

BIO-DATA OF JUSTICE N.V. RAMANA



Justice Nuthalapati Venkata Ramana was born in an agrarian family on August 27, 1957 in Ponnabaram village of the State of Andhra Pradesh. He graduated in Science and Law and became the first generation lawyer of his family.

He was enrolled as an Advocate at the Bar on February 10, 1983 and practised in the High Court of Andhra Pradesh, Central Administrative Tribunal, Andhra Pradesh Administrative Tribunal and the Supreme Court of India. He was Panel Counsel for various Government Organizations including the Indian Railways and also functioned as Additional Advocate General for the State of Andhra Pradesh. He has expertise in Civil and Criminal side as well and vigorously dealt with the matters pertaining to Constitution, Labour, Service, Inter-State River Disputes and Elections. He was appointed as permanent Judge of the Andhra Pradesh High Court on June 27, 2000 and also functioned as Acting Chief Justice of Andhra Pradesh High Court w.e.f. March 10, 2013 to May 20, 2013.

Justice Ramana initiated various measures for the promotion of Indian legal system while he was the President of the Andhra Pradesh Judicial Academy and introduced Regional Judicial Conferences emphasizing on Administration of Criminal Justice. He has introduced major changes in the training of Judicial Officers, and also the Quasi-Judicial Officers from Securities & Exchange Board of India, Commissioners of Central Labour Department and Registrars of Co-operative Department. During his tenure as President of Judicial Academy, he organized a joint conference, first ever in the history of India, for the Judicial Officers of all ranks, Police Officers, Correctional Services Authorities, Juvenile Justice Boards, Advocates, Prosecutors, Women bodies, Social groups and Media representatives to have a dialogue on the growing menace of sexual assault on women. His recommendations to effectively tackle the sexual attacks on women made to Justice Verma Commission, led to the amendment of the Code of Criminal Procedure to a certain extent. As Judge of High Court, his directions to the State to fill the vacancies of Public Prosecutors has resulted in speeding up of criminal trials and changed the pace of criminal justice administration. He has been the advocate for transparency in the judicial proceedings and voiced his concern to implement regional

languages as language of Court for a meaningful and effective participation of rural litigant in the trial process.

Justice Ramana has participated and chaired several National and International Conferences and Seminars in India and abroad. He authored various papers on different issues of legal importance and received accolades for his suggestions on “Global Legal Education” in a seminar organized by the Confederation of Indian Bar. He was instrumental in organizing the “First Conference of Public Prosecutors” in the State of Andhra Pradesh. He has been part of various programmes of National Legal Services Authority for spreading legal awareness among the masses and for the implementation of speedy justice delivery system. On invitation by the United Kingdom, he visited Great Britain and examined its Justice Delivery System. He also visited USA to assimilate their legal system. He was part of the “International Conclave on Balancing Recovery, Restructuring and Liquidation, the emerging challenges in Asia” held at Colombo, Sri Lanka. He was also a part of 14th Conference of Chief Justices of The Supreme Courts of Shangai Cooperation Organisation Member State held at Sochi, Russia on 18th June 2019

Justice Ramana was elevated as the Chief Justice of Delhi High Court w.e.f. 02.09.2013 and further elevated as Judge, Supreme Court of India w.e.f. 17.02.2014. He is a Member of General Council of National Law School of India University, Bangalore. He is also Member of General Body and Governing Council and Executive Committee of National Judicial Academy. He is also a Member of National Judicial Academic Council in the National Judicial Academy. Additionally, he is also a Member of Governing Council, and Chairman of the Library Committee in Indian Law Institute, Delhi. He is currently a Visitor at Damodaram Sanjivayya National Law University, Visakhapatnam and National Law University, Delhi.

Justice Ramana is an avid supporter of judicial reforms, particularly Alternate Dispute Redressal mechanism and promotes use of technology in Indian Judicial System. He thrusts for the implementation of justice delivery system in regional languages and advocates for adopting suitable measures for delivering speedy justice to the masses particularly the weaker and downtrodden sections of the society. He has keen interest in Philosophy and Literature besides Law.