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**SILVER JUBILEE
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Bar Council of Rajasthan

1961 was the year when the Bar Council of Rajasthan was established. The Bar Council has its own cell and office at Jodhpur. Mr. M. M. Bhandari, managed the affairs of the Bar Council.

Chairman's Note

With the enactment of the Advocates' Act, 1961 the law relating to legal practitioners has been consolidated which provides for constitution of Bar Council. Earlier to this, two years pleadership was necessary before enrolment but the old practice of having various types of lawyers at different levels have been dispensed with and one class of legal practitioners has been formed i. e; Advocates.

The salient feature of the Act is that for each State, there shall be a Bar Council, whose important functions are inter-alia to admit persons as an advocate on its roll and entertain and determine cases of misconduct against advocates on its roll and further to safeguard interests, privileges and rights of its members. At all India level there is a provision of Bar Council of India, which consists of one member elected from each State Bar Council to the Bar Council of India.

Though a span of 25 years is not a long period to celebrate the silver jubilee of an institution like Rajasthan Bar Council, yet it is sufficient period to have a look at the services rendered by its members during that period so that the new incumbents at the Bar could derive inspiration and learn noble qualities from them like dedication, devotion for justice, self sacrifice and feeling of brotherhood amongst its fraternity.

The Bar Council of Rajasthan is completing 25 years of its beginning and during this period, the membership has swollen to 13,000 members. Apart from the enrolment with the Bar Council at the State level its members have constituted themselves in about 150 associations attached to different courts at different levels in 27 districts. Nearly 11,000 advocates are in active practice and about 2,000 have got their Sanads suspended being on different posts, services, vocation and occupation.

The Bar Council started functioning under the chairmanship of Shri Hasti Mal Parekh with a small fund of approximately Rs. 25,000/- in 1961 but the same has been increased to approximately Rs. 12 lakhs. Bar Council has its own rich and big reference library at its office at Jodhpur. Mr. M. M. Bhandari, managed the affairs of the Bar Council

in the capacity of its Secretary efficiently and sincerely from its very inception till he retired in the year 1982, and Shri O. P. Gupta, the present Secretary of the Bar Council is managing the affairs with the same missionary spirit. Bar Council is running in its 6th term. Till date 70 members were elected. It had 12 Chairmen including the then Advocate General as Ex-officio Chairman Dr. L. M. Singhvi and Dr. S. K. Tiwari, Mr. R. K. Rastogi, 11 Vice-Chairmen and 3 members were elected to the Bar Council of India. Advocates of eminence like Sarva Shri Amrit Lal Mehta, M. C. Bhandari, N. M. Kasliwal and S. M. Mehta were co-opted for Election Tribunals. Shri N. M. Kasliwal was elevated to High Court Bench. Bar Council functions through statutory committees like Disciplinary and Enrolment Committee and 26 members were co-opted till date for Disciplinary Committees.

Before the commencement of the Act, 7 members out of 21 elected members of the Bar Council namely, Sarva Shri C. B. Bhargava, B. P. Beri, Kan Singh, V. P. Tyagi, C. M. Lodha, J. P. Jain and M. L. Joshi were elevated to the Bench. From amongst 70 elected members till date, six members namely, Sarva Shri D. P. Gupta, M. L. Shrial, G. M. Lodha, S. K. Mal Lodha, V. S. Dave and Pana Chand Jain have been elevated to the Bench. Sarva Shri M. B. L. Bhargava, B. L. Luhadia, Dr. L. M. Singhvi were elected as M. Ps. and Sarva Shri R. D. Goyal, G. C. Kasliwal, V. P. Tyagi, Jaswant Singh Nahar, Durga Lal Bardar, G. M. Lodha, Satish Chand Sharma, Purushottam Mantri, B. M. Singhvi were elected as M. L. As. Sarva Shri P. D. Mantri, B. M. Singhvi, R. D. Goyal and V. P. Tyagi had been Ministers while Sarva Shri Durga Lal Bardar and G. M. Lodha were the Chairmen of Petition Committee of Legislative Assembly. Shri V. P. Tyagi, Shri D. P. Gupta adorned the highest office of Governor of the State. Shri C. M. Lodha and M. L. Shrial had held the office of Chief Justice, Assam High Court and Sikkim High Courts respectively. Dr. L. M. Singhvi is the founder President & Patron of Commonwealth Legal Aid Association alongwith Lord Denning of England. He had also been President of the Supreme Court Bar Association of India Trust and Legal Education Committee. Shri V. S. Dave was Vice-Chairman, Executive Committee Bar Council of India & remained associated with National Law School, Bangalore. Sarva Shri N. M. Singhvi, S. N. Purohit, Kan Singh, M. M. Singhvi, B. L. Maheshwari, B. L. Purohit, H. P. Gupta, S. R. Singhi were attached with social activities and also elected as Presidents of Lions and Rotary Clubs. Sarva Shri B. P. Beri, C. M. Lodha, V. P. Tyagi and Pana Chand Jain were elected Governors of their respective districts in Rotary and Lions

Clubs. Shri Marudhar Mridul a well known poet has been presented the U. S. S. R. Jawahar Lal Nehru Award for his contribution to literature. Shri Than Chand Mehta, Sumer Chand Bhandari, M. B. L. Bhargava, C. L. Agarwal donated their libraries and created trust for welfare of advocates and for the advancement of education, art and culture. Shri Than Chand Mehta also created trust for the Eye Hospital. Shri D. L. Mehta is the Chairman of Rajasthan High Court Legal Aid Committee & Sarva Shri V. S. Dave, S. R. Singhi, J. M. Bhandari, L. R. Mehta, N. L. Tibrewal and N. N. Mathur remained as its members. Sarva Shri V. P. Tyagi, Kan Singh Parihar held the offices of Vice-Chancellor of Rajasthan and Jodhpur Universities respectively. Shri R. D. Goyal and Pt. M. B. L. Bhargava were amongst the founding fathers of our country's Constitution being the members of Constituent Assembly. Shri S. N. Purohit and R. P. Goyal are members of Bar Council of Rajasthan since its inception. Sarva Shri L. L. Sharma and M. L. Garg were co-opted members in Bar Council of India.

There are about 40 advocates who have completed 50 years of active practice and we have the privilege of honouring them on the occasion of Silver Jubilee. Shri L. N. Chhangani, headed Chhangani Commission to probe into the affairs of Akali Government. Shri P. D. Kudal, heads Kudal Commission of Enquiry into Gandhi Pratisthan. Shri B. P. Beri headed Beri Commission to probe into police firing in 1967 and then Land Grabbing & Pay Commission in 1977. Shri Kan Singh headed Committee for Public Enquiries, and Sarva Shri C. B. Bhargava and Shri R. D. Gattani separately headed Jodhpur University Enquiry Commission. Shri D. L. Mehta headed Bharatpur Firing Commission. Sarva Shri M. L. Joshi, D. P. Gupta held the office of Lokayukta and Mr. M. L. Shrimal is at present Lokayukta of Rajasthan.

The advocates of Rajasthan followed the footsteps of eminent lawyers of India namely, Pandit Moti Lal Nehru, Sardar Patel, Bhula Bhai Desai, C. R. Das, Tej Bahadur Sapru, Babu Rajendra Prasad, M. C. Chhagla and many others in struggle for freedom. Prominent amongst them are Sarva Shri Banshi Lal Luhadia, Puran Chand Luhadia, Mohammad Gaffar Ali, C. S. Parashar, Radha Ballabh Agarwal, Baba Harish Chandra, D. M. Bhandari, C. L. Mishra, G. C. Kasliwal, Hanuman Bux, Kripa Dayal Mathur, Dwarka Das Purohit, Dau Dayal Acharya, S. S. Deedwania, Vidyadhar Kulhari, Ramesh Chandra Swami, Sirumal Vishan Dass, Dharam Chand Surana, and Heera Lal Deopura. Their contribution to freedom struggle can not be forgotten. The names of the lawyers are mentioned in the following pages. Other lawyers who have participated

in national struggle but do not find a place will be remembered even if, their names have gone unnoticed. Large number of advocates were attached to Prajamandal.

Advocates enrolled with Bar Council consist of many jewels including eminent lawyers, patriots, distinguished judges, effective Parliamentarians, active politicians including ministers, heads of the Autonomous and Local Bodies, philanthropists, educationists and dedicated social workers. Some of the advocates, who were enrolled with Bar Council had been selected in I. A. S., I. P. S., and other allied services. Judicial Services of the State have of course been manned singularly by our members. Many members like Sarva Shri Gopi Lal Yadav, Narottam Lal Joshi, Mathuresh Behari Mathur, Amrit Lal Payak, Nathuram Mirdha, Mathura Dass Mathur, Brij Mohan Sharma, P. C. Mathur, Brij Sunder Sharma were also members of Assemblies of erstwhile princely States of Rajputana and left deep impression on the floor as and when they participated.

Many of our members have distinguished themselves by holding various assignments of great responsibility at the National and State level. Few of them had been members of Council of Ministers, Government of India. Notable amongst them are Sarva Shri Raj Bahadur, Jagannath Pahadia, K. K. Goyal, Satish Chandra Agarwal, Nathuram Mirdha, Ashok Gehlot and Shri Nawal Kishore Sharma. Besides Mr. Raj Bahadur was High Commissioner of India in Nepal. Shri Nathu Ram Mirdha was President National Agriculture Commission and Shri Satish Chandra Agarwal was Chairman of Public Accounts Committee of Parliament.

Three of our members have held the high office of Chief Minister of the State Sarva Shri Tika Ram Paliwal, Jagannath Pahadia and Heera Lal Deopura. Some of our members have held the high office of Speaker of Rajasthan Legislative Assembly namely, Sarva Shri Narottam Lal Joshi, N. N. Acharya, Ram Kishore Vyas, Poonam Chand Bishnoi and Shri Heera Lal Deopura. Shri Ahmed Bux Sindhi and Shri Ram Chandra Choudhary remained as Deputy Speaker, Shri Girraj Prasad Tewari is at present Speaker of the VIII Vidhan Sabha.

Shri D. M. Bhandari an eminent lawyer and member of First Lok Sabha later adorned the office of Judge and Chief Justice and after retirement had been the member of Krishna-Kaveri Dispute Tribunal. In the process of Law making at the national level, though the members are less in number but the contribution is of great importance. The

prominent parliamentarians Sarva Shri Mool Chand Daga, Bisheshwar Nath Bhargava, Swami Dinesh Chandra, Ram Singh Yadav, Birdhi Chand, Girdhari Lal Vyas and at the State level Sarva Shri Inder Nath Modi, N. R. Mirdha, M. D. Mathur, Paras Ram Maderna, G. M. Lodha, Satish Chand Agarwal, Khet Singh, Prof. Kedar, M. C. Surana, Bajrang Lal Sharma, Pushpa Jain, Laxman Singh, Bhanwar Lal Sharma, Girdhari Lal Bhargava, Nathu Singh & Hari Shanker Bhabda, their names and contribution can never be forgotten. The names of other members of Parliament and Assembly have been shown in the following pages.

It would be pertinent to note that various lawyers had affiliation and connection with different political parties. Some of them Sarva Shri R. K. Rastogi, Om Prakash Gupta, M. L. Dhupar, Madan Lal Sharma, Gulraj Gopal Khandelwal, Hari Shankar Bhabda, Sobhag Mal Jain, S. N. Pareek, Vidyadhar Kulhari, Brij Mohan Lal, Brij Sunder Sharma, G. L. Bhargava, M. D. Mathur, Nawal Kishore Sharma, R. N. Bishnoi, Shankar Lal, Bajrang Lal, Shyam Lal Sharma, Ajay Purohit, Mahipal Maderna, Anand Purohit, Prakash Sharma, C. K. Garg, B. P. Agarwal, N. L. Singhal, Mohammad Gaffar Ali, Radha Ballabh Agarwal, Kanti Chandra Shukla, Vijay Mehta, Dushyant Ojha, Prem Kishan Sharma, Kenti Lal Jasmatiya, Sukh Deo Arya, Krishna Gopal Gupta, Kanhiya Lal Purohit and many others have held important offices of their respective parties.

Shri V. P. Tyagi & Shri K. D. Sharma remained as acting Governor of the State and Shri Ram Kishore Vyas was the Lt. Governor of Pondicherry and designated as Governor of Assam.

In the field of education many members namely, I. N. Modi, S. K. Mal Lodha, R. L. Maheshwari, S. S. Deedwania, L. L. Sharma, S. N. Pareek, S. K. Keshote, R. K. Kala, P. C. Jain, Chuttan Lal Shrimal, O. P. Garg, K. N. Jain, P. C. Patni have extended Honorary services to important institutions of State. Sarva Shri M. C. Chabra, Rajendra Bhartiya, Dinesh Swami, Surendra Vyas, Surya Kumar, Manzoor Ali, Takiuddin Ahmad were members of Syndicate of the Universities. Freedom fighters Sarva Shri Devi Shankar Tewari member—Chairman and Nathoo Lal Jain have held the office of Public Service Commission.

Shri I. S. Israni remained President of Sindhi Academy Rajasthan and Shri Farooq Hussain remained President Waqf Board, Rajasthan.

Sarva Shri Brij Sunder Sharma, M. D. Purohit, Miss Pushpa Jain, P. D. Mathur, Jagat Prasad Mathur, N. S. Saxena & Kumar Shiv are

VI of Bar Council of India Rules, and State Councils will adopt accordingly, and 20% of total collection of Rs. 10/- by the Bar Council will be sent to Bar Council of India & B. C. I. will formulate scheme u/s 44 (b) for Advocates suffered due to National Calamity.

The various conferences have been held from time to time to name a few (i) All India Law Conference, 1966, & Bar Council Chairmans' Conference, 1966 at Jaipur, (ii) All India Law Seminar at Jodhpur, (iii) State Level Law Conference at Alwar, inaugurated by Justice Venkataramaiah (iv) All Rajasthan Advocates Conference held at Jaipur for Advocates Welfare Act, presided by Lokayukta, Justice Shrimal (v) C. L. Agarwal Memorial Law Lectures at Jaipur, inaugurated by Justice P. N. Bhagwati (vi) Recently Inter-University Moot Court Competition at Jodhpur was organised under the joint auspices of Bar Council of India Trust and Jodhpur University. It was inaugurated by Mr. Justice R. S. Pathak, Judge S. C. of India (vii) State Level Law Seminar held at Jaipur presided by the then Justice D. A. Desai, Judge S. C. of India.

Bar Council of Rajasthan presented portraits of Chief Justices on the eve of their retirement. Mr. C. B. Bhargava was the first Pusine Judge whose portrait was presented & thereafter of Late Justice J. P. Jain which were unveiled in the rooms in which they held their courts.

On elevation of Dr. Nagendra Singh as Judge, International Court of Justice, Hon'ble Mr. Justice A. N. Ray Chief Justice of India, C. K. Daphtari, Shri Niren De, Attorney General, M. C. Chagla, Shri Ramjethmalani then Chairman visited Bar Council and only recently Bar Council of Rajasthan had the privilege to honour Shri P. N. Bhagwati, Chief Justice of India, Shri H. R. Bhardwaj, Minister of State for Law and Justice Shri Nawal Kishore Sharma, the then Petroleum Minister of India at Jodhpur.

Since 1973, I as its member and then as a Chairman have the privilege to make important suggestions concerning (i) reduction of number of arrears, mitigating the delay in imparting justice and making justice less costlier to Hon'ble Chief Justice of India and all concerned, (ii) for 5 years Degree Law Course, (iii) to abolish postal ballot in election and to amend certain rules to Bar Council of India, (iv) in Lok Pal Bill 1985, (v) regarding procedural change; delay in appointment of Judges and better working conditions of Judicial Officers to Chairman Law Commission; (vi) certain schemes for Advocates to provide central enactment on social security measures to the members of the legal profession to Chairman Social Security Measure Committee, Government of India;

(vii) for allotment of land to Advocates of Rajasthan at respective places, and (vii) to provide library loan facilities to lawyers under 10 years practice to the Governor and the Chief Minister of Rajasthan.

Sarva Shri Rajiv Gandhi, Justice P. N. Bhagwati, Balram Jakhad, Justice D. A. Desai, Justice Baharul Islam, H. R. Bhardwaj, Nawal Kishore Sharma, B. S. Sekhon, Justice D. P. Gupta, Justice G. M. Lodha and Governor Basant Dada Patil, Girraj Prasad Tiwari B. N. Bajpai, V. N. Mishra, V. R. Reddy and others not only acknowledged the suggestions but were good enough as most of them discussed with me personally by sparing some time out of their pressing schedule and saw that most of the suggestions were implemented at various levels.

Though I have tried to remember the services rendered by our members, advocates and to incorporate their names and contributions, However, I may be excused for bonafide omissions and commissions, if any.

I know that I have not been able to say anything about the young and budding talents of our Bar but I am sure, in course of time they are going to bring much better name to our fraternity, by their glorious performances and high achievements. They are our future hopes and our real assets.

Being the youngest Chairman of the Bar Council I might not have been able to do certain things expected of an elderly Chairman but I must admit that I am proud of getting the blessings from all seniors and the best of co-operation from young lawyers which has enabled me to put best of my ability and capability in discharging the onerous duty in the interest of Bar Council and legal fraternity as Chairman, specially during the Silver Jubilee year of the Bar Council of Rajasthan.

Credit is yours and faults are mine.

I thank you all and wish you all a glorious future of dedicated service to our people following the high tradition of our noble profession and for taking them to new heights.

Nagendra Kumar Jain
Chairman.

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