

**Mr. Uday Singh (Commissioner of Oaths, J.P, OBE)**  
P.O.Box 379  
Kumkum  
Ba

Phone: 6510745

**Personal Information**

1960 - Present	Cane Farmer and Gang president of Kumkum in Moto Sector, Ba
1996 - 1999	House of Senate
	<b>Position: Senator</b>
1992 - 1997	Yaqara Pastrol Farm Limited
	<b>Position: Director</b>
1992	United Nations organization
	<b>Position: Member of the Delegation to the United Nation</b>
1987 - 1997	Fiji Public Service Commission
	<b>Position: Commissioner</b>
July 2001 - till todote	Fiji Public Service Commission
	<b>Position: Commissioner</b>
1985 - 1987	Sugar Fund Authority
	<b>Position: Director</b>
1985 - 1987	Parliament of Fiji
	<b>Position: Member of Parliament</b>
1970 - 1995	Ba Health Centre
	<b>Position: Chairman</b>

1984 - 1987 **Arya Pratanidhi Sabha of Fiji**  
Position: National President  
1997 - To date National Vice President

**Other Appointments**

**Statutory Bodies / Organizations**

1969 - 1995 Chairman, Ba Advisory Council  
1970 - 1996 Chairman, Ba Rural Local Authority  
1994 - 1995 Member, Ba District Development Committee  
1969 - 1995 Member, Divisional Development Committee Western

1985 - 1992 **Sugar Industry**  
Fiji Cane Growers Council  
**Position: Elected Councilor – Moto Sector**  
**Position: Director Ba Cane Growers Council**

**Political affiliation**  
1974 - 1987 Indian Alliance, Ba  
**Position: Chairman**

**Awards and Merits**

1995 Fiji 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Independence Award  
1994  
1985 Order of the British Empire (OBE)  
1974 Justice of Peace  
1970 Independence Medal

0002

*Arya Bahna*  
**General Back Ground**

After leaving School Mr. Singh worked with his father on their estate. He developed an appreciation of the business of farming and later on acquired three hundred and fifty acres of farm land. Such interest and dedication made him very attached to his vocation and that is the major reason for him being the gang president of KumKumP/L gang in the Moto sector till today. Mr Singh does substantial cane farming and provides support for numerous families living on his land in Ba.

The nature of farming community did not isolate him from the many intricacies of the total society ranging from children's education to the national politics and he had no qualms to be actively involved in all the major areas of the total existence and the sound maintenance of the society and the nation as a whole. This vigor led him to serve in the various educational, religious boards and to take active participation in politics and in various areas of national development.

# Cane farmer Singh is sure of win

## He says Ratu Mara is leading in right direction

By Rekha Raniga



UDAY SINGH, claims the farmers in his electorate know his record of service to them.

UDAY SINGH, 48, is no ordinary sugar cane farmer from Ba — he was a member of the now dissolved Parliament and he has a record of service to farmers in the west. He is also the Alliance candidate for the North Central Indian National seat which he won in 1985 during a by-election.

The National Federation Party Labour-Western United Front coalition candidate for the constituency is Navin Patel.

Said Mr Singh, "I have no doubt about my winning. I have served the people for 16 years and they know me well."

Mr Singh's political involvement began in 1962 when his brother, James Shankar Singh, stood as an Alliance candidate.

Mr (Uday) Singh joined Alliance Party when it was formed.

"I am a strong believer in the philosophy of multi-racial and multi-cultural development that Alliance has followed," Mr Singh said.

He said the Prime Minister, Ratu Sir Kamisesu Mara, was leading the

country in the right direction.

"The development the country has seen in the past 16 is tremendous — compared to our neighbours in the South Pacific and South East Asia," he said.

Mr Singh feels that the two major races — Indians and Fijians, have both developed greatly in the past 16 years.

He was born and brought up in Ba amongst a big farming family. Mr Singh attended St Teresa's school in Ba. He then studied up to university entrance level at DAV College, Ba.

His ambition of becoming a lawyer remained a dream when his father passed away in 1969. Mr Singh, together with his elder brother James Shankar Singh, filled their 450 acres land for their family.

Mr Singh began taking active interest in farmers around him and was soon elected president of Naluku Gang in 1962. Five years later he became manager of the Naluku Primary school.

This was a beginning of involvement which include:

- Chairman of the Ba Advisory Council
- Chairman of the Ba Rural

### Local Authority

- Ba District Development Committee
- Chairman of Ba-Tavua Drainage Board. He's been a member of the Western Division Drainage Board since 1985.

• President of Ba Arya Samaj. He is also the national president of Arya Pratinidhi Sabha of Fiji for the past four years.

- Manager of Arya Kanya Pathshala, Naluku Primary School and DAV College in Ba.

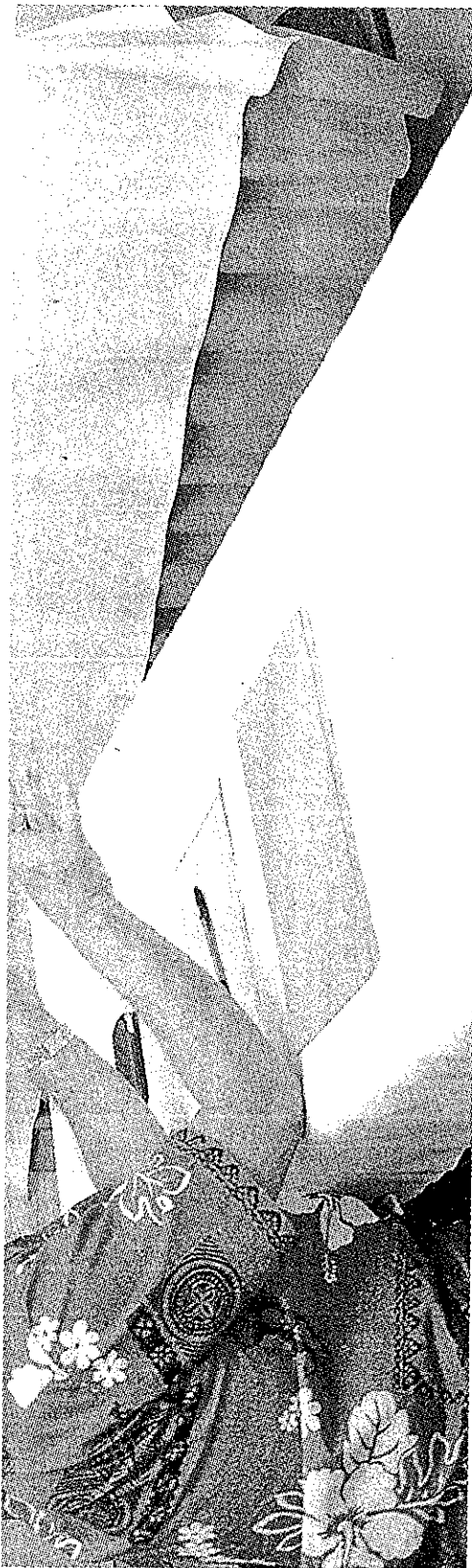
• Chairman of the Ba Cane Growers' Council and a member of Sugar Fund Authority which controls about \$22 million for the country's sugar cane farmers.

In his own constituency, Mr Singh said development such as far sealing of Mota Road, work on the Ba Bridge, and installation of 1600 telephone lines for rural and urban areas were taking shape.

The constituency which Mr Singh stands for is a large one. Of the 21,000 farmers in the country, 7696 are in the North Central electorate. The area includes sugar cane farmers as well as pine growers.

Mr Singh is well-versed with all aspects of sugar cane farming. The farming community is what he stands for and represents.

Richards Road cuts the work



Mahendra Chaudhry speaks to participants at a youth and women's workshop conducted by Fiji Labour Party.

# Chaudhry pays warm tribute to former politician

Picture: ATU RASEA



## ROAD TO DEMOCRACY

By FELIX CHAUDHARY

HUNDREDS gathered in Ba last week to pay tribute to former Alli-

ance Party stalwart Uday Singh. Mr Singh passed away at the Ba Methodist Mission Hospital on June 7.

Fiji Labour Party leader Mahendra Chaudhry, who spoke at the funeral service, said Fiji had lost a great humanitarian and businessman with Mr Singh's passing.

"He was a prominent citizen and had contributed significantly to the development of Ba, particularly in the days of the Alliance government," he said.

"Mr Singh was also a very successful cane farmer and a community worker.

"He was a supporter of Arya Samaj in Fiji and even served as the national president of the Arya Pra-

tinidhi Sabha of Fiji.

"When the Fiji Labour Party contested in the 1985 election, I lost to Mr Singh by 241 votes, while his brother James Shankar Singh came in third under the National Federation Party ticket."

Mr Singh held the Indian National seat in Ba until the 1987 election and was later appointed to the Senate on May 30, 1994.

He was awarded the Order of the British Empire for his outstanding community work and received his commendation when Queen Elizabeth visited Fiji.

The renowned businessman and his family was one of the largest landowners in the country.

In 1931 his father, the late Jang

Bhadur Singh, gave a piece of his land to Motibhai B Patel. It was from here that the Motibhai Group first commenced its business.

Apart from his business ventures and political activities, the late Mr Singh remained heavily involved in community work and was on the board of governors for two schools administered by the Arya Samaj in Ba.

He is survived by his wife Vidya and four children — ~~two sons, Motibhai and Shankar, and two daughters, Suman and Vidya. He is also survived by his wife, Vidya, and four children, two sons, Motibhai and Shankar, and two daughters, Suman and Vidya.~~ Zealand and eight grandchildren.

Chaudhry, in an interview explained that youth participation during the election process was paramount.

"The voting age has been reduced to 18 years and youths constitute a significant percentage of our population and they can really make the change that is necessary," Chaudhry said.

"They have it within their power to bring about changes and I think they should do that — they need to play an active role in elections and in the government selection."

Chaudhry said because there were a number of differences between this year's and previous election, it was important for youths and every registered person to cast their vote.

"The fundamental difference this time is that this election is not being held in a democratic environment, there are too many restrictions, the whole system has been changed, things have been made difficult — the system has been made complicated — elections should be simple for people to easily understand it and cast their vote," he claimed.

"This is the environment in which we're going to have the election and this is why it's so important for every registered voter to make the effort to come by themselves and vote if they want to see the changes that they wish to see in this country."

By SITERI SAUVAKACOLO

LABOUR Party leader Mahendra Chaudhry has questioned the decision of Immigration Director Major Nemani Vuniwaqa to deploy a team from his office to Australia to handle requests for renewals and issuances of Fiji passports and dual citizenships.

He said this work should be handled by Fiji missions overseas and had always been the practice until now.

Major Vuniwaqa revealed in a media conference on Saturday this would be the first time the department was engaging in such an exercise.

He said more teams would be sent abroad for this purpose.

"Clearly, the links with the September polls are very obvious and have serious implications on the integrity of the elections," Chaudhry said.

"Immigration Director Nemani Vuniwaqa must explain to the people why tens of thousands of dollars of public money is to be

spent on a task that is the work of our missions overseas."

The party leader claimed no other country engaged in this kind of exercise and demanded that the department provide answers. FLP notes that the visiting immigration team will also be handling requests for dual citizenship.

# Party questions polls integrity over overseas trip