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**Part 2**

## Senior Advocates

In a recent notification the High Court of Karnataka has designated S/s. M.V. Devaraju, K. Subba Rao and K. Lakshminarayana Rao as Senior Advocates.

## Directors Elected

In the annual general body meeting of the Bangalore Advocates Co-operative Society Ltd., held on 30-5-1999 the following persons have been elected as Directors for the co-operative years 1999-2004:

S/s. M. Lokesh, K.N. Puttegowda, N.S.S. Gupta, N. Jaiprakash Rao, M.S. Mandanna, Y. Vasudeva, R. Gunashekar, M.R. Venugopal and Ms. L.S. Sheela.

## Appointments

Recently Mr. N.R. Bhaskar and Mr. R. Veerendra Sharma, Advocates, have been appointed as Additional Central Government Standing Counsels in the High Court of Karnataka.

## Humour in Courts

□ Client : Sir, I want to file a suit against my neighbour for damages.

Lawyer : But then, why?

Client : He told me, "you are so ugly, you can sue your parents for damages!"

□ An Advocate : Have you heard the latest CNN news?

Another Advocate : Which is this CNN?

An Advocate : Canteen News Network!

## Vacancy Available

Two vacancies are available for the new entrants. Interested Advocates may apply to

**Mr. Rahamathulla Shariff,**

Advocate, 13, III Floor,  
# 1, 4th Cross, N.R. Road  
Bangalore-560 002.

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## Armed Forces Tribunal

The union government announced on March 21, 1999 its decision to constitute an armed forces tribunal for redressal of services related disputes and grievances of personnel of the army, the navy and the air force. The decision taken by the defence ministry in consultation with the law ministry and the three wings of the armed forces comes in the wake of a large number of disputes [numbering about 4900 pending before various high Courts] regarding supercession and other related grievances of service personnel. The proposed tribunal will have six benches in different parts of the country and the principal bench will be in New Delhi. The presiding officers for these benches would be chosen from retired Supreme Court judges or retired Chief Justices of the High Courts. Appeals against the verdict of the tribunal is provided to the Supreme Court.

## Re-elected to UN Tribunal

Mr. P. Chandrasekhara Rao, former law secretary to the union government, has been re-elected judge of the International Tribunal for the Law of Sea for a 9 year term beginning October 1, 1999. He has been a member of the Tribunal since 1996. Mr. Rao, 63, secured the highest number of votes among 7 judges elected at a meet of the state-parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of Sea held on May 24, 1999.

## News Panorama

□ Elizabeth Taylor and her then husband Larry Fortensky filed a libel and slander suit against a tabloid "The National Enquirer" during 1993 over a story that Larry Fortensky had threatened a neighbour in a real estate dispute. While dismissing the suit the judge ordered Ms. Taylor to pay the tabloid more than 5,00,000 dollars as costs.

## Judiciary should

## Exercise Restraint: CJI

The Chief Justice of India Mr. Justice A.S. Anand asked the judiciary to exercise restraint while discharging its duties and to work within the limits of law. Speaking at the 110th anniversary of the Madras High Court Advocates Association in Chennai on April 25, 1999 Justice Anand said when the common man felt aggrieved that legislature and executive has closed their doors on him, when his rights had been denied courts had to step on to provide relief. The courts had to live up to the expectations of the people who had their hopes pinned on these institutions. Judicial activism does not mean that the judiciary can act suo motu, he said. The bar should help the judiciary in its effort to deliver the goods to the people. He also expressed a word of caution by suggesting that the bar members should be vibrant and not militant. Justice Anand pointed out that an independent and vibrant bar was essential for the maintenance of independence of judiciary and sustenance of the rule of law.

State Bar Council dated 31, May 1999

In a pressnote Sri S.S. Kumman, Chairman, Karnataka State Bar Council has appealed to all the Advocates to become members of the Advocates Welfare Fund Scheme without loss of time stressing the point further the press note points out that even through membership of the Fund in compulsory handy about 15,000 Advocates out of about 35,000/- Advocates in the state have so far taken membership of the Fund. A word of caution has also been expressed that the Bar Council may be forced to take penal action against such of the Advocates who have not become members of the Fund.

It has also been notified that elections to the State Bar Council are due to be held in the Month of December 1999. The Chairman has called upon all the Bar Associations in the state to furnish upto date list of Advocates with their addresses to the State Bar Council to update the electoral roll as a prelude to the evening election.

## Around the Courts

□ Bihar Land ceiling Act-Exemption of lands owned by hindu deity, permissibility:

In a recent judgment a division bench of the Supreme Court comprising Justice M. Jagannadha Rao and Justice Umesh C. Banerjee has ruled that a hindu deity, consecrated through proper religious ceremonies in its abode, enjoy the legal status to own land and properties and as such it is exempt from the application of the Bihar Land Ceiling Act. The court held that "hindu law recognises hindu idol as a juridical [legal] subject being capable in law of holding property by reason of the hindu shastras following the status of legal person in the same way as that of a natural person." Referring to the cardinal principle underlying idol worship the court said, "there is no superiority or inferiority among different gods. Shiva, Vishnu, Ganapati or Surya is extolled each in its term as the creator, preserver and supreme lord of universe. The image gives a name and form to the formless god and the orthodox hindu idea is that conception of form is only for the benefit of the worshipper and nothing else."

## Mr.S.R.Lakshminarayana Setty



Advocate, Former Vice-President, AAB and Vice-Chairman KPCCI-Legal cell, returned to Bangalore on May 23, 1999 after a three Months Tour of USA. Apart from visiting his two daughters settled in USA, he visited New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Washington DC and few other cities. He also visited various courts to gain knowledge about the American legal system.



## Binding Nature of Ratio Decidendi

Justice B.N. Srikrishna

From the last issue

### Denning's Rebellion

The unyoking of itself by the House of Lords led to a curious chain reaction. Lord Justice Denning who was the Master of Rolls virtually led a crusade against the abolition of the binding effect of precedents of the House of Lords on the Court of Appeals. The crusading efforts of Lord Justice Denning to unshackle the Court of Appeal from the chains of the binding effect of decisions of the House of Lords met with failure on two occasions. In *Broom V. Castle and Company*, (1971 II AER 187(CA)), Denning suggested that the Court of Appeal was not bound by a House of Lords decision which was reached per incuriam or was unworkable. Predictably, the House of Lords strongly reacted to it holding that it was not open to the Court of Appeal to take this view for in the hierarchical system of Courts "it is necessary for each lower tier, including the Court of Appeal, to accept loyally the decisions of the higher tiers". (*Castle and Company V. Broom*, 1972 AC 1027). Undaunted, Lord Denning responded in another case two years later by suggesting that the Court of Appeal was free to disregard the decisions of the House of Lords where the reason for the ruling no longer existed. (*Schorsch Meier GmbH V. Henning*, 1975 I QB 416). He pressed the maxim "cessante ratione cesset ipsa lex" in support. The House of Lords was again quick to react by holding that although they might apply the maxim and over-rule their own previous decision, it was not for the Court of Appeal to do so (*Miliangos V. George Frank (Textiles) Ltd.*, 1976 AC 443). As a matter of fact, the House of Lords did over-rule their own previous decision and permitted judgments to be given in foreign currency on the ground that the reason for the old rule-the stability of sterling - no longer applied!

Not to be discouraged, Lord Denning then turned his attack to the issue as to whether the Court of Appeal was bound by its own decisions. His campaign culminated in the case of *Davis V. Johnson* (1979 AC 264 in 1977). In this judgment, a Bench of Five Judges of Court of Appeal held by majority of 3 to 2

that the Court of Appeal was not bound to follow one of its previous decisions. When this case travelled in Appeal to the House of Lords, the House of Lords once again rejected Lord Denning's approach and held that the Court of Appeal was still bound by its decision in *Young V. Bristol Aeroplane Company Ltd.*, 1944 KB 718. The reasons were set forth in the speech of Lord Salmon as under:

"I sympathise with the views expressed on this topic by Lord Denning M.R., but until such time, if ever, as all his colleagues in the Court of Appeal agree with those views, stare decisis must still hold the field. I think that this may be no bad thing. There are now as many as 17 Lords Justices in the Court of Appeal, and I fear that if stare decisis disappears from that court there is a real risk that there might be a plethora of conflicting decisions which would create a state of irremediable confusion and uncertainty in the law. This would do far more harm than the occasional unjust result which stare decisis sometimes produces but which can be remedied by an appeal to your Lordships' House. I recognise, as Cumming Bruce L.J. points out, that only those who qualify for legal aid or the very rich can afford to bring such an appeal. This difficulty could however be surmounted if when the Court of Appeal gave leave to appeal from a decision it has felt bound to make by an authority with which it disagreed, it had a power conferred on it by Parliament to order the appellants' and/or respondents' costs of the appeal to be paid out of public funds. This would be a very rare occurrence and the consequent expenditure of public funds would be minimal."

### The Indian Supreme Court

In India, fortunately, the Supreme Court has not considered itself rigidly bound by its earlier decisions. In fact, the plethora of judgments of Supreme Court of Benches of equal number of judges differing has led to a deluge of petitions for review and pleas for taking a renewed look at the law by constituting larger benches. As far as the High Courts are concerned, the principle is perhaps the same as is applicable to the Court of Appeal in England.

To be Continued

## Women's Panel Moots NBW in Dowry Cases

In its first report recently submitted to the state government the Karnataka State Commission for Women has recommended issue of non-bailable arrest warrants to the accused in dowry cases and to make it mandatory to register immovable properties in the names of both spouses. The commission has taken a serious view of the increasing atrocities against women and sought powers for personnel in women police stations to investigate cases of such atrocities. The commission has also suggested to the government to have a representative from the commission at every district head quarter.

### Kolar Diary

Between 22nd and 26th April 1999 a workshop on advocacy skills was organised at Kolar jointly by the Kolar Bar Association, The Karnataka State Bar Council and the NLSIU, Bangalore. The workshop was inaugurated by Mr. Justice V. Gopala Gowda on 22-4-1999. Mr. Justice H. Rangavittalachar was the chief guest at the valedictory function held on 26-4-1999.

The Annual General Body Meeting of the Kolar District Co-operative Society Ltd., Kolar, was held on 29-5-1999. Amongst other items of agenda election of Directors for the period 1999-2004 was prominent.

During May 1999 Advocates all over Kolar district passed resolution condemning the threat posed to Sri. Alla Bakash, Advocate, Bagepally, by some people on the instigation of the local police.

The Department of Telecommunication has nominated Mr. G.C. Hanumanth, Advocate, Kolar as legal member to Telecom Advisory Committee [TAC].

During May 1999 various Bar Associations in Kolar District observed protest and abstained from court work in protest against the assault on Mr. Aiyyappa, Advocate, Virajpet.

In the election to the Kolar District Lawyers Co-operative Society Ltd., Kolar, held on 30-5-99 the following persons are elected as Directors for the period 1999-2004. S/s. K.V. Shankarappa, G.P. Muniswamy, M.V. Subba Reddy, B.C. Subbaraya Setty, V. Sridhar Murthy, Subramanyam, P.M. Shankara, Prasad, S.N. Murthy, B. Mari Reddy, S.N. Rajagopala Gowda, Krishnappa, Munigangappa and Smt. B.S. Vijayakumari.

## Campus Watch

Ms. S. Gayatri, a first year law student of Seshadripuram Law College was trapped writing her final examination at a posh hotel situated near Shivanada Circle. The flying squad off Bangalore University on the basis of a tip off raided the hotel on 3-5-99. Gayatri has reportedly confessed that she was helped by the college staff namely Suresh, a clerk and Mohan Kumar, typist on receipt of consideration.

Number of cases of copying and impersonation have been reported from Islamia College of Law, Bangalore, Seshadripuram Law College, Bangalore, Malur and Hoskote Centres. A Practising Advocate from Bangalore Mr. Mahesh was nabbed red handed while impersonating for a law student of SJRC Law College, Bangalore and he was handed over to High Ground Police Station.

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## Transfers and Postings

The following transfers and postings of officers of judicial department in the cadre of district judges [super time scale] / district judges and civil judges [Sr. Dn.] have been ordered by the High Court of Karnataka in the interest of public service to take effect from the fore noon of 24, May 1999:

M.S. Rajendra Prasad, Registrar [vigilance], HCK, as presiding officer, KSTAT, Bangalore [vice I.S. Antin-transferred]; K. Bhakthavatsala, Dist. & Sessions Judge, Belgaum, as Secretary to Law Department, GOK, Bangalore [vacant post]; R.D. Deshpande, Dist. & Sessions Judge, Kolar, as leave reserve, HOK, Bangalore, [vacant post].

D.R. Sundaresha, Chief Judge, Court of Small Causes, Bangalore, as Dist. & Sessions Judge, Mandya [vice S.B. Majage-transferred]; Ashok Kumar J. Dhole, Addl. Dist. & Sessions Judge, Shimoga, as Chief Judge, Court of Small Causes, Bangalore [vice D.R. Sundaresha-transferred]; H.G. Ramesh, Addl. Judge, City Civil Court, Bangalore, as Dist. & Sessions Judge, Belgaum [vice K. Bhakthavatsala-transferred]; G.Narahari, Addl. Dist. & Session Judge, Mysore, as Dist. & Sessions Judge, Kolar [vice R.D. Deshpande-transferred]; C.V. Linga Reddy, Addl. Dist. & Sessions Judge, Chitradurga, as II Addl. Dist. & Session Judge, Belgaum [vacant post]; H.D. Devendraiah, P.O. I Addl. Labour Court, Bangalore, as I Addl. Dist. & Sessions Judge, Dharwad [vice Shekhargouda Patil-transferred]; Kukkaje Ramakrishna Bhat, XV Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge, Bangalore, as I Addl. Dist. & Sessions Judge, Mysore [vice G. Narahari-transferred]; M.K. Sripathi, Addl. Dist. & Sessions Judge, Hassan, as Judge, Family Court, Belgaum [vacant post]; Prakash Bellary, Member, KAT, Bangalore, as Judge, Family Court, Bijapur [vacant post]; Basavantraya Patil, Member, KAT, Bangalore, as P.O., Industrial Tribunal, Hubli [vacant post]; B.S. Reddy, III Addl. Dist. & Sessions Judge, Belgaum, as IV Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge, Bangalore, [vice Shetkar Subhash-transferred]; Shetkar Subhash, IV Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge, Bangalore as Dist. & Sessions Judge, Chitradurga [vice C.V. Linga Reddy-transferred]; K.B. Lenkannavar, VII Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge, Bangalore, as Member, KAT, Bangalore [vice Prakash Bellary-transferred]; Shekhargouda Patil, I Addl. Dist. & Sessions Judge, Dharwad, as II Addl. Dist. & Sessions Judge, Dharwad [vice B.A. Muchandi-transferred]; H.V.

Ramachandra Rao, I Addl. Dist. & Sessions Judge, Bangalore Rural as Addl. Dist. & Session Judge Hassan [vice M.K. Sripathi-transferred]; V.G. Charati, P.O., Addl. Labour Court, Hubli, as VII Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge, Bangalore [vice K.B. Lenkannavar-transferred]; S. Siddalingesh, II Addl. Dist. & Sessions Judge, Bijapur, as P.O. Labour Court Bangalore [vice V.B. Shiriannavar-transferred]; S. Mariyappa, XIX Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge, Bangalore, as III Addl. Dist. & Sessions Judge, Dharwad [vice N.S. Kedilaya-transferred]; V.B. Shiriannavar, P.O., Labour Court, Bangalore, as II Addl. Dist. & Sessions Judge, Bijapur [vice S. Siddalingesh-transferred]; B.A. Muchandi, II Addl. Dist. & Sessions Judge Dharwad, as Addl. Registrar, Karnataka Lokayukta, Bangalore [vacant post]; N.S. Kedilaya, III Addl. Dist. & Sessions Judge, Dharwad, as Addl. Secretary in Law Department, Bangalore [vacant post]; S.D. Parmaj, II Addl. Dist. & Sessions Judge, Bangalore Rural, as I Addl. Dist. & Sessions Judge, Bangalore Rural [vice H.V. Ramachandra Rao-transferred]; C.Y. Illur, XVI Addl. City Civil & Session Judge, Bangalore, as Addl. Registrar, Karnataka Lokayukta, Bangalore [vacant post]; I.S. Antin Member KSTAT, Bangalore, as II Addl. Dist. & Sessions Judge, Bangalore Rural [vice S.D. Parmaj-transferred]; A.M. Bennur, XII Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge, Bangalore, as Addl. Dist. and Sessions Judge, Shimoga [vice Ashok Kumar J. Dhole-transferred] and J.A. Ramarao, III Addl. Dist. & Sessions Judge, Bijapur, as III Addl. Dist. & Sessions Judge, Belgaum [vice B.S. Reddy].

Vijay @ Babasaheb Jadhav, Addl. Civil Judge [Sr. Dn.], Mandya, as Prl. Civil Judge, [Sr. Dn.] & CJM, Mandya [vacant post]; V.P. Jahagirdar, Civil Judge [Sr.Dn.] & CJM, Raichur, as Civil Judge [Sr.Dn.] & JMFC, Srirangapatna [vacant post]; S.N. Vadnikop, I Addl. Judge Court of small cause, Bangalore, as Prl. Civil Judge, [Sr. Dn.] & CJM, Bidar [vice P.Y. Shinde-transferred]; V.M. Aradhya, Civil Judge [Sr. Dn.] & JMFC, Bhadravathi, as Prl. Civil Judge [Sr. Dn.] & CJM, Mangalore [vice B.G. Jattannavar-transferred]; M.N. Pranesh, Addl. Civil Judge [Sr. Dn.], Srirangapatna, as Civil Judge [Sr. Dn.] & JMFC, KGF [vice Belavagi Basavaraj Basappa-transferred]; N. Narayana, Civil Judge [Sr. Dn.] & JMFC, Chikkaballapur, as Addl. Registrar,  
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## Lahari Law Academy

No. 2980, Lashmideep, 17th Cross, Banashankari II Stage,  
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### CRICULAR

The Above Academy is proposing to hold the first ever talent discovery programme in the disciplines of Administrative Law and Hindu Law. Proposals from persons desirous of participating in the programme are invited so as to reach the academy latest by June 30, 1999. Cash Prize of Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) and Rs. 3,000/- (Rupes Three Thousand Only) to the best of two participants in each discipline will be awarded. Make use of this opportunity and enrich yourself by knowledge, prize money and fame:

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Competition is open to Advocates having not more than five years experience in the Bar practising in Karnataka and the final year LL.B/LL.M students studying in Karnataka. Copy of the enrollment certificate/certificate of Educational Institution confirming the study has to be furnished along with the proposals seeking participation. Five years practise would be reckoned as on July 31, 1999.
2. Participants are permitted to compete in one of the disciplines only;
3. A dissertation based on research concerning any aspect of the two disciplines will have to be furnished in triplicate, so as to reach the Academy latest by July 31, 1999. The dissertation submitted will not be returned to the participants. The Academy reserves liberty to publish the dissertation or any portion of it at its discretion without any further reference to the participants;
4. The dissertation so received will be got evaluated by the Academy through Academicians/Advocates and the participants are at liberty to know the marks obtained by them;
5. Selected participants based on their performance will be invited to participate in second stage of the programme, which includes presentation of the paper already submitted by them before select audience and questioning on the topic by the panel of Judges.
6. Based on the overall performance taking into account, dissertation, presentation of the paper and interview, two outstanding participants in each discipline will be chosen to be the recipients of the cash awards;
7. Decision of the Academy in regard to the entire programme, shall be final;
8. Participants invited for second stage of the programme, to be held at Bangalore, will be provided actual bus fare by the Academy;
9. Each of the participants shall be provided a serial number and the participants should mention only the allotted serial number on the dissertation. They should not mention their names or any other code words or symbols;
10. All correspondence concerning the programme shall be in writing and addressed to Lahari Law Academy, No. 2980, "Lakshmidheep", Seventeenth Cross, Banashankari Second Stage, Bangalore-560 070.

Date: May 15, 1999

DIRECTOR



## Transfers and Postings

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Karnataka Lokayukta, Bangalore [newly created post]; J.V. Angadi Hiremath, Registrar, City Civil Court Bangalore, as Addl. Secretary, KLSA, Bangalore [vacant]; Jayatheertha N. Havanur, Prl. Civil Judge [Sr. Dn.] & CJM, Shimoga, as III ACMM, Bangalore [vice C.S. Malagi-transferred]; Iqbal Patel, Civil Judge [Sr. Dn.], Chintamani, as Prl. Civil Judge [Sr. Dn.] & CJM, Kolar [vice S.N. Gaddi-transferred]; N.S. Kulkarni, Dy. Director of Prosecutions, Bangalore, as I ACMM, Bangalore [vice H.G. Parshi-transferred]; C.S. Malagi III ACMM, Bangalore, as Civil Judge [Sr.Dn.] Arsikere [vice S.N. Kempegoudar-transferred]; S. Nagesh, III Addl. Judge, Court of Small Causes, Bangalore, as Addl. Civil Judge [Sr. Dn.] Mandya [vice Vijay @ Babasaheb Jadhav-transferred]; K. Shivaram, Head of Legal Cell, Rural Development & Panchayatraj Department, Bangalore, as Addl. Civil Judge [Sr.Dn.] & JMFC, Srirangapatna [vacant]; Prakash Babu Y. Shinde, Prl. Civil Judge [Sr. Dn.] & CJM, Bidar, as I Addl. Judge, Court of Small Causes, Bangalore [vice S.N. Vadnikop-transferred]; H.G. Parshi, I ACMM, Bangalore, as Civil Judge [Sr. Dn.] & JMFC, Haveri [vice K.M. Parwati-promoted]; S.N. Gaddi, Prl. Civil Judge [Sr. Dn.] & CJM Kolar, as V Addl. Judge, Court of Small Causes, Bangalore [vice B.C. Pattar-transferred]; M.S. Hegde Nagare, Civil Judge [Sr. Dn.] & JMFC, Puttur, as Dy. Registrar, Karnataka Lokayukta, Bangalore [vice S.B. Patil-transferred]; Subhash T. Gogi, Addl. Civil Judge, [Sr. Dn.], Raichur, as Civil Judge [Sr.Dn.] & CJM, Raichur [vice V.P. Jahagirdar-transferred]; B.G. Jattannavar, Prl. Civil Judge [Sr. Dn.] & CJM, Mangalore, as Head of Legal Cell, Forest, Environment & Ecology Department, Bangalore [vice B. Shivalinge Gowda-transferred]; S.N. Kempegoudar, Civil Judge [Sr.Dn.] Arsikere, as Civil Judge [Sr. Dn.] Virajpet [vice S.R. Someshekara-transferred]; B.C. Pattar, V Addl. Judge, Court of Small Causes, Bangalore, as Civil Judge [Sr. Dn.] & JMFC, Yadgir [vice Shivananda Katti-transferred]; Ashok S. Gadag, IV Addl. Judge, Court of Small Causes, Bangalore, as Civil Judge [Sr. Dn.] & JMFC, Bhadravathi [vice V.M. Aradhya-transferred]; A.B. Wadeyar, II Addl. Civil Judge [Sr. Dn.], Bijapur, as Civil Judge [Sr. Dn.] Saundatti, [vice D.V. Shet-promoted]; B. Shivalinge Gowda, Head of Legal Cell, Forest, Environment & Ecology Dept., Bangalore, as Civil Judge [Sr. Dn.] & JMFC, Puttur [vice M.S.

Hegde Nagare-transferred]; Shivananda Katti, Civil Judge [Sr. Dn.] & JMFC, Yadgir, as Head of Legal Cell, Rural Development & Panchayatraj Dept., Bangalore [vice K.Shivaram-transferred]; S.R. Somashekara, Civil Judge [Sr. Dn.], Vijajpet, as Registrar, City Civil Court, Bangalore [vice J.V. Angadi Hiremath-transferred]; A.R. Deshpande, Civil Judge [Sr. Dn.] & CJM, Karwar, as Prl. Civil Judge [Sr. Dn.] Chikkodi [vacant]; S.Y. Irannavar, Addl. Civil Judge [Sr.Dn.], Kolar, as Prl. Civil Judge [Sr.Dn.] & CJM, Shimoga [vice Jayatheertha N. Havanur-transferred]; R. Chandrashekar, Addl. Civil Judge [Sr. Dn.] Shimoga, as Addl. Civil Judge [Sr. Dn.], Kolar [vice S.Y. Irannavar-transferred]; V.G. Savadkar, Addl. Civil Judge [Sr.Dn.], Karwar, as Civil Judge [Sr.Dn.] & CJM, Karwar [vice A.R. Deshpande-transferred]; J.S. Somashekara, III Addl. Civil Judge [Sr. Dn.], Mysore, as II Addl. Civil Judge [Sr. Dn.] [vice D.R. Venkatasudarshan-transferred]; D.R. Venkatasudarshan, II Addl. Civil Judge [Sr.Dn.], Mysore as III Addl. Civil Judge [Sr.Dn.], Mysore [vice J.S. Somashekara-transferred]; Sanganna S. Patil, Deputy Registrar, Karnataka Lokayukta, Bangalore, as IV Addl. Judge, Court of Small Causes, Bangalore [vice Ashok S. Gadag-transferred]; Belavagi Basavaraj Basappa, Civil Judge [Sr. Dn.] & JMFC, KGF, as III Addl. Judge, Court of Small Causes, Bangalore [vice S. Nagesh-transferred].

The following Civil Judges [Jr. Dn.] are temporarily promoted of officiate as Civil Judges [Sr.Dn.]:

Majage Nijagunappa, Civil Judge [Jr. Dn.] & JMFC, Chintamani, as Addl. Civil Judge [Sr. Dn.]; Raichur [vice Subhash T. Gogi-transferred]; Channabasappa Margoora, Civil Judge [Jr. Dn.] & JMFC, Kudligi, as Civil Judge [Sr. Dn.], Chintamani [vice Iqbal Patel-transferred]; N.S. Dafedar, Prl. Civil Judge [Jr. Dn.] & JMFC, Chikkodi, as Addl. Civil Judge [Sr. Dn.] Shimoga [vice R. Chandrashekar-transferred]; Pampapathi, Civil Judge [Jr. Dn.] & JMFC, Ron, as Civil Judge [Sr. Dn.] and JMFC, Chikkaballapur [vice N. Narayan-transferred]; M.L. Sachidananda Prasad, Civil Judge [Jr. Dn.] & JMFC, Holalkere, as II Addl. Civil Judge [Sr.Dn.] Bijapur [vice A.B. Wadeyar-transferred]; Sollapurkar Ajit Narasingrao, JMFC, Davanagere, as Addl. Civil Judge [Sr. Dn.], Karwar [vice V.G. Savadkar-transferred] and B.M. Mallikarjuniah, Prl. Civil Judge [Jr. Dn.] & JMFC, Growribidanur, as XV Addl. Judge, Court of Small Causes, Bangalore, [vice S.S. Nagarale-promoted].

## News Focus

□ On 14-5-99 on exclusive lawyers ward was inaugurated in the Victoria Hospital, Bangalore. There are six rooms in the ward.

□ On 30-5-99 35th Annual General Body Meeting of the Bangalore Advocates Co-operative Society Ltd. was held at the city Auditorium of AAB.

## Miscellany

□ Mr. Jesu Prasad, Advocate from Bangalore, participated in the National Seminar on health hazards at New Delhi which was sponsored by CANA between 7th and 9th April 1999.

□ Mr. Bhaktavachala, Advocate from Bangalore, attended the Third National Conference on "Global ban on antipersonnel land mines" held at Nagpur between 28th and 29th April 1999 and presented a paper on the effects of land mines on human rights. The conference was sponsored by the Human Rights Association of Bangalore.

□ With effect from 20-4-99 Mr. S. Surendra, Advocate Shifted his chamber to # 43, I Floor, P.H. Complex, Cubbonpet Main Road, Bangalore-560 002.

□ The Karnataka Advocate's Welfare Fund Trustee Committee met on 11-04-1999 under the chairmanship of Sri S.S. Kumman, Chairman, KSBC and approved grant of Rs. 9,52,000/- towards death compensation, medical assistance involving 30 claims and retirement compensation concerning 39 Advocates.

□ During May 99 Mr. M. Ramakrishna, Advocate, has been elected unopposed as a Director of the Bharat Co-operative Bank Ltd., Bangalore.

□ In the election held on 30-5-99 to Divyajyothi Credit Co-operative Society, Jayanagar, Mr. G.R. Shivakumar, Advocate, has been elected as a Director.

□ In the election held on 30-5-99 to the Kalidasa Co-operative Bank Ltd., Bangalore, Mr. M. Prabhakar, Advocate, has been elected as a Director.

## Judicial Officer Resigns

Mr. S.K. Venkata Reddy, District Judge-leave reserve, High Court of Karnataka, recently resigned. The same has been accepted.

## Weddings

□ On 3-5-99 Mr. M. Sudharshan, Advocate, married Ms. D. Rajani at Bangalore.

□ On 7-5-99 Mr. S. Supreeth, Advocate S/o P. Srinivasaiah, Advocate, married Ms. K. Sandhya at Bangalore.

□ On 13-5-99 Mr. V.S. Hegde, Advocate, Kesvy and Co., married ms. Sangeetha at Kantota p.o. Sasarvalli, Sagar-Shimoga.

□ On 13-5-99 Mr. Rajesh, Advocate from Bangalore, married Ms. Suhasini at Padubidri, Dakshina Kannada.

□ On 27-5-99 Mr. Arun Kumar, Advocate from Bangalore married Ms. Malini at Chennai.

## Foreign Tours

□ Ms. Karpagam Kamath, Advocate, left Bangalore on 12-4-99 for two months tour of USA.

□ Mr. K.N.K. Murthy Advocate, returned to Bangalore on 12-5-99 after visiting Bangkok.

□ On 15-5-99 Mr. B.P. Gandhi, Advocate, left Bangalore, for three weeks tour of Western Europe.

□ Mr. S.S. Ramdas, Senior Advocate, returned to Bangalore on 18-5-99 after a tour of Western Europe.

□ On 18-5-99 Mr. H.S. Dwarakanath, Advocate, left Bangalore for five weeks tour of USA.

□ Mr. S.S. Naganand, Advocate, returned to Bangalore on 20-5-99 after a tour of Egypt and Greece.

## Obituary

□ M.S. Nesargi [73], former judge of High Court of Karnataka, passed away at Bangalore on 3-5-99. On 31-5-99 the full court made a obituary reference in court hall No. 1 in High Court of Karnataka in memory of the former judge.

□ K.C. Shankare Gowda, Advocate of Mandya, passed away at Mandya on 17-5-99.

□ G. Ramaswamy [72]. former Attorney General of India, passed away at Chennai on 22-5-99.

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