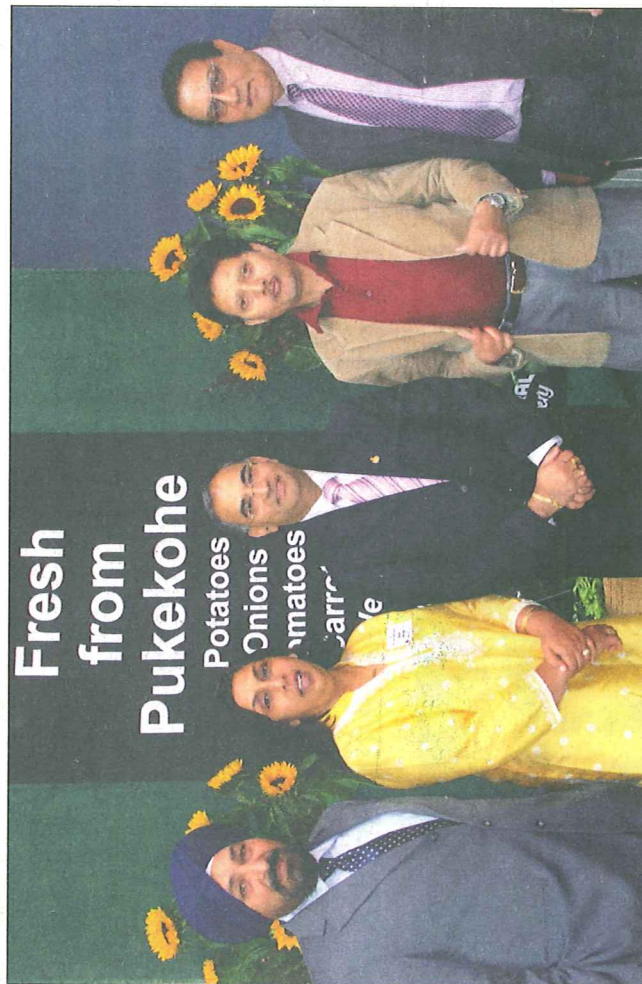


NZICA meets in Hamilton

New Zealand Indian Central Association (Inc.) meets at Hamilton on 4th April to take stock and plan ahead. A new body shall be elected at the annual conference.



BRINGING INDIANS TOGETHER: Office bearers of the New Zealand Indian Central Association. (L-R) Treasurer Manjit Singh, Secretary Nimi Bedi, President Raitil Chhapaneri, General Secretary Veer Khar and Vice President Paul Bains.

NZICA was formed in 1926 with three branches Auckland, Country Section (Taumarunui) and Wellington, where there was a sizeable population of Indians residing.

The Indian community throughout New Zealand at that time in its history felt the need for a single body to represent them in their fight against oppressive legislation and discriminatory immigration policy, and to promote harmony between Indians, the Maori people, and the dominant European population in

New Zealand; and to respond to misleading propaganda concerning Indians living in New Zealand. The Central Association was also formed to advance the cause of all Indians, be it political, educational, health, welfare or cultural identity.

Today the three branches have grown into ten independent, self governing, incorporated branches throughout New Zealand, all affiliated to the New Zealand Indian Central Association (Inc.) and there are other affiliated branches

representing regional Indian ethnic groups.

The Officers of the Association consist of: president, vice president, general secretary, assistant secretary and treasurer. The affairs of the association are managed and controlled by the executive committee plus a nominated member from each affiliated branch. The executives meet quarterly or more if the need arises. The officers and the committee are elected at the annual conference attended by delegates from each branch.

New Zealand Indian Central Association has identified issues faced by the community by engaging with various Indian associations and other community organisations in a series of discussions and pursued the same with the government.

The issues (law and order; immigration; social welfare; representation in local government, community boards and other government bodies; India-New Zealand relations; Sustainability of the Indian value system in youth and future generations) are being reassessed at the AGM and further course of action will be chalked out after a daylong deliberation.

NZICA has been promoting a united voice of Indians in New Zealand for the last 83 years through its branches and associate units. A lot has been achieved but still we need miles to go.

Please voice your concerns by contacting the Indian Association branch or associate / probationary associate unit, in your area. We all can make a difference by projecting a consolidated voice through a common platform.

Please help strengthen our common voice by taking up membership of the Indian Association Branch in your area.

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