

**FAREWELL SPEECH ON THE RETIREMENT OF HON'BLE
MR. JUSTICE VINOD GOEL, THE JUDGE OF DELHI HIGH
COURT ON 06.08.2019 AT 3:00 P.M.**

**JUSTICE D. N. PATEL
CHIEF JUSTICE**

Justice Vinod Goel,

My esteemed brother and sister Judges,

Smt. Maninder Acharya, Additional Solicitor General,

Shri K.C. Mittal, Chairman, Bar Council of Delhi,

Shri Mohit Mathur, President, Delhi High Court Bar Association,

Shri Jatan Singh, Vice President, Delhi High Court Bar Association,

Shri Abhijat, Honorary Secretary, Delhi High Court Bar Association,

Shri Rahul Mehra, Standing Counsel (Criminal), Govt. of NCT of Delhi;

Shri Ramesh Singh, Standing Counsel (Civil), Govt. of NCT of Delhi;

Standing Counsels of the Central and State Government;

Executive Members of the Delhi High Court Bar Association;

Office Bearers of Bar Council of Delhi and other District Bar Associations,

Senior Advocates,

Members of the Bar,

Family members of Justice Vinod Goel,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We have assembled here today to bid farewell to our esteemed colleague Justice Vinod Goel who demits office on superannuation after a distinguished and fulfilling career.

Justice Goel was born on 7th August, 1957 in Village Hassanpur, Haryana. He completed his early education from Government High School, Hassanpur and He did his graduation in Bachelors of Commerce from Rohtak and thereafter completed his Law from Punjab University, Chandigarh in 1980.

Justice Goel, enrolled as an advocate with the Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana on 30th July, 1982 and started his legal practice in District Courts at Faridabad and Sub-Divisional Courts at Palwal. His Lordship practiced on civil and criminal side. His practice included a diverse range of litigation in the field of Labour Law, Service Law, Election petitions, claim petitions and revenue and consolidation matters.

Justice Goel Joined Delhi higher judicial service on 31st December 1997. He presided over Civil Courts, Motor Accident Claims Tribunal and CBI Courts.

He presided over as Judge In-Charge, Mediation Cell, East District, Karkardooma Courts from 15th December, 2009 to 31st July, 2012. He was appointed as District and Sessions Judge, Shadhara on 1st March, 2013.

Justice Goel was appointed as Registrar General of this Court on 10th January 2015 and elevated as a Judge of the High Court of Delhi on 8th November, 2016.

Justice Goel has performed his duties with full dedication and commitment. His zeal to learn, more and more, made him stand away from others. His judgements have always been analytical, well researched and well reasoned.

Throughout his distinguished career as a Judge, Justice Goel has delivered many landmark judgements, few of which deserve special mention. In ***Hindustan Infrastructure Construction Case***, Justice Goel observed that the suit is not based on any Contract between the parties, the bar under Section 69(2) of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 would not apply.

In ***State vs. Ramtej Case***, Justice Goel observed that under Section 222 of the Code Of Criminal Procedure, 1973 at the time of framing of charges, the Court cannot speculate if the accused would be convicted for an offence constituting the ingredients of another minor offences.

In ***Delhi Transport Corporation(DTC) vs. Madan Lal Case***, Justice Goel observed that unnecessary or indiscriminate litigation not only clogs the justice delivery system but also burdens the public exchequer and wastes precious time of the courts. The DTC, being one of the major litigants in the High Court in challenging the orders of the Industrial Tribunals and Labour Courts, must examine all its writ petitions and assess, if they are worth being continued, on settled position in law and take final call within three months.

In *Management of Hindustan Times Limited(HTML) Case*, Justice Goel observed that the action of Hindustan Times Limited in issuing notice under Section 25FFF of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 to the workmen is nothing but an act of adding salt to the wounds of the workmen.

On the administrative side of this court, Justice Goel served as a member of several Committees including, Delhi High Court Building Maintenance and Construction Committee. Justice Goel also served as a member of Law Reporting Council, Member of Committee relating to the officers of subordinate judiciary and also served as a member of committee which determines inter se seniority between promotees and direct recruit Senior Personal Assistants.

Justice Goel is a trained Mediator under the aegis of Mediation and Conciliation Project Committee (MCPC) of Hon'ble Supreme Court and trained in Mediation by The Institute for the Study and Development of legal studies (ISDLS).

Justice Goel, though is parting, but, he would always be close to our hearts. We would certainly like him to contribute in the growth of judiciary at Delhi with his vast experience of having served as a Judge at all levels. I am sure his service would be available to us as and when we need them.

I extend my best wishes to justice Vinod Goel and to his family members on this occasion.

I, on my behalf and on behalf of all my colleagues wish him good luck in his future pursuits.