



High Commission of India
Suva

**Government of India Gives FJ\$307,730 for Upgradation of IT Facilities
at MGM High School**



High Commissioner of India to Fiji Ms. Padamja handed over a cheque of FJ\$ 307,730/- as Grant from Government of India for upgradation of IT facilities at the MGM High School on 15 July 2020. The handing over ceremony was attended by Hon. Rosy Akbar, Minister of Education, Shri Kamlesh Kumar, President of the Gujarat Education Society and Amb. Yogesh Karan, Permanent Secretary to the Office of the Prime Minister and Acting Permanent Secretary for Foreign Affairs at MGM High School, Suva.

Hon. Minister thanked the Government of India for the generous grant and also informed the guests that the Government of India had sponsored the renovation of twenty schools in Fiji after TC Winston and several of these schools will be commissioned in the coming weeks.

Speaking at the occasion Ms. Padmaja said that Education had always been a priority subject but IT education has assumed greater significance in recent times as we move towards New Normal after COVID19 pandemic where efficient use of technology has become an absolute essential for all the educational institutions worldwide.

India had made significant strides in information technology and we are happy to share this know-how with our friends all over the world. In this spirit, last year only, India has gifted a Centre of Excellence in IT to the Government of Fiji. The Centre has been established in Fiji National University and is named as 'Mahatma Gandhi Centre of Excellence in IT'.

Referring to Government of India's funding for renovation of 20 schools in Fiji post-TC Winston, the High Commissioner expressed satisfaction at this great partnership between India and Fiji bearing fruit in the shape of renovated, resilient, and climate proof facilities in Fijian schools.