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GREETINGS TO ALL KIWIS OF INDIAN ORIGIN AND ALSO TO ALL THOSE WHO WISH WELL FOR INDIA

NZICA appeals to Kiwis of Indian origin to observe this day (Independence Day of India) as the day of taking stock of where an Indian has reached in pursuit of his real freedom both in and outside India. If a common man in India is still not able to access the community resources on equal basis and if the society is still not inclusive in character then it is not fair to celebrate. India started the progress towards freedom in 1947 and this changed the paradigm for all other oppressed nations at that time. Many nations followed suit but are still far away from the real liberty. Gandhi Ji always said that it is the people that need freedom and exit of British from India (land) does not complete the process.

Here in New Zealand Indian community under the leadership of 82 year old organization “NZICA” has been on course to get on equal footing. From the days of past when discrimination was a routine; a lot of perseverance by community stalwarts and other Kiwi compatriots; has gone in to achieve the current day scenario where playing fields are almost level. “Almost” because still there are different rule implementations for a Visitors coming to New Zealand from India in comparison to the one coming from Europe. Superannuation disparity still exists and the list is still uncomfortably long. At 100,000 plus we do not even have a Parliament member of Indian origin.

NZICA believes that as Immigrants, we Kiwi Indians have already taken a bold step of venturing out. We need to give a meaning to our “Jeevan” by being aware and today on the anniversary of the Independence day let us all take a pledge to continue in our journey of absolute freedom here in NZ and work towards giving a helping hand to our fellow mates in India. (Veer Khar, Gen Sec; NZICA)

Most important we all should register and Vote in the coming elections!