

### NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Once again it's a pleasure to forward my message for this third newsletter for this year. We have just had our joint TISI/TIM/TIV meeting and this is a very healthy sign, signifying that the organization has to orient itself with the changing times and challenges to continue to sustain itself and perform at the level expected. It has taken Sangam a long to come to where it is today and no doubt we have several challenges faced from both within and externally.

We need to keep planning, discussion and challenging our own willpowers to achieve the goals that we have set for the organization to move in the desired direction.

Mr. Sadasivan Naicker  
National President

I thank all my executives, the various district executives, the TIV, TIM, our overseas affiliates and sponsors for their faith in the NEB and continuing to lend their voluntary time and resources to ensure that the objectives of the association are achieved. In the past few months we have seen a number of national and District projects take off and this is the result of some very bold and decisive decisions taken by Sangam.

The Sadhu Kuppaswamy Day was well observed by all our institutions and I have been informed that the Sadhu Kuppaswamy Memorial lecturers hosted in Nadi this year was very well attended and Professor Subramani had a very powerful deliberation on the subject. With the continued faith and cooperation from you all we will be able to achieve much more for Sangam. We are nearly more than half way through 2018 and I must remind all our districts, branches, schools, temples, TIV's, TIM's and others to please be maintain proper records of your associations practice proper guidelines of the TISI sangam to reflect transparency and accountability in your dealings.

My best wishes to you all for your good health and prosperity.

### SECRETARY GENERAL'S MESSAGE



Namaskaram,

Welcome to our another issue of the digital Sangam newsletter.

As you read you will note the various activities that were carried out by the organisation in the last 4 months and not included are many more activities that were carried out but could not be featured in this newsletter. As we travel to various districts we do meet many of our members actively involved in spreading the work of Sangam but requests no mention but nevertheless I say thank you to all those kind people.

Mr. Damend. Gounder  
Secretary General

TISI Sangam has made some important decisions to ensure the good health and proper adherence to our culture and religions. One such decision by the Council of Management is to ban kava consumption from all our temples and schools. This actually is not a new approach but a re-confirmation of a decision taken by the Council of Management in early 1990's. I hope that we all promote this decision to ensure our members and families are of good health and spirituality.

The first half of this year was largely filled with upgrading of our properties, acquisition of new properties and new developments. Our work in the Head Office is to keep everyone informed of these exciting undertakings and also to ensure we have proper procedures in place for project transparency and sustainability.

- Siva Subramaniam Temple – renovations completed and Mahakumbhabhishekam pooja performed in a grand way.
- New Gold Plated Kodi Maram at the Nadi Temple installed.
- Temple Cultural complex- work in progress
- Vegetarian Restaurant- scheduled to be completed in October.
- Nasinu Primary School –Classroom and Hall complex- ground breaking held.
- Suva Mariamman Temple redevelopment- committee formed with exploratory discussions commenced.

The organisation needs your support and please contact us so that we could discuss areas of your expertise and include you in our projects.

Namaskaram

## CEO'S UPDATES



Jai Narayan  
C.E.O

During the last 3 months Sangam has been engaged in a number of activities whilst the normal program of the association continued. Significant activities involved the 3<sup>rd</sup> Maha Kumbabhishekam of the Sri Siva Subramaniya Swami, Nadi Kovil from the 13<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> of June, the Major on-going projects of Sangam- the Sangam Cultural Complex, the New Vegetarian Restaurant and the completion of 2 new additional flats at the TISI SCN building in Labasa.

On the 29<sup>th</sup> of July, 2018 for the first time the joint TISI/TIM/TIV meeting was held at the Nadi Sangam Primary school and the theme for this meeting was ***"TOGETHER MOVING SANGAM AHEAD –CONNECT AND WE SERVE"***. The objective was: **INVOLVING ALL STAKEHOLDERS TO WORK TOGETHER TO FIND PRACTICAL WAYS TO STRENGTHEN SANGAM FOR GREATER FUTURE STABILITY AND COLLABORATING FOR PROGRESS.** On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August the Sadhu Kuppuswamy Remembrance was observed at the 7 designated district centres where the schools and the members congregate to observe this day. Our various institution's set aside time and prepared activities to remember our Patron saint Sadhu Ji. The National Sangam Founders Remembrance Day was hosted this year in Nadi at the Tanoa International Hotel, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August, from 6.30 pm and the key note speakers were Dr. Neelesh Gounder- Senior Lecturer at USP and Professor Subramani of the University of Fiji. Professor Subramani's Title of his deliberation was "A Conversation with Sevak Ratnam Sadhu Kuppuswamy". The way the subject was delivered by Professor was exceptional and all those who attended and listened to the professor went back thoroughly satisfied with the deliberation.

The Sangam Education Board Chair- Ambassador Amraiya Naidu and myself have started school visitations and have just finished with the High Schools and will be looking at visiting some of our Primary schools as well this year. The Common Trial Examinations for the Sangam Schools will continue and this together with our school visitations have seen a vast improvement in the academic performance of our schools. This year again the high performing schools and students were rewarded with special recognitions during the Sadhu Kuppuswamy Schools National Awards Day which was on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August.

The last NEB and the COM meeting was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of September in Rakiraki together with the TIV National Council meeting, TIM national Council meeting, the Land & Estates Board Meeting, the Sangam Fiji Foundation Meeting and meeting with the TIV/TIM/TISI Sangam Rakiraki. This was a momentous occasion when the TISI, TIV, TIM and the Boards congregated at one venue in Rakiraki for 2 days to convene their various meetings. The turnout for the meetings was overwhelming and Rakiraki TISI, TIV and the TIM are commended for being excellent hosts for these meetings. Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and cocktail was organised over the 2 days and all the delegates as well as visitors were catered for very well.

We have also announced that the National Sangam Kirtan Sammellan will be organised in Nadi to get together the winners from the three zones- North, South and West to perform at one venue. The date for this event will be released in the near future. We are also committed to have the Baal Vikash program established in every district and are in the process of getting on board a National Baal Vikaash coordinator to oversee this program. The strength of Sangam had always been the districts, branches, the TIV, the TIM and the members who have been carrying out the activities of sangam at the various levels. In our pursuit to introduce new programs we will need the support of all stakeholders and look forward for the assistance from you all.





# 1. SANGAM DEVASTHANAM BOARD

## THIRD MAHA KUMBABHISHEKAM- SRI SIVA SUBRAMANIYA SWAMI TEMPLE, NADI

The Devasthanam Board is in the midst of a number of new projects as well as the renovation and upgrading of the Sri Siva Subramaniya Swami Temple. The works at the Nadi temple involves the new Boundary fences, full new tiling of the temple, full new painting works, extension of the car park, relocation of the ablution and the kitchen to accommodate the construction of the new sangam Cultural Complex, the installation of new gold plated Kalasams, drainage works, the new Sangam Complex, the New Vegetarian restaurant, installation of new gold plated “Kodi Maram” and several other minor works.

The Labasa Sangam Swami Venkateshwara Temple has also undergone massive renovation and upgrading, including the full new painting. The next stage of renovation works involving the upgrading of the Pujari’s quarters will also be undertaken. The Suva Sangam Temple is also undergoing renovation and expansion works and is expected to be completed before their Annual firewalling. Navua sangam temple as well as the Lomowai Sangam temples have also been fully renovated and upgraded in the past month.



First day of the Maha Kumbabhishekam inaugurated by Senior priests from South India

The Annual Pooja’s for all our Temples have been successfully completed and the Devasthanam Board wishes to thanks all our Temple Boards for their untiring efforts and commitment to complete their Annual Pooja successfully.

This year the third Maha Kumbabhishekam of the Sri Siva Subramaniya Swami temple was observed in a grand way. Seven senior priest and three musicians specializing in South Indian Nadeswaram were brought in from South India for this occasion while devotees from all around the country and abroad gathered at the Temple to commemorate this very auspicious occasion.

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Dhanveer Y.P. Reddy and Mrs Reddy in attendance for the Maha Kumba Abhishekam



Devasthanam board & National Executives sitting for the homan





Devotees being blessed by priests



Special preparations for the Kumba Abhishekam homam



Swami Tadananda of Rama Krishna Mission – speaking during the Kumba Abhishekam



New Kalasam installed



Preparing to install the New Gold Plated Kalasam at the Nadi Temple



Devotees attending daily Maha Kumba Abhishekam rituals



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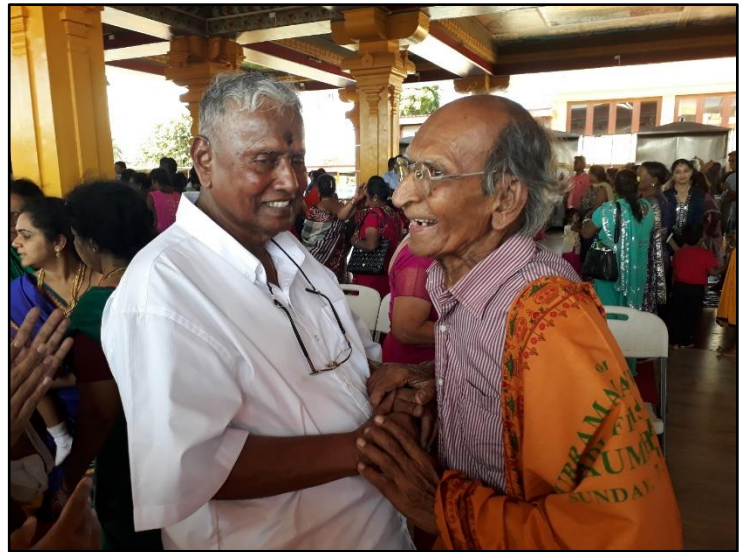
National President, CEO, Dhanveer Y.P. Reddy, Mrs. Reddy and Secretary General



Devotees from around Fiji and abroad



Dhanveer Y.P. Reddy with the deed of award honor- the title of Dhanveer- only the second person to receive such an award in the history of Sangam.



Dhanveer Y.P. Reddy with Mr. Rama Krishnan Naidu- only surviving son of late Dhanveer M.N. Naidu & father of Richard Naidu



M.K. Pillay the former General Manager of TISI Sangam attending the Kumbabhishekam



New Kalasam installation at the Sri Ganesha Temple





Last day of prayers at the Nadi Temple



Huge turnout of devotees at the Nadi Temple for the Maha Kumba Abhishekam



Last day of Maha Kumba Abhishekam



Showering flowers over the Nadi Temple during the Kumba Abhishekam



National Executives during the award ceremony for Dhanveer Y.P. Reddy





Devotees enjoying their meals at the temple during the Maha Kumbabishekam



Devasthanam Board Chairman- Gandhi Mestry honored for his services to the temples



Santosh- Chief Artist at the Nadi Temple



Farewelling the Priests from India



Sri Siva Subramaniya Swami Temple Vegetarian Restaurant nearing completion





Sri Siva Subramaniya Swami –TISI Sangam Cultural Complex under construction



Secretary General and the National Chairman of the Devasthanam Board with the Chairman of the Lovu Sangam temple and the President of TISI Sangam Lautoka



Annual fire walking thirunaal at the Lovu Sangam Temple, Lautoka



Very large gathering of devotees at the Lovu Sangam Temple



Newly renovated Labasa Swami Venkateshwara Kovil



Suva Sangam Firewalking Shanti Pooja



Labasa Sangam Temple Pooja





## 2. SANGAM EDUCATION

All our schools have done quite well and we are now almost towards the end of the Term III of the 2018 academic year. As we approach the year end all our schools will be busy preparing for their respective National external examinations and we look forward for another very good result from our schools in terms of both the percentage pass rate and quality of marks.

The education Board Chair and the head office has started to make visits to our schools to address the staff as well as students for professional development and tips for academic success. This has proved to have improved the results of our schools in the past few years. The head office is making visits to our schools for the mid-term audit.

All our schools are participating in the school's extracurricular activities, which includes school competitions, sports, Sangam activities and other activities at district, national and international levels.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our school Boards as well as the school heads and the members of the staff for their sacrifices and continuous efforts to ensure that quality education is delivered in a very conducive learning environment.



Ambassador Amraiya Naidu  
addressing high school students  
at Penang Sangam



Addressing students at the Ba Sangam College on  
17/07/18



SSMKC Nadi's accomplishments from participation in schools  
extra-curricular activities





EW ECE building for Ba Sangam Primary after Cyclone Winston



Parent's day at the Labasa Sangam Primary School

**NEW RAVIRAVI SANGAM SCHOOL AFTER WINSTON**



**NASINU SANGAM GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY FOR NEW CLASSROOMS**



Nasinu Sangam Primary Netball Team



Nadi Sangam Primary Computer Lab

**3. SANGAM COLLEGE OF NURSING**

**3.1 COLLEGE ROLL:**

<b>UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM</b>	
CLASS OF 2016[YEAR 3]	<b>95</b>
CLASS OF 2017[YEAR2]	<b>108</b>
CLASS OF 2018[YEAR1]	<b>100</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>303</b>

<b>POST GRADUATE PROGRAM</b>	
MIDWIFERY[ EASTERN/WESTERN/NORTHERN]	<b>16</b>
NURSE PRACTITIONER [EASTERN/WESTERN/NORTHERN]	<b>12</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>548</b>

<b>BRIDGING PROGRAM</b>	
NORTH[LABASA & TAVEUNI]	<b>94</b>
SUVA	<b>72</b>
WEST	<b>51</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>217</b>



It was noted that the student roll for Bridging Program will significantly drop by 2019 as the students graduate and new intake numbers are steadily decreasing.

### **3.2 STAFFING:**

- A. RECRUITMENT: 4 new staff
- B. RESIGNATIONS: 2
- C. LEAVE WITHOUT PAY: 1
- D. VACANCIES: 1 HOS POSITION

### **TOTAL STAFFING:**

**ACADEMIC: 21**

**CLINICAL: 7**

**ADMIN & SUPPORT: 16**

### **3.3 NEW PROGRAM:**

- A. POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN CARDIAC CARE NURSING
- B. POST GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN NURSING LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT
- C. AGED CARE PROGRAM
- D. DOUBLE DEGREE- BACHELOR OF NURSING SCIENCE/BACHELOR OF MIDWIFERY

### **3.4 PAST ACHIEVEMENTS: MAY-AUGUST:**

- FHEC Review visit conducted from 28<sup>th</sup> may to 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2018
- Anecdotal Remarks- all 3 assessors were very impressed with the institution
- Report should be available in 3 month from the time of visit
- MOU signed with the James Cook University on 28/06/18

### **3.5 UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:**

- Establish an Alumni Association in Labasa
- TOR for the Alumni Development Committee in draft form to be done and meeting will be held in Labasa
- EQAP- Facilitator workshop on Curriculum development is planed
- 9<sup>th</sup> November- mini-graduation for the bridging program to be held in Suva
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**TISI SANGAM COLLEGE OF  
NURSING MAIN LABASA  
CAMPUS**





2 x 2 bedroom flat added to the Sangam College Nursing flat in Labasa



Additional 2 x 2 bedroom flats at the TISI Sangam College of Nursing property in Labasa

#### 4. LAND & ESTATES

The Land & Estates Board had 2 meetings on the 17<sup>th</sup> of June and the 8<sup>th</sup> of September and dealt with a number of Land matters and projects of Sangam. The Current major decisions had been the purchase of the 2.7 acres FSC Navakai property for Sangam, which is just outside the town next to the main road leading to the Nadi Sports Club. A concept Plan for its development will be undertaken soon. The Madhuvani estate land leases are now in the process of being renewed and necessary decisions are being taken to develop the vacant lots. The Expression of interest has been advertised for the vacant lots that are offered to be leased out.



Newly planted pineapples at the Nawai Sangam Farm



Farm hand at work at the Sangam Nawai Farm, Nadi

We have also engaged the surveyors to undertake survey works to get a proper land lease tile for the press property in order to start development works on this property. There are plans to invest in other properties in Nadi as well as other districts. The board is closely monitoring and dealing with all the project works, land issues as well as looking at the best opportunities to invest in properties.



## 5. SANGAM FIJI FOUNDATION



**Sangam Fiji Foundation  
Chairman  
Sanjeev Mudaliar**

A number of Sangam Fiji Foundation meetings were convened during June and September after the last meeting in April during the 2018 Convention. The sangam Fiji Foundation launched its first fundraising event- the Sangam Fiji Foundation Charity Golf at Natadola Golf Course and raised \$12,500.00 for the foundation funds. Similar Charity golf and other fundraising events are planned for Suva and Nadi before the end of 2018.

The Foundation once again funded the Sadhu Kuppuswamy Memorial day at the various centers around the country and allocated a total budget of \$7800.00 for this as well as \$1500.00 for the Sadhu Kuppuswamy national awards for sangam schools and approximately \$2500.00 for the Founders Day Memorial Lectures at the Tanoa International Hotel, Nadi. The Chief Guest for the Memorial Lectures was Professor Subramani from the University of Fiji on the topic: "A Conversation with Sevak Ratnam Sadhu Kuppuswamy". A good number of people turned up for the lectures and was a very successful event.

The Sangam Fiji Foundation has so far paid out \$12,000.00 from the Sangam Fiji Foundation Welfare Funds to families of the Life members who had passed away for their funeral expenses. Each Life member is entitled for \$500.00 provided they fulfill the criteria. The foundation has also launched an appeal to our members and friends to become donors of the sangam Fiji Foundation and a letter and Foundation Donors Form has been circulated widely to encourage donors to donate to the foundation to keep it moving.

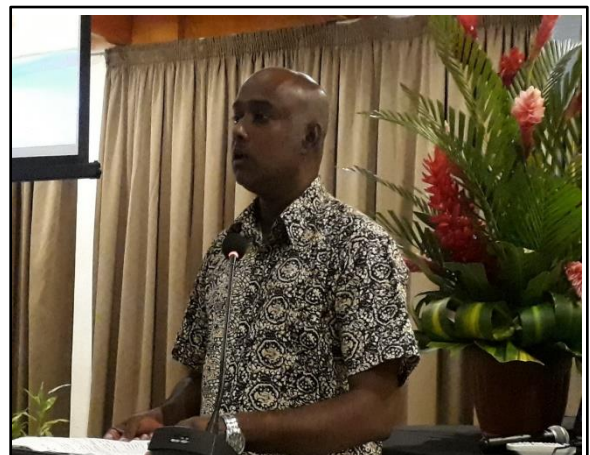
The Council of management in its last meeting has also ratified that the Sangam Fiji Foundation explore the way forward for the Sangam Retirement Village project proposed at Nawai in Nadi. Some ground work has been done and a working committee formed to move the work forward. The foundation looks forward to get the full support from our members and donors to support the activities of the Sangam Fiji Foundation to be move on.



**Professor Subramani- Guest speaker for Sadhu  
Kuppuswamy Memorial Lectures**



**Professor Subramani honored by TISI Sangam  
General Manager Karna Waddi Raju**



**Dr. Neelesh Gounder for USP giving a brief on  
the Sangam History**





Sangam Founders Day observed at Lovu Sangam, Lautoka



Donation received by Secretary General from Bhashkaran Mudaliar on behalf of the Sangam Fiji Foundation

## 6. OVERSEAS SANGAM

### VICTORIA SANGAM:

Fiji Sangam Association of Victoria held their AGM on 27/05/2018.

The newly elected board members are as follows:

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|---------------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| <b>President</b>                | – | <b>Chandra Segran</b>    |
| <b>Vice President</b>           | – | <b>Selva Mudaliar</b>    |
|                                 |   | <b>Ravinesh Kumar</b>    |
| <b>Secretary</b>                | – | <b>Vikash Reddy</b>      |
| <b>Assistant Secretary</b>      | – | <b>Shailendran Nair</b>  |
| <b>Treasurer</b>                | – | <b>Ashwin Reddy</b>      |
| <b>Exec Committee Members –</b> |   | <b>Mukesh Pillai</b>     |
|                                 |   | <b>Ashok Swamy</b>       |
|                                 |   | <b>Trikan Muthu</b>      |
|                                 |   | <b>James Ram Naicker</b> |
|                                 |   | <b>Vishal Naidu</b>      |

## FSAV Exec Board 2017



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