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Chief Justice Anthony Gates to deliver the Sir Moti Tikaram Memorial Lecture

The University of Fiji will host the 5th Sir Moti Tikaram Memorial Lecture on Friday, September 28, 2018 at its Samabula Campus in Suva.

Honourable Chief Justice, Anthony Gates will deliver the lecture on the topic “Can The Courts Always Deliver Justice And The Rule of Law?”

Honourable Gates, the Chief Justice of Fiji since year 2008 and the Chairman of Advisory Council of Jurists for Asia-Pacific Forum of Human Rights Institutions (ACJ) from 2006 to 2007, comes with a wealth of knowledge in the Law discipline

This lecture series is an annual UniFiji event which has generated much interest and one that the staff, students and general public looks forward to.

Sir Moti Tikaram, was born on 18 March 1925 and had a varied and colourful life.

He was an outstanding citizen of Fiji. He was the first local to be appointed as a judge of the Supreme Court of Fiji, the first Ombudsman of independent Fiji and an ardent sports follower.

Sir Tikaram had a Law degree from New Zealand and was a staunch believer in universal human rights, justice and the rule of law. His diverse public duties in Fiji was recognised by the Queen in 1980, and 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. He was appointed to the Fiji Court of Appeal, became the President of the Fiji Court of Appeal, was elevated to the Supreme Court and during his judicial life 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.

The University of Fiji is indeed proud to be the host of the 5th Sir Moti Tikaram Memorial lecture series.