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NAMASTE



THE PARLIAMENT OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF FIJI



# TOPIC: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AT THE PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARY IN THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI

**Parliament Library**



# HISTORY OF PARLIAMENT

- Fiji's first parliamentary type body was established in November 1871.
- In October 1874, Fiji was proclaimed a British Colony and was subsequently administered by a Governor-General, through the Legislative Council, as a possession and dependant of the British Crown.
- On 10 October 1970, Fiji gained independence from Great Britain and established itself as a parliamentary democracy.
- The first general election based on a cross-voting system was held in 1972
- Fiji returned to parliamentary democracy on 29 June 1992 when His Excellency the President, Ratu Sir Penaia Ganilau, opened the First Session of the new Parliament.



# LIBRARY CLIENTELE

- Members of Parliament
- Staff of Department of Legislature, Government and Opposition Office
- Other Ministries
- Members of the Public



# WHAT DO WE DO

- We assist the MPs with their request.
- We inform the Staff and MPS regarding the new arrivals in the Library
- We furnish the information in the dailies for them.
- We do photocopies for them





# CURRENT LIBRARY PRACTICES



Technology



Library staff



Level of usage



Collections



Space and locations



Services



# CHALLENGES

**Library staff**

**collections**

**Services**

**Technology**

**Level of usage**

**Space & locations**



# ACHIEVEMENTS

- Weeding the Collections
- -Donated to Schools & Other Libraries
  
- Changing the Physical Setup
- -New Library Shelves purchased
- -OPAC
- -Library Signage
  
- 4 Year Plan
- - Staff
- -Collections
- -Training & Development
- -ICT
- -Systems
- - Affiliations
- -Library Space
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# ACHIEVEMENTS

- UNDP'S Support
  - - Consultants
  - - Core Collections
  - - Magazine Subscription
  
- Library Management System
  - -Liberty V.5
  
- Marketing of Library Services
  - - Workshops with MPS
  - -Coffee Morning
  - -Flyers
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# CONCLUSION

In conclusion it can be said that a small country like Fiji has already started the journey of establishing a parliamentary library where we can provide valuable information in order to achieve our vision:

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NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE AND DRIVEN BY THE  
IDEAL OF THE BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE FOR  
ALL FIJIANS ”**

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