



The University of Fiji

SIR MOTI TIKARAM MEMORIAL LECTURE



Late Sir Moti Tikaram with Professor Subramani

The University of Fiji will host the 6th Sir Moti Tikaram Memorial Lecture on Friday, 27 September, 2019 at its Saweni Campus from 5.30 p.m.

The 2019 Sir Moti Tikaram Memorial Lecture will be given by **Professor Subramani**.

The lecture will be on the topic **"Fiji's Endangered Hindi"**

Professor Subramani is a distinguished scholar, writer, literary critic and educationist. He is a widely published author who writes in English, recently *Wild Flowers* (2017) and in Hindi *Fiji Maa; Mother of a Thousand* (2018). He has received awards for both. He is a professor in Literature and Language at The University of Fiji.

Brief Background on Sir Moti Tikaram:

Sir Moti Tikaram, KBE, CF, LLB (NZ) (18 March 1925 – 17 May 2012) was an outstanding citizen of Fiji. He was born a British subject in colonial times; and became a long time Commonwealth citizen. Sir Tikaram was a judge of the Supreme Court of Fiji, the first Ombudsman of independent Fiji and a football administrator. He was the first local person to be appointed to the Supreme Court of Fiji.

He also served a wider world. He advanced the principles of universal human rights, justice and the rule of law. His able discharge of diverse public duties in Fiji was recognised by the Queen in 1980 when he was bestowed Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire (KBE). In 1985, he was elected by the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) to be the first Commissioner chosen from Fiji. In 1993, he became Acting President of the Fiji Court of Appeal and served as Acting Chief Justice of Fiji on many occasions.

The Government of India conferred on him the Hind Rattan Award and, in January 2007, the President of India conferred the Parvasi Bharatiya Samman Award. In 2009, he was awarded the "Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Award" in New Delhi, India at the Indian Diaspora Celebrations.

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