

# Association of Retired Judges of Supreme Court and High Courts of India

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**Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 26.07.2025 at 11 am in the S-Block, conference hall of Delhi High Court, New Delhi.**

The office bearers, advisors, chairpersons of state chapters as regular invitees and the special invitees who were present in the meeting appended their signatures on a separate sheet which forms part of the minutes.

The quorum of the meeting was complete.

The President Justice K.L. Sharma, presided over the meeting. At the outset the President welcomed all the office bearers, advisors, the regular invitees and the special invitees, who attended the meeting. The President introduced himself and also requested all the office bearers, advisors, regular invitees and special invitees to introduce themselves.

After completion of the introduction of all, the President requested the Secretary General to take up the agenda item wise and present his notes.

The Secretary General presented notes on each and every item of the agenda in the meeting.

**Agenda No. 1. Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2025, at Bangalore Judicial Academy, Bengaluru.**



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Resolved unanimously that the minutes of the meeting of the executive committee, held on 19.04.25 at Bangalore Judicial Academy, Bengaluru, be and are hereby confirmed.

**Agenda No. 2 -Information about the new members of the Association.**

The Secretary General informed that since the last meeting of the Executive Committee held at Bengaluru, five new members have joined the Association. Their names were also read out by the Secretary General. List of these new members is given below:-

1. Justice P. N. Desai- Karnataka High Court Mobile 8277895394
2. Justice Prithvi Raj Chavan - Bombay High Court Mobile 9422859255
3. Justice Ramamurthi -Madras High Court Mobile 9444066306
4. Justice A. Arumugha Swamy - Madras High Court Mobile 9920099150
5. Justice Anant Kumar - Allahabad High Court Mobile 8004928592

These names will be uploaded on the Association website "[www.arjschc.com](http://www.arjschc.com)".

**Agenda No. 3. -Consideration of the report of Justice D. K. Trivedi, Vice President on Judicial Reforms.**

Justice D. K. Trivedi, Vice President and In Charge Judicial Reforms, while presenting his report on the subject, informed the committee that he is continuously making efforts and had been requesting the retired judges of various High Courts to impress upon the sitting judges to find out reasons of delayed justice and try to reduce the huge pendency of cases. He also pointed out that shortage of judges in the High Courts, is the major hurdle in dispensation of justice. The present judges are already over burdened and the filing of fresh cases cannot be checked. Justice Shobha Dikshit, Justice O.P. Srivastava, Justice Bhanwar Singh, Justice S.K. Saxena and Justice Alok Varma also suggested ways to expedite the pending cases and use various alternative disputes redressal forums for expeditious disposal of cases. Justice O. P. Srivastava, Justice Shobha Dikshit, Justice S. K. Saxena, Justice Bhanwar Singh and Justice Alok Varma also made deliberations and suggested ways to expedite the pending cases and use various alternative disputes redressal forums for expeditious disposal of cases. The Chief Justices of different High Courts recommend the names from the bar and service but the government takes long

time in appointing judges. It was unanimously resolved that a letter be sent to the Chief Justice of India and the Law Minister to expedite the appointment of judges as there are large number of vacancies in almost all the High Courts.

On the judicial reforms, Justice D.K. Trivedi informed that despite his request to the Hon'ble members, no member except the President Justice K.L. Sharma recorded note on the judicial reforms and sent to him. The suggestions for judicial reforms made by the President were circulated on whatsapp of the Association but no responses were received from any member. The committee considered and approved the suggestions made by the President as well as the oral suggestions expressed in the meeting by the hon'ble office bearers as referred to hereinabove.

It was resolved that the suggestions made by the President and the oral suggestions expressed in the meeting and hereinbefore recorded be consolidated by Justice D.K. Trivedi, Vice President at the earliest and sent to the Secretary General who shall thereafter send the same to the Hon'ble Union Minister for Law and Justice, Hon'ble Chief Justice of India, Hon'ble Justice Suryakant (Senior Judge of the Supreme Court) and Justice Vikram Nath another senior Judge of the Supreme Court with the request that all the suggestions supported by the executive committee of the Association may kindly be considered and implemented so that the purpose of proposing judicial reforms may be realized to some extent.

**Agenda No. 4 – Consideration of the report of Justice Rajesh Tandon , Vice President, on legal awareness programs.**

Hon'ble Justice Rajesh Tandon could not attend the meeting physically being unwell but he was available on video call and also sent the hard copy of his report which was read over by Secretary General.

Justice Tandon in his report said that the responsibility of judges does not end with their tenure on the Bench but it extends to inform and strengthen the next generation of lawyers, judges and justice seekers. The programs on online dispute resolution and ADR based strategies including his engagement and participation in various Universities and Institutes of Law, highlight a vital shift. Justice Tandon believes that ADR is the oxygen of overburdened judicial system. The enthusiasm of law students in Moot Court competitions confirms that students today are not only articulate but are ethically aware, socially sensitive and technologically equipped.

The virtual conferences on various topics in public platforms, is vital in democracy like India but the gap between legal education and real-world legal practice, need stronger clinical legal education frameworks and community legal aid programs. Institutions in small cities lack sufficient interaction with the judiciary, bar associations and policy frameworks. Such Institutions should engage retired judges in advisory boards, mentorship programs and seminars and our Association is ready to assist them.

Justice Tandon proposed that Institutional MOUs be created between law schools and Lok Adalats for clinical exposure, mediation training and internships. Regional Justice Hubs be established in collaboration with Bar Councils and High Court Registries to bridge urban-rural legal access. Justice value courses be taught or advised by retired judges.

The committee highly appreciates the efforts made by Justice Rajesh Tandon in respect of the legal awareness programs and also approves the suggestions made in his report referred to hereinabove.

**Agenda No.5. - Consideration of the report of Justice J. K. Ranka, Vice President, In charge of the State Chapter.**

Justice Ranka, being out of country could not attend the meeting. This agenda is therefore deferred to the next meeting of the executive committee.

**Agenda No.6. - Consideration of the latest judgment of the Supreme Court on uniformity of pension of High Court Judges.**

The Secretary General read out the salient features of the judgment dated 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025 of the Supreme Court and the President Justice K. L. Sharma explained that after this judgment of the Supreme Court, all the former judges of the High Court will now get equal pension irrespective of their source of recruitment and length of service. However, it was pointed out by Justice Anurag Kumar, executive member that even after this judgment, he is not getting full pension and his representation is pending.

The President pointed out that the High Court Judges (Salaries and Conditions Services) Act, will be amended by the Parliament in accordance with the judgment dated 19.05.2025 pronounced by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in respect of the



fixation of pension of the retired Judges and as such it is likely to take some months more. The representations can be decided by the Government/Accountant Generals only after the proper amendment of the Act. As such the Hon'ble Judges will have to wait for some months more but they will get benefit and arrears of revised pension w.e.f 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016.

**Agenda No. 7.- Consideration of the date and venue of the next meeting of the Executive Committee to be held in the month of October, 2025.**

The Secretary General informed that the Judicial Academy at both the places proposed in the last meeting of the executive committee namely Jodhpur and Hyderabad, could not be made available because of training programs of newly recruited judicial officers but the Registrar General of Hyderabad had assured to provide Telangana Judicial Academy in the month of October.

It was therefore considered necessary that the date for the next meeting of the executive committee at Hyderabad should be fixed in consultation with the Registrar General of Telangana High Court and the Director of Telangana Judicial Academy, Hyderabad.

It was unanimously resolved that fresh letters of request be sent to the Registrar General, Telangana High Court, Hyderabad and The Director, Telangana Judicial Academy, Hyderabad, for fixing a suitable date in the month of October 2025 for the next quarterly meeting of the executive committee and for providing accommodation for three days in the Judicial Academy for stay of office bearers coming from outside prior and posterior to the date of the next quarterly meeting.

**Agenda No.8. - Any other matter of importance with the permission of the President.**

Several members of the executive committee raised the issue that the retired District Judges get additional pension of 20% on attaining the age of 75 years while the retired judges of the High Court get additional pension of 20% on attaining the age of 80 years and thus the retired District Judges get more pension than retired High Court judges when they get additional pension of 20% at the age of 75.

The President Justice K. L. Sharma informed that a representation in this regard has already been submitted to the Union Government on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025, but no

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response has been received. It was resolved that a refresher be sent to the Union Government in the Ministry of Law and Justice for expediting the decision in a month.

The committee acknowledges and conveys thanks to the Chief Justice Delhi High Court for permitting the association to hold its meeting in Delhi High Court and providing full protocol facilities with staff. The committee also expresses gratitude and thanks to the Registrar and other officers and staff of Retired Judges Cell of Delhi High Court for extending their full cooperation and support to attending members and special invitees.

The Secretary General is requested to convey individually letter of thanks and appreciation to all the dignitaries.

The meeting ended with thanks to the chair as well as to the invitees.

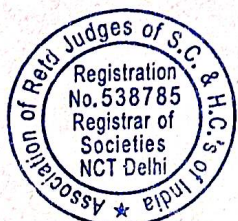
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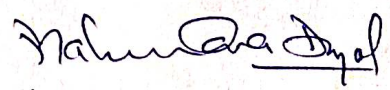
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The minutes of the meeting be uploaded on the website of the Association [www.arjschc.com](http://www.arjschc.com) and be also circulated to the members through email and whatsapp 8957076387 group of the Association.



  
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**Conference of the Associationn of Retired Hon'ble Judges of Supreme Court and High Courts of India held on 26.07.2025**

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