

TISIS SANGAM PRESS RELEASE FOR 2019 ANNUAL SANGAM CONVENTION

- Technology Entrepreneur to Open TISI National Convention.
 - Mr Raghwa Gopal an ex Fijian from Nausori and now residing in British Columbia, Canada will be the Chief Guest at the 2019 National Convention of TISI Fiji. Mr Raghwa is the CEO/President of Innovate BC and a serial entrepreneur who has extensive experience starting, growing and selling numerous businesses. Mr Gopal has been instrumental in the creation and management of successful programs for technology companies at all stages of growth, and he has been a driving force in the development of the Okanagan's tech sector into a \$1.6 billion economic contributor. A graduate of New Zealand's Central Institute of Technology in information technology, Raghwa has also received degrees in computer science from Australia's Collier MacMillan School and the University of the South Pacific. The convention opens at the Churchill Park in Lautoka on Friday 19th April at 0930am. TISI Expects some 4000 members and friends at the opening ceremony.
 - During his visit to Fiji Mr Raghwa has also agreed to speak to the young professionals and business people on Saturday 20th April in Lautoka at the waterfront Hotel.
- In a statement the Secretary General of TISI Mr Damend Gounder said that the first convention or the general assembly of the South Indians in 1926 was to create an organization that they could be part of and to provide an identity for them and their children; and to find and carve out ways to improve theirs and the lives of the future generation. The key decision was to empower people with knowledge and values through education. Since then education has been and continues to be the core function of TISI contributing significantly to the promotion of knowledge and values. And it is important therefore that TISI promotes and supports efforts being made for values based educational system regardless of religious beliefs.

Our 2019 convention theme of the convention is "Preserving Culture and Values in Strengthening Education" is to reaffirm and to consolidate the foundation ideals of TISI and for the current and future generations. We feel proud that we have maintained the visions of our founders.

