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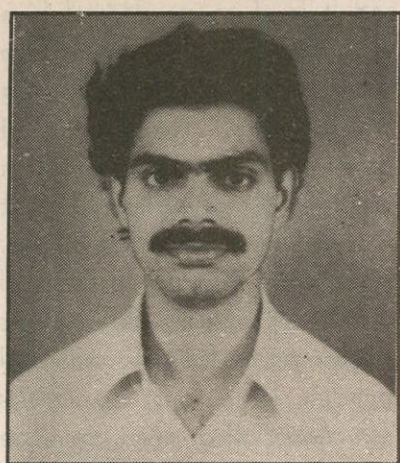
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Journal Released

In a simple function held at AAB Auditorium Mr. Justice Y. Bhaskar Rao, Acting Chief Justice of High Court of Karnataka called upon the law journals to be analytical, critical and contain reviews of the judgments so as to make them purposeful. He was releasing the issue of Karnataka Civil and Criminal Reporter, a fortnightly law journal, published by Lawyers Law Book, Bangalore. Mr. Justice M.F. Saldanha, judge of the Karnataka High Court complemented Sri K. Sriram, Hon. Chief Editor of the journal for undertaking this onerous responsibility even while welcoming the new journal as a boon to legal fraternity Sri K. Sriram, Chief Editor, in his speech explained the background in which the new journal has been started. Sri K.N. Subba Reddy, president of AAB, welcomed the guests to the function. Sri K.N. Puttegowda, Secretary of AAB, proposed vote of thanks.

An Appeal



Smt. Poornima Narayan has appealed to Advocates fraternity for providing financial assistance to maintain herself and a young son and a daughter. Her husband S. Narayan, Advocate, died a premature death on 4-8-98.

Lawyer Jailed

A Supreme Court bench headed by Chief Justice A.S. Anand, on Friday, the 26th February 1999 sentenced a Mumbai based lawyer Nandlal Balwani to four months jail term and fine of Rs. 2,000/- and remanded him to Tihar Jail. Failure to pay fine would result in additional two months jail term. The court convicted him for gross criminal contempt.

Mr. Balwani who joined the Mumbai Bar four years ago after premature retirement from postal department created commotion in court hall No.1 of the Apex Court by shouting slogans against police for alleged harassment besides hurling shoes at the Chief Justice. Mr. Balwani who had lost two rounds of litigation earlier against the estate officer over dispossession of his Santa Cruz Flat allotted by the postal department while in service had appeared in person before the Supreme Court. After the incident Mr. Balwani tendered apology to the court for his "intemperate behaviour." The court did not accept the same on the ground that the apology tendered was not bonafide and was only intended to escape punishment.

Chairman Elected

Mr. S.S. Kumman from Gulbarga has been elected as the new chairman of the Karnataka State Bar Council for the ensuing year. In the election held on 21-2-99 Sri S.N. Aswathanarayana from Bangalore was elected as the vice-chairman.

Keep Limits of Law in Mind-CJI

Chief Justice of India Justice A.S. Anand has cautioned the judiciary from undertaking "judicial adventurism" in the name of judicial activism. He said that a judge should not pursue his notions of justice and duty ignoring the limits of law, bounds of his jurisdiction and the binding precedent. The courts have to be very careful to see that their exercise of judicial activism for achieving social change is not allowed to run amuck and every court functions within the bounds of its own jurisdiction. He said the courts must be careful to see that by their over zealotry they do not cause any uncertainty or confusion.

Justice Anand was delivering the late Justice S.D. Shaw Memorial lecture on the theme "judiciary on the threshold of 21st century-experience and expectation" organised by Legal Eagle organisation on 27-2-99 at Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

Judges Transferred

As per an official release dated February 19, 1999 the following transfers of High Court judges have been ordered to take effect from March 8, 1999:

Mr. Justice H. L. Gokhale from Gujarat High Court to Bombay High Court, Mr. Justice N.N. Mathur from Gujarat High Court to Rajasthan High Court; Mr. Justice N. Dinakar and Mr. Justice P. Shanmugam from Kerala High Court to Madras High Court; Mr. Justice Maithili Sharan from Allahabad High Court to Madhya Pradesh High Court; Mr. Justice A.A. Desai from Bombay High Court to Allahabad High Court.

Around the Courts

□ Section 6(a) of the Hindu Minority and Guardianship Act, 1956- natural guardian of the minor child:

In a judgment delivered on February 6, 1999 a division bench of the supreme court comprising Chief Justice A.S. Anand, Mr. Justice M. Srinivasan and Mr. Justice U.C. Banerjee, held that "The father, by reason of a dominant personality, cannot be ascribed to have a preferential right over the mother in the matter of guardianship since both fall within the same category". The court said that "It is an axiomatic truth that both mother and father of a minor are duty bound to take due care of the child.... Both the parents should be treated as minor's guardian." setting at rest the controversy over the interpretation of section 6(a) by holding that the case of a boy or an unmarried girl the guardianship rests with the father and after him the mother, provided that the custody of a minor who has not completed the age of five years shall ordinarily be with mother. The court listed the grounds on which a father would be treated as absent and the mother being recognised as natural guardian as a) the father being indifferent to the matters of the minor even if he is living with the mother b) by virtue of mutual understanding between father and mother the latter is put exclusively in charge of the minor and c) the father is unable to take care of the minor either because he is staying away from the place where the minor and mother are living or because of his physical or mental incapacity.

AAB Elections

It is reported that elections for the office bearers and governing council members of the Advocates Association, Bangalore will be held on Saturday the July 10, 1999.

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Judges Appointed

The president has appointed twenty new judges to the Allahabad high court during February 1999. Four new judges have also been appointed to P and H high court during the month. All these appointments will take effect from the date the respective judges will take oath of their office.

Suspended

Pending disciplinary inquiry the high court of Karnataka has placed under suspension Mr. N. Chandrashekariah, judicial member, Karnataka Appellate Tribunal with effect from February 10, 1999.

Portrait Unveiled

In a function organised by the Bar Association, Athani, on February 12, 1999, his holiness Shri Siddeshwar Swamiji, Bijapur, unveiled the portrait of eminent lawyer late Venkatrao Joshi. Sri N.B. Sidhanti, senior member of the local Bar Association was the chief guest. The function was presided over by Sri S.A. Patil (Hulagabal), President of the Bar Association.

Kolar Diary

□ On 29-1-99 Mr. R. Manjunath, Advocate, Kolar, married Mr. G.K. Neela.

□ On 5-2-99 Mr. Sridhar Advocate, Kolar, married Ms. Vishalakshi at Chintamani.

Dear Reader,

With the publication of March 1999, part Communique is completing ten years of its service to legal fraternity. This is an important milestone. On this occasion we deem it just and appropriate to elicit your suggestions and reactions regarding the newsletter. As always we accord utmost importance to your opinions since it helps us to improve the quality of the newsletter. Hence please write to us at the earliest. Summer vacation is fast approaching. Hope you have prepared yourself to make best use of the vacation in the company of your family members.

Editor

News Panorama

□ Section 173(a)(1) of the penal Law of Israel penalises with imprisonment upto one year a person who publishes material which is calculated to outrage the religious beliefs or feelings of other persons. There is no requirement that the publication is made with deliberate and malicious intention of outraging religious feelings as is the case with section 295-A of Indian penal code. However, the Israeli judiciary has ruled that section 173(a)(1) can only be invoked for the prevention of serious and unjustified injury to religious feeling "because a democratic society, which wishes to protect both freedom of expression and the feelings of the public, must establish a 'level of tolerance', where only an injury to the feelings of the public exceeding such a level, would justify impairment of freedom of expression."

□ In a recent judgment a London High Court awarded \$ 1,28,000 damages to Sunrethra Jayasekera (33), a Sri Lankan woman, who fell three floors while trying to escape from a London flat where she was kept as domestic slave by a Kuwaiti family. Jayasekera, a well educated woman, came to England in the belief she was going to supervise the employment agency of her employer. However, she was treated as a domestic slave for thirty seven days in London.

Campus watch

□ On 19-1-99 Mr. Uday Holla, Advocate, addressed the students, of Vivekananda Law College on "Prospects in legal profession."

□ On 30-1-99 Mr. Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer, former judge of Supreme Court, inaugurated a national workshop on environmental laws at the NLSIU, Bangalore.

□ On 13-2-99 Society of Mooters, University Law College, Bangalore, held Third All India Moot Court Competition at the Banquet Hall, Bangalore.

□ On 18-2-99 Sri M.C. Nanaiah, Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs, Government of Karnataka released the golden jubilee magazine of the University Law College, Bangalore at a function held in Yavanika. Dr. N.R. Shetty, Vice-Chancellor of Bangalore University was felicitated on the occasion. BJP MP Sri M. Srinivas presided over the function.

Hindu Nationalism Vs. Secularism

Prof. R.B. Guttal, Advocate

It was recently announced in the BBC news that Hindu Nationalism has come in conflict with the concept of Secularism. This is total misunderstanding of Hinduism. Nodoubt, there are some miscreants amongst Hindus who have not understood the real meaning of Hinduism. Now, we heard and read about the killing of the Christians or the hatred of the Muslims and so many such inhuman and uncivilised activities by the so called jingoists or narrow minded political leaders. All this is due to the defective education system adopted and continued by our government. During British regime the British government did not bestow its sincere and genuine attention to create good citizens in our country. Britishers wanted employees to serve their needs only. The aim of the education was only to get a job in the government. Even after independence our government has not done much spade work to improve the education system. Our education is not capable of creating good citizens because we have not adopted the integral system, as envisaged by the great patriot, Aurabindo. If spiritual aspect is included in our educational system, the present narrow-mindedness and greed for money would have totally reduced to the maximum extent. It is in this context, something needs to be stated about the integral education as evolved by the great patriot who passed away in the middle of the 20th century. The educated people of our country are to be reminded that a great patriot no less than Deshbandhu C.R. Das, made a prophetic statement in the course of Alipore bomb case that, "This man, a great poet of patriotism, prophet of nationalism and lover of humanity would be remembered and his words would be echoed and re-echoed, not only within the borders of this country, but even across the lands and seas." This statement was made in respect of Aurabindo. The concept of integral education is experimented in the Arabindo Society and it has been able to create so many civilised men who could serve the country in the best possible way. In the integral education, four aspects of education are given prominence. They are a) physical education, b) vital education, c) mental education, and d) spiritual education. The most important of all these aspects is the spiritual education. This spiritual education is found in the

upanishads and vedas. If our government had taken care to give good education like the one mentioned by Aurabindo, the country would not have come to this state of demoralisation. In order to support my argument further, I would like to quote what Gajendragadkar CJ stated in Shastri Yagnapurushdasji V. Maldas reported in AIR 1966 SC 1119:

"When we think of the Hindu Religion, we find it difficult, if not impossible to define Hindu religion, or even adequately describe it. Unlike other religions in the world, the Hindu religion does not claim any one God; it does not subscribe to any one dogma; it does not follow any one set of religious rites or performances; in fact, it does not appear to satisfy the narrow traditional features of any religion or creed. It may broadly be described as a way of life and nothing more."

This being the concept of Hinduism, it is very strange that the outside world has misunderstood the concept of the Hindu nationalism as being opposed to secularism. This confusion between Hinduism and secularism is made very clear by Jawaharlal Nehru, in his book titled "Discovery of India" in which he states that, "Hinduism has nothing to do with religion. A Muslim or a Christian is as much a Hindu, as a person who follows Hinduism as a religion. Today the word "Hindustani" is used for an Indian and it is of course derived from Hindustan". So it is clear that Hinduism stands for secularism. Hinduism is nothing but Indianness. The question of discrimination against non-hindus will not arise in the soil of mother India. This basic principle has been stated even in Vedas. Hinduism has been able to absorb all outside religions alongwith the various religions started in India. The fundamental principle in India is "*vasudhaiva kutumbakam*" which means, the whole universe is one family. Indians regard the whole world to be one earth. It is infact stated in Atharva Veda that there is only one earth and it belongs to all.

Thus it is entirely due to misunderstanding and ignorance of some Indians that a very bad propaganda is made about Hinduism or Hindu Nationalism.

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Our Independence-Then and Now

C. Gowrishankar, Advocate

The veteran Gandhian and a freedom fighter C. Subramaniam recently said, "Although India has been able to safeguard her independence this is not the freedom we fought for." The said words convey to us that we have defended independence, but power is concentrated with few power mongers. This observation is made by the said freedom fighter in all probabilities to remind us that we have deviated from the path shown by our father of the nation and other great freedom fighters like Ghokale, Tilak, Sardar Vallabhai Patel, Subhashchandra Bose, great personalities like Raja Ram Mohan Raoy, Eshwar Chandra Vidya Sagar, Dayanand Saraswathi, Paramahansa, Swamy Vivekananda, Annie Besant, Tagore, Narayan Guru, Allurie Sitaramanaidu, Lala Lajpath Rai and many other freedom fighters/personalities who have sacrificed their life for the nation and society.

The nation after independence had to face many crisis relating to food, population, exploitation, energy, etc., and has successfully over come them because of sacrifices made by leaders, scientists, social workers, etc. But now we are facing a value crisis, the same being the outcome of our selfishness and callous indifference to our duties while asserting our rights, consequence of which has pushed the country to the background. The urgent need for us is to introduce values in our life, be personal, political or social. It will not be out of place to mention at this stage few words said by Sir. Winston Churchill in the House of Commons when the debate took place with respect to Indian Independence Bill of 1946, tabled to consider independence to Indian sub-continent, which was in the nature of a warning, wherein he says that the Government of India would slip into the hands of unscrupulous people. He said, "Men of straw, rascals, rogues and freebooters of whom no trace will be found in few years; not a bottle of water or loaf of bread shall escape taxation, only the air will be free, the blood hungry millions will be on the head of Mr. Clement Atlee."

We seem to have proved Mr. Churchill right. If the present political scenario is viewed, our administrative system and citizens never risen from fossils or fossilised system. Thus various scams like stock (hawala) scam of 1992, JMM, pickle king Lakhubhi Pathak case, fodder scam, etc., have originated which we experience and feel every day without taking ourselves the warning of various philosophers and statesmen. Dr. S. Radhakrishnan said, "Our opportunities are great, but let me warn that when power strips ability we will fall on evil," i.e. to say evils will rule. A statement made by our first law minister Dr. B.R. Ambedkar takes a dig at the past as we lost our independence by the act of infidelity and treachery of some of her people. He said, "Will history repeat

itself? It is this thought which fills me with anxiety. This anxiety is deepened by the realisation of the fact that in addition to our old enemies in the form of castes and creeds we are going to have many political parties with diverse and opposing political creeds. Will Indians place the country above their creed or will they place creed above Country? I do not know. But this much is certain that if parties place creed above country, our independence will be put in jeopardy a second time and probably be lost for ever. This eventuality we must all resolutely guard."

These statements are apt in view of the alarming decline of social and ethical standards in our public life. Corruption, bribery, violence, disrespect to moral values are all pervasive (spread like wild fire in all walks of life) and these have over taken all our achievements made in several fields. Thus, the nation is inflicted by evils like license raj. In the name of socialism, large scale fiscal deficits, heavy debt (internal and external), inflation and dull exports have become the order of the day inspite of liberal policies by the state. The non-implementation of various socio-economic and agrarian reforms have caused the country dearly. Similarly non-educating the citizens about their rights and duties has resulted in their not being able to contribute their might to the progress of the nation. The other side our politicians preach equality in all sheres of life but do not take steps to implement the statutory guarantee of equality of opportunity and justice in social economic. Expansion of conveyance i.e. road, rail, airways so as to knit the nation closely within and outside, has remained a dream. Similarly, development in communication has not proceeded in the required manner. Rural rehabilitation by integrated rural development programmes has mostly remained unfulfilled. Control of birth rate and death rate by application of advance medical technology and improvement in the health of people has not been achieved.

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News Focus

□ On 31-1-99 Mr. Justice Ashok Bhan released the journal of the Judicial Departmental Employees Association, Bangalore titled "Sambandha" in Kannada in a simple function organised in City Civil Court Complex.

□ On 3-2-99 Mr. Justice M.F. Saldanha addressed the members of AAB, High Court Unit, on the subject "wild life animals protection".

□ On 4-2-99 Dr. A.R. Balakrishnam M.E., addressed the members of AAB, High Court Unit, on the subject "Alternative Medical Systems."

□ On 10-2-99 students of V.V.Puram Law College, provided a cultural programme in AAB, City Unit. Mr. Justice M.F. Saldanha was the chief guest.

□ On 12-2-99 Sri K. Sreedhar Rao, Principal City Civil and Sessions Judge, Bangalore, inaugurated hopcoms fruits and vegetables sales counter at Mayo Hall premises.

□ On 17-2-99 Mr. David E. Lombardi, Jr., Chief Mediator and Director, Circuit Mediation Program United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, San Francisco, gave a lecture on "Mediating cases with Government Parties" at Hotel Windsor Manor Sheraton, Bangalore. The lecture-discussion programme was jointly organised by the United States Information Service, Chennai and the Advocates Association, Bangalore.

□ On 18-2-99 Mr. Justice A.J. Sadashiva, addressed the Members of AAB, Magistrates Court Unit.

□ On 23-2-99 Mr. S.S. Kumman, Chairman, KSBC and Mr. S.N. Aswathanarayana, Vice-Chairman, KSBC, addressed the members of AAB, City Unit on the topic "Advocates Welfare Measures."

□ On 24-2-99 Karnataka Tax Consultants Association, Bangalore, had organised a seminar on "legal controversies in sales tax law". Sri V. Madhu, Commissioner of Commercial Taxes in Karnataka inaugurated the seminar Mr. K.N. Subba Reddy, President, AAB, presided. The speakers included Mr. D.R. Balaji Singh, Addl. Commissioner [Legal], Mr. E.R. Indra Kumar and Mr. K.P. Kumar, Advocates. Sri S.K. Nahar, President, KTCA, welcomed the participants.

Miscellany

□ As on 13-1-99 Nyayamitra Co-operative Bank had entertained 2721 share holders with the paid up share capital of Rs. 40,25,010/-. The joint registrar of Co-operative Societies, Bangalore, was approached for grant of licence to commence the bank.

□ On 24-1-99 Sri C.S. Ramdas, Advocate, inaugurated the law chamber of Mr. N.H. Ananthanarasimha Sastry at # 19, 10th Main, 27th Cross, Banashankari II Stage, Bangalore-560 070.

□ With effect from 26-1-99 Mr. K.G. Shanthappa Advocate, shifted his law chamber to No. 61/1, II Floor, I Main [Behind Jataka Stand], Palace Guttahalli, Bangalore-560 003. Phone: 3441274 [O] 3330797 (R).

□ On 27-1-99 D.R.P. Babu and Associates opened their new law chamber U-203, II Floor, at Shreshtha Bumi, No. 87, K.R. Road, Bangalore-560 004.

□ On 4-2-99 Sri M.K. Thimmaiah Prabhu, Advocate and popular social worker, was felicitated at Bangalore jointly by Bangalore Nirmapaka Magadi Kempe Gowdara Prachara Samithi (R) and Rangakahale.

□ On 13-2-99 M/s. King & Partridge had organised a function to felicitate its senior partner Mr. T. Subba Rao on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of his enrolment and completion of thirty five years of his association with the firm.

□ On 20-2-99 Ramya Cultural Academy felicitated renowned Sugama Sangeetha Singer, Advocate and Notary Shimoga Subbanna in a grand function organised at Ravindra Kalakshetra, Bangalore, on the occasion of he completing 60 years. A Large gathering of poets, writers, musicians, singers, theatre personalities forming Bangalore's glitterati and Advocates participated. A commemorative volume on the contribution and personality of Sri Shimoga Subbanna was released on the occasion.

□ On 27-2-99 a monthly journal titled "Nyaya Ganga" was released at Maddur, Mandya District by Mr. Justice V. Gopala Gowda The journal is published by Maddur Bar Association.

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Our Independence-Then and Now

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The acquisition of freedom witnessed great solid achievements and also made us pregnant with promising possibilities. Thus we were able to rehabilitate nearly eleven million people, the biggest migration in the world history who were uprooted from their hearths due to partition of India, as India and Pakistan (including the present Bangladesh). Our Constitution has successfully stood the onslaught of storms and stresses, whereas other nations have crumbled leaving doors open to dictatorship of various brands. Expansion of industrial fields, technical fields, small cottage handicrafts, etc., with scientific developments including launching of the spacecrafts and conducting nuclear tests for peace, have been achieved. Self sufficiency in food products due to green and white revolutions thereby putting an end to dependence on imports and building up buffer stocks of food grains and allied food products have become possible. But with all these we are not able to achieve things as other countries have achieved because of lack of cohesiveness. Our people are not trained and educated to discharge their duties as citizens. This is the reason why two statesmen of future vision, namely, Sardar Vallabhai Patel and Chakravarthy Raj Gopalachari were not in favour of immediate introduction of adult franchise in India when we began as a Republic. Their point was that adult franchise should be the ultimate goal of our democracy and this should be achieved after people are trained and educated to discharge their duties as citizens and not when a large section of population is still illiterate. They also pointed out serious limitations on a government by majority as human experiences showed that Christ was crucified and Socrates was administered hemlock (several herbs of carrot nature which are poisonous) by majority of votes. It is unfortunate that we have to tell, what is impolitic and impolite, in a country where national motto is Satyamevayajathe (truth shall prevail).

We are proud of our nation and its achievements. But as stated above, the other side of the picture shows that the resources have not reached its destination i.e., intended beneficiaries have not fully derived benefits fully, as intermediaries like bureaucrats, contractors, etc., have eaten and are still eating vital resources, despite enormous financial resources being provided for implementation of various plants, jobs etc. Be it Bofors, concerning the defence of the country, or security scam, fodder scam, sugar scandal, urea scandal, telecom

scandal, bribing members of the parliament, the people involved in them are trying to get away saying reason for it as the "failure of the system" instead of owning moral responsibility. The above scandals reveal that the individual interest and opportunism is placed above, by politicians in power, subordinating national interest and forgetting Dr. S.Radhakrishnan's caution to the nation that, "Evils have eaten the vitals of the national life and we have slipped into a debt trap." Mr. Churchill once warned that, "Our opportunities are great but let me warn you that when power outstrips ability we will fall on evil days."

This was the reason which made Mahayogi Sri Aurabindo to say, "The modern politician in any part of the world does not represent the soul of the people or its aspirations." Having said this let all of us try to build the nation as visualized by our forefathers and put the nation on track of those glorious times. This can be achieved by making people know their rights and duties, by respecting and upholding the Constitution, by cleaning public life of cant (insincere speech), by bringing up people with wisdom foresight, humility, ability to political life and prevent people from promoting personal parochial (i.e. religious and party interest). By doing so the nation will be saved from the onslaught of spiritual, ethical and moral bankruptcy and we can dream of a day where every Indian will say "nation first" in our thoughts and deeds.

The advance, if any, the nation has made in the first decade of independence is due to the unique path followed by Gandhiji, Nehru's idealism, down to earth pragmatism of Sardar Vallabhai Patel, their sound vision and razor sharp intellect supported by the best brains and minds of India because of which the princely states of India integrated within 18 months without much violence. The 50th year of independence should be an occasion for retrospection, in assessing our achievements and failures and formulating corrective measures to reach the cherished goal of a poverty free India and also to make our rulers/politicians show respect to our values and principles.

Let us pray almighty to give us strength to implement the national motto and to preserve our heritage and culture. Let noble thoughts come to use from every side. Welfare be to our mother and father, welfare to the cows, to the world and to all most. May everybody belonging to us be happy and endowed with auspicious knowledge, may we be seeing the sun for a long time; Atharva Veda.

Eight Wickets Victory

Bangalore Advocates Cricket Team scored a fluent eight wickets victory over the Cricket Team of Bangalore City Police in a match played at KSCA stadium on 21-2-1999. Sri L. Revanasiddaiah, Commissioner, Bangalore City Police, presented a shield to the Advocates Cricket Team.

Lahari Foundation

During February 1999 Lahari Foundation received the following donation:

Rs. 4,500/- from Lahari Advocates Forum and Rs. 500/- from Mr. B.S. Virupakshappa, Advocate.

Literary Union

On 3-2-99 Mr. Justice A.J. Sadashiva inaugurated Sri Kuvempu Memorial Lecture Series organised by the BLU. S/s, C.B. Srinivasan and Ko. Chennabasappa, spoke on the occasion. Continuing with the programme Prof. G.S. Siddalingaiah and Sri H.R. Shankaranarayana, Advocates, spoke on Sri Ramayana Darshanam on 10-2-99.

Miscellany

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From 26th to 28th February 1999, 67th Kannada Sahitya Sammelana was held at Kanakapura, Bangalore Rural District. S/s. H.R. Shankara Narayana, N.S. Satyanarayana Gupta, K.B. Adyapak, M. Ramakrishna, S.N. Krishnamurthy, Y. Vasudeva, M.S. Mandanna, G. Papi Reddy, Aswatha, R.K. Sridhara Murthy, S.V. Shama Rao, S. Srinivasa Murthy, K. Suryanarayana Rao and several other Advocates from Bangalore participated in the Sammelana.

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Humour in Court

A Lawyer went on addressing a lengthy argument. Another lawyer was sitting behind him waiting for his case which was next in the list and he went fast asleep. After two hours the argument ended. Next day they met in the Bar Association.

I Lawyer : How did your feel about my arguments?

II Lawyer : Quite absorbing.

I Lawyer : What about the concluding part of the arguments?

II Lawyer : Certainly it was an eye opener!

American professionalism is known for specialisation. Attorneys are no exception to it. A client visited an attorney with a request to present a claim petition as he had suffered grievous injury to his left leg.

Injured: Sir, I hope you can present my claim petition based on injury I suffered on the left leg.

Attorney : No Sir, I cannot do it.

Injured: Sir, I was recommended to you by one of your erstwhile clients on the ground you have specialised in this type of cases.

Attorney: My specialisation is only in respect of right leg!

Wedding

On 5-2-99 Mr. G.A.K. Gowda, Advocate, married Ms. J. Triveni at Bangalore.

Foreign Tours

During October 1998 Mr. Duke Chris Sherwood, Advocate and Solicitor, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore, visited USA as a delegate to the conference jointly organised by Advocates International USA and Christian Legal Society USA at Chicago.

On 8-2-99 Mr. S.V. Raghavachar, Advocate, left Bangalore for two weeks stay in Singapore.

During the third week of February 1999 Mr. M.K. Srinivasa Iyengar, Advocate, returned to Bangalore after a tour of USA.

Obituary

On 17-2-99 T.R. Narayana Rao [74], Advocate, passed away at Bangalore.

On 23-2-99 M. Shivaram [55], Advocate, passed away at Bangalore.

On 25-2-99 Shivashankar, Advocate passed away at Bangalore.