



## paul patel—president of nzica



CDIA would like to congratulate Nanubhai (Paul) Patel for being elected as President of the New Zealand Indian Central Association (NZICA).

With this achievement, 2019 is a historic year for CDIA and indeed a proud one and the credit goes to Nanubhai who has been associated with NZICA for 30+ years.

He held the Vice President's position for the previous three years. He thanked the outgoing president Bhikhubhai Bhana and made the comment that it is a position that is demanding however one of his comments was that he would like executives from various associations to become more involved with the duties that he has to perform over his term as President.

We wish him all the best for his new role.

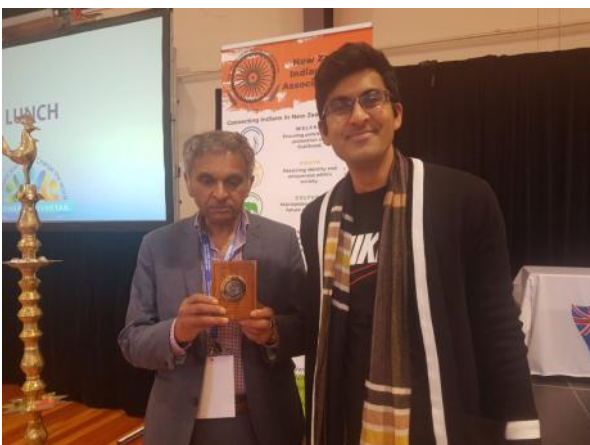


## community service award

Dhirubhai Ranchhod was awarded the NZICA Community Service Award for the service he has provided to the Central District Indian Association and the local Indian Community.

This award was presented to Dhirubhai and 5 other recipients at the recent NZICA 93<sup>rd</sup> Conference/AGM held in Wellington on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

Dhirubhai's dedication to CDIA and the community for over 30 years has been outstanding.



It is indeed an honour for CDIA that Dhirubhai has been acknowledged for his work especially his thoroughness, due diligence towards the financial aspects together with his collaboration amongst members.

On behalf of CDIA we would like to congratulate Dhirubhai for this award.

# nzica conference/agm—2019

I attended the NZICA 93<sup>rd</sup> Conference/AGM on 13<sup>th</sup> April and it was indeed very interesting. This was the first time the format was changed, the morning was Conference and AGM started at about 3.15pm. There were about 120 delegates. Dhirubhai attended the Conference as a delegate and Mahendra attended the AGM as a delegate. Kavish was our Youth Delegate who attended the Youth Forum which was held offsite.



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The theme of the Conference was “Vichar Parivartan” – transform you mind change the world and the conference began with a welcome address by NZICA President, Mr Bhikhu Bhana.

Speakers were:

**Anita Balakrishnan**

Setting the Landscape

**Irene Mosley**

What is building Organisation

Capacity?

Why is it important

Fundraising



CONFERENCE & 93<sup>rd</sup> AGM 2019  
Hosted By Wellington Indian Association

**Insp Kin (Charles) IP – NZ Police**

Safer Communities

**Nikhil Ruhela - Vyapar Limited**

IT Management in Not for Profits

**Sandeep Singh – Indian Weekender**

Role of Median and Community

**Pushpa Woods – Bharatiya Bhasha Evan Shodh Sansthan**

Teaching our mother-tongue in retaining our culture

Each session was followed by questions by the audience and answers by the speaker. Sir Anand Satyanand was awarded Honorary Membership of NZICA. Dame Helen Clark was also awarded Honorary Membership but hers will be presented at a later date.

NZICA also presented Community Service Awards to selected members of different Indian community organisations from across NZ and Merit Certificates to three members for attending 15 Annual Conferences of NZICA. Dhirubhai Ranchhod from CDIA was one of the recipients of the CSA award.

At the AGM elections of the NZICA Office bearers was held and the new team for 2019-2020 is;

<b>President:</b>	<b>Paul Patel</b>
<b>Vice-President:</b>	<b>Prakash Biradar</b>
<b>General Secretary:</b>	<b>Manisha Morar</b>
<b>Assistant Secretary:</b>	<b>Taruna Bhana</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Hansa Naran</b>
<b>Immediate Past President:</b>	<b>Bhikhu Bhana</b>



Sub-Committee Chairpersons were elected. This year it is a lot more versatile to become members of subcommittees, this is because there aren't enough people joining. Ranjita Sengupta from CDIA has joined Women's Sub-Committee and Kavish Desai is a member of the Youth Sub-Committee.

CDIA wishes NZICA all the best for 2019/2020.

We look forward to working with them during the year and helping them organise the 94<sup>th</sup> NZICA Conference in 2020 which is hosted by CDIA in Palmerston North.

Many thanks, Anita Naran.

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# nzica youth forum



Report by Kavish Desai-Youth Delegate (abridged)  
On Saturday 13th April I attended the 93<sup>rd</sup> NZCIA Conference as a Youth Delegate.

After registration all the youth delegates entered the main conference hall. At first we were all very shy but then began to socialise with one another and we took a seat and viewed the welcome and the start of the conference. We then went to the Cadet Centre where our youth conference began. We got introduced to the people running the conference and

then talked about values in small groups and began discussing them. A common theme that was found was having respect to our community regardless of personal opinions or beliefs. We then went into a workshop activity where we went into depth about why youth participation in the NZCIA is so low. We discussed a variety of topics and then both groups had to report back to us all collectively. This was really good as we were able to identify the problems and see why youth participation was actually so low and talk in depth about it. We then took a break for lunch where we took this opportunity to connect with each other. We then went inside and learnt a lot of leadership lessons such as not worrying about stuff that's going outside the task and sticking to our own decisions. The whole time the person in charge of our activity would make us try to question everything we did as well as working on how to lead a group and work efficiently and effectively through all the chaos. After this we were lucky to have Vanisa Dhiru a local palmy born legend come in to speak about her role as the President of the National Council of Women. She spoke about her journey and experience. To end the youth conference we had to prepare a skit about how to help out a friend who's going towards a bad path and both groups prepared really great and funny performances. We concluded with me giving thanks for the people who organised it and getting a group photo. Then we went on to observe the end of the NZICA AGM.

I then had the opportunity to talk to a few individuals over dinner. We talked about a youth conference and to show we could use the funds and how it is useful so I am currently in the process of organising a youth conference down in Wellington. If any youth members are keen don't hesitate to contact CDIA to get in touch with me.

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## membership form

This year we are asking all members to complete a membership form. This will allow us to update your contact details.

The membership form was attached to our April newsletter. Thank you to everyone who has completed and returned the form to us.

If you haven't yet done so please complete the form and either post, email or hand it to one of our committee members

Our email address is [cdia.inc@outlook.com](mailto:cdia.inc@outlook.com)

2019  
Membership  
Forms

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## 2019 cdia subscriptions reminder



Subscriptions for this year are as follows:

**Family Members - \$25**

**Single Member (University and over) - \$15**

Please note that 2019 subscriptions are valid for the CDIA financial period from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 to 31st December 2019.

They can be paid in the following ways:

Post: By sending payment to CDIA,  
PO Box 4037, Palmerston North 4442 or;

Direct Credit: CDIA BNZ Account: 02-0630-0106854-00,  
Code: CDIA MEM,  
Reference: 2019 Surname & Initial

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## Thank you



Madhuben, Nikita, Sandeep, Umesha, Mitesh and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the CD community for their help during the wedding of our daughter Umesha to Mitesh.

We were all extremely pleased the way our community helped on Friday evening with food preparation. The atmosphere at the hall felt like it was a community festival where there was lots of laughter, joking and

singing and this all helped as it felt the preparation time went really fast. To the men especially and the younger ones who arrived at the hall from 4:00am on Saturday morning through to 9:30am to assist Hansaben (Chef), and Damyantiben prepare the final cooking which was a very critical period and it gave the ladies a break as well.

Leading up to the wedding, there were those who helped during the week and on the day of wedding and during the pre-wedding lunch, a big thanks. The comments that we have received from those that travelled out of town in regards to the community help were unbelievable.

The help received on Sunday morning was phenomenal and with three areas requiring to be cleaned, that was all completed before midday, so thanks to all those who began from 7:00am onwards.

This day was very special for Umesha and Mitesh and we could not have carried out the wedding if it wasn't for the CDIA Community, friends and families as they all came together to help. This time it was my family that required help and tomorrow there will be another family and so on, as this is what our CDIA community is all about.

Once again a big thank you from us.

Nanubhai, Madhuben and family.