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## President of India condoles the passing away of Shri P.N. Bhagwati

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The President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee has condoled the passing away of former Chief Justice of India, Shri P.N. Bhagwati.

In a message to his wife, Smt. Prabhavati Bhagwati, the President has said, "I am sad to learn about the passing away of your husband, Shri P.N. Bhagwati, former Chief Justice of India.

Justice Bhagwati was a distinguished and eminent jurist. He made immense contribution to the judicial and legal system of our country. Considered a pioneer of judicial activism, he will always be remembered for his path breaking judgements as well as for introducing Public Interest Litigation in India, which transformed the nation's legal landscape. As a recognition of his contribution in the field of Indian judiciary, Justice Bhagwati was awarded Padma Vibhushan. He will remain an inspiration for the members of the legal fraternity.

Kindly accept my deepest condolences and convey the same to other members of your family. I pray to the Almighty to give you and your family the strength and courage to bear this irreparable loss".

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