



VICE-CHANCELLOR'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

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Bula Vinaka to you all!

This week, I wish to highlight several important initiatives and events that reflect the values and impact of the Fiji National University (FNU) in our communities and society at large.

We proudly marked World Press Freedom Day at FNU on April 9, reflecting our ongoing commitment to freedom of expression, ethical journalism, and the role of media in a democratic society. As a national university, we uphold the values of transparency, informed dialogue, and open access to information, and we will continue to create spaces for such vital conversations.

Last week, our College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences (CMNHS) team travelled to Naitasiri for a significant community outreach initiative. Year 3 and 5 students conducted health assessments and checkups with villagers throughout the week, culminating in two days of dedicated outreach. On Thursday evening (8th May), they engaged directly with village communities, and on Friday (9th May), they hosted a session with stakeholders in Vunidawa. In addition to clinical services, the team conducted HIV awareness sessions in the villages which is a crucial effort in health education and disease prevention.

We were also invited to complement this by conducting a general FNU outreach during these sessions. I encourage all relevant departments to support this initiative by sharing information about FNU programmes, scholarships, and services, ensuring that communities understand the educational opportunities available to them.

We are also pleased to mark Girit Day this week at our Natabua Campus. This is a time to honour the rich history, resilience, and contributions of the Giritiya community in shaping modern Fiji. I encourage all staff and students to participate in the celebration and take time to reflect on the legacy of the Giritiyas — a legacy of perseverance, culture, and unity.

Vinaka vakalevu to our staff and students for your dedication to service learning, cultural recognition, and community engagement. These efforts are a testament to our mission — to educate, empower, and enrich lives.

Wishing you a wonderful and productive week ahead.

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