

New Zealand Indian Diaspora Convention 2014: A Dialogue with Academic, Business and Community Leaders

Organised by: New Zealand India Research Institute

Hosted by: AUT Business School, Auckland

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**Venue: AUT University, Te Iringa (WG308) Sir Paul Reeves Building, AUT City
Campus, corner Mayoral Drive and Governor Fitzroy Place, Auckland 1010**

PROGRAMME

10 – 11 AM: Inauguration

Speakers

- Prof. Sekhar Bandyopadhyay, Director, NZIRI – welcome
- Prof. Kate Kearins, Deputy Dean, Faculty of Business & Law, AUT
- Mr Sunil Kaushal, Head of India Relations, ANZ Bank
- Sir Anand Satyanand, Former Governor General
- HE Mr Ravi Thapar, High Commissioner for India
- Hon. Judith Collins, Minister for Ethnic Affairs
- Prof. Edwina Pio, Associate Director, NZIRI - vote of thanks
- MC: Rahul Sen, AUT

11- 11.30: Coffee

11.30 – 1 PM: Academic panel: Indians in New Zealand: past and present

Panellists:

1. Todd Nachowitz, Waikato
2. Jacqueline Leckie, Otago
3. Edwina Pio AUT
4. Richard Bedford, AUT

Moderator: Sekhar Bandyopadhyay VUW

[Each panellist gets 10 minutes – 50 minutes for discussion]

1 PM – 2 PM: Lunch

2 – 3.30 PM: Business panel: Indian business in NZ and doing business with India

Panellists:

1. Sunil Kaushal, ANZ Bank; Chair, INZBC
2. Wenceslaus Anthony, Member, Advisory Board, NZIRI
3. Vinod Kumar, Managing Director, Henderson and Botany Mitre10
4. Venkat Raman, Editor, Indian Newslink
5. Rahul Sen, AUT

Moderator: Mina Patel, AUT

[Each panellist gets 10 minutes – 40 minutes for discussion]

3.30 – 4 PM: Tea

4 – 5.30 PM: Community panel: opportunities and challenges for Indians in NZ

Panellists:

1. Ashok Darji, President, Auckland Indian Association
2. Pushpa Wood, GOPIO
3. Rajinder Bedi, JP, Secretary Auckland Sikh Society
4. Naena Chhima, former Chair of the Wellington Indian Association Mahila Samaj
5. Ann Degia-Pala QSM, Founder/Director, EthNix Links & Advocacy Network

Moderator: Smita Singh, AUT

[Each panellist gets 10 minutes – 40 minutes for discussion]

5.30 – 5.45 PM: Winding up and thanks

Sekhar Bandyopadhyay and Edwina Pio

