



HAPPY
new year

Welcome to 2024 and all the best for the year ahead. We hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year. CDIA are kicking off with our AGM as detailed below. We hope to have your support in 2024 and hope it is another successful year.

annual general meeting

Date/Time: Thursday, 14th March 2024, 8:00pm — 9.30pm

Venue: Central Normal School, Tile Room (off Foyer)

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of previous meeting
 4. Matters Arising
 5. President's Report
 6. Finance Report
 7. Election of Office Bearers
 - President
 - Vice-President
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
 - Committee Members
 - NZICA Executive Committee Members
 - Financial Reviewer
 8. NZICA Matters
9. Community Hall/Temple (*further discussion following a meeting held on 11/10/2023*)
10. General Business



CDIA agm continued

We ask our members to please attend the AGM and take up Executive positions or as a Committee Member. We hope new members will join the Committee in 2024, provide new ideas and take on responsibilities in the running of CDIA. The AGM is the place for all members to become involved, along with putting forward any new suggestions for the smooth operation of CDIA.

Many of the current committee members have worked tirelessly over many years to bring the events CDIA hold for our members. Busy lifestyles mean it does get harder for us to keep up with the running of the Association. However, with more members becoming involved, the work load would be shared and events would be organised with ease.

One of the items on the agenda is discussions around the purchasing of a community hall/temple. A number of members have asked the Committee to look into the feasibility of this. It has already been discussed briefly at a committee meeting and it was decided to raise it at the AGM. There is a huge cost involved so we need to know if members support such a project.

Please remember if you know of anyone who may be interested in joining our Association and getting involved with our activities, please inform them about CDIA as we are always encouraging new members to join.

It is extremely important that members attend the AGM.

The Executive and Committee can be great fun along the way as well. We also encourage our younger members to join the committee. If you would like to be involved please contact Rohin Patel, CDIA Committee Member (Youth).

CDIA life membership

CDIA finalised its Life Membership Policy which outlines the criteria and process to nominate, award and recognise individuals who have provided exemplary service and contribution to CDIA. The policy was reviewed and adopted in 2023 AGM .

Any CDIA member can nominate another CDIA member, as long as they have been a financial member for the past five years. All nominations are to be sent to the Secretary by 31st December of each year, at which time nominations will be evaluated and voted on at the next AGM.

Life membership is a great honour and therefore should only be awarded in exceptional circumstances. We hope members carefully consider who they would like to nominate, and view the criteria required for potential nominees.

If you have any queries regarding the Life Membership Policy, please contact Anita Naran or Nanubhai Patel. We hope to receive nominations this year as we do have some deserving members worthy of this recognition.

Our current Life Members are Nanubhai Patel and Dhirubhai Ranchhod. They both have served the community for over 35 years and deserve of this award.

Visit the CDIA website at: www.cdia.org.nz



New Zealand Indian Central Association Inc. (NZICA) is the only national Indian organisation in New Zealand set up as an umbrella body for regional Indian community groups throughout Aotearoa. It has been operating since 1926. NZICA provides a link between Indian communities around NZ to exchange information on matters of common interest that conserve, promote and advance generally the interests, welfare and status of Indians in NZ

nzica conference/agm

2024 Conference AGM

Executive Meeting:

Date: Friday 12 April 2024

Venue: Dashmesh Darbar Hall 166 Kolmar Road Papatoetoe Auckland.

Time: 5.00 to 7.00 PM

Conference/AGM:

Date: Saturday 13 April 2024

Venue: Dashmesh Darbar Hall 166 Kolmar Road Papatoetoe

Time: 9.00am to 10.00am Registration, Tea, Mix and Mingle

AGM: 10 AM to 2 PM

NZICA Sub-Committees - if anyone is interested in joining, please contact either Anita Naran or Nanubhai Patel. It is enjoyable and your enthusiasm, commitment and interest within a committee could well help Indians in NZ.

If anyone is interested in attending the NZICA Conference/AGM please contact Anita Naran or Nanubhai Patel by Monday, 11 March 2024.

nzica gala awards night



The annual NZICA Gala Award recognises those who have made a significant difference to NZ Indians and wider communities. Their contributions and achievements enhance social, educational, sporting and cultural richness in the community. They go 'beyond ordinary' to make the society stronger, vibrant and inspire others to do the same. NZICA values the contributions

of NZ Indians from all areas of participation and focuses on awarding those that have excelled in the objectives of the NZICA.

Date: Saturday 13 April 2024

Time: 6.00pm onwards

Venue: Mahatma Gandhi Centre 145 New North Road Eden Terrace

The CDIA Committee have decided that if any current member from 2023 would like to attend the Awards Night, CDIA will pay for the event ticket only. If you wish to attend this event please email cdia.inc@outlook.com by **11 March 2024** or **contact Anita Naran or Nanubhai Patel.**

NZICA Youth Conference



Report by Rohin Patel

We cannot always build a future for our youth, but we can always build our youth for the future.

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On Saturday, 25th November 2023, at the Mahatma Gandhi Centre, Auckland, the New Zealand Indian Central Association Inc (NZICA) hosted its highly anticipated Youth Conference! The Youth Conference aimed to address crucial issues related to the well-being of young individuals in the New Zealand Indian community. The conference featured distinguished speakers, prominent guests, and enthusiastic participants from all over New Zealand making it a remarkable and insightful gathering.

CDIA was thrilled to send five young (and one not-so-young) delegates to attend this conference: (Rohin Patel, Priya Patel, Kushi Patel, Dhruvi Patel, Dipansy Patel, Kareena Patel.) As the first youth conference that NZICA has held, which is solely for the youth, we didn't know what to expect. But by the end of it, we had learned so much and taken away an abundance of knowledge that we could use in our day to day lives! The conference provided a platform for thought-provoking discussions, knowledge sharing and networking opportunities for the youth. Renowned speakers who graced the conference with their wisdom and insights included Simran Kaur, Jazz Thornton, IOPNZ (Arrun Soma, Ajay Chhibber, Moushumi Das). Their thought-provoking talks and engaging discussions left a profound impact on the participants, empowering them with valuable insights and knowledge.

I wish I could share every detail of the conference with you all, but it is something you have to attend to get the full experience out of it. It was amazing to be around people who are just like each other looking for advice or guidance. If there were another youth conference, I would highly recommend going!

I will leave you some inspirational quotes of what delegates have taken from the conference:

"Asking for help doesn't make you weak; it makes you wiser" - **Dhruvi Patel**

"When you feel like quitting, remember why you started" - **Khushi Patel**

"Being yourself and accepting yourself is something you should be proud of" - **Kareena Patel**

"BE KINDER. You don't have to change the entire world, but you can change someone's world" - **Priya Patel**

"Just surviving through adversities is not fighting, fighting means overcoming the adversity" - **Dipansy Patel**



2024 festivals



Mahashivratri
Ramnavmi
Raksha Bandhan:
Janmashtami:
Nand Utsav:
Ganesh Chaturthi:
Navratri:
Diwali:
Jalaram Jayanti:

Saturday 9 March
Wednesday 17 April
Monday 19 August
Monday 26 August
Tuesday 27 August
Saturday 7 September
Thursday 03 October to Saturday 12 October
Friday 01 November
Friday 08 November



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