



## ARYA PRATINIDHI SABHA OF FIJI

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### Mr. Arun Padarath National President

Namaste to the Sanatan Community.

I am deeply touched by your invitation to forward a message for inclusion in 57<sup>th</sup> Sanatan Convention Souvenir Magazine and I do so, on behalf of the Arya Pratinidhi Sabha of Fiji with profound pleasure.

Like the Sanatan Sabha, Arya Pratinidhi Sabha of Fiji is a religious, cultural, educational and social organisation. The Arya Samaj Movement in Fiji was founded on 25 December 1904 at Samabula and the Pratinidhi Sabha was established at Drasa in 1917 and got duly registered in 1918 under the Religious Bodies Act.

Since its inception in 1904 education and the upliftment of the indentured Indian community became the Arya Samaj's key focus. This focus has continued relentlessly to the present time encompassing diversity. Today the Arya Samaj owns and manages 15 kindergartens, 16 primary schools, 6 secondary colleges and The University of Fiji. All these were achievable through the promotion of Unity in Diversity - the very theme of your 57<sup>th</sup> Sanatan Convention.

From the challenges of the hay days both the Sanatan Sabha and Arya Sabha have moved forward and come together on various platforms in the past to work towards the general good of all Fijians. Sanatan Sabha's continued presence and constructive inputs in the Management of The University of Fiji is deeply appreciated by the Founder - Arya Pratinidhi Sabha of Fiji. The Arya Pratinidhi Sabha assures the Sanatan Sabha of its full support to initiatives of common good - **Unity in Diversity** - Lets walk the talk under the following Vedic mantra from Rig Veda -

**“Om! Sanggachhadhwam, samvadadhvam samvomanansi jantam. Deva bhagam yatha purve samjanana upastay.”(Rig.10.191.2)**

Meaning - Let us walk together, with harmony in our goals, actions, speeches, and thoughts just as those men of wisdom and let our prayers be for common good.

I wish the 57<sup>th</sup> Sanatan Convention all the success and its members' fruitful deliberations.