youth Conference be opened to either married or single persons with a suggested age limit of 25 years. Topics selected were:

1. Integration and Discrimination
2. Social Activities and Culture
3. Politics in India
4. Communication and Generation Gap
5. General
6. How would you implement the results of your discussions

Ukabhai Chhiba/Ramanbhal Sukha. Carried.

It was resolved that Auckland, Pukekohe and Wellington may send a maximum of 5 delegates and the other branches 3 each. Chhotubhai Sima/ Chandubhai Mavji. Carried.

**Supporting Immigration Application for Migrating to New Zealand of the Relatives of Indians Permanently Settled in New Zealand, who are Temporarily Residing in India Awaiting Entry into England**

The Secretary advised of his discussion with Rev Keith J. Taylor of Inter-Church Commission on Immigration & Refugee Resettlement and their willingness to support applications and make representation to the New Zealand Government for people falling in the above category. Lengthy discussion took place and it was resolved that Branches be asked to obtain the following details as recommended by the Wellington Association from their members who are willing to sponsor their relatives:

1. Names and details of their relatives or immediate members of their families who are holders of British Passports and are temporarily residing in India awaiting entry into Britain under the Quota System.
2. Where the relatives are dependent on the New Zealand resident evidence of financial support being provided will also be required.

These details should be submitted by the 14th March, 1980. Bhukhan Parbhu/Ukabhai Chhiba. Carried. Harishbhai Patel who had instigated this matter should also be requested to supply us all the details he may have.

S.A.V.I.R.A. Scheme for Adoption of Villages by Indian Residents Abroad All branches agreed that this was a good scheme but as members in various Branches already contributed to schemes in villages of their former residence in India it was not possible for adoption of another village and this be conveyed to His Excellency Mr B. Deva Rao the High Commissioner of India.

**Life Membership**

The following nominations were received:

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| 1. Khushalbai Madhav (Auckland)    | 2. Haribhai Jaga (Auckland)             |
| 3. Rambhai Unka (Waikato)          | 4. Piara Singh (Country Section)        |
| 5. Ravjibhai Chhana Han (Pukekohe) | 6. Keshav Parsot (Pukekohe)             |
| 7. Parbhu Bhikha (Pukekohe)        | 8. Chhibabhai Lalabhai Patel (Taranaki) |

Before the discussion on the life membership began, it was felt that to save embarrassment to any life membership nominees present at the meeting should retire. Ganges Singh/Ukabhai. Carried.

Accordingly Khushalbai Madhav was requested by the President to retire. The Secretary drew the attention of the delegates to the new criteria that unless the nominee receives the unanimous support of the delegates his name will not go forward to the Annual Conference. As profile on some of the nominees were not made available for Branches prior discussion and were only presented at the meeting by the nominating branches, the meeting felt that the branches should be given time to evaluate each nominee and the following resolution was passed. "That we defer the question of recommending nominees for the Life Membership now and this be resolved at a Special Executive Meeting to be held prior to the Annual General Meeting. on Saturday the 5th April, 1980.

Ganges Singh/Bhukhan Lal Parbhu. Carried.

### Historical Report

The Secretary reported that the Historical Report was now in the hands of the Printers and if any Branches wanted to increase their order they should advise the Secretary immediately. It was resolved that branches should forward their cheques for the Books ordered by the 28th February 1980.

Bhukhan Lal Parbhu/Amrit Vasan. Carried.

The Secretary also advised that the following donations were received towards the cost of preparation of the Historical Report:

<i>Name of Donor</i>	<i>In Memory Of</i>
Mr & Mrs Ganda Nathu & family (Well)	-
Nagin bhai G. Patel (Well)	-
Ganges B. Singh S/O Bakshi Singh Birak (Puke)	-
Bhukhan Lal Parbhu (Well)	Uncle – Narottam Parshottam (Fiji)
Dahiben Lakhu Vasan (Well)	Husband – Lakhubhai Vasanji
Parbhu family (Well)	Mum Jeliben & Dad Dullah
Family of Late Parbhubhai Kasanji (Auck)	
Piara Singh Bains S/O Ajeet Singh Bains (C. Sec)	
Karam Kaur Singh (Puke)	Husband – Juwala Singh
Chhotu Sima & family (Auck)	Sima Dubha & Jeram Sima
Harbans Singh Randhawa (C. Sec)	Father – Inder Jeet Singh Randhawa

Further donations were likely to be received from other associations.

### General

That Branches should advise the National Achievement of their members in the fields of Education, Sports, etc, to the Secretary for Central Association to congratulate them 'Ukabhai Chhiba/Bhanu Patel. Auckland Association pointed out that to facilitate reconciling accounts all associations must pay their film accounts in full.' Any counter claim should be separately made.

### Republic Day Celebration (26th January 1980)

Ganges Singh of Pukekohe Association advised that Auckland and Pukekohe Associations were combining to celebrate the India's Republic' Day in Pukekohe and extended invitation to all the Association for participating. The meeting felt that 'this was an excellent move and it will go a long way in cementing 'relations between the two associations.

The meeting thanked Ratanji Bhikha and family for providing the lunch to the delegates, Auckland Association for organising the Venue and Thakorbhai Parbhu; the National President, for the cocktail party and the dinner at his residence.

The meeting concluded at 5 p.m. with the singing of Jan Gan Man.'

## MINUTES OF HISTORICAL REPORT SUB-COMMITTEE

A Historical Report Sub-Committee Meeting was held on Saturday the 17th November 1979 at 5 p.m. at the residence of Thakor Parbhu'(the President of the Central Association) 57 Queenstown Road, Hillsborough~ Auckland under the auspices of Auckland Indian Association.

**Present:**

Historical Report Sub-Committee Members: Kanti L. Vasani (Chairman), Dr Kapil N. Tiwari, Harbans Singh Randhawa, Dayal Kesry (Life Member), Shivial B. Masters (Life Member).

Central Executives: Thakôr Parbhu (President), Bhukhan Lal Parbhu (Secretary), Ganges B. Singh (Vice President), Uka Chhiba (Pukekohe), Chhotu Sima (Auckland).

Other delegates from Auckland were:- Shantiben T. Parbhu, Shahtilal Govindji. Arnrat Morar Patel, Khushal Madhav, Balwantraji Chhima Patel and Rameshbhai Patel (Life' Member). From Pukekohe:- Maganbhai Ranchhod (President of N.Z. Indian Sports Association).

Apologies: Raman Wallabh and Piara Singh.

The Host President, Chhotubhai Sima, welcomed the delegates and emphasised the importance of the final meeting for the publication of the Historical Report.

The Central President. Thakorbhai Parbhu expressed hope that the printing of the report will proceed without any further delays to avoid the escalating costs. and that meaningful criticism will be made by the delegates to improve the Report.

The Chairman. Kantibhai L. Vasani then called the meeting to 'order reporting that corrections and amendments have been received from all the Branches relevant to their Associations and these will be incorporated in the Report. Details on Life Members. Late Messrs Lalbhai N. Patel and Parbhubhai Kasanji, were not to hand from Auckland Association. Auckland Delegation agreed to provide this in a week's time.

The Sport Report from Maganbhai Ranchhod. the President of the New Zealand Indian Sports Association was also not to hand. Maganbhai advised that this was being prepared and will be forwarded in a fortnight's time. Information pertaining to the achievements of members of various Branches was not to hand and Maganbhai was to follow this up and incorporate it in his Report.

The Chairman then went through page by page of the 2nd Draft of the Historical Report accepting comments and alterations and corrections. During the course of discussion. Dayalbhai Kesry advised that the draft was not received by him with the letter from the Secretary. A few copies were made available to Auckland Delegation and Dayalbhai Kesry. All present were requested to forward any further comments to the Secretary or hand them to Dr Kapil Tiwari whilst he was in Auckland till Friday the 24th November. 1979.

Dr Kapil Tiwari then presented the bound volume of the completed 2nd Draft of the Historical Report briefly touching on the various chapters written by the various contributors and presented a sample copy of a book which will resemble our Historical Report. All present were remarkably impressed with the sample book.

A letter from Wright and Carman Ltd. Printers, was presented to the meeting wherein they had quoted \$8,900 for 1,000 copies and \$10,650 for 1500 copies~ plus any 'escalating costs. This quote. being the

cheapest. was. accepted.

The Secretary also advised that to date the cost of preparing the Draft Report was \$1,275 and that the final cost would be about \$1,500. He also suggested the idea that perhaps there will be people in the community who would like to donate funds towards the cost of preparation of the Historical Report. After lengthy and careful consideration the following motion was passed: 'That the Secretary writes to each Association requesting them to inform their members that donations for meeting the cost of preparing the Historical Report are being accepted. That all' donations of \$100 or more will be acknowledged by printing the names only of the donors in the Historical Report.' Bhukhan Lal Parbhu/Shivlal B. Masters.

It was unanimously resolved that after incorporating the necessary amendments and corrections. the publication of the Historical Report be proceeded and copies supplied to the Branches in accordance with the resolution passed at the Annual Conference at \$12.50 a copy. The Branches are required to forward their payment on request."

Word of thanks was accorded to Dr Kapil Tiwari for devoting so much of his time in the preparation of the Historical Report.

The Host Association and the Host Thakorbhai Parbhu were also thanked for their hospitality.

The meeting concluded at 9:30 p.m.

Bhukhan Lal Parbhu  
General Secretary

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The Secretary.  
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The Secretary.  
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The Secretary.  
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**Cambridge.**

The Secretary.  
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**Palmerston North.**

The Secretary.  
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The Secretary.  
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**FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS - (JANUARY — DECEMBER 1979)**FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS  
(JANUARY — DECEMBER 1979)

RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Balance BNZ Term Deposit	\$3,125.00	Flood Relief Fund - India	\$7,717.75
Balance BNZ Current A/c	9,008.29	Zodiac Print	
		1977/78 Annual Report	650.00
<b>Interest:-</b>		Post Box Rental 1979/80	20.00
Term Deposit	\$226.56		
Current A/c	32.73	<b>Historical Report Expenses</b>	
	259.29	Dr K. Tiwari Pukekohe Trip	150.00
<b>Affiliation Fees</b>		Dr K. Tiwari Dunedin Trip	110.00
Auckland 1978/79	164.40	Fares— 2 Sub-Committee Meetings	416.20
Country Sect. 77/78	14.00	Final Draft Typing/Photocopying	<u>175.00</u>
Pukekohe 1978/79	42.80		851.20
Rotorua 1978/79	12.00	<b>School certificate Prizes</b>	
Taranaki 1978/79	14.60	1st Prize — Subhas Ranchhod	50.00
Waikato 76/77, 77/78	16.00	2nd Prize — Anita Hedge	20.00
Waikato 1978/79	15.00	3rd Prize — Pradeep Bhikha	<u>10.00</u>
Wellington 1977/78	202.50		80.00
	481.30	<b>Fiji Hurricane Relief Fund</b>	101.00
Flood Relief Fund- India	399.50	<b>Auckland Conference Photos</b>	520.00
Pukekohe		Otago Southland Relief Fund	709.81
<b>Open Heart Surgery Appeal</b>		<b>Gandhi Memorial Prize</b>	
Christchurch	170.00	C. A. McKean 1978	50.00
Pukekohe	<u>410.00</u>	V. V. Chan	<u>50.00</u>
	580.00		100.00
<b>Property Prospectus</b>		<b>S. K. Sachdev - Heart Appeal</b>	<u>655.00</u>
Auckland	1.19		11,404.76
Wellington	<u>1.19</u>	<b>Bank Balances</b>	
	2.38	Term Deposit	3,125.00
<b>Auckland Photographs</b>		Less <i>OID</i> Current A/c	<u>384.00</u>
Waikato	40.00		<u>2,741.00</u>
<b>Historical Report Donations</b>		Less Unpresented Cheque	<u>50.00</u>
Bhukhan Lal Parbhu	100.00		2,691.00
Harbans Singh Randhawa	<u>100.00</u>		
	200.00		
	<u>\$14,095.76</u>		<u>\$14,095.76</u>

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

Parbhu Kanji,  
Auditor