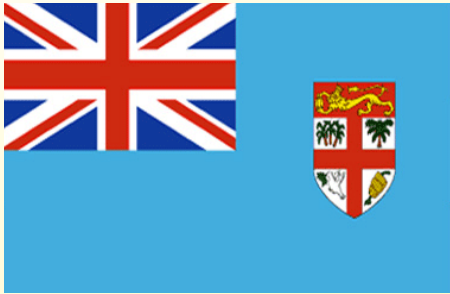
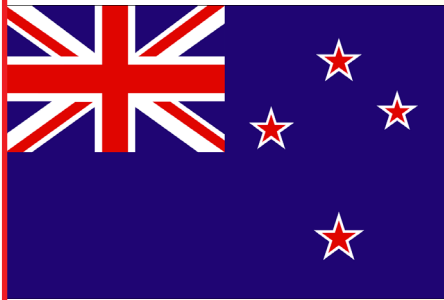


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2024....Looking Back
Through Photographs

“ This is me campaigning against
violence directed at women. This is
a newspaper article on the Gender
Equality Act...with a good impact
on women. Here is a picture of
Aunty Kesa in Rotuma, an island
that is a part of Fiji, yet forgotten
usually. Ten years ago Rotuma
did not have a proper jetty and
no electricity. Today, with a new
hydro power plant everyone in
Rotuma has electricity and access
to a proper jetty.”
Ratika Sologar, Natabua High
School, Lautoka

2024....A Visit To Paradise

“ Ni Sa Bula, welcome to Fiji
Airways”. I did not reciprocate
well perhaps I had lost the Fijian
flare. I remembered a decade ago
when I boarded a plane to USA....
At five am I landed at Nadi
International Airport. Everything
was swift. The professionalism
shown reminded me of the laid
back attitude was a thing of the
past. A welcome by a group of
musicians was a mixture of iTaukei
and Hindi songs. What is the rate
of exchange for the US dollar I asked
at the money changer. “Good rate
Sir, ninety two cents per dollar”
Shawnal Kumar, Jai Narayan
College, Suva

“ In ten years, Fiji would have
surpassed a great number of the
Pacific Island countries in terms
of social media... Fiji's strong
foothold among its trading partners
would be further boosted. Fiji will
carve a special niche if it continues
to meet fundamentals.”
Raastika Devi, Penang Sangam
High School, Rakiraki
“ Can we have the best of both
worlds in Fiji's education sector?
Can we have real life skills, the
known character education, family
connectivity, along- side internet
connected computers, under
supervision? Stakeholders must
come together to plan this for Fiji's
educational sector.”
Jeremy Waqa, Christian Outreach
College, Nausori

“ This essay aims to focus on a
major aspect of our constitution,
equality....Despite all the hard
work no number of years will
ever change things if people are
unwilling to change attitudes. All
our rights are there but we must

realize the power and potential in
claiming these.”

Marryane Watson, Nadi Muslim
College

2024 Culture Speaking

“ Complete destruction is near. It
is 2024 and no one remembers me.
.last week I saw a son throw his
mother out of the house. I heard a
child ask his father, what is Masi?
The reply was just a piece of cloth,
nothing of use. I am your culture, I
want to live!”

Sandeep Lal, Dayanand Anglo
Vedic College, Suva

“ It can be said that the political
structure of a country determines
its future. With the general
elections around the corner, it can
be presumed only democratically
elected leaders will reign in the
next decade. Prospective leaders
would be chosen on merit and
not on racial concerns...May the
historical calamities be an eye
opener and peacefully lead the
nation to prosperity in the next
decade and thereafter.”

Romika Singh, Maharishi Sanatan
College, Nadi

2024 Fiji Vs Nz- 7'S World Cup

“ Let it be Fiji! The national anthem
of Fiji played in the three national
languages..the newly built star
stadium in Suva, the first time Fiji
was hosting the 7's World Cup.”

Ashveen Goundar, Swami
Vivekananda College, Nadi

2024

“Economic issues have been
compounded by the effects of two
coups over the last two decades.
Emigration forced many skilled
locals to other countries....natural
disasters caused destruction of
agriculture and infrastructure. It is
absurd to see thousands of young
people streaming into the cities
where unemployment, crime and
drugs ruin many lives. Education
has to re-invent itself in Fiji.”

Arfaad Hussein, Suva Muslim
College

2024 The Extinction of the Fijian
Language

“ In ten years, Fiji is in grave
danger of losing the vernacular
dialects distinct to each Fijian tribe
and with this, losing the
very essence of the heritage
that makes our people who we
are.”

Adam Konrote, Tilak High School,
Lautoka