Preface by H.E. Ms Neeta Bhushan, High Commissioner of India on the occasion of 90ᵗʰ Jubilee of BOP (Rotorua) Indian Association Inc (BOPRIA)

I would like to convey my heartiest congratulations to Rotorua Indian Association on its 90ᵗʰ Jubilee and 90 remarkable years of service to both India and New Zealand.

2.   Since its founding in 1935, this Association has stood as a shining example of what a dedicated community can achieve. It is truly inspiring to see the vision of the forefathers continue to thrive almost a century later. They planted the seeds of connection and belonging, and today we see those seeds grown into a strong, inclusive, and vibrant organization.

3.   I fondly remember my previous visits to Rotorua whether for business, community events, consular camp/open house. On every occasion, the BOP Indian Association (BOPRIA) has shown great support and warm hospitality. I would like to thank all the members of the Indian community in Rotorua for their strong role in building closer ties between India and New Zealand each.

4.   BOPRIA has created a welcoming space for everyone, no matter their faith or which part of India they come from. This spirit of unity and inclusiveness is truly special and deserves to be celebrated. From helping new migrants settle into the "Kiwi way of life," to celebrating Indian festivals with joy, to working with local groups and charities, their contributions go far beyond the Indian community.

5.   I would also like to extend my sincere congratulations to Mr. Shashi Patel, President of the Association for his tireless efforts, vision, and inclusive leadership have brought the community closer and made the organization even stronger. As you look toward your centenary in the years ahead, I have no doubt that BOPRIA will continue to grow, inspire, and serve as a pillar of strength of all.

6.   Congratulations once again on this 90th Jubilee. May the journey ahead be just as meaningful and impactful.

With my Best Wishes,

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