

It's my profound honor to introduce an eminent personality for whom words does not suffice, but to go ahead with the shouldered responsibility I would as an opening remark like to introduce the jewel who he is as his name suggests Justice Bhushan R Gavai.

We have witnessed lordship as a judge who believes that justice not only needs to be done, but also should seem to be done. The quality embedded in lordship of great determination, perseverance are the result of having grown up in a household where lordship witnessed the sufferings of common people being dealt and eradicated by his father. As rightly said by renowned jurist Sonia Sotomayor, "So many people grew up with challenges. There were not always happy things happening to us or around us. But when you look at the core of goodness within yourself at the optimism and hope you realize it comes from environment you grew up in".

There is a saying by a known Jurist Oliver Wendel Holmes, "The life of the law has not been logic it has been experience. Justice B.R Gavai has his own share of experience right from practicing independently at Bombay High court for few years and after that at Nagpur Bench of Bombay high court.

His practice was known for his excellence in constitutional and administrative law. At a very young age lordship was standing council for MNC Nagpur, MNC Amravati and Amravati municipal council, Vidarbha region and was appointed as assistant government pleader and additional public prosecutor in the High Court of Judicature of Bombay. his experience gained him the post of government pleader and public prosecutor for Bombay High Court, Nagpur Bench which again enhanced his experience by meets and bounds . With this enriched experience he was at his time most suitable for the post of High Court judge and resultantly lordship was appointed as high court judge on 14 November 2003

Jane W. Nelson points out the basic three C's which makes a good judge

- a. Commitment to impartiality
- b. Commitment to justice
- c. Commitment to judicial profession

These qualities can be seen in lordship's work and verdicts. Few to be named as

1. Archana V/s State of Maharashtra
2. United spirits limited v/s delta distilliers
3. Prabhot k Mehta v/s Charu Ben Mehta.

So also while dealing with the matter were in the lordship exercise with the power of judicial review and lets down that, the decision of authority is immaterial – process matter. Lordship have also upheld the constitutional validity of government resolution / circular regulating dealing of poisons act. Though lordship have given judgments on various subjects of law but at the same time lordships command on administrative and constitutional law stands at its own league. And again the famous saying “judges may come and go, but a good verdict stays forever” stands true in the case of justice B .R Gavai who has time and again demonstrated an ability to go beyond the letter of law to ensure that its true spirit is upheld.

Lordship was always known , and still known , as a junior friendly judge who encourages juniors, and ensures that a good case, even if not argued well is not dismissed, for want of ability on the part of the arguing counsel. It is probably these qualities , along with his qualities that made him loved judge across all the benches of Bombay high court. It was the lost of the members of the Bombay high court's bar that has resulted in the gain for the supreme court of india.

Before I conclude I have to admit the entire Nagpur Bar's disheartenment at my lord's elevation, for though there was jubilation at his elevation, we were sad for my lord did not have a final sitting at Nagpur and also the fact that we would not see a familiar face across the Bar, who would pulling us up for our own betterment constantly.