

Income Tax Appellate Tribunal (ITAT) Marks 84th Anniversary with National Symposium Highlighting Its Role and Future Path

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The Income Tax Appellate Tribunal (ITAT), one of India's oldest and most respected quasi-judicial bodies, organized a Symposium on 'Income Tax Appellate Tribunal- Role, Challenges and Way Forward' held at the Delhi High Court Auditorium, here today.

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Law and Justice and Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal while felicitating Hon'ble Chief Justice of India Justice B.R Gavai said that since 1941 ITAT has served the nation for last 84 years with its successful completion till date. He said that for India rank of fourth in economy has substantial contribution of ITAT. Sh Meghwal congratulated the august presence of legal fraternity in this occasion when ITAT is constantly evolved with the passage of time. The Union Minister highlighted the role of the Tribunal in dispensation of justice to over 30 lakh appellants over the years.

Hon'ble Chief Justice of India Justice B.R Gavai thanked the legal fraternity and shared his wisdom from his wide experience on role of ITAT in the present era.

Dr Anju Rathi Rana, Law Secretary, Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law and Justice asserted that ITAT stands as a symbol of fairness, constant and reasoned adjudication. She said that balanced approach and ensuring fiscal discipline is of vital quintessence. She shared valuable insights on the Tribunal's modernization initiatives and future capacity-building plans.

The symposium featured distinguished addresses from Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya, Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court. The symposium also witnessed the assembly of eminent jurists, government officials, and members of the legal fraternity and students to reflect on the Tribunal's rich legacy and discuss strategies for enhancing its role in India's tax dispute resolution framework.

The evening commenced with the traditional Lighting of the Lamp, symbolizing the pursuit of knowledge and equity. Justice (Retd.) C.V. Bhadang, Hon'ble President of ITAT, welcomed the gathering and reaffirmed the Tribunal's unwavering commitment to upholding the rule of law in taxation matters.

An engaging audio-visual presentation titled "84 Glorious Years of ITAT" captured the Tribunal's journey since its establishment in 1941, highlighting landmark rulings, the evolution of tax jurisprudence, and ITAT's pivotal role in delivering timely and fair justice.

Shri Ajay Wadhwa, President of the ITAT Tax Bar Association (New Delhi), addressed the audience,

underscoring the vital collaboration between the Bar and the Bench in strengthening the institution.

A highlight of the evening was the felicitation of the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India, Justice B.R. Gavai by Union Minister of Law & Justice, recognizing his exemplary contribution as jurist. In his keynote speech, the Chief Justice lauded ITAT's critical role in India's judicial system and encouraged ongoing efforts toward greater efficiency, transparency, and expeditious justice delivery.

The program concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Shri Mahavir Singh, Vice-President (Delhi Zone), ITAT, expressing gratitude to all attendees for their support. The event ended with the National Anthem, followed by a group photograph and dinner.

This symposium exemplified the strong synergy among the judiciary, executive, and legal fraternity, reinforcing their shared commitment to enhancing the integrity and effectiveness of India's tax adjudication system.

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