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Part 1

SC orders revised pay

In a significant order dated April 5 a division bench of the apex court comprising Mr. Justice B. N. Kirpal, Mr. Justice G. B. Pattanaik and Mr. Justice V. N. Khare directed all the states and union territories to implement the pay scales recommended by Mr. Justice K. Jagannath Shetty Commission and to bear the additional cost of such implementation if necessary by raising court fee, approaching the financial commission or the centre for allocation of more funds. The court held that the recommendations of the commission are just, fair and reasonable. This order would benefit more than 13,000 judicial officers in the country.

The court also said that right from the entry level judicial officers must be eligible for promotion to higher judicial service in the ratio of 15% under merit-cum-seniority, 25% on merit by competitive examination and 25% by direct recruitment.

New Judge Sworn-in

Mr. Justice Hotoi Khetoh Sema was sworn in as a judge of the Supreme Court on April 9, 2002. Chief Justice of India Mr. Justice S. P. Bharucha administered the oath of office to Justice Sema at a simple ceremony. With this appointment the strength of judges in the apex court has gone to 25. Before his elevation Justice Sema was functioning as the Chief Justice of Jammu & Kashmir High Court.

Additional Judges appointed

On April 18, 2002 Mr. K. Bhakthavatsala, Mr. K. Ramanna, Mr. S. B. Majage and Mr. M. S. Rajendra Prasad were sworn in as additional judges of Karnataka High Court. These appointments are from the subordinate judiciary. On the same day Mr. Justice D. V. Shylendra Kumar and Mr. Justice N. K. Patil, were sworn in as the permanent judges of the Karnataka High Court. Earlier they were functioning as additional judges of the same court.

Consistency in rulings needed - SC

In a ruling delivered on April 7 a five judge constitution bench headed by Chief Justice S. P. Bharucha called for maintaining consistency while deciding issues involving similar questions of law. In a reference case made to it in regard to interse seniority between members of the Uttar Pradesh Provisional Medical Services appointed on adhoc basis and continued for more than two decades as such and regularised and those appointed after being selected by the State Public Services Commission. The bench observed that "it is of the paramount importance that the law declared by this court should be certain, clear and consistent". Reference to the constitution bench was necessitated in view of the conflicting opinion expressed by a three judge bench and subsequently by a two judge bench in respect of the similar case. Other judges who constituted the bench included Mr. Justice R. C. Lahoti, Mr. Justice M. Santosh Hegde, Ms. Justice Rooma Pal and Mr. Justice Arijit Pasayat.

In a related decision rendered on April 10 another constitution bench comprising Chief Justice Mr. Justice S. P. Bharucha, Mr. Justice S. S. N. Quadri, Mr. Justice U. C. Banerjee, Mr. Justice S. N. Variava and Mr. Justice Shivraj V. Patil ruled that judgment of the apex court cannot be assailed under Art.32 of the constitution but a litigant will have a remedy against gross miscarriage of justice through a curative writ subject to certain conditions. Laying down a mechanism for review of the apex court judgments under a curative writ the court observed that when a litigant felt genuinely aggrieved, the curative petition shall contain a certification by a senior advocate with regard to fulfillment of the guidelines laid down in this regard. The bench said that a curative writ can be maintained only on the ground that the order of the court is against public interest or outside its jurisdiction. It also made clear that when majority of judges are convinced that the matter needed to be heard, only then it should be listed before the same bench which had passed the order.

In a significant observation the bench said "we think a petitioner is entitled to relief 'ex debito justice' (in the interest of justice) if he establishes violation of principles of natural justice in that he was not a party to the 'lis'

(petition) but the judgment adversely affected his interest or if he was a party he was not served with the notice of the proceedings". Disposing of a bunch of writ petitions raising the question whether the Supreme Court judgments could be challenged under Art.32 of the Constitution, the bench said such petitions could only be filed on limited grounds that too by way of curative petition which has to be circulated at the first instance to a bench of three senior most judges and secondly the judges who passed the judgment under challenge.

Senior Citizens get Priority

The Supreme Court has instructed its Registry to try to identify matters relating to Senior Citizens and get them disposed of on priority, it was officially stated on April 22. The Chief Justice of India has also written to Chief Justice of High Courts asking them to give similar treatment in respect of cases involving senior citizens. During March 2002 Law Ministry officials estimated that atleast 1,84,768 Indians passed 65 years of age were awaiting justice before the Supreme Court and High Courts. Official reports stated that Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Kerala High Courts reported highest pendency of such cases.

Around the Courts

□ **Representation of the People Act, 1951 - whether the relief of re-counting can be accepted merely on the possibility of an error in counting?**

The Supreme Court has held that the relief of re-counting in an election cannot be accepted merely on the possibility of an error in counting.

"It is well settled that such allegations must not only be clearly made out but also proved by cogent evidence", the court said.

The ruling was given by the court while dismissing an appeal challenging the election of BJP supported Ram Das Malanger to the last Himachal Pradesh State Assembly.

The appeal was directed against a Himachal Pradesh High Court judgment dismissing a petition by rival candidate Mahendra Pal of INC challenging the election of the successful candidate under the Representation of the People Act, 1951 on grounds that there was improper reception of valid votes in favour of the appellant and irregularities in the course of counting.

The Supreme Court in its judgment of March 4, 2002 said that, the evidence on record did not suggest that there was reception of any invalid or void votes.

"No foundation or evidence is led by the appellant that there was improper reception, refusal or rejection of any vote nor there is any submission made by him that there was any vote, which was void and taken into consideration in favour of the respondent", the judges observed.

□ **Maharashtra Sales Tax Act, whether Sai Publication Fund is a dealer amenable to tax?**

In a judgment delivered during the first week of April the apex court has ruled that sale of books, pamphlets, photographs, stickers and other publications containing message of Saibaba of Shirdi cannot be subjected to sales tax. The Bench comprising Mr. Justice S. V. Patil and Justice B. P. Singh said the Sai Publication Fund, a trust set up by the devotees of Saibaba was neither a 'dealer' nor was carrying on trade and commerce in the sense of occupation to be a dealer as its main object is to spread a message of Saibaba of Shirdi.

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No one can ever be sure how courts will interpret any new law or amendment.

Susan C. Ross

Apex Court is not infallible

It is a good augury that the two constitutional benches of the apex court had to bring home the fact that its judgments must be certain, clear and consistent apart from the need to establish an inhouse mechanism providing for review of its verdicts. Experience of the court's functioning for more than half a century in independent India had shown that not only the tenor of the judgments rendered by the Supreme Court were inconsistent but also the fact the litigant had no remedy against patently unsustainable verdicts. It was often remarked that the Supreme Court judgments were not infallible but it was final because there was no appeal against the court's verdicts. It was more agonising since the judgments of the apex court has a binding effect on all courts in India under Art. 141 of the Constitution.

Any judicial dispensation could command respect and adherence only when it is certain, clear and consistent. Judicial discipline demands that when once a judgment is delivered by the apex court firstly it should bind all judges of the same court unless it is revised by a higher bench. When the law is certain it becomes easy for courts of the land to follow such decisions. It is also convenient for the lawyers fraternity to tender suitable advice to the litigants. Moreover the reported judgments will be read worldover. In this view of the matter one constitution bench of the apex court had to restate the obvious and advise itself about importance of its judgments being certain, clear and consistent. Hope the advise of the constitution bench will be well received and atleast in future the judgments of the Supreme Court would be consistent.

Very fact that a bunch of writ petitions invoking Art.32 of the constitution had been filed before the apex court seeking in effect review of its final judgments speak volumes about the fallibility of the court's judgments. It is another thing that one more constitution bench of the Supreme Court had to rule that curative petitions can be filed by the unsuccessful litigant under certain circumstances but the verdicts of the court cannot be challenged by invoking Art.32 of the constitution.

By whatever process review of the court verdicts can be sought it is heartening to note that the constitution bench had to intervene and suggest a mechanism for review of the court's verdicts. Significantly the constitution bench found it necessary that a Senior Advocate should certify that the curative petition fulfills the guidelines laid down by the court thereby recognising role of the Bar as the basis for processing the curative petition at threshold.

If any courts in India deliver a wrong judgment aggrieved can approach the apex court. On the otherhand if the highest court of the land itself laid down law which is palpably wrong where does the litigant can go?

Showcause notice to judicial officer

Mr. Justice T. S. Thakur ordered on April 23, issuance of showcause notice to the Principal Civil Judge (Jr. Div.) and JMFC Chikaballapur for not complying with the direction issued by the high court. In an injunction suit filed by a liquor contractor the trial court ordered maintenance of status quo against the Excise Department from collecting more than 75% of kist amount. Excise Department filed IA contending that the suit is not maintainable. However, the trial court refused to pass order on the IA. The Excise Department having approached the High Court obtained a direction to the trial court to pass an order on IA within two weeks. Instead of complying with the direction the trial court directed the office to intimate its decision (not to pass order on IA) to the high court. The high court took serious view of the matter and ordered for issue of showcause notice.

Welfare Measure

You are aware that an Advocates' block with 6 wards and twelve beds, has been functioning in the Victoria Hospital, Bangalore. Members of the Advocates Co-operative Society and their dependents are eligible for admission. Needy members can avail the facility by obtaining letter from the society. Charges of Rs. 50 for non A/c and Rs. 100 for A/c accomodation requires to be paid for admission.

Transfers / Postings of Judicial Officers

The following transfers and postings of Judicial Officers have been ordered to take effect from 27.5.2002. Names of the transferee judges and their new places of posting are furnished below :

District Judges (Selection time scale)

Messers

Abdul Rasheed Siddiqui, Principal City Civil and Sessions Judge, Bangalore City; **P. V. Hogade**, Principal District and Sessions Judge, Bangalore rural district; **H. G. Ramesh**, Principal District and Sessions Judge, Hassan; **G. Narahari**, Principal District and Sessions Judge, Belgaum; **N. Ananda**, Presiding Officer of Karnataka State Transport Appellate Tribunal, Bangalore;

District Judges

K. N. Nagendra Kumar, proposed for appointment as principal Judge, Family Court, Bangalore; **K. G. Hosur**, Principal District and Sessions Judge, Mysore; **G. V. Hegde**, Principal District and Sessions Judge, Kolar; **S. T. Kudasomannavar**, District and Sessions Judge, Bidar; **A. H. Adappanavar**, District and Sessions Judge, Koppal; **D. Krishnappa**, Registrar, Karnataka Lokayukta, Bangalore; **M. G. Sudheendra**, District and Sessions Judge, Chitradurga; **K. H. Malleshappa**, Member, Karnataka Appellate Tribunal, Bangalore; **V. G. Charatri**, II Additional District and Sessions Judge, Bijapur; **G. T. Veerabhadrappe**, proposed for appointment as I Additional Judge, Family Court, Bangalore; **S. Siddalingesh**, proposed for appointment as Presiding Officer, Labour Court, Bangalore; **V. B. Shiriyanavar**, Charity Commissioner, Belgaum; **Babarao Anand Rao Muchandi**, I Additional District and Sessions Judge, Tumkur; **S. D. Paramaj**, I Additional District and Sessions Judge, Mysore; **K. M. Thimmaiah** proposed for appointment as Presiding Officer, III Additional Labour Court, Bangalore; **J. C. Neeralagi** proposed for appointment as Presiding Officer, Additional Industrial Tribunal, Bangalore; **Jayaram Ramakrishna Hegde**, I Additional District and Sessions Judge, Dharwad; **H. M. Bhajantri**, I Additional District and Sessions Judge, Kolar; **H. R. Sudeer**, 32nd Additional City Civil and Sessions Judge, Bangalore; **I. S. Antin**, proposed for appointment as Presiding Officer, Industrial Tribunal, Mysore; **Joshi Arun Ramaro**, 21st Additional City Civil and Sessions Judge, Bangalore; **M. S. Balakrishna**, 31st Additional City Civil and Sessions Judge, Bangalore; **A. T. Munnoli**, III Additional District and Sessions Judge, Mysore; **Pradeep Dattatreya Waingankar**, I Additional District and Sessions Judge, Mangalore; **Mohan Sripad Sankolli**, II Additional District and Sessions Judge, Belgaum; **T. Rajashekaraiah** proposed for appointment as Presiding Officer, Labour Court, Mysore; **K. V. Krishnamurthy**, Additional District and Sessions Judge, Chikmagalur; **K. D. Dehpande**, II Additional District and Sessions Judge, Mangalore; **S. M. Reddy**, Additional Registrar, Lokayukta; **M. M. Khan**, Presiding Officer, Karnataka Wakf Tribunal, Belgaum; **Rudragouda S. Patil**, Member, Karnataka Appellate Tribunal, Bangalore; **Sreenivasa** proposed for appointment as II Additional Judge, Family Court, Bangalore; **H. R. Deshpande**, 26th Additional City Civil and Sessions Judge, Bangalore; **T. H. Narayana Gowda**, One of the Additional City Civil and Sessions Judge, Bangalore; **Moosekunhi Nayar Moole**, Presiding Officer, Karnataka Wakf Tribunal, Bangalore;

The following Civil Judges (Senior Division) are promoted and appointed to officiate as District Judges

Messers

Noorahamad Nawajsaheb Darwadkar, Presiding Officer, Karnataka Wakf Tribunal, Gulbarga; **B. Durgappa**, 22nd additional city civil and sessions judge, Bangalore; **Nagaraj B. Kulkarni**, II Additional city civil and sessions judge, Bangalore; **Mouneshappa S. Bilki**, 11th additional city civil and sessions judge, Bangalore; **Syed Ameen Ali**, Presiding Officer, Karnataka Wakf Tribunal, Mysore; **Karanappa Rastapur**, Member, Karnataka Appellate Tribunal, Bangalore; **Pandurang V. Singri**, Proposed for appointment as judge, Family Court, Raichur; **Suryakanth S. Kumbhar**, VI additional city civil and sessions judge, Bangalore; **Kenchegowda**, Member, Karnataka Appellate Tribunal, Bangalore; **Yashoda S. Armugam**, 20th additional city civil and sessions judge, Bangalore; **T. Hiriappa Gowda**, Member, Karnataka Appellate Tribunal, Bangalore; **M. Raju**, Proposed for appointment as Presiding Officer, Labour Court, Bijapur; **Narasimha S. Kulkarni**, District Judge, Leave Reserve, Karnataka High Court, Bangalore

Civil Judges (Senior Division)

Messers

K. Shivaram, Judge, Court of Small Causes, Bangalore; **M. S. Hegde Nagare**, Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Bangalore; **S. N. Kempe Goudar**, Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bangalore; **B. C. Pattar**, Principal Civil Judge and CJM, Dharwad; **A. B. Wadeyar**, PCJ and CJM, Bidar; **B. Shivalinge Gowda**, I Additional Civil Judge, Mangalore; **Shivananda A. Katti**, PCJ & CJM, Mysore; **D. S. Shinde**, I Additional Civil Judge, Dharwad; **R. M. Shettar**, PCJ & CJM, Bijapur; **D. Vishweshwara Bhat**, PCJ & CJM, Chitradurga; **S. G. Kashimath**, Civil Judge, Chintamani; **Tekkalki Vittal Rao**, Head of Legal Cell, PWD and Irrigation Dept., Bangalore; **Ravindra M. Vaidya**, I ACMM, Bangalore; **A. Manjunathappa**, Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore; **Vidyavathi S. Akki**, II Additional Civil Judge, Bagalkot; **D. R. Venkatasudarshan**, Deputy Secretary, Karnataka Legal Services Authority, Bangalore; **B. Balakrishna**, Civil Judge & CJM, Udupi; **K. A. Lalitha**, I Additional Civil Judge, Mysore; **Jeevanrao R. Kulkarni**, II Additional Civil Judge, Dharwad; **D. R. Renake**, Additional Civil Judge, Shimoga; **V. G. Bopaiah**, Deputy Registrar, Lokayukta, Bangalore; **J. S. Deshpande**, Judge, Court of Small Causes, Mysore; **Javid Pasha**, Head of Legal Cell, Industries and Commerce Dept, Bangalore; **D. S. Muttur**, Civil Judge, Kudligi; **Gunjigavi Siddappa Bhimappa**, Civil Judge & CJM, Raichur; **Prakash Kumar**, Civil Judge & JMFC, Tarikere; **C. R. Benakanahalli**, Civil Judge & JMFC, Hospet; **Mahadevegowda**, Additional Civil Judge, Udupi; **C. S. Nanjundappa**, Civil Judge, Kundapura; **Nelhal Sharanappa**, I Additional Civil Judge, Gulbarga; **Chanabasappa V. Margoor**, IV Additional Solicitor and ex-officio deputy secretary, Law Dept., Bangalore;

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Course inaugurated

Under the joint auspices of the Indian Federation of Women Lawyers, Karnataka Chapter and the Karnataka Judicial Academy the second batch of training for lady lawyers was inaugurated at Bangalore on April 20, 2002 by Mr. Justice K. G. Balakrishnan, Judge, Supreme Court of India. 50 lady lawyers registered the names to undergo the training to be concluded on April 29, 2002. Mr. Justice N. K. Jain, Chief Justice of High Court of Karnataka, was a chief guest at the function. Mr. Justice P. V. Shetty, Director, KJA and Mr. R. N. Narasimha Murthy, Senior Counsel and Former Advocate-General were the guests of honour. Ms. K. Sheela Anish, president of IFWL, Karnataka Chapter welcomed the guests and participants.

Report : S. Vivekananda, Advocate

Court boycott

Members of the Gulbarga Bar Association boycotted court proceedings on April 5 and took out a procession in the city demanding action against police officials who had unnecessarily attacked a senior lawyer on March 27 and humiliated him. Around 200 lawyers participated in the procession and submitted a memorandum to Chief Minister S. M. Krishna through the Gulbarga Deputy Commissioner.

Kolar Diary

On 20.4.2002 under the joint auspices of District Legal Services Authority, Kolar and Advocate Association, Kolar, Sri G. Narahari, Principal District and Sessions Judge, Kolar, inaugurated legal literacy camp and 9th Lok Adalath at Public prosecutors' complex, Kolar. Sri N. Sampath Kumar, President Advocates' Association Bangalore, presided.

Wedding

On 29.4.2002 Ms. Sree Rekha, Advocate married Mr. Ganesh at Bangalore. Ms. Sree Rekha is the daughter of Mr. S. Narayana, Advocate.

Foreign Tour

On 14.4.2002 Mr. N. K. Gupta, Advocate and his family left Bangalore onwards to USA. He is likely to return by mid-June 2002.

Lawyers castigated

A division bench of the Karnataka High Court comprising Mr. Justice M. F. Saldanha and Mr. Justice D. V. Shylendra Kumar, indicated its unmitigated anger at the manner in which the lawyers practising before the Motor Accident Claims Tribunal (MACT) in the state have been functioning. These observations were made in response to the allegations that in majority of such cases the whole of the compensation amount is never received by the accident victims but swallowed by their lawyers. While disposing of an appeal filed by claimant against KSRTC on April 10, the court took judicial notice of the total lack of professionalism and honesty in the conduct of cases by the lawyers who appear before MACT, the court observed that the only interest of the lawyers is directed towards the appropriating the compensation awarded.

HC orders arrest

A division bench of the Karnataka High Court comprising Mr. Justice M. F. Saldanha and Mr. Justice N. K. Patil ordered on April 8 directing the Bangalore City Police to arrest Mr. M. D. Jain, Joint Commissioner of Commercial Taxes, Bangalore and two employees of the Bangalore Family Court for allegedly tampering with the court records. In a matrimonial case between Mr. M. D. Jain and his estranged wife certain documents were produced as evidence before the Family Court correctness of which was admitted by the husband. Later on a complaint of the wife the Family Court judge found that a crucial document (exhibit P43) had been substituted by the husband in connivance of two staffers of the family court.

Ramanavami Celebrations

□ On 19.4.2002 Ramanavami was celebrated for the first time in the Chambers of the High Court Senior Standing Counsel for Central Government. A large number of advocates participated.

□ On 20.4.2002 Ramanavami was celebrated with traditional gaiety at the AAB, City Civil Court unit. A large congregation of judges, judicial officers and advocates participated in the programme. Mr. H. L. Narasimha Murthy, Advocate, took the lead in arranging the programme.

□ On 21.4.2002 Ramanavami was celebrated as annual feature in AAB, Mayohall Unit. This time the gathering crossed more than 800 persons. Pooja was followed by a sumptuous lunch.

Transfer / Postings of Judicial Officers

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M. C. Sachidananda Prasad, I Additional Civil Judge, Bijapur; Rudramani Rudrappayya Byranpadmath, Additional Civil Judge, Bidar; Ninganaouda Jantali, Head of Legal Cell, Home and Transport Dept., Bangalore; K. Nagarathna, Head of Legal Cell, RDPR Dept., Bangalore; K. H. Mallapa, Additional Civil Judge, Hubli; C. R. Shivapuji, II Additional Civil Judge, Dharwad; L. F. Malavalli, Head of Legal Cell, Finance and Labour Depts., Bangalore; Marthand Parappa Tonne, II Additional Civil Judge, Bijapur.

The following Civil Judges (junior division) have been promoted to Civil Judges (senior division) and posted to the places mentioned against their names :

Messers

Mallappa Chandramappa Biradar, II Additional Judge, Court of Small Causes, Bangalore; Bailur Shankar Ram, Deputy Registrar, Lokayukta, Bangalore; Padmaraj Nemachandra Desai, III Additional Solicitor and Ex-officio Deputy Secretary, Law Dept., Bangalore; Manjula, V Additional Solicitor and Ex-officio Deputy Secretary, Law Dept., Bangalore; Ashwathanarayana, Civil Judge & JMFC, Sagar; K. B. M. Patel, VIII Additional Judge, Court of Small Causes, Bangalore; A. K. Mulla, V ACMM, Bangalore; Balappa Karbasappa Bhute, II Additional Civil Judge, Gulbarga; K. Palakshappa, Civil Judge, Basavakalyana; Prakash L. Nadiger, IV ACMM, Bangalore; Eshappa Bhute, Civil Judge & JMFC, Jamkhandi; T. G. Channabasappa, Civil Judge & JMFC, Puttur; Mallanagouda Shankaragouda Patil, Civil Judge, Muddebihal; Rajeev Gurunath Joshi, Head of Legal Cell, DP&AR, Bangalore; Vaidya Annaji Venkatesh, III Additional Civil Judge, Gulbarga; Lakshmikanth Ramappa Deshi, IX Additional Judge, Court of Small Causes, Bangalore; A. Gurumurthy, VIII ACMM, Bangalore; Sridevi S. Angadi, III Additional Civil Judge, Belgaum; Kalasa kara Kishandutt, Head of Legal Cell, Revenue Dept., Bangalore; Hegde Narayan Venkataraman, Deputy Registrar, Lokayukta, Bangalore

Civil Judges (Junior Division)

Messers

Shivaputrapa Alawandi, Civil Judge & JMFC, Shahabad; Rajashekara Balawantappa Garasangi, Civil Judge & JMFC, Kushtagi; Rajmohan Srivatsava, Assistant Director, Karnataka Judicial Academy, Bangalore; B. S. Bhagyarathna, Civil Judge & JMFC, Tarikere; Khazi Jayabunnisa Mohiuddin, Assistant Solicitor and Ex-officio Secretary, Law Dept., Bangalore; Gopalakrishna Koli, Civil Judge & JMFC, Hungund; H. M. Nanjundaswamy, Civil Judge, Holalkere; K. S. Thimmanachar, Civil Judge & JMFC, Honnali; Shrikanth Shimpi, Assistant Registrar, Lokayukta, Bangalore; Ibrahim Feerasab Bidari, Principal Civil Judge & JMFC, Sirsi; Damanaowda Veeranna Gowda Patil, Principal Civil Judge, Udupi; Laxman Rao Maskini, Principal Civil Judge, Belgaum; Suresh Laxman Krishappa Ventigodi, Civil Judge & JMFC, Shiggaon; Neelappa Ningappa Yelavatti, Civil Judge and JMFC, Yadgir; Ulhas Ishwar Balekundri, Principal Civil Judge, Hubli; Kattimani Prahlad Tukaramappa, Principal Civil Judge & JMFC II court, Tumkur; Shubha Gowdar, Principal Civil Judge & JMFC, Chitradurga; Rachappa Kuberappa Talikoti, Principal Civil Judge & JMFC II Court, Raichur; Anil Bheemsen Katti, Civil Judge & JMFC, Banahatti; Shankrayya Basavayya Vastramath, Civil judge & JMFC, Khanapur; Kulkarni Ambadas G., Civil Judge & JMFC, Aurad; H. K. Jagadeesh, Civil Judge & JMFC, Chamarajanagar; P. Narayana Acharya, Civil Judge & JMFC, Kortagere; Gurunath Shamba Revankar, Civil Judge & JMFC, Haveri; T. M. Nagaraj, Civil Judge & JMFC, Hiriyur; Devendrapa Yamanappa Basapur, Principal Civil Judge & JMFC, Sindgi; Suresh H. S., Civil Judge & JMFC, Nanjangud; B. S. Bharathi, Civil Judge & JMFC, Kunigal; Shrikant Appasaheb Kabburkar, Civil Judge & JMFC, Navalgund; Tyagaraj N. Invally, Civil Judge & JMFC, Jagalur; Basavaraj Chagaraddi, Civil Judge & JMFC, Jamkhandi; Jinaralkar Bheemrao Lagamappa, Civil Judge & JMFC, Basavanabagewadi; Subhas Mallappa Channappanavar, Civil Judge & JMFC, Molakalmur; M. Ramachandra, Civil Judge & JMFC, Bhalki; Prakasha K., Principal Civil Judge & JMFC, Virajpet; Gurunath Virupakshappa Turamari, Additional Civil Judge & JMFC, Bagalkot; Muddalaiah, Civil Judge & JMFC, Lingasugur; Sadananda Malleshappa Kalal, Civil Judge & JMFC, Soraba; Mahanthappa A. D., Civil Judge & JMFC, Gundlupet; D. Manjunath, Civil Judge & JMFC, Gangavathi; Shuklaksha Palan, Principal Civil Judge, Sagar; D. T. Puttarangaswamy, Civil Judge & JMFC, Sira; Donekallu Veeranna, Civil Judge & JMFC, Yelburga; Bannikatti Hanumanthappa R., Civil Judge & JMFC, Manvi; U. Chandrashekar, Additional Civil Judge & JMFC, Kundapur; R. Sharada, Assistant Registrar, Lokayukta, Bangalore; A. K. Naveen Kumari, Civil Judge & JMFC, Turuvekere; Kotrayya Mahalingayya Hiremath, Civil Judge & JMFC, Harapanahalli; C. Rajashekar, II Additional Civil Judge, Mysore; K. Subramanya, Civil Judge & JMFC, Nagamangala; Meti Pampanagoud, Civil Judge & JMFC, Hukkeri; Uma Shashidhar Mathad, Additional Civil Judge, Chitradurga; Kulkarni Sudheer Hanumanthrao, Principal Civil Judge & JMFC, Chikkodi; B. S. Rekha, Principal Civil Judge, Mandya; Meenakshi Mahadevappa Bani, Civil Judge & JMFC, Bailhongal; Ravindra M. Joshi, Civil Judge & JMFC, Dandeli; Pruthviraj Vernekar, II Additional Civil Judge & JMFC II court, Gulbarga; Venkatesh R. Bhagat, Principal Civil Judge & JMFC II court, Madikeri; M. Chandrashekar Reddy, Principal Civil Judge & JMFC, Hospet; Krishna Vasanthrao Kerur, III Additional Civil Judge & JMFC II court, Gulbarga; C. Chandrasekar, Principal Civil Judge, Madhugiri; Haleema, JMFC III court, Mysore; A. G. Gangadhara, III Additional Civil Judge, Mysore; K. C. Sadanandaswamy, Civil Judge & JMFC, Sandur; Naganur Shivayogappa Nagappa, Civil Judge & JMFC II court, Hassan; Umesh Moolimani, Civil Judge & JMFC, Nippani; Hemavathi, I Additional Civil Judge & JMFC II court, Hassan; A. Vijayan, Civil Judge & JMFC, Mulbagal; Mohammed Ismail, Principal Civil Judge & JMFC, Doddaballapur; P. J. Somashekhara, Civil Judge & JMFC, Athani; Nagaveni, Special JMFC-sales tax, Bangalore; Gopalakrishna Rai T., Deputy Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore; Rudolph Pereira, Civil Judge & JMFC, Sringeri; A. Lourdu Mariyappa, Civil Judge & JMFC, Periyapatna; M. H. Shantha, Civil Judge & JMFC, T. Narasipura; Manappa Dyavappa Talwar, Civil Judge & JMFC, Huvinahadagali; Lokappa N. R., Civil Judge & JMFC, Harihar

Hearty Congratulations



Sri Aravind Kumar, Additional Central Government Standing Counsel, has been appointed as a member of the Regional Direct Taxes Advisory Committee, Bangalore, along with officers and personalities representing trade, industry, academics, banking and professionals. A member of parliament and the Commissioner of Commercial Taxes in Karnataka are also members of this committee of which the Commissioner of Income Tax, Bangalore, is ex-officio Chairman. This committee would advise on matters relating to Income Tax, Wealth Tax, Estate Duty, Gift Tax and Expenditure Tax apart from suggesting measures for encouraging mutual understanding and co-operation between the tax payers and the Income Tax Department. Sri Aravind Kumar is the former vice president of Lahari Advocates Forum and Convenor of Moot Court Competitions organised by Lahari Law Academy. Lahari parivar congratulates him on this achievement.

Titbits

□ According to a complaint lodged with Vidhan Soudha Police by the Assistant Registrar of the High Court of Karnataka between 23rd and 25th April 2002 (during summer vacation) the office of the private secretary to the Chief Justice of High Court of Karnataka (adjacent to the Chief Justice's Chamber) was burgled and the burglars decamped with a printer and telephone instrument worth over Rs. 20,000.

□ According to a complaint lodged by Mr. Vinay Giri, Advocate, with the cyber crime police in Bangalore hundred hours of internet time of M/s King and Partridge was hacked by two persons namely Vinitha of Koramangala and David of Frazer Town to whom telephone lines could be traced. The hacking is said to have taken place between February 1st and April 11.

News Focus

□ On 6.4.2002 AAB hosted a function in the banquet hall, Bangalore, to felicitate Mr. Justice K. H. N. Kuranga, the Chief Justice of Chattisgarh High Court. Mr. Justice N. K. Jain, Chief Justice of High Court of Karnataka, was the chief guest. Mr. K. N. Subba Reddy, President of AAB presided.

□ On 6.4.2002 a debate on state budget 2002-03 and its impact on trade and industry was inaugurated by Sri V. Madhu IAS, Commissioner of Commercial Taxes in Karnataka at Bangalore. Sri K. Ramaswamy, past President FKCCI was the chief guest at the function organised by the Karnataka Tax Consultants Association. Mr. S. K. Nahar, President of KICA, welcomed the guests. The speakers included Sri D. R. Balaji Singh, Addl. Commissioner of Commercial Taxes, Sri S. Narayana and Sri E. R. Indra Kumar, Advocates. Sri V. T. Manohar proposed vote of thanks.

□ On 10.4.2002 AAB Mayo Hall unit had organised a health awareness programme. Dr. Jamuna spoke on the occasion.

□ On 19.4.2002 AAB had organised a farewell function in the High Court unit in connection with the retirement of Mr. Justice G. Patri Basavana Goud, Judge, High Court of Karnataka. Mr. Justice N. K. Jain, Chief Justice of the High Court of Karnataka was the chief guest at the function. Mr. K. N. Subba Reddy, President AAB, presided.

□ On 20.4.2002 annual day was celebrated by AAB in the High Court unit. Mr. Justice N. K. Jain, Chief Justice of High Court of Karnataka, Mr. Justice P. Vishwanath Shetty and Mr. Justice N. K. Patil, Judges of the High Court were the chief guests at the function. Mr. K. N. Subba Reddy, President AAB, presided.

□ On 20.4.2002 AAB May Hall unit had organised a lecture on WTO and its impact on Indian Society. Mr. Abraham Varghese, Management Consultant and All India Co-convenor Swadeshi Jagaran Manch delivered a lecture.

□ On 29.4.2002 Sri S. M. Krishna, Chief Minister of Karnataka, inaugurated the 8th State level Conference of Advocates at Belgaum. Karnataka State Bar Council had organised the Conference while Belgaum Bar Association hosted it.

Miscellany

□ In the light of his victory in the Kanakapura Parliamentary bye-election Mr. H. D. Deve Gowda hosted dinner for Advocates on 5.4.2002 at the NGO Auditorium, Bangalore.

Obituary

We regret to report that :

□ On 1.4.2002 Byappa, Advocate, passed away at Bangalore.

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□ **Sec. 173 of the code of Criminal Procedure, police can submit documents after charge sheet;**

In a judgment delivered on April 5 a division bench of apex court comprising Mr. Justice M. B. Shah, Mr. Justice Brijesh Kumar and Mr. Justice D. M. Dharmadhikari has ruled that police or investigating agency can submit additional documents to the trial court after filing of a charge sheet. Giving a wider meaning to Sec. 173 Cr.PC the court said that normally an investigating officer is required to produce all the relevant documents at the time of submitting the charge sheet. At the same time, as there is no specific prohibition, it cannot be held that the additional documents cannot be produced subsequently.

CBI had challenged a Mumbai special court order, trying securities scam cases, rejecting an application by the agency for the production of additional documents. While setting aside the Mumbai special court order the court said filing of additional documents could not cause any prejudice to the accused and that Sec. 173 (5) cannot be interpreted as mandatory, but be treated as directory. Mr. Justice Shah said in fact Sec. 173(8) made it clear that even after the charge sheet was submitted, further investigation is not precluded. "If further investigation is not precluded then there is no question of not permitting the prosecution to produce additional documents which were gathered prior to or subsequent to investigation".

□ **Completion of Criminal Trials - No time frame;**

In a judgment delivered on April 16, a seven judge constitution bench of the Supreme Court declared that the earlier judgment of the court in common causes case fixing time frame for conclusion of criminal trials is no longer good law. Further the court ruled that no time frame could be fixed for completion of trial in criminal cases. The verdict of the constitution bench comprising Chief Justice Mr. Justice S. P. Bharucha, Mr. Justice S. S. M. Quadri, Mr. Justice R. C. Lahoti, Mr. Justice N. Santosh Hegde, Mr. Justice Doraiswamy Raju, Ms. Justice Ruma Pal and Mr. Justice Arijit Pasayat was unanimous.

□ **Sec. 13(1)(d)(i) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 - mere acceptance of money without any further evidence is not sufficient to convict an accused;**

A division bench of the Supreme Court in its judgment dated April 25 ruled that mere acceptance of money without any further evidence would not be sufficient for convicting an accused for charge of receiving bribe. It held that there must be evidence on record that the accused obtained for himself or for any other person any valuable thing or pecuniary advantage by either corrupt or illegal means or by abusing his position as a public servant or he obtained for any person any valuable thing or pecuniary advantage without any public interest to convict a person under Sec. 13 (1)(d) (i) of the PC Act. Mr. Justice M. B. Shah, Mr. Justice B. P. Singh and Mr. Justice S. K. Sema while allowing an appeal by a police officer against the judgment of the Gujarat High Court upholding a special court verdict set aside the conviction and

sentence of the special court. The court observed that after going through the evidence of panch witness it is difficult to find out any statement made by him that the accused police officer demanded any amount from the complainant. On the otherhand the relevant part of this witness suggest that when the prosecution party went to the police chowki the accused asked the complainant as to why he had come there at all at that time.

□ **States cannot levy local tax on electricity generated at a power station located in the state but supplied to other states;**

In an important ruling delivered on April 23 the Supreme Court held that no state can levy local tax on electricity generated at a power station located in that state but supplied to other states. A five judge constitution bench comprising Mr. Justice S. P. Bharucha, Mr. Justice R. C. Lahoti, Mr. Justice N. Santosh Hegde, Ms. Justice Ruma Pal and Mr. Justice Arijit Pasayat rejected contention of Andhra Pradesh that it had the authority to levy tax as electricity was a consumable item. The court held that such a proposition would be prejudicial to the nation's unity and lead to multiple taxation. The court observed that the proposition that a state can levy tax "would result in hampering free movement of electricity between the states, and therefore, prejudicial to freedom of trade, commerce". A NTPC plant situated in Andhra Pradesh is supplying power to Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Goa.

Disproportionate Punishment

On April 14, 2002 Supreme Court held that debarring a person from pursuing his career for life is an extreme punishment and called for caution and circumspection before passing the verdict.

The ruling was given by a bench comprising Justices R. C. Lahoti and P. V. Reddy while partly allowing an appeal by Advocate Rajendra V. Pai. The appeal was directed against an order of the Bar Council of India confirming an order of the Bar Council of Maharashtra and Goa, directing removal of Pai's name from the State roll of 'Advocates for life' on charges of professional misconduct.

Pai allegedly solicited professional work from the residents of his village and settled contingent fee depending on the quantum of compensation awarded to them for land acquisition. Incidentally, the Advocate's land had also been acquired and he was a party to the acquisition case.

The bench noted that probity and high standard of ethics in professional career, particularly of an Advocate, must certainly be maintained and cases of proved professional misconduct severely dealt with. It said, undoubtedly, Pai should not have indulged in prosecuting or defending a litigation in which he had a personal interest in view of his family property being involved. Yet, in the totality of facts, Pai's punishment was so disproportionate as to prick the court's conscience.

ಬಿವೆಂಪು ವಚನಗಳು ಪುಸ್ತಕ ಬಿಡುಗಡೆ

ಇದೇ ೨೪.೪.೨೦೦೨ರಂದು ವಕೀಲ ಮಿತ್ರ ರಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಎಂ. ಪುಟ್ಟೇಗೌಡರ ವಿರಚಿತ ಕವನ ಸಂಕಲನ "ಬಿವೆಂಪು ವಚನಗಳು" ವಕೀಲರ ಸಂಘದ ಆವರಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ ೧೨.೦೦ ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಉಚ್ಚ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದ ಗೌ|| ನ್ಯಾಯಮೂರ್ತಿ ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಗೋಪಾಲಗೌಡರ ಅಮೃತಹಸ್ತದಿಂದ ಬಿಡುಗಡೆಯಾಯಿತು. ಕೃತಿಯ ಕುರಿತು ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಾಹಿತಿ ಶ್ರೀ ಹೀ. ಚಿ. ಶಾಂತವೀರಯ್ಯನವರು ಮಾತನಾಡಿ ಬಿ. ಎಂ. ಪುಟ್ಟೇಗೌಡರ ಸಾಧನೆಯನ್ನು ಪ್ರಶಂಸಿಸಿದರು. ಸಮಾರಂಭದ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷತೆಯನ್ನು ವಕೀಲರ ಸಂಘದ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಎನ್. ಸುಬ್ಬಾರ್ಡಿಯವರು ವಹಿಸಿದ್ದು ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮವನ್ನು ಸುಸೂತ್ರವಾಗಿ ನಡೆಸಿಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಲ್ಲದೆ ತಮ್ಮ ಎಂದಿನ ರಂಜನೀಯ ಶೈಲಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತನಾಡಿ ನೆರವರನ್ನು ರಂಜಿಸಿದರು. ಸಂಘದ ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ ಯವರೂ ಉಪಸ್ಥಿತರಿದ್ದು ಸಭೆಯನ್ನು ಯಥೋಚಿತ ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆಸಿಕೊಟ್ಟರು. ಬಿ. ಎಂ. ಪುಟ್ಟೇಗೌಡ ರವರಿಂದ ಇನ್ನೂ ಉತ್ತಮ ಕೃತಿಗಳು ಹೊರ ಬರಲೆಂದು ಆಶಿಸೋಣ.

ವರದಿ : ಜಿ. ಎಸ್. ಎನ್.

ಕೋರ್ಟ್ ಶುಲ್ಕ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ ಕಲಂ ವಜಾ

ರಾಜ್ಯ ಕೋರ್ಟ್ ಫೀ ಹಾಗೂ ವ್ಯಾಜ್ಯಗಳ ಮೌಲ್ಯ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ ಸೆಕ್ಷನ್ ೭ (೨) (ಡಿ) ಯನ್ನು ಹೈಕೋರ್ಟ್ ರದ್ದುಪಡಿಸಿದೆ.

ಸಂವಿಧಾನ ಬಾಹಿರವಾಗಿರುವ ಹಾಗೂ ಅವೈಜ್ಞಾನಿಕವಾಗಿರುವ ಈ ಸೆಕ್ಷನ್ ರದ್ದುಪಡಿಸಿ ನ್ಯಾಯಮೂರ್ತಿ ಆರ್. ಗುರುರಾಜನ್ ಅವರು ತೀರ್ಪು ನೀಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಭೂ ಒಡೆತನ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ವ್ಯಾಜ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ದರದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೋರ್ಟ್ ಫೀ ಕಟ್ಟಬೇಕು ಎಂಬ ನಿಬಂಧನೆ ಜಾರಿಗೆ ತರಲು ಸಾಧ್ಯವಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಹೈಕೋರ್ಟ್ ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟಪಡಿಸಿದೆ.

ಉತ್ತರ ಕನ್ನಡ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ಹೊನ್ನಾವರ ತಾಲೂಕಿನ ರೈತ ಮಾಧವ ನಾರಾಯಣ ನಾಯಕ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದ್ದ ರಿಟ್ ಅರ್ಜಿಯನ್ನು ವಿಚಾರಣೆಗೆ ಪುರಸ್ಕರಿಸಿದ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯ ಈ ತೀರ್ಪು ನೀಡಿದೆ.

ಕೃಷಿ ಆಧಾರಿತ ಭೂಮಿಗೆ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ದರದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೋರ್ಟ್ ಶುಲ್ಕ ಪಾವತಿ ಸಂವಿಧಾನ ಬಾಹಿರ ಎಂದು ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯ ೧೯೮೫ರಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟಪಡಿಸಿದ್ದರೂ ಅದನ್ನು ಜಾರಿಗೆ ತರದ ಸರಕಾರದ ಕಾರ್ಯವೈಖರಿಗೆ ಹೈಕೋರ್ಟ್ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಪಡಿಸಿದೆ.

ನ್ಯಾಯಾಂಗಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾಗದ ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರಿ ಗಳನ್ನು ಕಾರ್ಯಾಂಗ ಮಾಡಬೇಕು. ಕಾನೂನು ಇಲಾಖೆ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಂಗದ ಆದೇಶಗಳನ್ನು ಜಾರಿಗೆ ತರಬೇಕು. ಆದರೆ ಈ ಪ್ರಕರಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಆದೇಶ ಕಳೆದ ೧೬ ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಂದ ಜಾರಿಯಾಗಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯ ಅಸಮಾಧಾನ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಪಡಿಸಿದೆ. ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯ ನೀಡುವ ಸಲಹೆ ಸೂಚನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಲು ಕಾನೂನು ಇಲಾಖೆ ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕ ಘಟಕವನ್ನು ರಚಿಸಬೇಕು ಎಂದು ಹೈಕೋರ್ಟ್ ಸಲಹೆ ಮಾಡಿದೆ.

ವಕೀಲರ ಸಂಘದ ವಾರ್ಷಿಕೋತ್ಸವ ಹಾಗೂ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆಗಳು, ಬಹುಮಾನಗಳು

೨೦೦೨ನೇ ವರ್ಷದ ವಕೀಲರ ಸಂಘದ ವಾರ್ಷಿಕೋತ್ಸವದ ಅಂಗವಾಗಿ ಹಮ್ಮಿಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದ ವಿವಿಧ ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆಗಳನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ ೩.೪.೨೦೦೨ರಂದು ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ ೧೨.೦೦ ಗಂಟೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾಜಿ ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಮತ್ತು ಸತ್ಯ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಧೀಶರಾದ ಹಾಗೂ ಹಾಲಿ ಉಚ್ಚ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದ ನ್ಯಾಯಮೂರ್ತಿಗಳಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ರಾಮಣ್ಣನವರು ಮತ್ತು ಸಂಘದ ಪದಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಜ್ಯೋತಿ ಬೆಳಗಿಸುವ ಮೂಲಕ ಉದ್ಘಾಟಿಸಿದರು. ದಿನಾಂಕ ೩.೪.೨೦೦೨ರಿಂದ ದಿನಾಂಕ ೧೧.೪.೨೦೦೨ರವರೆಗೆ ಸತತವಾಗಿ ೮ ದಿನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ದೇಶಭಕ್ತಿಗೀತೆ, ಅಣುಕು, ಜನಪದಗೀತೆ, ಏಕಪಾತ್ರಾಭಿನಯ, ಚಿತ್ರಗೀತೆ, ಆಶುಭಾಷಣ, ಭಾವಗೀತೆ, ಸಮೂಹಗಾನ, ಶಾಸ್ತ್ರೀಯ ಸಂಗೀತ, ವಿವಿಧ ವೇಷಾವಳಿ, ಕನ್ನಡ ಪ್ರಥಮಾಕ್ಷರಿ ಮತ್ತು ಹಿಂದಿ ಅಂತ್ಯಾಕ್ಷರಿ ಹೀಗೆ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆಗಳನ್ನು ಏರ್ಪಡಿಸಿ, ಈ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆಗಳ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಜ್ಞಾನ, ಅನುಭವ, ಸಂಗೀತ-ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯ-ಕಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪರಿಣಿತ ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ಪರಿಜ್ಞಾನವುಳ್ಳವರನ್ನು ಹೊರಗಿನಿಂದ ಹಾಗೂ ನಮ್ಮ ವಕೀಲ ಮಿತ್ರರನ್ನು ಸಹ ತೀರ್ಪುಗಾರರನ್ನಾಗಿ ಕರೆಸಿ, ವಕೀಲ ಪ್ರತಿಭಾವಂತರನ್ನು ಅರ್ಹ ಸ್ಥಾನಕ್ಕೆ ಗುರುತಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಈ ಬಾರಿ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರ ಮತ್ತು ಕಾರ್ಯಕಾರಿ ಸಮಿತಿಯವರ ಸಹಕಾರ-ಪ್ರೋತ್ಸಾಹದಿಂದ ಪ್ರಪ್ರಥಮ ಬಾರಿಗೆ ೨೦೦೨ರಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಆಶುಕವನ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆಯನ್ನು ವಕೀಲರಿಗಾಗಿ ಏರ್ಪಡಿಸಿದ್ದು ಒಂದು ವಿಶೇಷ. ಹಾಗೂ ಈ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ಸಮಿತಿಯವರೇ ನೀಡಿದ ಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧಿಗಳು ಕವನವನ್ನು ರಚಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅವುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಅತ್ಯುತ್ತಮವಾದವುಗಳನ್ನು ತೀರ್ಪುಗಾರರ ತೀರ್ಪಿನಂತೆ ವಿಜೇತ ಸ್ಥಾನಕ್ಕೆ ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಿ ಬಹುಮಾನವನ್ನು ಸಹ ಘೋಷಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಈ ಎಲ್ಲ ೧೨ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಒಟ್ಟು ೨೨೦ ವಕೀಲರು ಸ್ಪರ್ಧಿಗಳಾಗಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಿದ್ದರು. ಅವರಲ್ಲಿ ೭೫ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧಿಗಳ ಪ್ರತಿಭೆಯನ್ನು ಗುರುತಿಸಿ ವಿಜೇತರ ಪಟ್ಟಿಗೆ ಸೇರಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

೨೦೦೨ನೇ ವರ್ಷದ ವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ದಿನಾಚರಣೆ ಅಂಗವಾಗಿ ನಡೆದ ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಜೇತರ ಪಟ್ಟಿ

ಶ್ರೀಯುತ / ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ / ಕು

೧. ತೇಜಸ್ವಿನಿ

ದೇಶಭಕ್ತಿಗೀತೆ	ದ್ವಿತೀಯ ಬಹುಮಾನ
ಜನಪದಗೀತೆ	ತೃತೀಯ ಬಹುಮಾನ
ಚಿತ್ರಗೀತೆ	ತೃತೀಯ ಬಹುಮಾನ
ಭಾವಗೀತೆ	ದ್ವಿತೀಯ ಬಹುಮಾನ
ಶಾಸ್ತ್ರೀಯ ಸಂಗೀತ	ಪ್ರಥಮ ಬಹುಮಾನ
ಕನ್ನಡ ಪ್ರಥಮಾಕ್ಷರಿ	ಸಮಾಧಾನಕರ ಬಹುಮಾನ

೨. ದಿವಾಕರ್ ಮದ್ದೂರ್

ದೇಶಭಕ್ತಿಗೀತೆ	ತೃತೀಯ ಬಹುಮಾನ
ಜನಪದ ಗೀತೆ	ಪ್ರಥಮ ಬಹುಮಾನ

೩. ಜಯಶ್ರೀ

ದೇಶಭಕ್ತಿಗೀತೆ	ಪ್ರಥಮ ಬಹುಮಾನ
ಚಿತ್ರಗೀತೆ	ತೃತೀಯ ಬಹುಮಾನ
ಭಾವಗೀತೆ	ಸಮಾಧಾನಕರ ಬಹುಮಾನ
ಶಾಸ್ತ್ರೀಯ ಸಂಗೀತ	ತೃತೀಯ ಬಹುಮಾನ
ಕನ್ನಡ ಪ್ರಥಮಾಕ್ಷರಿ	ಪ್ರಥಮ ಬಹುಮಾನ

೪. ಶಾಂತೇಶ್ ಆವಾಜಿ

ಚಿತ್ರಗೀತೆ	ದ್ವಿತೀಯ ಬಹುಮಾನ
ಸ್ಥಳದಲ್ಲಿ ಆಶುಕವನ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆ	ಪ್ರಥಮ ಬಹುಮಾನ

೫. ಅನ್ನಪೂರ್ಣ ಎನ್. ವೈ.

ಅಣುಕು	ತೃತೀಯ ಬಹುಮಾನ
ವಿವಿಧ ವೇಷಾವಳಿ	ತೃತೀಯ ಬಹುಮಾನ
ಶಾಸ್ತ್ರೀಯ ಸಂಗೀತ	ಸಮಾಧಾನಕರ ಬಹುಮಾನ

೬. ಕೆ. ಎನ್. ಶಿವರಾಮ್

ಅಣುಕು	ಪ್ರಥಮ ಬಹುಮಾನ
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೭. ರಾಜಶೇಖರ ಬಿ. ಎಂ.

ಅಣುಕು	ದ್ವಿತೀಯ ಬಹುಮಾನ
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೮. ಹಂಸವೇಣಿ

ಚಿತ್ರಗೀತೆ	ಸಮಾಧಾನಕರ ಬಹುಮಾನ
ಕನ್ನಡ ಪ್ರಥಮಾಕ್ಷರಿ	ದ್ವಿತೀಯ ಬಹುಮಾನ

೯. ರಾಜಶೇಖರ್ ಆರ್.

ಜನಪದ ಗೀತೆ	ದ್ವಿತೀಯ ಬಹುಮಾನ
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೧೦. ಪಿ. ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ

ಅಣುಕು	ಸಮಾಧಾನಕರ ಬಹುಮಾನ
ಆಶುಭಾಷಣ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆ	ಸಮಾಧಾನಕರ ಬಹುಮಾನ
ವಿವಿಧ ವೇಷಾವಳಿ	ದ್ವಿತೀಯ ಬಹುಮಾನ

೧೧. ಎಂ. ಐ. ಮುನಿಯಪ್ಪ

ಜನಪದ ಗೀತೆ	ಸಮಾಧಾನಕರ ಬಹುಮಾನ
ಭಾವಗೀತೆ	ಪ್ರಥಮ ಬಹುಮಾನ

೧೨. ಶುಭಾಷಿಣಿ

ಜನಪದಗೀತೆ	ತೃತೀಯ ಬಹುಮಾನ
ಶಾಸ್ತ್ರೀಯ ಸಂಗೀತ	ದ್ವಿತೀಯ ಬಹುಮಾನ

೧೩. ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಬಿ. ಪಿ. ರಾಧಾ

ಚಿತ್ರಗೀತೆ	ಪ್ರಥಮ ಬಹುಮಾನ
ಕನ್ನಡ ಅಂತ್ಯಾಕ್ಷರಿ	ತೃತೀಯ ಬಹುಮಾನ

೧೪. ಮನೋನ್ಮಥ

ಹಿಂದಿ ಅಂತ್ಯಾಕ್ಷರಿ	ಪ್ರಥಮ ಬಹುಮಾನ
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೧೫. ನಾಗರತ್ನ

ಹಿಂದಿ ಅಂತ್ಯಾಕ್ಷರಿ	ತೃತೀಯ ಬಹುಮಾನ
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೧೬. ಸ್ವಿತಾ

ಹಿಂದಿ ಅಂತ್ಯಾಕ್ಷರಿ	ಸಮಾಧಾನಕರ ಬಹುಮಾನ
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೧೭. ಶೀಲಾ ನಾಯಕ್

ದೇಶಭಕ್ತಿಗೀತೆ	ಸಮಾಧಾನಕರ ಬಹುಮಾನ
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೧೮. ಕೆ. ವಿ. ಸತ್ಯೇಶ್

ಜನಪದ ಗೀತೆ	ಸಮಾಧಾನಕರ ಬಹುಮಾನ
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೧೯. ಜವರೇಗೌಡ

ಏಕಪಾತ್ರಾಭಿನಯ	ಪ್ರಥಮ ಬಹುಮಾನ
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೨೦. ದೇವರಾಜ್

ಏಕಪಾತ್ರಾಭಿನಯ	ದ್ವಿತೀಯ ಬಹುಮಾನ
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೨೧. ಆರ್. ಟಿ. ಕೃಷ್ಣಮೂರ್ತಿ

ಏಕಪಾತ್ರಾಭಿನಯ	ತೃತೀಯ ಬಹುಮಾನ
ವಿವಿಧ ವೇಷಾವಳಿ	ಪ್ರಥಮ ಬಹುಮಾನ

೨೨. ನಾಗರಾಜ ರೆಡ್ಡಿ

ಏಕಪಾತ್ರಾಭಿನಯ	ತೃತೀಯ ಬಹುಮಾನ
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೨೩. ಗೋಪಾಲ್ ಎಸ್.

ಏಕಪಾತ್ರಾಭಿನಯ	ಸಮಾಧಾನಕರ ಬಹುಮಾನ
ಆಶುಭಾಷಣ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆ	ದ್ವಿತೀಯ ಬಹುಮಾನ

೨೪. ಚಂದ್ರಶೇಖರ್ ಜಾಧವ್

ಸ್ಥಳದಲ್ಲಿ ಆಶುಕವನ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆ	ಸಮಾಧಾನಕರ ಬಹುಮಾನ
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೨೫. ನಾಗರಾಜ್ ಎಸ್. ಜೈನ್

ಸ್ಥಳದಲ್ಲಿ ಆಶುಕವನ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆ	ಸಮಾಧಾನಕರ ಬಹುಮಾನ
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೨೬. ಮಲ್ಲೇಶಯ್ಯ

ಏಕಪಾತ್ರಾಭಿನಯ	ಸಮಾಧಾನಕರ ಬಹುಮಾನ
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೨೭. ಎನ್. ಮಂಜುನಾಥ್

ಆಶುಭಾಷಣ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆ	ಪ್ರಥಮ ಬಹುಮಾನ
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೨೮. ಮಹೇಶ್ ಎಂ.

ಆಶುಭಾಷಣ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆ	ತೃತೀಯ ಬಹುಮಾನ
ಸ್ಥಳದಲ್ಲಿ ಆಶುಕವನ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆ	ತೃತೀಯ ಬಹುಮಾನ

೨೯. ಯೋಗೀಶ್

ಆಶುಭಾಷಣ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆ	ಸಮಾಧಾನಕರ ಬಹುಮಾನ
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೩೦. ವೇಣುಗೋಪಾಲ್

ಭಾವಗೀತೆ	ತೃತೀಯ ಬಹುಮಾನ
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೩೧. ಮಹಮ್ಮದ್ ಇಲಿಯಾಸ್

ಹಿಂದಿ ಅಂತ್ಯಾಕ್ಷರಿ	ದ್ವಿತೀಯ ಬಹುಮಾನ
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೩೨. ಮುರಳಿ ನಾಗವಾರ್

ವಿವಿಧ ವೇಷಾವಳಿ	ಸಮಾಧಾನಕರ ಬಹುಮಾನ
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೩೩. ವಿದ್ಯಾ ಕೆ.

ಸ್ಥಳದಲ್ಲಿ ಆಶುಕವನ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧೆ	ದ್ವಿತೀಯ ಬಹುಮಾನ
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೩೪. ನಾಗರಾಜ್ ಹೆಚ್. ಹೆಚ್.

ಭಾವಗೀತೆ	ಸಮಾಧಾನಕರ ಬಹುಮಾನ
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ಸಮೂಹಗಾನ ತಂಡಗಳು

೧. ಶ್ರೀ ಭರತ್ ಕುಮಾರ್ ಮಹಾತಂಡ

ಪ್ರಥಮ ಸ್ಥಾನ
ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಸತ್ಯಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಜಿ. ಬಿ.
ಕು|| ಹಂಸವೇಣಿ
ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಬಿ. ಪಿ. ರಾಧಾ
ಶ್ರೀ ನಾಗರಾಜ್ ಹೆಚ್. ಹೆಚ್.

೨. ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ನಾಗರತ್ನ ತಂಡ

ದ್ವಿತೀಯ ಸ್ಥಾನ
ಕು|| ಮನೋನ್ಮಥ
ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ತೇಜಸ್ವಿನಿ
ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ವಿಜಯಲಕ್ಷ್ಮಿ
ಶ್ರೀ ಮಹಂತೇಶ್

೩. ಶ್ರೀ ದಿವಾಕರ್ ಮದ್ದೂರ್ ತಂಡ

ತೃತೀಯ ಸ್ಥಾನ
ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಜಯಶ್ರೀ
ಶ್ರೀ ವೇಣುಗೋಪಾಲ್
ಕು|| ಅನ್ನಪೂರ್ಣ
ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಪಿ. ರವಿಶಂಕರ್

೪. ಶ್ರೀ ಆರ್. ಟಿ. ಕೃಷ್ಣಮೂರ್ತಿ ತಂಡ

ಸಮಾಧಾನಕರ ಬಹುಮಾನ
ಶ್ರೀ ಪಿ. ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ
ಶ್ರೀ ಶಾಂತಕುಮಾರ್

ಬಾಡಿಗೆ ನಿಯಂತ್ರಣ ಹೊಸ ಕಾಯಿದೆಯ ಜಾರಿ ಆದೇಶ

ಅಧೀನ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಚಾರಣೆ ಹಂತದಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಎಲ್ಲ ಬಾಡಿಗೆ ನಿಯಂತ್ರಣ ವ್ಯಾಜ್ಯಗಳಿಗೆ ಹೊಸ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ ಪ್ರವರ್ಧನೆಯ ವಾಗಿಯೇ ಜಾರಿಯಾಗಲಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಹೈಕೋರ್ಟ್ ತೀರ್ಪು ನೀಡಿದೆ.

ಹಳೆ ಕಾಯ್ದೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ಇತ್ಯರ್ಥಗೊಂಡಿರುವ ಪ್ರಕರಣಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊರತುಪಡಿಸಿ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ವಿಚಾರಣೆ ಹಂತದ ಪ್ರಕರಣಗಳು ಬಾಡಿಗೆಗೆ ನಿಯಂತ್ರಣ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಕಾಯ್ದೆಗೆ (ಹೊಸ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ) ಒಳಪಡುತ್ತದೆ.

ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ವಿಚಾರಣೆ ಹಂತದಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಸ್ವಾಧೀನ, ತೆರವು ಹಾಗೂ ಪುನರ್ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆ ಮುಂತಾದ ವ್ಯಾಜ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊಸ ಕಾಯ್ದೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಶ್ನಿಸಬೇಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂದು ನ್ಯಾಯಮೂರ್ತಿ ಆರ್. ವಿ. ರವೀಂದ್ರನ್ ಹಾಗೂ ನ್ಯಾಯಮೂರ್ತಿ ಕೆ. ಎಲ್. ಮಂಜುನಾಥ್ ಅವರನ್ನೊಳಗೊಂಡ ವಿಭಾಗೀಯ ಪೀಠ ಮಹತ್ವದ ತೀರ್ಪು ನೀಡಿದೆ.

ಬಾಡಿಗೆ ನಿಯಂತ್ರಣ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ ಸೆಕ್ಷನ್ ೨೦ ಅನ್ನು ಅರ್ಥೈಸಿರುವ ವಿಭಾಗೀಯ ಪೀಠ ಅದನ್ನು ಪ್ರವರ್ಧನೆಯಿಂದ ಜಾರಿಗೆ ಬರುವಂತೆ ಆದೇಶಿಸಿದೆ. ಬಾಡಿಗೆ ವ್ಯಾಜ್ಯಗಳ ಯಾವ ಪ್ರಕರಣಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಹೊಸ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ ಅನ್ವಯಿಸುತ್ತದೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಅನ್ವಯಿಸುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಕ್ಷಿಪ್ತವಾಗಿ ನೀಡಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಆದೇಶ ಜಾರಿ ವ್ಯಾಜ್ಯಗಳು : ಹಳೆ ಕಾಯ್ದೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬಾಡಿಗೆದಾರರನ್ನು ತೆರವುಗೊಳಿಸಿ ಪಡೆದಿರುವ ಆದೇಶವನ್ನು ಜಾರಿಗೆ ತರಲು ಹಾಕಿರುವ ವ್ಯಾಜ್ಯಗಳಿಗೆ ಹೊಸ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ ಅನ್ವಯಿಸುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

ವಿಚಾರಣೆ ಹಂತದಲ್ಲಿರುವ ವ್ಯಾಜ್ಯಗಳು : ಬಾಡಿಗೆದಾರರನ್ನು ತೆರವುಗೊಳಿಸಲು ಮೂಲ ವ್ಯಾಜ್ಯಗಳು, ಮೇಲ್ಮನವಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಮರು ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆ ಮನವಿಗಳು ಹಳೆ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ ಅನ್ವಯ ವಿಚಾರಣೆ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿದ್ದರೆ ಇವುಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊಸ ಕಾಯ್ದೆಯಲ್ಲಿಯೇ ಇತ್ಯರ್ಥ ಪಡಿಸಬೇಕು. ಅಧೀನ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯಗಳು, ಬಾಡಿಗೆ ನಿಯಂತ್ರಣ ಹಾಗೂ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿ ಮುಂದೆ ಹಳೆ ಕಾಯ್ದೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿರುವ ಮೂಲ ವ್ಯಾಜ್ಯ ಪ್ರಕರಣಗಳು ೨೦೦೧ ಡಿಸೆಂಬರ್ ೩೧ರಿಂದ (ಹೊಸ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ ಜಾರಿ ಅವಧಿ) ರದ್ದಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.

ಅಧೀನ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯ ಹಾಗೂ ಹೈಕೋರ್ಟ್‌ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಹಳೆ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ ಸೆಕ್ಷನ್ 50 ಅನ್ವಯ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿರುವ ಪುನರ್ ಪರಿಶೀಲನಾ ಮನವಿಗಳು ೨೦೦೧ರ ಡಿಸೆಂಬರ್ ೩೧ರಿಂದ ರದ್ದಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.

೨ನೇ ವರ್ಷಕ್ಕೆ

ನಮ್ಮ “ಸಂವಾದ”ವು ಈ ಸಂಚಿಕೆಯೊಂದಿಗೆ ತನ್ನ ೨ನೇ ವರ್ಷಕ್ಕೆ ಕಾಲಿಡುತ್ತಿರುವ ಈ ಸುಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯ ಎರಡು ವರ್ಷಗಳ ನಿರಂತರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಗೆ ನೆರವಾದ ಎಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ (ಲೇಖಕರಿಗೆ ವಿಶೇಷ ಕೃತಜ್ಞತೆ) ಧನ್ಯವಾದಗಳನ್ನರ್ಪಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ಈ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ತಮ್ಮ ಅಮೂಲ್ಯ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯ, ಸೂಕ್ತ ಸಹಾಯಗಳನ್ನು ಕಳುಹಿಸಿಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಓದುಗಮಿತ್ರರಲ್ಲಿ ಕೋರಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇವೆ.

‘ಸಂಪಾದಕ ವರ್ಗ’

(ಮುಂದುವರಿದು)

ನನ್ನ ಮುದ್ದಿನ ಟಾಮಿ ಈಗ ತುಂಬಾ ಮಾಡ್ರನ್. ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಕಾಳಜಿ ಇರುವ ನಾಯಕನ ಕಳೆ ಅದಕ್ಕಿದೆ. “ತಿಂಡಿ ಬೇಕೆ? ಟಾಮಿ ಮರಿ” ಅಂದರೆ ಕಿವಿ ಮುಚ್ಚಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೆ. ತೀರ್ಥ ಬೇಕೆ? ಅಂದರೆ ಬಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಜವಾಬು ಕೊಡುತ್ತೆ. ಏನಿದರರ್ಥ? ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಕಾಲಮಹಿಮೆ. ಬೈ ಎಲೆಕ್ಷನ್ ಬರೋಕೆ ಮುಂಚೆ ಟಾಮಿ ಹೀಗೆಲ್ಲ ಆಡುತ್ತಿರಲಿಲ್ಲ! ಬೀದಿ ಸುತ್ತ ಇರೋ ಪರಿಸರಕ್ಕೆ ಟಾಮಿ ಸೊಗಸಾಗಿ ಸ್ಪಂದಿಸುತ್ತದೆ. ಅರ್ಧ ರಾತ್ರಿಲಿ ಹುಚ್ಚು ಹುಚ್ಚಾಗಿ ಬೊಗಗಳೊಡಕ್ಕೆ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಸಿ ಬಿಡುತ್ತದೆ - “ಯಾರಿಗೆ ಓಟು? ಯಾರಿಗೆ ಓಟು?” ಅಂತ. ನನಗೆ ನಿದ್ರಾಭಂಗ ವಾಗಿ ಕಣ್ಣುಜ್ಜಿಕೊಂಡು ಹೊರಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದು ಟಾಮಿಗೆ “ಯಾಕೆ ಟಾಮಿ? ಕಿವಿ ತೂತು ಬೀಳೋ ಹಾಗೆ ಹೀಗೆಲ್ಲ ಕಿರಿಚಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಾ ಇದೀಯೆ, ಸುಮ್ಮನೆ ಬಿದ್ದುಕೊಬಾರ್ದೆ? ನಿನಗಲ್ಲದೆ ಇನ್ಯಾರಿಗೆ ಓಟು? ಅರ್ಧ ರಾತ್ರಿ ಆಗಿದೆ. ಹೊಡ್ಡೋಬ್ಯಾಡ” ಅಂತ ಸಮಾಧಾನದ ಎರಡು ಮಾತುಗಳನ್ನು ಹೇಳುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಟಾಮಿ ಹಿಂಗಾಲುಗಳ ಮೇಲೆ ನಿಂತು ಮುಂಗಾಲುಗಳನ್ನು ಆಕಾಶಕ್ಕೆ ಎತ್ತಿನನಗೆ ‘ಗಾರ್ಡ್ ಆಫ್ ಆನರ್’ ಕೊಡುತ್ತದೆ. ನಾನು ಸೆಲ್ಯೂಟ್ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇನೆ.

ಶೆಲ್ಫರ್ಕ್ ಹೋಮ್ಸ್ ನನ್ನ ಮನೆಗೆ ಟಾಮಿಯ ರೂಪದಲ್ಲಿ ಬಂದಿದಾನೆಯೆ? ಎಂಬ ಅನುಮಾನ ನನ್ನನ್ನು ಕಾಡುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಪ್ರೀತಿ ತೋರುವ ನೆಪದಲ್ಲಿ ತನ್ನ ಕಾಲುಗಳನ್ನು ಎತ್ತಿನನ್ನ ಭುಜಕ್ಕೇರಿಸಿ ಕೋಟಿನ ಗುಂಡಿಗಳನ್ನು ಬಿಚ್ಚಲು ಹವಣಿಸುತ್ತೆ. ಆಹಾ! ಅದೆಷ್ಟು ಸ್ವಾಮಿನಿಷ್ಠೆ, ವಿಶ್ವಾಸ ಅಂತ ನಾನು ಹಮ್ಮ ಪಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದರೆ ಮನೆಯಾಕೆ ಧಾವಿಸಿ ಬಂದು ಹಳೆ ಗ್ರಾಮಾಫೋನ್ ರೆಕಾರ್ಡಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಡು ಬರುವಂತೆ ಟಾಮಿಯನ್ನು ನೂರು ಸಲ ಕರೆಯುತ್ತಾಳೆ. ಟಾಮಿ ಆಕೆಯ ಇಂಗಿತವನ್ನರಿತು ಮತ್ತೆ ನನ್ನ ಜೇಬುಗಳನ್ನು ಮುಂಗಾಲುಗಳಿಂದ ತಿವಿಯುತ್ತ ಆಕೆಯ ಸೆರಗನ್ನು ಕಚ್ಚಿ ನನ್ನ ಬಳಿಗೆ ಸೆಳೆಯುತ್ತದೆ. ಇದರ ರಹಸ್ಯವನ್ನರಿತ ಆಕೆ ‘ಜೇಬು ತುಂಬ ದುಡ್ಡಿಟ್ಟುಕೊಂಡಿದೀರೆ, ಒಂದಿಷ್ಟು ಕೊಟ್ಟು ಹೋಗಿ’ ಅಂತ ಖಡಾಖಂಡಿತವಾಗಿ ನನ್ನನ್ನು ಪೀಡಿಸುತ್ತಾಳೆ. ಯಜಮಾನಿಯು ಹೊರಡಿಸಿದ ಸರ್ಜ್ ವಾರೆಂಟನ್ನು ಟಾಮಿ ಜಾರಿ ಮಾಡುವ ರೀತಿ ಇದು ಎಂದು ನನಗೆ ಭಾಸವಾಗಿ Cash Chest ಎಲ್ಲಿದ್ದರೇನು? ಬೀಗದ ಕೈ ಸ್ವಾಮ್ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಎಂಬ ಅರ್ಥ ಸತ್ಯ ಮನವರಿಕೆ ಯಾಗುತ್ತದೆ!

ನನ್ನ ಟಾಮಿ ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ನಾಯಿಗಿಂತ ಕಡಿಮೆ ಏನೂ ಇಲ್ಲ. ಮುಂಡೇದಕ್ಕೆ ಅದೃಷ್ಟವಿಲ್ಲ ಅಷ್ಟೆ! ಒಂದು ಸಲ ನಮ್ಮೂರು ಕೋರ್ಟ್ ಕಾಂಪೌಂಡಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಹುಸಿಬಾಂಬ್ ಅಡಗಿಸಿಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಅಂತ ಸುದ್ದಿ ಬಂದ ಮೇಲೆ ಪೊಲೀಸಿನವರು ನಾಯಿಗಳನ್ನು ತಂದು ಹೊರಗೆ ಒಳಗೆ ಸುತ್ತಾಡಿಸಿದರು. ನನ್ನ ಟಾಮಿಯನ್ನು ಕರೆಯೊಂಡು ಅಂದು ನಾನು ಕೋರ್ಟ್‌ಗೆ ಹೋಗಿದ್ದೆ, ದೊಡ್ಡವರು ಆತ್ಮರಕ್ಷಣೆಗೆ ನಾಯನ್ನು ಕರೆದುಕೊಂಡು ಹೋಗುತ್ತಾರಲ್ಲ ಹಾಗೆ! ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ನಾಯಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಯಾವ ಸುಳುಪೂ ಸಿಕ್ಕಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ

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ನನ್ನ ಟಾಮಿಯ ಗ್ರಹಣ ಶಕ್ತಿಯನ್ನೂ, ಚುರುಕು ಬುದ್ಧಿಯನ್ನೂ ತಿಳಿಸಿ ಅನುಮತಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟರೆ ಟಾಮಿಯನ್ನು ಅಡ್ಡಾಡಲು ಬಿಡುತ್ತೇನೆ ಎಂದೆ. ಟಾಮಿ ಅರ್ಧಗಂಟೆ ಕೋರ್ಟ್ ಆವರಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಸುತ್ತಿ ಲಾಯರ್ ತಿರುನಾಣಿಯ್ಯಂಗಾರ್ ಅವರ ಕಾರಿನ ಡಿಕ್ಕಿ ಬಳಿ ವಾಸನೆ ಘ್ರಾಣಿಸುತ್ತ ಸ್ಥಿರವಾಗಿ ನಿಂತುಕೊಂಡು ಬಿಟ್ಟಿತು. ಪೊಲೀಸಿನವರಿಗೆ ಸಂಶಯ ಬಂದು ತಿರುನಾಣಿಯ್ಯಂಗಾರರನ್ನು ಕರೆಸಿ ಅವರ ಸಮ್ಮುಖದಲ್ಲಿ ಡಿಕ್ಕಿ ಬಾಗಿಲು ತೆಗೆದು ಸರ್ಚ್ ಮಾಡಿದರು. ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದು ಮುಚ್ಚಿದ ಟಿಫನ್ ಬಾಕ್ಸ್ ಇತ್ತು. ನನ್ನ ಟಾಮಿ ಅದನ್ನೇ ಮೂಸಿ ನೋಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದುದು. ಟಿಫನ್ ಬಾಕ್ಸಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೈಮ್ ಬಾಂಬಿದೆ ಎನ್ನುವುದು ಖಚಿತವಾಯಿತು. ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿ ಅದನ್ನು ಡಿಫ್ಲ್ಯೂಸ್ ಮಾಡಲು ಸಕಲ ಸಿದ್ಧತೆಗಳನ್ನೂ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು ಜನಗಳನ್ನು ಚದುರಿಸಿದರು. ಟಿಫನ್ ಬಾಕ್ಸಿನ ಮುಚ್ಚಳವನ್ನು ಒಂದು ಯಂತ್ರದ ಕೋಲಿನಿಂದ ಕೆಳಕ್ಕೆ ಬೀಳಿಸಿದರು. ಒಳಗಿದ್ದ ಹಳಸಿದ ಪುಳಿಯೋಗರೆ ನೆಲದ ಮೇಲೆ ಚೆಲ್ಲಿ ಗಬ್ ವಾಸನೆ ಹೊಡೆಯಲು ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಸಿತು. ಒಂದು ತಿಂಗಳ ಹಿಂದೆ ಮಾಡಿಸಿ ತಂದಿದ್ದ ಪುಳಿಯೋಗರೆ ಡಬ್ಬಿಯನ್ನು ಕಾರಿನ ಡಿಕ್ಕಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಎಲ್ಲೋ ಮೂಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿಟ್ಟು ತಿರುನಾಣಿಯ್ಯಂಗಾರ್ಯರು ಮರೆತೇ ಬಿಟ್ಟಿದ್ದರಂತೆ! ಹಳಸಿದ ಪುಳಿಯೋಗರೆ ವಾಸನೆ ಎಲ್ಲರ ನಾಸಿಕಾಗ್ರಗಳನ್ನೂ ಬೇಧಿಸಿದಾಗ ಇನ್ಸ್ಪೆಕ್ಟರು ಸುಸ್ವಾಗಿ “ಈ ಹಾಳು ಪ್ರಾಣಿಗಳೇ ಹಾಗೆ, ನಮ್ಮನ್ನು ಬೇಸ್ತು ಬೀಳಿಸುತ್ತೆ” ಅಂತ ಶ್ವಾನರಾಗ ಹಾಡಿದರು! ಟಾಮಿಯ ಸಾಹಸಗಳನ್ನು ಹೀಗೆ ಬರೆಯುತ್ತ ಹೋದರೆ ನಾನು ಶ್ವಾನ ಪುರಾಣವನ್ನೇ ಬರೆಯಬೇಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.

ಟಾಮಿಗೆ ವರ್ಷಗಳು ತುಂಬಿದಂತೆಲ್ಲ ಅದರ ನಡೆ ನುಡಿ ತುಂಬ ಬದಲಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಅಲರ್ಜಿಯೋ, ಸೈಕಾಲಜಿಯೋ ನನಗೆ ಒಂದೂ ಅರ್ಥವಾಗೊಲ್ಲ. ‘ಹಮಾರ ಗಲ್ಲಿ ಮೆ ಹಮಾರ ಕುತ್ತ ಷೇರ್’ ಎನ್ನುವಂತಾಗಿದೆ ನನ್ನ ಟಾಮಿಯ ಸ್ವಭಾವ. ನಮ್ಮ ಮೊಹಲ್ಲಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಆರೇಳು ಶ್ವಾನ ಸುಂದರಿಯರು ಕ್ರಾಸ್ ರೋಡುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸುತ್ತಾಡಿ ಸ್ವತಂತ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮೀಟಿಂಗ್ ಮಾಡುತ್ತವೆ. ಅದರಲ್ಲಿ ಏಕೆ ಎಂಬ ಹೆಸರಿನ ಶ್ವಾನವನ್ನು ‘ಮಿಸ್ ಇಂಡಿಯ’ ಪದವಿಗೆ ಆಯ್ಕೆ ಮಾಡಿದರು ಮೊನ್ನೆ ಡಾಗ್ಸ್ ಫ್ಯಾಷನ್ ಷೋ ತೀರ್ಪುಗಾರರು. ನನ್ನ ಟಾಮಿ ಪುರುಷಸಿಂಹ ಅಂತ ಆಗ್ಗೆ ಹೇಳಿದ್ದನಲ್ಲ. ಫ್ಯಾಷನ್ ಷೋಗೆ ಟಾಮಿಯನ್ನೂ ಕರೆದು ಕೊಂಡು ಹೋಗಿದ್ದೆ. ಟಾಮಿಗೆ ಅದಂಥ ಮಂಕು ಕವಿಚಿಕೊಂಡಿತೋ ಪಿಂಕೀನ ನೋಡಿದ ತಕ್ಷಣ ಅದರ ಮೈ ನೆಕ್ಕುತ್ತ ತಣ್ಣಗಾಗಿ ಬಿಡ್ತು. ಠೇವಣಿ ಕಳಕೊಂಡ ಕ್ಯಾಂಡಿಡೇಟಿನಂತೆ ನಿಸ್ತೇಜವಾಗಿ ತಲೆ ಬಗ್ಗಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ನೆಲ ಕೆರೆಯಲು ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಸಿ ಬಿಟ್ಟಿತು. “ಏನು ಟಾಮಿ, ಇದೆಲ್ಲ? ನಿನ್ನ ಮೂಲ ಶಕ್ತಿಯನ್ನೇ ಕಳೆದು ಕೊಂಡುಬಿಟ್ಟೆ” ಅಂತ ನಾನು ಕೇಳಿದರೆ ಅದು ಎರಡು ಸಲ ನಾಲಿಗೆ ಚಪ್ಪರಿಸಿ ಶಕ್ತೀನ ಜಂತುವಂತೆ ಕುಂಯ್ ಕುಂಯ್ ರಾಗ ಹಾಡುತ್ತ ಪಿಂಕೀಗೆ ಸರಂಡರ್ ಆಗಿಬಿಡ್ತು. ನಾನು ಯಾವನದ ದಿನಗಳನ್ನು ಜ್ಞಾಪಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು

ಪರಿಸರದ ಪ್ರಭಾವ ಅಂತ ಸುಮ್ಮನಾಗಿ ಬಿಟ್ಟೆ. ಟಾಮಿ ಬಾಲವೂ ಡೊಂಕೆ ಅಂತ ಸಮಾಧಾನ ತಂದುಕೊಂಡೆ! ಆದರೆ ಟಾಮಿಗೂ ನನಗೂ ವ್ಯತ್ಯಾಸವಾದರೂ ಏನು? ಎಂಬ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆ ಮರುಕ್ಷಣದಲ್ಲೇ ಕಾಡಿಸಿತು. ಚಿತ್ತಶುದ್ಧಿಯ ಕಡೆಗೆ ಮನ ವಾಲಿತು!

“ಶ್ವಾನ ತಿಪ್ಪೆಯ ಮೇಲೆ ಮಲಗಿರಲು, ಪೂರ್ವಕ ಜ್ಞಾನ ಪಶ್ಚಾತ್ತಾಪ ಶುಭ ಚಿಂತನೆಯಂತೆ! ಏನೋ ವಾಸನೆ ಬೀಸಲದು ಹಾರಿ ಧುಮುಕುವುದು - ಮಾನವನ ಮನಸಂತು ||”

ಪದ್ಯವನ್ನು ಜ್ಞಾಪಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಡಿ.ವಿ.ಜಿ.ಗೆ ಕೈ ಮುಗಿದು ಮಂಕುತಿಮ್ಮನಾದೆ! ಹೊರಗಡೆ ಚುನಾವಣೆಯ ಭೀಕರ ಕಾಳಗ, ಭಾಷಣಗಳ ಸುರಿಮಳೆ, ಸುಳ್ಳು ಅಶ್ವಾಸನೆಗಳ ಮೆರವಣಿಗೆ, ನಂಬಿಕೆ ದೋಹ, ಮಾನಹಾನಿ ಪ್ರಸಂಗಗಳು, ಬೆಂಕಿ, ಇರಿತ, ಕೊಲೆ, ಕಳ್ಳತನ, ದರೋಡೆ, ಕಚ್ಚಾಟ ಕಣ್ಣಿಗೆ ಕಟ್ಟಿದಂತಾಗಿ ಮಾನವ ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಯ ಲಕ್ಷಣಗಳೇ ಇವೆಲ್ಲ? ಎಂಬ ಸಂದೇಹ ಮೂಡಿತು. ಟಾಮಿಗೆ ಹೂವಿನ ಹಾರ ಹಾಕಿ ಸರಪಳಿಯನ್ನು ಅದರ ಕೊರಳಿಂದ ಬಿಚ್ಚಿ ನನ್ನ ಕುತ್ತಿಗೆಗೆ ಬಿಗಿದುಕೊಂಡೆ. ನನ್ನ ಮುದ್ದಿನ ಟಾಮಿಗೆ ಜೈಕಾರ ಮಾಡಿದೆ! ಬನ್ನಿ ಮನೆಗೆ, ನನ್ನ ಮುದ್ದಿನ ಟಾಮಿಗೆ ಹಸ್ತಲಾಘವ ಕೊಟ್ಟು ಮಾತಾಡಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಹೋಗುವಿರಂತೆ. ನನ್ನ ಬಯೋಡೇಟ ಬೇಕಾದರೆ ಧೈರ್ಯವಾಗಿ ಟಾಮಿಯನ್ನು ಕೇಳಿ! ★

ನಗೆ ಗುಟ್ಟುಕು

ಮಗನ ಸಮಯ ಪ್ರಜ್ಞೆ

ತಂದೆ ದೀರ್ಘಕಾಲದಿಂದ ಖಾಯಿಲೆ. ಮಗ ನಿಷ್ಕಯಿಂದ ರಾತ್ರಿಯೆಲ್ಲಾ ಎದ್ದಿದ್ದು ಅವರ ಸೇವೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದ. ಅಂದು ತಂದೆ ಗಡದ್ದಾಗಿ ಗೊರಕೆ ಹೊಡೆಯುತ್ತಾ ಮಲಗಿದ್ದ. ಅರ್ಧ ರಾತ್ರಿ ಆಗಿದ್ದರೂ, ಯೋಚಿಸಿದ ಮಗ, ಪ್ರಯಾಸದಿಂದ ಅಪ್ಪನನ್ನು ಎಚ್ಚರಗೊಳಿಸಿದ. “ಎದ್ದೇಳಿ ಡ್ಯಾಡಿ, ಸ್ಲೀಪಿಂಗ್ ಟ್ಯಾಬ್ಲೆಟ್ಸ್ ನುಂಗೋದನ್ನೇ ಮರೆತು ಹೀಗೆ ನಿನ್ನ ಹೊಡೆತಿದೀರಲ್ಲಾ!”

ಪುಣಾಣ ಉತ್ತರ

ಪುಟ್ಟು ಪುಸ್ತಕ ಹಿಡಿದು ಕುಳಿತು ಬಿಟ್ಟಿದ್ದ. ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆಗೆ ಎರಡೇ ದಿನ. ಅವನ ತಂದೆ ಅದೇ ತಾನೇ ಆಫೀಸಿನಿಂದ ಬಂದು, ಕೈಕಾಲು ತೊಳೆದುಕೊಂಡು ಹೆಂಡತಿಕೊಟ್ಟ ಬಿಸಿ ಬಜ್ಜಿ, ಬಿಸಿ ಕಾಫಿ ಕೈಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹಿಡಿದು ಪುಟ್ಟುವಿನ ಬಳಿ ಬಂದರು. ‘ಓದಿದೀಯೇನೋ ಪುಟ್ಟು, ಓದು.... ಓದು. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಚಂದ್ರಲೋಕ ಹತ್ತಿರಾನೋ, ಚರಾಪುಂಜಿ ಹತ್ತಿರಾನೋ.. ಹೇಳು’ ಎಂದರು.

ಪುಟ್ಟು ತಟ್ಟನೆ ಉತ್ತರ ಕೊಟ್ಟು “ಚಂದ್ರಲೋಕಾನೇ ಡ್ಯಾಡಿ”

ಬಿಸಿ ಬಜ್ಜಿ ಬಾಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಕಿಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದ ಡ್ಯಾಡಿಗೆ ಈಗ ಅದು ಗಂಟಲಿನಲ್ಲೇ ಸಿಕ್ಕಿಕೊಂಡ ಹಾಗಾಯಿತು. ಬಿಸಿ ಕಾಫಿ ಗುಟ್ಟುಕುತ್ತಾ ಅವನ ಮುಖವನ್ನೇ ನೋಡತೊಡಗಿದರು.

“ಡ್ಯಾಡಿ ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ ಆಶ್ಚರ್ಯ ಏನಿದೆ? ನೀವೇ ಯೋಚಿಸಿ. ಚಂದ್ರನನ್ನು ದಿನಾ ನೋಡ್ತೀರಿ. ಚರಾಪುಂಜಿ ಎಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಡ್ತೀರಿ?”

ಬಿಸಿ ಬಜ್ಜಿಯನ್ನು ಡ್ಯಾಡಿ ಬಿಸಿ ಕಾಫಿ ಯೊಂದಿಗೆ ಪ್ರಯಾಸದಿಂದ ನುಂಗಿದರು.