



Foreword from the High Commissioner



Nine down, three to go. We are in the last leg of 2018—a good time to take stock of how much on our To-Do list we've managed to tick off, and an even better time to buckle up, step on the gas and speed through the Yet-to-Do part of it!

This quarter, I have been able to focus on an item on my list that's close to my heart—promoting inclusivity. It was my pleasure to be a guest of honour at the annual fashion show organised by the NGO Tamana, which supports mentally and physically challenged individuals. At Tilona, Rajasthan, I cheered for 'solar mamas'—women from underprivileged areas around the world training to become solar engineers—as they shone bright at their graduation ceremony in Barefoot College. At the American Embassy School in Delhi, I spoke to students about human rights, drawing on my work in recent weeks and on the Supreme Court of India decriminalising homosexuality.

September marked one year since the outbreak of renewed violence in Rakhine State in Myanmar. New Zealand has contributed NZ\$8.4 million in aid to organisations helping those affected, including Rohingya refugees in Cox's Bazar. I, along with Second Secretary Emma King, visited Cox's Bazar in the first week of September. It was heartening to see the positive impact New Zealand's contribution has made, and to meet Kiwis working for humanitarian organisations helping to make a difference on the ground.



Discussing shelter construction at Camp 4

I witnessed the lives of locals changing for the better at Anand, Gujarat, during a visit to the Amul co-operative with New Zealand's Special Agricultural Trade Envoy Mike Petersen. Milk has been serving as insurance against crop failure, fetching best prices for farmers and consumers, and the results have been rewarding. The NZ-India link that goes back to Dr Verghese Kurien's ties with Massey University can only grow stronger with new opportunities to explore. I salute Amul for the work they do for their farmers, and their extensive range of chocolate!

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Upcoming Events

- Track 1.5 Exercise in Colombo on 11-12 October --
- Galle Dialogue in Colombo on 22-23 October --
- Men's Hockey World Cup in Bhubaneshwar from 28 November to 16 December --
- Author Gavin Bishop in India from 29 November-10 December

New Defence Force Service chiefs named



The New Zealand High Commission offers its warm congratulations to the three newly announced New Zealand Defence Force Service Chiefs — Air Vice Marshal Andrew Clark, Chief of Air Force; Major General John Boswell, Chief of Army; and Rear Admiral David Proctor, Chief of Navy. Air Vice Marshal Clark (right) was the first New Zealand Defence Adviser to India and Major General Boswell (centre) is an alumnus of the National Defence College, New Delhi. Both have made a great contribution to the strength of the India-New Zealand relationship.

Kiwi Indian Hall of Fame Awards held



The Indian Weekender Kiwi Indian Hall of Fame Awards honoured 25 most influential people in India-New Zealand relations. Our own High Commissioner Her Excellency Joanna Kempkers; Stephen Fleming, former captain of the Black Caps; Simon Draper, Executive Director, Asia New Zealand Foundation; and Sekhar Bandyopadhyay, Director of the New Zealand India Research Institute, were some of the names on the list.

Have your say in New Zealand's Trade for All policy

On 6 August 2018, New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern and Trade and Export Growth Minister David Parker announced the opening of public consultations to develop a 'Trade for All' policy. New Zealanders everywhere can have their say in how trade can support economic development that is both sustainable and inclusive.

Kiwis can share their views at www.haveyoursay.mfat.govt.nz through opinion polls, making short comments, or writing a submission through to tradeforall@mfat.govt.nz by **14 October 2018**. Public outreach programmes along with dedicated hui with Maori have already been taking place across New Zealand. Collated feedback from the consultations process will be provided to the Trade for All Advisory Board, chaired by trade expert David Pine. The Trade for All policy will be announced by the government in June 2019.



Special Agricultural Trade Envoy visits Sri Lanka, India



Talking trade and market access, New Zealand Special Agricultural Trade Envoy Mike Petersen (third from left) visited Sri Lanka and India on a 10-day trip in September. He met with farmers, officials and businessmen in both countries with a view to promote greater cooperation with New Zealand.

In Sri Lanka, he visited the Fonterra Demonstration and Training Farm in Pannala, and the National Livestock Development Board Farm in Bingiriya. He also participated in a business forum with the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce, which focused on exploring cooperation in agribusiness. His India visit comprised a trip to Anand, Gujarat, where he met farmers and observed the functioning of a village cooperative. He visited Amul's dairy plant and chocolate factory. The next stop was Shimla, Himachal Pradesh, for field visits to horticulture development project sites. New Zealand has been engaging with India on a World Bank-funded project to develop the local apple industry. Mr Petersen also visited local markets to get an idea of the reach of Kiwi products, including meat and fruits, and their potential in the changing face of Indian retail.

Fonterra in joint venture with Future Group

New Zealand's dairy giant Fonterra announced a joint venture with India's Future Group in August. The agreement will make available a range of consumer and food-service dairy products to help meet the growing demand for high-quality dairy nutrition in India. Indian consumers can expect these innovative products on their dining tables by mid-2019.

India is the world's largest dairy producer. Dairy forms about 25% of the local Indian diet. Consumer demand for dairy in India over the next seven years is set to increase to 82 billion litres—seven times the forecasted growth for China. Fonterra is the world's largest dairy exporter and its products are sold in more than 140 countries.

Massey professors get honorary fellowships



Dr Lachlan McIntyre and retired Professor Tim Parkinson of the Massey University School of Veterinary Sciences have been awarded Honorary Fellowships to the Sri Lanka College of Veterinary Surgeons in recognition of their 5-year project to develop a world-class veterinary curriculum for the University of Peradeniya. The partnership between the two universities will result in the implementation of a modern veterinary degree course to support the development of Sri Lanka's agriculture sector.

NZITA's South Island chapter



The New Zealand India Trade Alliance (NZITA) launched a South Island chapter in August. The event, 'Unlocking the Potential of India', was held in Christchurch. The new chapter has opened the door for companies in the South to gain an insight into the huge Indian market, enabling deeper economic engagement between Kiwis and Indians.



Chris Calvert (above) from the New Zealand Defence Force presented gifts to meritorious students at a school in Alang, as well as desks and chairs from Endeavour. The ship's shelves and cabinets, and a hospital bed, were donated to Alang Medical Facilities.



NZ delegation of defence and security officials visits India

A New Zealand defence and security delegation comprising Air Commodore Ian Mower (Defence Adviser), Gary Knowles (New Zealand Police Liaison Officer) and Daniel Brunt (New Zealand Customs Liaison Officer) visited Delhi from 20-23 August. They met with senior officials from the Government of India, as well as civil society and security experts.

The delegation offered thanks to the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change for its consent to recycle NZ defence force vessel *HMNZS Endeavour* in Alang, Gujarat. *Endeavour* is the first ship to be fully recycled under the Basel Convention, with 60% of it reused, 38.8% recycled, and only 1.2% used in landfill.

Officials from the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, the Central Bureau of Investigation, the Indian defence forces, the Narcotics Control Bureau and the Ministry of Home Affairs met with the delegation to explore ways to further deepen India-New Zealand defence and security ties.

Inclusivity was the mantra at Tamana NGO fashion show



Wearing a bright yellow sari and a smile to match, our High Commissioner Joanna Kempkers was the Guest of Honour at the 2018 edition of the Tamana Fashion Show. Ms Kempkers walked the ramp in a sari printed by physically and intellectually challenged children at the NGO Tamana. The show is an annual event supported by the Fashion Design Council of India. This year's theme, Unity in Diversity, touched a special chord as inclusivity is a value New Zealand seeks to promote. Since 2016, Wellington, the Kiwi capital, has been observing a Disability Pride Week to promote the well-being of differently abled individuals, and increase awareness of issues they face.

27 Musahar girls learn about health at PVCHR workshop

A recipient of financial assistance from the High Commission's Head of Mission Fund for 2017-18, the People's Vigilance Committee on Human Rights (PVCHR), organised a workshop recently for 27 adolescent Musahar girls, focusing on health and hygiene. The event was held in Dallipur Musahar Basti near Varanasi.



The Musahars are one of India's most marginalised communities. The workshop also featured in *Rashtriya Sahara*, a local newspaper.

ENZ kicks off education fairs and academic conclave



Students, academics and educational institutions had lots to keep them busy, with Education New Zealand (ENZ) kick-starting its education promotion season in India. Education fairs in New Delhi, Mumbai and Chennai

were followed by an inaugural Academic Conclave and a jam-packed Guest Lecture Series featuring 14 New Zealand researchers and academics delivering 44 lectures across 23 premier Indian institutions.

The Academic Conclave was inaugurated by Delhi's Deputy Chief Minister and Education Minister Manish Sisodia, India's Human Resource Development Minister Prakash Javadekar and New Zealand High Commissioner Joanna Kempfers, and brought New Zealand academics together with researchers, academics and industry experts from across India.

India is New Zealand's second-largest source of international students, with about 28,000 Indian students currently studying in New Zealand. Our universities are counted among the top 3 per cent globally.

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Lincoln University PhD student's research bears fruit in Nepal's agri sector



The agriculture sector in Nepal is reaping the harvest of research done by Lincoln University PhD student Sundar Tiwari. With a PhD scholarship from New Zealand's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Tiwari joined the university's Bio-Protection Research Centre in 2016, trying to find a sustainable means of pest management. He sought to identify 'trap plants' to wean the wheat bug (*Nysius huttoni*) off kale seedlings, and found the answer in alyssum (*Lobularia maritima*), a common garden plant. Tiwari is an Assistant Professor of Entomology at the Agriculture and Forestry University in Rampur, Chitwan, and working on radish crops in Nepal, he demonstrated that alyssum flower strips planted around farmers' fields could help wipe out aphids without resorting to pesticides.

Nepal's 12th education fair a success

Our Honorary Consul in Nepal, Lisa Choegyal, addressed the closing ceremony of the Educational Consultancy Association of Nepal's twelfth annual educational fair on 22 July. The fair received 100,000 visitors and featured 300 stands from representatives. Last year, 946 Nepalese students enrolled in various courses in New Zealand.



Kerala floods fundraiser at UCOL



Indian students at the Universal College of Learning (UCOL) in Palmerston North, New Zealand, raised \$1140 for those affected by the Kerala floods. The students held a fundraising lunch in the UCOL Atrium on 28 August, with an Indian spread of butter chicken, vegetable korma and gulab jamun.