

Fijian Youth Delegation Leaves for India

On 13 January 2024, the High Commission of India in Suva organized a pre departure briefing for the 07-member youth delegation from Fiji traveling to India to attend the Republic Day Camp- 2025 as part of the Youth Exchange Program (YEP). The event was attended by the Fijian Minister for Youth and Sports Hon. Jese Saukuru, Acting Deputy Secretary Mr. Philip Hereniko, Supervisor of the cadet delegation visiting India Mr. Lorenzo Shyan Fonmoa and 06 young cadets.

2. National Cadet Corps (NCC) under the Ministry of Defence, Government of India has invited youth organizations from all over the world to attend the YEP2025 / Republic Day Camp to be held in India in January 2025. This is the 04th continuous occasion of the youth delegation from Fiji visting India under the Youth Exchange Program for the Republic Day Camp.

3. The aim of YEP is to ensure participation of selected youth from all over the world and provide them a platform to interact with the Indian youth, to get a first hand experience of the diverse culture and heritage of India and to witness the development and progress made by the country since Independence. The participants will also get the opportunity to interact with youth of other countries. Since the visiting youth delegations will be State Guests, all expenditures, including airfare (to and fro) from India, travel within India, boarding, lodging and visits to various destinations will be fully borne by the Government of India.

4. Charge d'Affaires Ms. Neerupma S. Kararha congratulated the delegates on their selection for the prestigious programme and briefed them on the important elements of YEP2025. The delegation was also briefed about the visits they are going to undertake, places they are going to visit and the high expectations from a youth delegation.

5. Fijian Minister for Youth and Sports, Hon'ble Jese Saukuru thanked India for creating opportunity for the youth in Fiji and implored the delegation to learn from the diverse culture in India and get first hand experience in how a great democracy like India functions at its best and plays its part in the world. While thanking the Government of India, Hon'ble Minister said that Fiji always treasured its relationship with India and cherishes the long history it has. He asked the youth to learn from India and share the learnings with the people of Fiji.

6. The visit program will be from 16 January to 29 January 2025 (duration of 14 Days). During the visit, the youth visiting India will be attending important National events like the Republic Day Parade on 26 January 2025 and also visit places of Historical and Cultural interest and will also get an opportunity to interact with the top dignitaries of India including the Hon'ble President and the Hon'ble Prime Minister.

