



## “Promoting Public Sector Accountability and Sustainability through our audits”.

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## Winners of the OAG poster and Drawing Competition

The Office of the Auditor-General hosted a virtual award’s ceremony for the winners of the Nationwide OAG Drawing and Essay Competition on 28 July 2021.

The Office acknowledged the presence of Permanent Secretary for Ministry of Education, Heritage and Arts Dr. Anjeela Jokhan who was joined by the winners and their respective heads of schools witnessed by the staff from OAG. This competition has been a success and the Office plans to have another competitions in the years to come.

The winners of the Poster competition - Primary school  
 1st Prize winner of \$250 – Zulfaz Rauv of Malamala Public School in Nadi  
 2nd Prize winner of \$150 – Yastika Chand of Bhawani Dayal Primary in Nasinu  
 3rd Prize winner of \$100 – Simarleen Kaur of Votulalevu Public School in Nadi

Additionally, the winners for the Essay competition organized for the secondary school students are as follows;

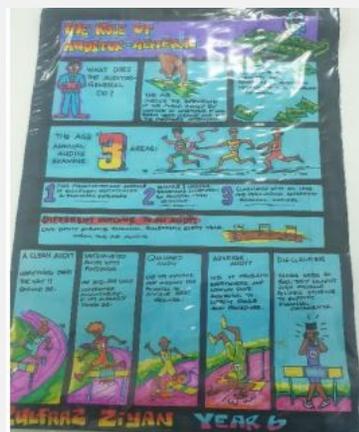
The 1st Prize winner of \$500 – Helava Muliaina of Suva Muslim College in Suva  
 2nd Prize winner of \$300 – Arsheya Andrew of Xavier College in Ba  
 3rd Prize winner of \$200 – Kelvin Gounder of Bhawani Dayal Arya College in Nasinu

The students were also awarded with a certificate each for their participation. OAG is grateful for all the students and schools that invested their time and resources for this competition.

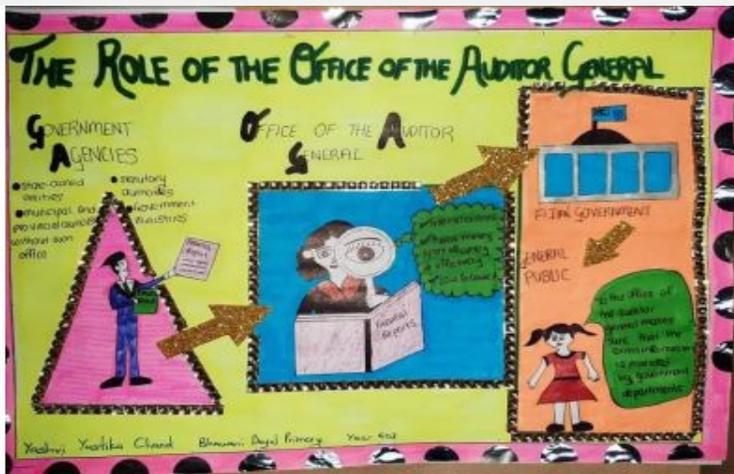
## The Progressive opening of the Office

OAG began the process of progressively opening its office to its full capacity from 30 August 2021.

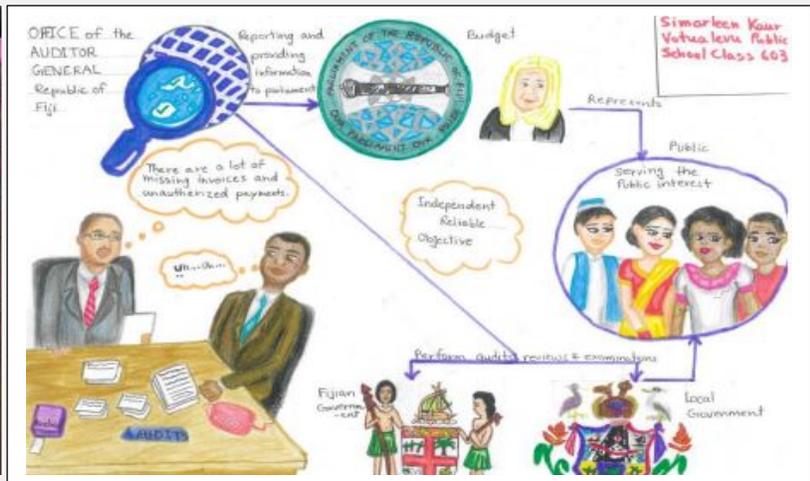
With 97% staff being fully vaccinated, only 3% staff are yet to receive their second dose of the COVID -19 vaccine.



**1<sup>st</sup> Prize winner – Zulfaz Rauv**  
**(Malamala Public School in Nadi)**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Winner – Yastika Chand**  
(Bhawani Dayal Primary in Nasinu)



**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Winner – Simarleen Kaur**  
(Votulalevu Public School in Nadi)

## The AG presents as a panelist at the UNDP Webinar: Make it Public Finance.

The Auditor-General, Mr. Ajay Nand was invited as a panelist to present at the Launch of UNDP's Webinar on Public Finance Mentorship Program held on Wednesday, 25 August 2021.

Mr. Nand acknowledged the European Union and UNDP for the excellent work being done in building public finance management capacities in the region.

The Office plans to convene a face to face workshop to bring all our stakeholders together to strengthen our partnerships which will be supported by UNDP who are assisting OAG to prepare Citizens Audit Report that will simplify our reports to be easily understood by the people.

## First ever virtual planning workshop a success

The Office of the Auditor-General (OAG), for the first time ever, held a two day virtual Annual Planning workshop from 1-2 July 2021.

The Auditor-General, Mr. Ajay Nand in his address to the staff highlighted some significant aspirations for the Office such as digitalizing of office records and remote access to these records within the available funding.

Keeping the new normal in mind the A-G, has supported the possibility of perusing the establishment of remote auditing capabilities.



## The Pacific Association of Supreme Audit Institutions (PASAI) held its 27th Governing Board meeting virtually on 10 September 2021.

The Auditor-General of Fiji, Mr. Ajay Nand and Chair of the PASAI Governing Board, chaired the meeting.

The CEO of PASAI Ms. Esther Lameko-Poutoa, the Secretary-General of PASAI and the Auditor-General of New Zealand, Mr. John Ryan and other Wellington and Auckland based staff joined the forum virtually.

Members of the Governing Board raised and discussed the issue of SAI independence. PASAI resolved to work with development partners and regional leaders to advocate for strengthened SAI independence to complement the efforts of its members.

The Governing Board endorsed the Annual Report and Financial Statements for presentation at the Annual General Meeting of PASAI Incorporated, held later that day.



**The Auditor-General, Mr. Ajay Nand virtually presenting at the 27th PASAI Governing Board**

## Upcoming this quarter

### Capacity building and mental health awareness while working from home

The unpredictable COVID environment has proven to be a very stressful situation for most of us. To help our staff overcome these mental strains a "Dealing with Change" wellness session was organized on the 16 July 2021.

The virtual wellness session was facilitated by Empower Pacific. In this session the staff openly spoke about Stress, Difficulties and Opportunities related to COVID-19 and issues related to working from home.

Empower Pacific shared with the staff some healthy coping mechanisms which everyone could easily take up while remaining in their own COVID safe bubbles.



### Office Relocation and set-up

The Office will soon relocate to its new Office at the Modyl Building in Kasanji Street Vatuwaqa. A formal date is yet to be provided.

The Office are currently based in Ratu Sukuna House and its second Office in Namak, Nadi.



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