

OUR ASSOCIATION - AT A GLANCE

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JAIPUR is known as Pink City of India. It derives its name from its founder, the Astronomer, Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh.

There are about one thousand Advocates in Jaipur. Initially Bar at Jaipur before 1931 was known as Anjuman Vakla, Jaipur. Later on in 1939, the Bar was known as Bar Association, Jaipur. Late Sarvashri C. L. Mishra, C. L. Agarwal, G. N. Sharma, Ramesh Chand Swami. K. C. Sanghi, Sherumalji, S. B. L. Saxena. Shri G. C. Kasliwal, Shri R. K. Rastogi were the stalwarts of the Bar. In 1946 its President was Shri D. M. Bhandari who was later on elevated to the Bench and retired as Chief Justice. On the establishment of Jaipur Bench in the year 1949, the lawyers practicing in various princely State Courts shifted to Jaipur viz Shri N. L. Jain & Late Shri V. P. Tyagi from Kota. R. A. Gupta and Late Shri J. P. Jain from Alwar, Late Shri B. B. Sharma, G. L. Yadav, Shri A. S. Chaturvedi from Bharatpur. Shri C. B. Bhargava, P. N. Dutt, O. C. Chatterjee from Jhunjhunu and Advocates of Ajmer Late Shri M. B. L. Bhargava, M. D. Bhargava. Shri B. P. Beri, Shri S. K. Jindal, kept on

appearing in Jaipur frequently, till merger of Ajmer in State of Rajasthan in the year 1956

On abolition of the High Court Bench from Jaipur in 1958, about 20 Advocates shifted to Jodhpur for practicing before the unified High Court. On being motivated by high ideals of profession, the then leaders of Jaipur Bar thought of forming an association in the year 1959. The same was constituted and registered on 10th February, 1959, under the Societies Registration Act, XXI of 1860. In the name of 'Rajasthan High Court Bar Association' Jaipur, and formulated the following objects thereof, such as :—

- (i) To maintain a high standard of ethics, honour and dignity of the legal profession;
- (ii) To consider matters affecting the interests of legal practitioners and litigent public and to uphold and safeguard their interests.
- (iii) To maintain a suitable library and to provide facilities for the advancement of the legal knowledge; and

- (iv) To publish Law Books / Text Books / Judgments and Legal Journals etc.

The first provisional Executive Committee consisted of the following persons :—

1. Shri M. B. L. Bhargava
2. Shri C. L. Agarwal
3. Shri R. K. Rastogi
4. Shri V. P. Tyagi
5. Shri C. B. Bhargava
6. Shri R. A. Gupta
7. Shri J. P. Jain
8. Shri G. C. Kasliwal
9. Shri B. P. Beri
10. Shri P. N. Dutt
11. Shri D. P. Gupta

The Association was provided with a hall for its members at Jodhpur. On the persuasion of its first President Late Shri M. B. L. Bhargava and its Secretary Shri D. P. Gupta, some Chambers were provided to its members. Due to the persuasion of the then President late Shri C. L. Agarwal and Secretary Shri N. M. Kasliwal, the members got the Telephones on priority with the help of the then communication Minister Shri Raj Bahadur. Lateron, members contributed and raised funds for purchasing some books for library under the presidentship of Sarvashri M. M. Tiwari, late J. P. Jain, P. C. Bhandari, and P. N. Dutt and with the help of its Secretaries namely, Sarvashri J. S. Rastogi, H. C. Rastogi, N. K. Jain, S. N. Bhargava and B. R. Arora. The association started publishing judgments of all cases through cyclostyle machine which was presented by Shri M. B. L. Bhargava. A

tea-club was run by the Association under the patronage of Sarvashri P. C. Bhandari and R. S. Purohit. In the year 1969, the then President Late Shri J. P. Jain, persuaded the then Chairman, U.I.T. Jodhpur through its Member Advocate Shri M. M. Singhvi and other authorities to arrange land for Lawyer's Colony in one area known as Jalam Vilas, Paota B-Road, Jodhpur.

The wives of the Members had also started a Club known as Ladies Club under the Presidentship of Smt. Shanti Mehta with other founder members. Smt. Shakuntla Agarwal, late Smt. Usha Bhargava, Smt. Vimla Kasliwal etc. which rendered social services and also donated funds, medicines during Famine. Blood was donated at the time of China's invasion and during the Indo-Pak War.

The Bench was re-established at Jaipur on 31-1-1977 during the tenure of late Shri V. P. Tyagi, the then Chief Justice, who was one of our founder members. All Advocates, who had gone to Jodhpur returned to Jaipur.

The strength of the Association at the time of re-establishment of Jaipur Bench was only thirty, which considerably increased under the Presidentship of Sarvashri M. B. L. Bhargava, S. M. Mehta, V.S. Dave, C.N. Sharma and L.L. Sharma. At present the strength is 266 including 9 Life Members.

Initially, the association was provided with only one room for its Library as well as for the use of its members. Lateron 16 Chambers were allotted. In

the year 1980, a separate building with a big hall and 19 Chambers were added. This new building was inaugurated by the then Chief Justice Shri C.M. Lodha.

In the beginning, the Library consisted of few books only, whereas it has now increased considerably. Apart from this, the Association has also been able to obtain a loan of Rs. 10,000/- from Bar Council of Rajasthan for the purchase of Books.

With the persistent efforts of its Secretaries & during 5 years at Jaipur, namely Sarvashri H. C. Rastogi, N. K. Jain, A. K. Bhandari and G. S. Bafna and present Secretary N. K. Jain who was again elected, the association has enriched the library and increased the facilities by purchasing its own furniture and fixtures, Almiras, Sofa-Set, Radio, Water Cooler, Desert Cooler etc. out of the contribution from its members.

The accounts of the Association are being maintained and M/s. N.C. Jain & Associates Chartered Accountants, Jaipur. are our Auditors

The Association is celebrating 31st January every year as the Bench-Day by holding cultural programmes etc.

In year 1980, a Seminar was organised which was presided by Shri D.M. Bhandari. Shri P. Shiv Shankar Union Law Minister was one of the speaker along with Shri C. M. Lodha.

The association is running its own tea-club for its members.

The Ladies Club formed at Jodhpur is also continuing its activities at Jaipur. A film show was organised for raising

funds for providing help to the affected persons during the time of flood, cyclone near Jodhpur & Andhra At present Smt. Kanti Dave is the President and Smt. Manju Bafna is its Secretary.

The basic object of the Association is to promote the brotherhood, fraternity amongst its members and to promote the administration of Justice by maintaining high standard of the profession. It obligates the Lawyers to observe scrupulously those norms which make him worthy of the confidence of the community. Profession of law is not a trade. Commercial considerations do not govern it. The association has been standing all along as a watch-dog to maintain the high standard to which the legal profession should conform and which are necessary to make its members worthy of this honourable and noble profession.

The association has been taking active steps for removal of corruption in Judiciary. It never lagged behind in honouring those Judges who had impressed its members with their ability, integrity, courteous, behaviour and high sense of imparting justice. The association from the very beginning has been denouncing the practice of toutism in the profession. The Association has been alive to the independence of judiciary and whenever situation arose, it rose to the occasion.

Association did not confine its activity for the members only but also took-up the problems of common-men and of the Nation by way of raising funds during Cyclone, Flood and donated

blood during war time. Most of the members have volunteered themselves for legal aid programme to the poor, without any legal fee.

Some members in past had adorned the Bench, remain as Chairman, elected members of Bar Council before and after Advocates Act. Some of them remained Member of Bar Council of India, M. P., M.L.A., Advocate General, Addl. Advocate General and some of the members are still holding such posts.

The Member of the Association had privilege of honouring eminent Jurists legal luminaries and Statesmen namely Dr. Nagendra Singh, Sarvashri M. C. Chagla, C. K. Daftari, M. H. Beg, K. N. Wanchoo, Y. V. Chandrachud and many others.

Life Members of the Association :

Sarvashri G. C. Kasliwal, R. K. Rastogi, Than Chand Mehta, S. K. Jindal, P.N. Datt, C. N. Sharma, Vishnu Prabha, L.L. Sharma, N. K. Jain.

- Virtue is bold, and goodness never fearful.
- It is Province of Knowledge to speak and it is the Privilege of Wisdom to listen.
- A clear statement is the greatest Power of Bar.