

Address by the Chairman,
Ram Singh Chauhan
Bar Council of Delhi

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Hon'ble Mr. Justice N.V Ramana, Chief Justice of this High Court and his companion judges. Mr. Rajiv Mehra, Additional Solicitor General of India. Standing Counsel of the Central Government and Government of NCT of Delhi. My fellow colleagues from Bar Council of Delhi Mr. J. P. Sengh Vice President, and Members of the Executive Committee of Delhi High Court Bar Association and District Court Bar Association. Members of the Bar.

Respected Ladies and gentlemen

We have assembled here to bid farewell to Hon'ble Chief Justice N.V. Ramana on his elevation as a judge of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. It is a great pleasure and privilege for me to participate in this momentous function. Not so very long ago we had gathered to felicitate my lord the Chief Justice in a function organized by the Bar Council of Delhi. I had then expressed a wish that my lord shall soon adorn the Bench of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. The day has come. Hon'ble The Chief Justice had a humble beginning. He was born in an agricultural family on 27.8.1957, in Ponna -Varam village, Krishna District, of Andhra Pradesh.

After completing LL.B, Hon'ble The Chief Justice enrolled himself as an advocate in February, 1983.-In recognition of his hard work and knowledge of law, he was appointed as a permanent judge of Andhra Pradesh High Court in June 2000. He was appointed as acting Chief Justice of Andhra Pradesh High Court from March to May, 2013. He was then appointed as chief justice of this Hon'ble Court on 2nd September, 2013. I take this opportunity to congratulate Hon'ble The Chief Justice on being elevated as a judge of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. Since the date of joining this Hon'ble Court, Hon'ble The Chief justice has enhanced the reputation of the judiciary as well as the Bar through his orders passed in all

jurisdictions and in particular various Public Interest Litigations listed before his bench. Hon'ble The Chief Justice has been very generous in nature and very encouraging to the members of the Bar. He has been a great source of strength and inspiration to us. After I assumed the office of the chairman of the Bar Council I had the occasion to personally interact with Hon'ble judges of this high court All of whom had words of praise for his simplicity in life and brevity in his judgments. On the administrative side my lord has cleared setting up of 47 new courts in the National Capital for expeditious trial of cases in different districts. The Bench headed by The Chief Justice took keen interest in respect of stopping child labour. While observing that justice is not being done to the children the bench issued directions to regulate placement agencies and prohibited illegal trade and trafficking of children. The court also directed appointment of special prosecutors for sex crimes on children in each district. The Bench headed by The Chief Justice recently took suo moto cognizance of the case of Nido Tania of Arunachal Pradesh, Sending a strong message that all human being are one and discrimination of racialground should not be tolerated and hate crimes need to be brought to end. Chief Justice Ramana encourages the mechanism of Alternate Dispute Resolution, in relation to employment and other contractual disputes instead of traditional litigation. The Chief Justice firmly believes in separation of powers as enshrined in our Constitution. While deliberating on the criteria of backwardness of classes in india, Chief justice Ramana has stated that "judges need to refrain from suggesting criteria for identification of backwardness, which was within the province of the executive to determine". Justice and Rule of law are perhaps two of the noblest concepts evolved by the wit of men. Justice, according to Daniel Webster, " is the greatest interest of men on earth. It is the ligament, which holds civilized nations together. It postulates that law ought to be equal, general and known, and be administered by independent justice". Hon'ble Chief Justice Ramana, in his short span as the Chief Justice of this Hon'ble Court, has enhanced justice and rule of law which the bench and

bar will remember for a long time. We are confident that justice Ramana will continue to strengthen justice and rule of law as a judge of the Supreme Court of India, with his devotion to justice, and will continue to inspire the present and future generation of lawyers and judges to achieve excellence in the practice of advocacy, in rendering justice and maintaining ethical standards.

I, on behalf of Bar Council of Delhi, wish him good luck and best of health, and happiness **and** a very glorious **and** successful tenure as a Judge of The Supreme Court of India.

Thanking you