

## **D.V. SUBBA RAO**

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<b>Date of Birth :</b>	24-4-1932
<b>Education :</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• C.B.M. High School , Visakhapatnam</li><li>• M.R. College High School , Vizianagaram</li><li>• Mrs. A.V.N. College High School, Visakhapatnam</li><li>• Graduation in B.Sc., Mrs. A.V.N. College, Visakhapatnam</li><li>• Completed Law in 1956 in A.U. Law College of Visakhapatnam</li></ul>
<b>Profession :</b>	Law is his Profession
<b>Hobby :</b>	Writing is his Hobby
<b>Passion :</b>	Cricket is his Passion
<b>Strength:</b>	Family is his Strength
<b>Habit :</b>	Reading is his Habit
<b>Motto :</b>	<b>Service is his Motto</b>

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## **APPRECIATION**

Although Practicing in the District Courts he received appreciation from eminent Chief Justices like Y.V.Chandrachud, P.N. Bhagawati, M.N.Venkata chalya, V.R. Krishna Iyer, Justice A.M. Ahmedi, S.Rajendra babu, R.C. Lahoti Chief Justice of India, S.Natrajan, K.Ramaswamy, Justice Syed Ahmed Qureshi Judges of supreme court, Justice M.Jaganadharao, Justice A.R.Lakshmanan, Justice J. Jayachandra Reddy some of whom were also Chairman of Law Commission of India and also Chairman of Human Rights commission. Also received appreciation from shri. Abid Hussain former Ambassador U.S.A, Shri. G.V.G. Krishna Murthy former Chief Election, T.Krishna Murthy former Chief Election Commissioner to name a few.

**Since other political candidates have issued booklets containing appreciation of their work and speeches by some eminent persons just before the elections still i am obliged to refer to the appreciation of my work in diverse fields like Law, Cricket, Public Services and various other activities. Brought out in a Souvenir released on the completion of 50 years of the Bar in April 2008 long before the Present Elections.**

**It is not to be understood as the message brought out in website to gain political or other mileage.**

## **MILESTONES**

### **AS CHAIRMAN, VUDA FROM 1985 TO 1987**

- **First VUDA Park** The Largest Park in Visakhapatnam .
- Laying of the foundation for **Gurjada Kalakshetram** through Sri N.T. Rama Rao, then Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh.
- Allotment of sites Venkateswara Kalyanamandapam in M.V.P, site to the Hindu Paper, site for Shadhi Ghar for Muslim brothers.
- Initiating proposal after obtaining allotment of land from State Government right beyond Sagar Nagar Colony along the Bheemili Beach Road.
- Initiating proposal for **Kailasagiri** which was then objected to by Forest Department.

### **AS MAYOR VISAKHAPATNAM FROM 1987 TO 1992**

- Completion of **Indira Gandhi Municipal Stadium** which brought International Cricket to Visakhapatnam.
- Starting of **Aquarium, Museum**, beautification of beach road.
- Construction of **Swimming Pool (Beach - Acqua Complex)** Foundation laid by Sri Devi Lal, then Deputy Prime Minister of India. With the help of Rs.2 Crores transferred by the Port Trust.
- Construction of more than Twenty Kalyanamandapams, many new parks including the development of park in Mudarsholova a Rose Garden. Large number of **Sulabh Complexes** in many wards in the Corporation.
- Slum Improvement Works **in 171 Slums in the Municipal Corporation Area** with the help of ODA Great Britain Assistance of Rs.23 Crores by providing CC Road , Drainages and street lighting, Anganwadis, Baiwadis.
- Additional **water supply of 40 MGD from Megadrigadda**. G.O. approved by Sri N.T.R, Scheme inaugurated by Dr.M.Chenna Reddy. **First major water supply scheme after 20 years.**
- Widening of Roads through out the City.
- Initiating and starting of the **Arilova Rehabilitation Scheme** which is now a sprawling settlement.
- Initiation of **Swarna Bharathi Indoor Stadium**, Bhoomi Puja performed by Sri T. Suryanarayana Reddy, the then MLA from two constituency.

## **DISTINCTION AS MAYOR**

**The only Mayor selected out of 82 Mayors in the country to represent India at the World Conference of Mayors held in Dakka, Senigal Africa, organized by UNICIEF on "Mayors as defenders of Children".**

**CROWNING GLORY - ACA & VDCA CRICKET STADIUM IN POTHINAMALLAYYA PALEM - PERMANENT CRICKETING CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL CRICKET MATCHES.**

- **PRESIDENT, ANDRHA CRICKET ASSOCIATION (2 TERMS)**
- **MANAGER, INDIAN CRICKET TEAM (TOUR - WEST INDIES & BERMUDA - 1997).**

**CHAIRMAN, BAR COUNCIL OF INDIA FROM 2000 TO 2004, THE HIGHEST STATUTORY BODY OF LAWYERS IN THE COUNTRY AND THE ONLY LAWYER TO HE ELECTED FOR TWO CONTINUOUS TERMS PRACTISING IN DISTRICT COURTS.**

**SERVICE IN THE FIELD OF HEALTH, HIGHER EDUCATION, CULTURAL LITERARY ORGANISATIONS.**

- Founder **Trustee Lions Cancer Hospital ; Vice-Chairman - Shankar Eye Foundation;**
- Trustee - **Kalabharathi Auditorium; President - Public Library, Visakhapatnam** one of the highly grated public Library in State.
- Involvement with Educational Institutions - **Mrs. AVN College, L. Bullayya College, Visakha Valley School, Gayatri Vidya parshad** and many other institutions.

**AS LION'S CLUB MEMBER FROM 1962 THROUGH THE CLUB PARTICIPATED IN LARGE NUMBER OF HEALTH & MEDICAL CAMPS, EYE-CAMPS, SUPPLY OF ARTIFICIAL LIMBS.**

**SERVED AS LION'S DISTRICT GOVERNOR FROM 1975 TO 1976: FREE MASON SINCE 40 YEARS**

**ACCLAIMED BY MANY AS A GIFTED PUBLIC SPEAKER ADDRESSED SEVERAL NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LAW CONFERENCES IN INDIA AND ABROAD.**

## **WIDELY TRAVELLED IN SEVERAL COUNTRIES.**

**As one who is aware of the myriad problems of Visakhapatnam as a conscious citizen, as a lawyer for several public institutions I have the courage of conviction to articulate and address all problems.**

## **The Quintessential Vizagite**

The Justice delivery system in the present economic dispensation, i.e. market economy, has become most essential, if not vital. Hence it requires regulation, both statutory and self. The challenge before the system is to inspire the respect and regard of the entire nation.”

That is the belief of D.V. Subba Rao, the first mofussil lawyer to adorn the seat of the Bar Council of India Chairman. “Lawyers and judges continue to be the sentinels of our democracy. With my experience of over 40 years in the profession, I am convinced that subordinate courts and mofussil lawyers who constitute 90 percent of the national bar are the backbone of the judicial system.”

Inside the court or the tribunal, for that matter outside too, the soft-spoken Subba Rao's views are heard with respect and admiration because beneath the eloquent and skilful presentation is his unwavering adherence to high ideals. That is why eminent judges like Chandrachud, Bhagawati, Jeevan Reddy and Kirpal and jurists like Nariman, Sorabjee, Parasaran and Venugopal hold him in high esteem says the former Chief Justice of India, P.N. Bhagawati. I was deeply impressed not only by his intellectual calibre but also by the great sincerity and diligence with which he argued his client's case. He is a man of high integrity and exceptional character, with large experience in public life and breadth of vision which is not confined to law but extends to a wide range of activities.

As a member of the prestigious Justice V.S. Malimath Committee on reforms of criminal justice system it has since submitted its report and of the Justice M. Jagannadha Rao Committee, constituted by the apex court to suggest ways for effective implementation of Section 89 (2) of Code of Civil Procedure, besides being associated with the National Judicial Academy, which provides training for judges, lawyers and teachers of law, Subba Rao has done AP - and Vizag in particular - proud. It must be a most satisfying and rewarding work for Subba Rao to be so actively involved in the reform and reconstruction of the national judicial system and legal education and profession in general which he has been serving with distinction and dedication for 46 years.

All this work is in addition to the arduous task undertaken by him as BCI chief in laying down standards of legal education and in initiating steps for inculcating discipline in the legal profession. The BCI, which he heads for the second term now, has embarked upon several programmes to refurbish the image of the bar and the legal profession by organising seminars and workshops.

He was born with a 'legal spoon' in his mouth as both his grandfather, Srirama Sastry, and father, Somayajulu, were lawyers of repute. It was, however, his father's borthor, Seetaramamurthy, popularly known as Seetababu, who was a source of strength and support for young Subba Rao when he enrolled as a lawyer in 1957.

By then Subba Rao was already popular in Vizag as former president of the Andhra University Law College Society, as a debater and as captain of the AU cricket team that won the inter-collegiate championship for the Tirumurthi Shield in 1955. The university's famous physical director, the late K. Sudarsana Rao, made a correct assessment of the university's sports potential. The cricket team of 1955 had players who were individually good but collectively ineffective. The physical director chose Subba Rao to weld the team into a match-winning outfit and the result was triumph for the team in the zonal match, at Vizag & and the finals at Anantapur. Twenty years later Subba Rao displayed similar leadership qualities as Lions Governor when Lions International Oak Brook , Illinois , called him “an outstanding writer”.

Jawaharlal Nehru was Subba Rao's icon and Tanneti Viswanadham his role model. But it was N.T. Rama Rao who drafted him into politics first as Chairman of Visakhapatnam Urban Development Authority in 1985 and two years later as Mayor of Visakhapatnam , The decision to plunge into politics was as hard as the election he fought to become the Mayor in 1987.

Some of his friends advised him against getting into politics, first as VUDA chief and later as Mayor. His reply was

that if all good people shied away, politics would never become good. He proved his friends and critics wrong by demonstrating that honesty and integrity do count in public life if only one had the will and the vision to achieve a goal. His term as VUDA Chairman and Mayor saw many things happening in the 'City of Destiny'. Beautification of the beach and the city's environs, the completion of the Corporation Stadium where eight international cricket matches, including a World Cup tie, had been played, launching such projects like Gurazada Kalakshetram, museum, Appu Ghar, VUDA Park and aquarium, widening of roads and greening the hill range were among the gains for Visakhapatnam. He was the only Mayor selected from India to participate in the UNICEF Conference, held at Dakar (Senegal) in 1991, known as Mayors as Defenders of Children".

For the last 12 years, he is heading Andhra Cricket Association. Subba Rao went to the West Indies with the Indian cricket team led by Sachin Tendulkar as its administrative manager in 1997. He is a life member of Prema Samajam and of several socio-cultural and educational organisations, including Ramakrishna Mission, Bharati Gana Sabha and Visakha Music Academy. A moment he cherishes was the welcome he extended to M.S. Subbulakshmi when she and her husband

T. Sadasivam came to Vizag. Touching her feet in respect, Subba Rao recalled the famous words of Jawaharlal Nehru adding that "after all he was a city Mayor before the Queen of Music".

Subba Rao's only disappointment has perhaps been his inability to get elected to Parliament. To represent the city he so passionately loves, to articulate its needs and plead for its development, who is better qualified than Subba Rao whose family has ties with the place and its ethos for over a hundred years?

Durvasula Venkata Subba Rao is the quintessential Vizagite. His rise in public life coincided with the city's rise to national and international prominence. Fame and exalted positions have failed to corrode his innate goodness just as age has not dimmed his capacity for hard work. He embodies the spirit of Vizag marked by cultural catholicity, vibrancy of outlook and enduring humility. He is gentle in disposition but firm in conviction; soft in expression but uncompromising in his adherence to values. An accomplished public speaker, he is also a delightful conversationalist with a penchant for anecdotes laced with humour. His broad and disarming smile puts even strangers at ease. A secret of his smooth and quiet completion of the Biblical span of three score and ten is his ability to take the rough and smooth of life in the stride, to laugh at himself and to strive to live up to the ideal of doing good to society without any quid pro quo. Service with humility transcends every boundary, including that of law and justice.

## Vizag's Most Adorable Son

He has borne the mantle of his family's pristine reputation with pride and elegance. The challenge and motivation to live up to the aspirations of his illustrious grand father and father paved the path to extraordinary excellence both in professional and public service. Thus in living up to the reputation. Durvasula Venkata Subba Rao created an honourable reputation that inspires a generation to look to him for excellence in leadership and public service. His life is an epitome of dedication, hard work and honesty. A master mind blessed with legal erudition and a luminary in his profession, he rose to the highest standards of sincere performance in action thus winning the right to enjoy the love and affection of every one who equally loves the values and principles he chose to internalise within himself.

### Predestined for excellence

Born on 24th April 1932, Subba Rao shares his birthday with his favourite cricketing genius Sachin Tendulkar. After graduation from Mrs AVN College, he studied law at Andhra University. Love for knowledge and an indefatigable capacity to work hard is sure a blessing of his grand father Diwan Bahadoor Sriram Sastri. That he is the legal adviser to most major public sector undertakings and banks in Visakhapatnam illustrates Rao's measure of worth in gaining the highest accolades of professional excellence in the practice of law. It demands a good tenacity of preparation and confidence of performance to have had such appearances in arbitrations before highly reputed judges such as Justice YV Chandrachud, Justice PN Bhagwati, former Chief Justices Of India and several other past judges of the various courts and he also appears as a Senior Counsel in cities like Mumbai, Delhi, Calcutta and Madras. Subba Rao holds aloft the flag of family reputation of over a century with a great sense of humility and the commitment he has shown in his response to the challenge and the opportunity he utilised fully, makes him a man of great distinction.

### Turning Point

The founder president of the Telugu Desam Party, late NT Rama Rao inspired and motivated Subba Rao to take on the new course of a political career. Rao owes his gratitude to NT Rama Rao and he unfailingly mentions his mentor's name in all meetings with a deep sense of reverence. If men of virtue and abiding sense of commitment are brought into the main stream of public service, it augurs a good change of perception and action that only true intellectuals are capable of. He served as chairman of Visakhapatnam Urban Development Authority from 1985 to 1987 and in his tenure VUDA Park was completed and till today it remains as the foremost theme park of joy and amusement to every child. He also initiated action for the Gurajada Kalakshetram, an open

auditorium and was also instrumental in the transfer of several government lands of VUDA for the development of new colonies like Sagarnagar and Gurajadanagar. Subba Rao served as Mayor of Visakhapatnam from 1987 to 1992. The five year tenure of his Mayorship saw an intellectual and an eloquent speaker preside over important meetings in the city. As a guest of honour he had brought forth elegance and also a rare quality of the awareness of intellectual clarity and principled honesty. This writer fondly remembers the civic reception hosted by Subba Rao as Mayor in honour of Nobel laureate Mother Teresa, the eternal legend of compassion. On the evening of 24th February 1988, Rao led a sea of humanity at the Convocation hall and presented a memorable felicitation address. There hasn't been a greater civic reception since then. He put Visakhapatnam on the International Cricket Map and Vizagites had the opportunity to watch the first one day international to be ever played on Vizag grounds, between West Indies and Indian teams. With his committed efforts the cricket stadium was completed and nine international cricket matches were held. Subba Rao's passionate interest in cricket hasn't been over shadowed by the pressure of his professional activities. He has been the president of the Andhra Cricket Association since 1991 and in that capacity he is also the member of Board of control of cricket in India . He had the privilege of being the Administration manager of the Indian cricket team that visited West Indies and Bermuda in February 1997. Subba Rao was the only Mayor who represented India in the UNICEF conference held at Senegal in 1991, where 80 nations participated in an international meet that discussed the topic, 'Mayor as defender of children'.

### Concomitant thrust on values

The advent of power politics and the trend of virtuous people shunning the political field reveals the alarming state of affairs and Subba Rao is not impervious to reality. His leadership and outstanding contribution to the society naturally evokes in us the questions pertaining to our choice of people who represent us. His honesty and commitment puts us not only to thought but also to shame as to why we as citizens are not able to encourage men of merit and integrity to take care of our country with its massive problems. Being well read, widely travelled abroad and as a man of deep introspection who has seen some great national leaders work for this country, he ponders over the deterioration of moral values and the high hand of materialism that is seeping into the vitals of our national roots. His patriotic fervour is well reinforced by his robust optimism that India shall withstand and shine as a symbol of strong repository of eternal values. He is hopeful that the day of true intellectual reckoning will come and the primacy of the restoration of values sustains the national foundation.

### Crowning Glory

Subba Rao's prestigious election as the chairman of Bar Council of India is not only his personal achievement but also an event of great rejoice in the city. He is thoroughly committed to stall the CPC ammendments in the interests of the litigant public. He is the right man at the helm to continue to do his best to the cause of legal education. His devoted presence, honest adherence to the great values of patriotism and social service render us perennial hope that he stands before us as a man of compassionate care who put his concerns into action and from his example it is for us to pick up the threads of integrity and honesty in the true spirit he has always exemplified. On being asked if he loves Vizag as one of his children, he answered with a warm smile that he has always lived with the feeling that he is the child of this city. Subba Rao yearns to do more and he is relentlessly putting his cherished values of dedication and social service into action. His efforts for the beautification of the city are laudable. He looks back with a sure sense of fulfillment that he has in his humble way discharged his duties towards his family and the city. As an illustrious citizen who has illumined his times with rare candour and achievements and yet retained the sweetness of solitude that springs only from deep commitment, he claims his rank unchallenged.

## TOMORROW'S INDIA

WRITING of cities, Yi Fu Tuan states that there are two ends of scale so far as common human propensity is concerned. He calls them two disparate levels of thought; one of high the other of specific responses, the immense complexity of a city may be encapsulated in a monument like the Eiffel tower (Paris) or a silhoutte such as the famous sky line of Newyork.

The collosieum represents the history of Rome.

Similarly the city of Visakhapatnam called variously as the Brighton of the east, New York of the rising east, the city of destiny by CJUledy or as called by Charles Correa, eminent archi-tect as 'GEM' an acronym for "generator of economic momen turn" is not a mere geographical entity - it symbolises the catho licity of its inhabitants.

When we reach the city from the vast expanse of the blue waters of Bay of Bengal , the Dolphin's nose stands out as a monument a mute but eloquent sentinel standing guard at the entrance to the city from the sea. Its ageless presence encompasses a 300 -years old history of the city. As we move into the mouth, of the harbour you see on the hills a Hindu temple of lord Venkateswara, the dargah dear to the Muslims and the temple of Virgin Mary which stand as monuments of the fundamental unity of the citizens irrespec-tive of religion.

The inexorable march of progress cut a single hill on which the places of worship still exist into three and, in between run tracks on which move the wheels of commerce which generate the prosperity of the city. But its dominant special metaphor is, it represents the destiny of Andhra Pradesh state and that is why it is called rightly the "City of Destiny ". In the early 20s of this century a surveyor general of Madras did not gaze into a crystal ball but looking at the con-tours of the city's structure predicted an exponential

industrial growth.

What was once a small fishing village grew into one of the burgeoning metropolis on the east-em sea board of India . In one sense the city did not merely grow, it evolved. Writing once of the city, I once mentioned that it is not a beautiful geographical expression but it is a city which unfolds the panorama of tomorrow's India .

I wrote that its people have a distinct culture which itself expresses the nuances of city. The Andhra University , a citadel of learning, has a unique place among the educational institutions of the country and it had such eminent men as Dr. S. Radha Krishnan, Prof. Humayun Kabir, Dr. C.R.Reddy, Prof. K.R.S.Iyenger Dr. S. Bhagavantam as professor on rolls, among clusters of educational institutions, there is a medical college, more than one engineering college, several law colleges and collegues imparting higher education.

The Hindustan Shipyard Ltd., the Hind ustan Petroleum Corpn. refinery, zinc smelter plant, BJLP.V., Port Trust, D.C, and with a crowning glory the steel plant represent the face of a resurgent India . The private sector industries like the gaint Coromandel Fertilizers Ltd., Hindustan Polymers, Andhra Petro Chemicals and a host of such industries are the lamposts of progress that light up the industrial scene.

The Eastern Naval Command zealously “stands arms” to preserve the territorial integrity of the country against any external aggression. The Essar Pellatisation plant and other industries which are springing up are indicators of the fact that this city has a fascination which few corporate giants can resist The Hinduja power plant and the several petro chemical industries in the pipe line will add to the economic prosperity of the town. At the level of statistics it shows that from a mere 32000 people in 1871 by 1998 it had a population of a million with a quantum 10 fold leap in a span of 80 years and a 30% growth in less than seven years from 1981. from a mere 9.64 sq.kms., in 1891 today it is a sprawling 123.4 sqms in area. These are not mere figures but are the rising graph of an industrial giant.

The port of Visakhapatnam serves the vast hinterland of Madhya Pradesh, rich in mineral resources and the land-locked states of Madhya Pradesh, and parts of Orissa are finding an outlet for their vast mineral wealth through the port of Visakhapatnam thus reaching out to the prosperous far eastern countries.

In one sense the city is miniature India ; a microcosm representing national integration. This is mainly due to the large central investments which has resulted in people from different parts of the country converging into the city.”The teeming industrial growth represents a strong and rich India . The scenic gradeur of its beautiful beaches and the hills and the greenery around, with a drive along the Bheemili road where the foam of the blue waters of Bay of Bengal touch your body as you drive down the road which may be called the riviere of India have a vast potential for tourism which lies untapped and therefore is still to be fully realised.

A few years ago it was identified as one of the cities with a fast growth rate of 6% per annum but unfortunately lack of sustained effort on the part of powers that be to generate and supply more power to the city and its environs and failure to bring waters from Godavari have to some extent reduced the pace of growth and unless attended to with vigour and vision may halt it in its tracks. The expansion of the airport, linkages with major cities by rail, road and air can easily weave it into the mosaic of the great industrial land scape of. emergent India .

As one who has spent the best years of life in this city, I have hope that inspite of man's neglect it will be tomorrow's urban prima urbana .

## Manager of Indian Team

D.v. Subba Rao, Manager of the touring Indian team, last Friday appeared in court. But no, he was not indicted on any charges. Subba Rao is also an attorney-atl aw, practising in civil matters for the last 35 years in South India . He decided to have a first hand look at what the Trinidad and Tobago court system is like and stop for a few minutes to tell the Trinidad Guardian, in an impromptu meeting, about the system back home. Subba Rao said that our system is very much like the Indians,' influenced by the English Legal System.

However, he explained that the jury system was abolished in India since 1956. It is now the duty of judges to hear, decide and sentence any accused appearing before them. He said that the death sentence is still in effect.

As to why the jury system is no more, Subba Rao said juries were usually illiterate and prone to the passion of the moment. The crime rate in India is not so high, he said, especially when one considers the population (800 million). It is not as high as the population in the more affluent countries. The system in our country is that when an accused is indicted on a matter, he has to have a preliminary inquiry at the Magistrate's Court, following which the Magistrate's Court will decide whether there is a case to send to

the jury to hear in the High Court. After the matter is heard in the High Court, depending on which way the verdict goes, the State or the accused can appeal his case in the Court of Appeal. If still either party does not agree with the court's decision, the matter can then be taken to the Privy Council. However, in the Indian system, since there is no jury, a matter would be dealt with by a judge at the District Court. If there is an appeal, it will be heard in the High Court. The final place for a matter to be decided will be at the Supreme Court of India. There is no Privy Council. In Trinidad and Tobago, judges are appointed by the Judicial and Legal Service Commission, headed by the Chief Justice. In India, judges are appointed from recommendations made by the government, with the Chief Justice having the final word in the matter.

Subba Rao admits that there has been a backlog of cases, waiting to be heard in his homeland. To relieve such a situation, Legal Aid and Advisory Authority was formed. He said that system is now "catching on."

In Trinidad, cases (serious or not), usually have to wait years to be heard. However, in India, he said people charged in less serious matters are usually discharged if their cases are not heard in about two to three years time.

However, just when the conversation was really becoming interesting, Mr Subba Rao was called away by Justice Anthony Lucky to discuss Saturday's highly anticipated clash between the West Indies and India.

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