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**NFP Candidates Announcement – Lautoka**

The National Federation Party today has announced three more candidates.

The announcement brings to 30 the total number of candidates announced so far to contest the September 17 general elections. The announcement was made during the Party's meeting at Sangam Village, Lovu, Lautoka today.

The candidates are: -

**1. Rakesh Kumar**

Rakesh Kumar is a businessman, a community worker and an Accountant/Auditor for a prominent supermarket chain in the country.

Mr Kumar, of Drasa/Vitogo Lautoka is the sole proprietors of the Millennium Cakes Hot Bread shop commonly known as Davu's in the sugar city.

Mr Kumar is a former President of the Lautoka Branch of Shiri Sanatan Dharam Pratinidhi Sabha of Fiji. He contested the 2006 general elections under the NFP Banner.

**2. Satya Nand**

Satya Nand of Sigatoka is a retired school principal, who is currently involved in social and community work, apart from his current occupation as a full-time farmer of pawpaw and vegetables for the local and export markets.

In 2012 Mr Nand was awarded the Prime Minister's Vegetable Farmer of the Year Award.

Mr. Nand is a graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Geography from the Delhi University and has a Diplomas in Education in Hindi and Education.

He is actively involved in his Yalava community as a cane harvesting gang sirdar, Chairman of the Crime Prevention Committee and a Vice President of the Raiwaqa Health Centre Board of Visitors.

Mr Nand is passionate about the subject education and agricultural sectors.

### **3. Jagannath Sami**

Jagannath Sami, commonly known as Jag, is a well-known personality has had a colorful career in business, public institutions, NGOs, trade union and sports and has been actively involved in the community.

Originally from Labasa, Mr Sami began his working career with Fiji Sugar Corporation Limited in 1972 where he worked as a Field Officer, Traffic Officer and Estate Officer till 1992. He then served as the District Manager for Sugar Cane Growers Council till 1994. From 1994 to 2000 he was the General Secretary of the Fiji Cane Growers Association.

He then took over as Chief Executive Officer of the apex body of the cane farmers, the Sugar Cane Growers Council, the position that he held till January 2007 when he was terminated through Decree Number 1 of 2007 almost a month after December 2006 coup.

From 2007 to 2011 he was self-employed as Private Consultant on Sugar Industry and Industrial Relations.

In 2011 Mr Sami was appointed the Chief Executive Officer of the Then India Sanmarga Ikya Sangam, the largest cultural organisation in the country, a position he held until now.

An avid sportsman, Mr Sami was an active member of the Labasa, Nadogo and Lautoka soccer teams. He also represented the Fiji soccer side. He was one of the famous "Sami Brothers" who were renowned for their footballing skills.

Mr Sami is passionate about the rule of law, good governance, human rights and democracy.

The NFP will tomorrow (Monday) make a further announcement of candidates at 2.30pm at the Party's headquarters in Suva.