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It is with profound grief and sorrow the National President of TISI Sangam Fiji Mr. Sadasivan Naicker, National Executives, TIM Sangam Fiji, TIV Sangam Fiji and Members of the Council of Management announces with deep sadness the passing a way of Mr. Raj Gopal Pillai of Vancouver BC Canada sometime between Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of September, 2021.

Late Mr. R.G. Pillai was instrumental in the formation of the Vancouver Sangam in 1982 and served on the Board of Directors for several years. He was also very closely involved in the 1999 inaugural Sangam World Cup in Vancouver and was instrumental in its success. The Sangam Society had bestowed upon him with the title of Honorary Life Membership. While in Fiji he was very closely associated with the Fiji Weight Lifting Association.

He served as the first Honorary Fiji Consul for the British Columbia and Alberta. He was also very much involved in other community based organizations such as the Fiji Canada Association, Fiji Seniors Association of BC and Shri Sanatan Dharam Cultural Society (Shiv Mandir), etc. He also received Life Membership from Fiji Canada and Senior's branch. He worked for Canada Post for many years. He received the honor of The Order of British Columbia from the Government of BC.

The TISI Sangam Fiji conveys its heartfelt sympathy and deepest condolences to the family of late Mr. R.G. Pillai and pray to the Almighty that his soul rests in peace.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**  
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