



**Message from H.E. Ms. Neeta Bhushan, High Commissioner of India, for the
NZICA Awards Night Souvenir Magazine**

I would like to congratulate the New Zealand Indian Central Association (NZICA) on the launch of its Awards Night Souvenir Magazine. This event celebrates the contributions of the Indian community in New Zealand and their enormous impact on building strong ties between India and New Zealand.

2. I am pleased to share that this magazine is a special publication that highlights many noteworthy occasions and recognizes organizations and individuals for their achievements and contributions. I also extend my appreciation to Mr. Narendra Bhana, President of NZICA, for his leadership in uniting and strengthening the community.

3. Since its founding in 1926, the NZICA has been a steadfast advocate for the rights and welfare of the Indian community. From its early branches in Auckland, Taumarunui, and Wellington to its expansion into ten branches today, NZICA has played a vital role in fostering unity and preserving cultural identity.

4. As the High Commissioner of India to New Zealand, I am delighted to acknowledge the remarkable role of Indian diaspora, now numbering around 3,00,000 in contributing to New Zealand's diverse and inclusive society. Through their presence in key sectors such as IT, healthcare, education, hospitality, as well as in various businesses, members of diaspora have played a key role in the economic fabric of the society while also enriching the cultural sphere. The vibrant traditions, festivals,

cuisine, music, dance, and arts brought by the Indian community have further strengthened the multicultural ethos of New Zealand, fostering deeper connections between our two countries.

5. I also convey my heartiest congratulations to all the award recipients and convey my best wishes for all future endeavours of NZICA.


(Neeta Bhushan)

High Commissioner of India to New Zealand