

**FAREWELL SPEECH ON THE ELEVATION OF
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRADEEP NANDRAJOG
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Justice Pradeep Nandrajog,

My esteemed brother and sister colleagues,

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Senior Advocates,

Members of the Bar,

District & Sessions Judges,

Family members of Justice Pradeep Nandrajog,

Ladies and gentlemen.

We have again assembled today – this time to bid farewell to another illustrious Judge of this Court - Justice Pradeep Nandrajog.

Though it is difficult to digest the fact that he is parting company, it is a matter of great pride for all of us that Justice Nandrajog, has been elevated to the exalted office of Chief Justice of High Court of Rajasthan and would be reaching greater heights in his judicial career.

Born on February 24, 1958 as the third child to Shri Justice Prithvi Raj and Shrimati Urmila, Justice Nandrajog did his pre-primary and primary schooling from Auckland House School and St.Edward's School, Shimla.

Shri Justice Prithvi Raj, father of Justice Nandrajog was a leading lawyer at Shimla and upon his father's appointment as a Judge of this Court in the year 1970, his family shifted to Delhi.

In the year 1978, Justice Nandrajog graduated in Chemistry from University of Delhi and three years later, in the year 1981, he had obtained the Bachelor's Degree in Law from Delhi University. He enrolled himself as an Advocate with the Bar Council of Delhi in the same year.

Very soon he picked up large practice in various branches of law, more particularly, constitutional, arbitration, commercial, Service, Election, Land Revenue, and Company laws. He was a Counsel for the MCD for about six years and was the nominated Counsel for the Election Commission of the Government of NCT Delhi over about two years.

With an outstanding career as a lawyer for almost 21 years, Justice Nandrajog was elevated as an Additional Judge of this Court on 20th December, 2002 and became a Permanent Judge on 16th April, 2004.

Justice Nandrajog has always remained persistent in his determination to prove true, the oath of office taken by him and this has earned him deep respect from the Bench and the Bar alike.

As a Judge of this Court for nearly 15 years, Justice Nandrajog has left an indelible mark of his impeccable character as a crusader of justice and as a hardworking Judge. The numerous judgments rendered by him in different branches of law, illustrate the remarkable contributions made by him for the development of law.

Be it cases involving ticklish questions in the field of IPR or complicated issues in the realm of civil, criminal and constitutional law, Justice Nandrajog was at ease dealing with them all. Law reports bear an eloquent testimony to his deep knowledge and scholarship in practically all branches of law.

Justice Nandrajog is known for his precise articulation and felicity of expression. His far-sightedness coupled with extraordinary intellect and desire to decide even the most complex and difficult issues is vividly reflected in his judgments. His judgments are also testimony to his liberal attitude in dispensing justice to the underprivileged and vulnerable groups of the society.

The numerous decisions rendered by Justice Nandrajog stand out for their brevity of expression and clarity of thought. Well known for his classic interpretations to the various points of law, Justice Nandrajog made immeasurable contribution to the growth and development of this Institution as the most prestigious High Court of the country.

I have known Justice Nandrajog for more than three years now. He is a multifaceted personality. He had been an accomplished advocate, a fine Judge and above all, a very fine human being. I have also observed that he is an extremely gifted person who can cope up very well in any kind of situation.

Justice Nandrajog has also been the Chairman of the Delhi Judicial Academy for about two years and with his unique style of functioning and his out of box thinking, he has uplifted the functioning of the Academy. He has also been part of many other Administrative Committees such as Administrative and General Supervision Committee, Committee to Oversee the Arrangements to Commemorate the Completion of 50 years of Delhi High Court; Selection Committee for Appointment of Officers of High Court and District Courts, Building Maintenance & Construction Committees of all Family Court Complexes; Scrutiny Committee; Criteria Committee; Evening Courts Committee amongst others.

His commitment to efficient administration of justice and reliability in performance of given tasks, has made Justice Nandrajog an accomplished and a fine Judge. I have observed that he is a Judge who strongly believes that qualitative decision-making does not mean or shall not result in undue delay in disposal of cases. Whatever may be the roster given to him, he always took particular care to ensure that pending cases in that roster are considerably reduced.

This Court has produced many great Judges who have left an indelible impression on the judicial landscape and judges who are respected long after they have demitted office or departed. Justice Nandrajog would stand out among them as one of the most popular judges of the present generation.

I believe that dispensation of Justice is an attribute of a Creator. For institutional and sustainable democracy and good governance, there is no alternative to an efficient, well performing, honest and sincere judge. It is not an exaggeration to say that Justice Nandrajog is an outstanding Judge, who personifies all said qualities.

On behalf of all my brother and sister judges and on my own behalf, I congratulate Justice Nandrajog and his family members on this joyous occasion.

Justice Nandrajog will forever be remembered for his eminence and excellence as a Judge of this Court. I am sure that he would continue his commitment to cause of justice and preservation of rule of law while discharging his new role.

May the choicest blessings of the Almighty be showered on him for a successful and glorious tenure as Chief Justice of High Court of Rajasthan.

Thank you.