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CONDOLENCE MESSAGE FROM FTU ON THE PASSING AWAY OF BRO GIYANENDRA PRASAD

Giyanendra Prasad became a member of FTU as soon as he joined the teaching service after graduating with a Bachelors degree in English Language and Social Science from USP.

Coming from a rural farming background he always went the extra mile to inculcate in his students that they were the only hope of their struggling parents to come out of poverty. He was always there to assist them and encourage them to persevere. It did not take long for his colleagues as well as supervisors to notice that he was a cut above others. He excelled as a teacher, and soon emerged as a leader, a source of inspiration to all.

Giyanendra, as far as I can recall was the youngest FTU Branch Chairman, leading the largest branch, Labasa.

A motivating, eloquent speaker, he took Labasa Branch to new heights of rock solid solidarity. This was proven beyond doubt by the unwavering support of the members in the 1984 teachers strike.

Bro Giyanendra was subsequently elected National Executive member (again I think the youngest), and continued to contribute constructively to the furtherance of the right to quality education for every child.

I was one of the fortunate unionists who had the opportunity to work with Bro, Giyanendra. I was leading Rewa Branch in the 80's and we shared the same platform on numerous occasions.

All correspondence to the General Secretary Fiji Teachers Union, Please.

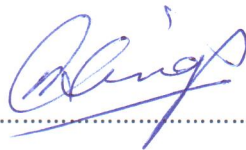
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As a Unionist Bro Giyanendra was forthright, fearless and firm in defense of the rights of the members.

Bro Giyanendra continued to assist the Union when he began practicing Law in Suva, and later in Labasa.

He was always meticulous in whatever he did, whether it was teaching, union work, law practice, or politics. Giyanendra was everything it took to be a good human being. It is difficult indeed to find all the adjectives to describe this unique brother of ours.

On behalf of the entire FTU Family I wish to extend our heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Prasad and their beloved daughter. May his soul rest in eternal peace in the heavenly abode.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Agni Deo Singh', is positioned above a horizontal dotted line.

Agni Deo Singh

General Secretary

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