

Rachchabanda; Indramma Housing; Rajiv Arogyasri; Pavala Vaddi; Abhayahastam; Rajiv Udyogasri; all of which have the common thread of human concern. From a sub aerial look at constitutional requirements he transposed welfare to an arterial function, osmotic to people requirements and aspirations. He galvanised the bureaucracy to act with a sense of urgency and commitment and ensure that the political agenda of the Government does not end in the files of the Secretariat but finds expression in the narrow lanes of every village.

After the stupendous people connect programme that would have physically ruined the normal, he romped home with a majority to lead his party in the State. He must have a *Churchillian* style told himself that day : I felt as if, I were walking with Destiny, and that all my past life had been, but a preparation for this hour and for this trial. Like the said leader he grabbed the historic opportunity, with glee and child like enthusiasm and went back at the first quinquennial opportunity to seek a referendum. The rest is truly history and beyond the clinche. I have only known Dr. Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy garu for a very short while. In the few months that we have personally known each other he built effortlessly bondage that makes me feel that I had known him for decades. I grieve his passing away as if, a dear and long lasting, friend and guide has suddenly

been guided by the guiles of fatality. It may sound a hyperbole at first blush, but I have reasons to believe that my inadequate vocabulary and heightened emotions do not find accurate expression of the man and thus, I borrow the words of *Isiah Berlin* who said of another leader words that fit Dr. Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy as if they were designed for him. I quote with very minor alteration : a man larger than life, composed of bigger and simpler elements than ordinary men, a gigantic historical figure during his own lifetime, superhumanly bold, strong and imaginative, one of the greatest men of action his nation has produced in recent times, the saviour of his people, a mythical hero who belongs to legend as much as to reality”.

If we suffer such a tragic emotion on his passing away, I shudder to imagine those of his close associates and family who have had the fortune of knowing him for longer and closer. To all members of his extended family (Smt. *Vijayalakshmi*, Sri Y.S. *Jagan Mohan Reddy*, Smt. *Sharmila* and Sri *Anil*), we place on record our incalculable condolences and pray the Almighty his soul rests in peace.

I will retrieve to my personal loss and grief after summing up the life of this great workmen politician with the words of Sir *Winston Churchill* when he said : It is the brightest hours that fade away the fastest.

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#### REFERENCE OF THE ADVOCATE-GENERAL ON THE DEMISE OF HONOURABLE Smt. JUSTICE K. AMARESWARI

My Lord the Chief Justice and companion Justices and Members of the Bar and friends,

It is my sad duty to inform you the passing of Smt. Justice K. *Amareswari* garu on July 25th, 2009.

It was Goethe who said. Death is a commingling of eternity with time; in the death of a good man, eternity is seen looking through time. This time over death chose to snatch a pioneer who defied gender, broke into the male bastion and became the first lady Judge of this Honourable Court.

Justice *Amareswari* garu partly moved with history, partly created it. Both times she was noticed for her calibre, commitment and eventually success.

After doing her initial “first-steps” at the chambers of Sri *D. Munikaniab* at a time when training before practicing was a professional requirement, she enrolled as advocate on the rolls of the Madras High Court. She was a part of the successful populace of lawyers who moved on to Guntur and from there to Hyderabad. The march signified a success story of not just a lawyer. We must understand the milestones in the context of her times. It was essentially an environment, designed and fine tuned to the committed male who was willing to place career over personal requirements. Justice *Amareswari* broke the paradigm. She became an example. The lady who came with shared dreams, doubt and hope became a pioneer. Pioneer do not just leave behind examples. They also lead the challenge.

I shall refrain from referring to the professional achievements, which in contemporary perspective seem mundane. As a pioneer lawyer who overcame gender-challenge, she truly is unmatched. The lawyer in her was a fine act, demanding domestic sacrifices and balancing. If she played a perfect home-maker, she proved an even better professional.

The enormity of the travel and her position in the victory stand can only be gauged by understanding that the freedom, respect, acceptance and success lady legal personnel enjoy today, is attributed to the road she carved, designed, walked and inspired. Her life gave expression to the constitutional guarantee of gender equality. She first built

up work, thin volume, thin reputation and then a position. We place her on a special pedestal for not just being the first lady Judge of this Court, but more importantly for believing in herself and conveying that self-belief is the antidote to prejudice.

It is said that biographies are influenced by the author’s impression of the subject. So is it with a reference of this nature. To me Justice *Amareswari* will always remain the fragile looking strong lady of this Court. In India ‘Law’ or ‘Justice’ or ‘nyaya’ as we perceive it is inextricably mixed with ‘dharma’. The ‘lady’ in her Lordship was naturally tuned to the task. Shrewd, tremendous common sense and above all a constant connect with the common-man and his problems made her a Judge who took her appointment as a constitutional handkerchief designed to wipe the tears of the laity.

Like her life, even the time of tribute comes to a close. The Bar will continue to cherish memories of her. The Bar will continue to follow many a debate she was part of, first as lawyer and later as Judge. The Bar will continue to see her life as inspirational. She was an authority in the field of Transport Laws and Land Acquisition.

While I pause, on behalf of the legal profession in grief. I salute a life that is best explained in the lines of Frost.

Two roads diverged in a wood, and I

I took the one less travelled by me,

And that has made all the difference.

With your Lordship’s leave, I will on behalf of the Bench and Bar convey condolences to the bereaved family.

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