

revision petition getting the law declared that when there are effective alternative mode of satisfying the decrees, arresting the judgment-debtors are not warranted *Pothureddi Laxmana Rao v. Kadasu Muneswara Rao*, 2005 (4) ALD 833 = 2005 (4) ALT 444. Another zealous client of this area carried a crucial matter to the Apex Court and got the law declared that the sniffer dog evidence is not evidence, which is reported as *Gade Lakshmi Manga Raju v. State of A.P.*, reported in 2001 (2) ALD (CrL) 229 (SC) = (2001) 6 SCC 205. Thus Narsapur produced eminent litigants, but for whom, there would not be landmark judgments, because one litigant or other has to ultimately carry the matter to the Apex Court, to get an authoritative pronouncement laid down by thrashing out the law. Narsapur has such adventures and studious litigants. They don't mind parting with a little bit of their affluence, for opulence of justice. It is high time that a more respectful word was coined to replace the word litigant.

4. It is on account of these outstanding personalities and their salutary contributions for the cause of justice, there is no trace of any rowdy elements and the settlement gangs

in this area. The litigation atmosphere in this area is 99.9%, very cool and amicable. The reason is centuries of judicial institutions enriched judicial culture here and made the people of this area acclimatize themselves to the judicious culture of settling their disputes through judicial means. It is axiomatic that with the inauguration of the Court Complex today, the judicial institutions at Narsapur would thrive and it would continue to produce eminent lawyers, trend – setter Judges and there is no manner of doubt that the people of this area would continue to receive the patronage of Judiciary that would always be at the beck and call of justice, lending its helping hand, to all those in distress, duly mitigating their grievances. Thriving Judiciary paves the way for an orderly society, thereby laying the foundation for a progressive nation, taking its glorious flag, to its zenith. Thus, Narsapur Bar, seasoned by its centuries of experience, molded itself as a center for professional excellence. The Narsapur Bar spanned over centuries, has contributed its mite, so far, and would undoubtedly continue its onwards march of dispensation of justice by continuing its fervor for erudition and its commitment for quality justice.

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My Lord the Chief Justice Mr. G.S. *Singhvi*, the illustrious Advocate-General Mr. C.V. *Mohan Reddy*, you would have noticed the many illustrations in his speech, Mr. G. *Vidya Sagar* and Mr. *Narasimha Rao*, the outgoing President and Secretary, Mr. A. *Narasimha Reddy*, Chairman, Bar Council of Andhra Pradesh, Honourable Judges, Veterans at the Bar and friends.

It has been said that professional function of the Advocate is supreme indifference to much of what matters in life. He must

advance one point of view irrespective of its inadequacies and belittle other interests. He has to propound views to which may not subscribe. He has to defend clients whose conduct may not interest him and often offends him. Several jurists and thinkers alike, opined that it is not for the Counsel appearing in Court to express equivocation, to recognize ambiguity or to doubt instructions. For the Advocate his client is Right and the opponent Wrong. The wider consequences can be left to the Judge to consider. *Felix Frankfurter* said and I quote: The fundamental Role of

an Advocate is not to enlarge the intellectual horizon. His task is to seduce, to seize the mind for a predetermined end not to explore paths to truth. The Advocate will base his efforts on points, which look like the truth, even if they do not correspond with it exactly, is what Cicero had to say of this noble profession.

Much of the time we seek excuse of wrongdoing. Plead the cause of those who pay for our voice even if this promotes injustice. We gloss over truth, camouflage it, colour it, distort it, if not suppress it. See how we dabble with truth. This in spite of the precept in our religion and philosophy as in other faiths declaring that – *Jaganiki Adharam Satyam*.

We can perhaps seek absolution in what one writer proclaimed: For all the moral ambiguity, inherent contradictions and plain absurdities, Advocacy has, in its manifestation of freedom of expression, its protection of liberty and its vital contribution to the rule of law, an essential morality which justifies its practice, excuses its excesses and make intolerable any society which lacks its presence.

Though soon after assuming office, it might be difficult to lay a precise road map for the next year, there are three issues that are upper most on my mind.

(a) NEED FOR PROFESSIONALISM AMONGST ADVOCATES:

Most speakers have referred to the need to keep up with times. Indeed advancement of science and technology, has changed our life style and much of the functioning of society and law has to respond to societal change. With the changing times and technological advancement and its ever increasing role in day-to-day life, it becomes important that all of us attune ourselves to the presence of technology around us and also learn to utilize those to our advantage. Unless all of us consciously adapt to the changing requirements and constantly upgrade ourselves professionally and also in terms of

latest development in law, we might be found wanting. I wish to take a few measures in this regard with your support which I shall discuss with you all at a later point of time.

(b) RESPECT FOR THE FRATERNITY:

All of us are professionals doing our duty, to our client, balancing such act with the other two obligations – towards the Court and our brother Advocate appearing for the other side. We spend most of our wakeful hours in office with files and in Court with cases. We interact with clients and colleagues more than our family. We cannot socialize or indulge in a sport or pastime as we would since law is a jealous mistress. Still lawyers are not given the respect that is due. We will work to ensure that the fraternity is treated with greater respect.

I assure all of you that I shall strive for the upkeep of the highest traditions of the Bar and fight for our respect and dignity. Needless to mention, of course, is that necessity for us to perform our duties better by hard work and ensuring that we are informed of the latest in law.

(c) ORIENTATION PROGRAMMES FOR YOUNG ADVOCATES:

I have concerns for the younger members of the Bar. They are the future of this Institution. There are two areas that need focus: How to prepare a brief and how to express oneself effectively. Unfortunately at School or College one is not trained to express oneself. We have many fine young lawyers raising excellent legal points, with a little help they can be more accurate and emphatic. Except in the premier institutes, no attention is paid on what goes on in a Court Hall and how to prepare a brief. My team and I have in mind orientation classes with the assistance of NASLAR and other lead institutes.

We are accessible to all of you during the next one year and shall do our best to make this noble profession regain its glory. Thank you.