



message from anita naran

Namaste to everyone.

I hope you all have kept well over the cold season and have settled into the new normal. 2020 is a year that will never be forgotten as the pandemic has affected the whole world. Everyone's lifestyle changed and we were all forced to stay at home so we could protect ourselves. This time at home has given us all the opportunity to reflect on what is important and it has taught us to spend more time with friends and families.

It may seem to members that proceedings for our Association has stopped but I can assure you all that a lot of work was happening in the background. As the virus was at its peak earlier in the year we were not able to celebrate many of the events and I know that most of our members were concerned if CDIA will be hosting any functions this year. At present New Zealand is at Alert Level 1 hence we are pleased to say that CDIA will be hosting functions to celebrate our upcoming events (details are in this newsletter). We hope members will be able to attend and help us organise functions as well. CDIA Committee looks forward to hearing from members so please send us your views/suggestions. Our Association can only function if we all work together.

I hope you all enjoy reading this newsletter.

Anita Naran

subscriptions

Thanks to all those members who have paid their subscriptions and we encourage all those unpaid members to have their subs paid soon.



Subscriptions for this year are as follows:
Family Members \$30
Single Member (University and over) \$15

Please note that 2020 subscriptions are valid for the CDIA financial period from 1st January 2020 to 31st December 2020.

They can be paid in the following ways:

Post: CDIA, PO Box 4037, Palmerston North 4442
Direct Credit: CDIA BNZ Account: 02-0630-0106854-00
Code: CDIA MEM Reference: 2020 Surname & Initial

Once payment has been received, a receipt will be sent to you with the next newsletter.

Please let us know if there is any changes to your contact details from last year. If your home address, email address or phone details have changed please either let one of the committee members know or email us at cdia.inc@outlook.com

upcoming events - 2020

Janmashtami

Tuesday, 11 August

CDIA will host celebrations at Terrace End School Hall,
201 Ruahine Street, Palmerston North.

Bhajans from 7.30pm to 9.30pm

Followed by Aarti and Prasad.



Ganesh Chaturthi

Saturday, 22 August

Terrace End School Hall, 201 Ruahine Street,
Palmerston North

Bhajans from 7.30pm to 9.30pm

Followed by Aarti and Prasad



Adhik Maas or Purshottam
Maas comes around every 3
years in Hindu Calendar.

Adhik Maas-2020

Fri 18th Sep – Fri 16th Oct

Navratri

Saturday 17—Monday 26 October

Senior Citizens Hall, Main Street, Palmerston North

Garbas from 8.00pm to 10.00pm

Followed by Aarti and Prasad.

Weekend Garba from 8.00pm till late



Jalaram Jayanti

Saturday, 21 November

Senior Citizens Hall, Main Street, Palmerston North

Bhajans from 7.30—9.30

Followed by Aarti and Prasad

Diwali

Details will be sent to members once confirmed

PRASAD OFFERING

This year due to COVID-19, it was agreed at our Committee Meeting that only whole fruit would be suitable to offer as Prasad. This way we are not handling food at our functions and people attending would feel safe as well.

qsm suresh patel



On behalf of Central Districts Indian Association Committee Members and Members we would like to congratulate Sureshbhai Patel on receiving the QSM for his services to business and sport.

Sureshbhai truly deserves this award. He has served the community wholeheartedly and has never asked anything in return. Sureshbhai's kind and humble nature and his friendly personality is something we all admire about him.

We wish Sureshbhai all the best.

toyota ceo



Central Districts Indian Association would like to congratulate Neeraj Lala on his promotion to Toyota's Chief Executive Officer.

Neeraj is the fifth local Toyota CEO since its establishment more than 50 years ago. Neeraj has a huge passion for cars and has held various positions at Toyota, last one being that of Chief Operating Officer.



CDIA wishes Neeraj all the best in his new role and we look forward to working with him in the near future.

nz general election 2020



The 2020 general elections will be held on **19th September 2020**.

All eligible voters should have received their enrolment packs by now. Please check your details are correct and find out about voting in the election and referendums.

Please make sure that you are all enrolled.

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cdia 75th jubilee



It is our Association's 75th Jubilee this year and the Committee is planning a function to mark this important year and we are looking at holding it on Saturday 26th September. Details of the function including costs will be forwarded to members in the next newsletter.

If anyone is willing to help with this event or you are able to sponsor please contact us.

congratulations

On behalf of CDIA we would like to congratulate:

Jitu and Jasmine Patel on the birth of their daughter **Aarya Patel** who was born on 18 June 2020.

Bharat and Hina Parsot on the birth of their son, **Danyal Parsot** who was born on 24 June 2020.

CDIA extends our heartiest congratulations to the proud parents and their families.



graduation

CDIA would like to congratulate Asmita Naran, daughter of Mahendra and Anita Naran on completing her Bachelor of Teaching (Early Childhood Education).

On behalf of CDIA we would like to wish Asmita all the very best for the future in her chosen career path.

CDIA newsletters

CDIA has sent hardcopy newsletters to members on a regular basis and will continue to do so. If you have not already done so please inform us whether you would like newsletters sent in both email and as a hardcopy or just an email version. Email your preference to cdia.inc@outlook.com.

Also if members wish to place any articles in the newsletter, please email it to us. This can be notices, congratulation messages, sport achievements, academic achievements etc.

