



Prime Minister Addresses the Indian Diaspora in New Zealand

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Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed a huge gathering of the Indian diaspora New Zealand at the “Kia Ora Modi” event in Auckland today. In a special gesture, the Prime Minister of New Zealand, Rt Hon. Christopher Luxon joined the event. The gathering was filled with warmth, energy, and enthusiasm of over 10,000 members of the Indian diaspora.

Prime Minister began his address by thanking Prime Minister Luxon for his gracious presence and his support for the bilateral partnership, including the welfare of the Kiwi Indian community. He appreciated the special welcome extended to him by the community and noted that through determination, hard work and perseverance.

The Kiwi Indian community has emerged as a dynamic force, making significant contributions across every sphere of life in New Zealand. Prime Minister commended the community for preserving their culture, festivals and traditions, while enriching New Zealand's multicultural fabric. He particularly praised the community's spirit of seva (selfless service), noting its exemplary record of volunteerism, charitable giving and community welfare.

Prime Minister noted that the gathering may be of the Indian diaspora, but it was actually a celebration of India-New Zealand friendship, of sporting ties and their economic partnership. Noting that 2026 marks 100 years of sporting collaboration, he stated that both countries are keen to further deepen their sporting ties. Appreciating the local Māori culture for their inclusive and sustainable approach, he noted that India too was pursuing a development pathway that combines heritage with growth.

Prime Minister urged the Indian community to continue serving as a bridge of friendship, trust and cooperation between India and New Zealand, helping to realise the full potential of the Strategic Partnership for the benefit of both nations.

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