



**Message from the Attorney-
General and Honourable Minister
for Finance, Public Enterprises,
Civil Service and Communications,
Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum**

Namaste and Greetings,

We wish to congratulate the Sanatan Dharm Pratinidhi Sabha Fiji for 57 years of providing spiritual guidance to its members and making important contributions to the moral, civic, cultural and educational life of the people of Fiji.

Fiji is a secular state, as provided for in our Constitution, and that gives every Fijian the right to practice the religion of their choice. Religion plays a critical role in the lives of ordinary Fijians, and that includes those of you who align yourselves to the Sabha. Every day, the associates of Sanatan Fiji uplift and enrich the lives of those around them.

What makes Fiji special is that, while Fijians follow many different religions, we remain bound together by the common aspirations of one nation, one people. The Sabha, through its teachings of peace and acceptance, contributes to that sense of unity and shared purpose.

In Fiji, we celebrate Deepavali, Christmas, Eid and many other religious holidays because we believe that faith has an important role to play in a free society. People of faith are a voice of morality that should be heard in the public space. They urge us to show compassion for our fellow human beings and they create goodwill by their example.

The Sanatan Dharm has played its part as much as any other religious body and we want to congratulate you on behalf of the Government for playing this pivotal role.

We wish the Sabha well in its future endeavors.

