

**2023-2024**



**SECRETARY'S REPORT**  
**&**  
**AUDIT REPORT**


SUPREME COURT BAR ASSOCIATION (REGD.)  
TILAK MARG, NEW DELHI – 110001



**NOTICE**

Pursuant to order dated 02.05.2024 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the matter of MA Diary No.13992/2023 in C.A. No.3401-3402/2003 – Supreme Court Bar Association Vs. B.D. Kaushik, the Annual General Body Meeting of the Supreme Court Bar Association will be held on **Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 at 4:00 PM, SCBA Library-II** to discuss the following agenda items.

1. To elect the office bearers and Members of the Executive Committee of the Association for the year 2024-25.
2. To confirm the minutes of the Last Annual General Body Meeting held on 17.05.2023.
3. To consider the Auditor's report 2023-24 and Hony. Secretary's Report for the year 2023-2024.
4. To appoint Auditors for the year 2024-2025.
5. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.

  
Sd/-  
**ROHIT PANDEY**  
Hony. Secretary



In the Annual Elections held on 17.05.2023, the following members of the Supreme Court Bar Association have been elected as Office Bearers and Members of the Executive Committee for the year 2023-24.

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Candidate</b>	<b>Name of Post</b>
1.	Dr. Adish C. Aggarwala (Sr.)	President
2.	Mr. SukumarPattjoshi (Sr.)	Vice President
3.	Mr. Rohit Pandey	Hony. Secretary
4.	Mr. Meenesh Kumar Dubey	Joint Secretary
5.	Ms. YugandharaPawarJha	Treasurer
6.	Mr. Amrendra Kumar Singh	Joint Treasurer
<b>SENIOR EXECUTIVE MEMBERS:</b>		
1.	Mr. Arijit Prasad (Sr.)	
2.	Mr. Jayant Bhushan (Sr.)	
3.	Mr. Ranji Thomas (Sr.)	
4.	Mr. Dinesh Kr Goswami (Sr.)	
5.	Mr. NarenderHooda (Sr.)	
6.	Mr. S. Wasim Ahmed Qadri (Sr.)	
<b>EXECUTIVE MEMBERS:</b>		
1.	Mr. VibhuShanker Mishra	
2.	Mr. Kumar Gaurav	
3.	Mr. Shashank Shekhar	
4.	Mr. Vikas Gupta	
5.	MrPratapVenugopal (Sr.)	
6.	Mr. Chanchal Kumar Ganguli	
7.	Mr. Manish Goswami	
8.	Mr. Anil C. Nishani	
9.	Mr. Upendra Mishra	



### **Secretary's Report-2023-24**

I'm pleased to present this report to the esteemed members of the Supreme Court Bar Association on behalf of the Executive Committee, the President, and myself. Since its inception, the Association has been dedicated to upholding constitutional values, democracy, the rule of law, and the independence of the Judiciary. Taking office on 18.05.2023, our Executive Committee has worked tirelessly to address various issues concerning the welfare of our respected members and to serve the Association transparently and objectively.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to the esteemed members of the Bar for their trust, affection, and faith in me. I also appreciate the President, Vice President, office bearers, and all members of the Executive Committee for their unwavering support and valuable suggestions.

### **Acknowledgments and Praises**

As I complete my tenure as the Secretary of the Supreme Court Bar Association, it is my distinct honor to extend my heartfelt gratitude and admiration to several distinguished individuals who have played pivotal roles in the functioning and administration of the Supreme Court of India during this period.

First and foremost, I would like to express my profound respect and appreciation for the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India. Your unwavering commitment to justice, your exceptional leadership, and your visionary approach have been a source of inspiration for the entire legal fraternity. Under your stewardship, the judiciary has not only upheld the highest standards of legal integrity but has also undertaken significant reforms to enhance the efficiency and accessibility of the justice delivery system. Your dedication to maintaining the sanctity of the law and ensuring its fair and equitable application has left an indelible mark on the legal landscape of our nation.

I also want to extend my sincere gratitude to Shri Atul Madhukar Kurhekar, the Secretary General of the Supreme Court of India, along with Shri Mahesh Tanajirao Patankar, Shri Pavanesh D., Shri Puneet Sehgal, Shri Rakesh Kumar, and Shri Rakesh Sharma the esteemed Registrars of the Supreme Court. Shri Kurhekar's administrative acumen and tireless efforts have been instrumental in ensuring the seamless functioning of the Supreme Court. Likewise, Shri Patankar's meticulous attention to detail and effective management skills, Shri Pavanesh's and



Shri Sehgal's diligence, integrity, and commitment to streamlining processes, and Shri Rakesh Kumar's dedication and professionalism have significantly enhanced the court's operational efficiency. Their collective proactive approaches to addressing administrative challenges and innovative solutions have greatly contributed to the court's operational efficiency. Their commitment to excellence and dedication to serving the judiciary have been exemplary, ensuring that the Supreme Court operates smoothly and upholds the highest standards of judicial administration. Furthermore, I am deeply grateful to all the other Registrars and the SCBA staff who worked tirelessly with collaborative approach and facilitated smooth functioning at the Supreme Court of India.

To conclude, I am deeply grateful for the support, guidance, and collaboration of all the esteemed office Bearers and members of the Executive Committee. Their contributions have not only facilitated the smooth functioning of the Supreme Court but have also significantly enriched the judicial process. As I step down from my role, I am confident that the Bar will continue to thrive under their capable leadership and dedicated service.

### **AMENITIES**

#### **Allotment of Chambers**

Through a draw of lots, 25 chambers have been allotted on a twin-share basis to eligible members, and chamber allotment letters have been issued for taking possession of chambers. We wish to congratulate all allottees.

#### **Cubicles**

Construction of 68 cubicles is currently underway and will be completed soon. Members on the waiting list for Chamber Allotment, according to seniority, will be allocated these cubicles.

#### **Additional Chambers/Cubicles**

The Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi ji, on 28.01.2024, announced the grant of Rs.800 crores for construction of additional chambers/cubicles etc for SCBA members.

#### **Medical and Life Insurances**

The Hon'ble Union Law Minister Mr. Arjun Ram Meghwal ji, announced on 30.11.2023 the plan to provide for medical and life insurances for SBA members.



### **Upgradation of SCBA Office Software**

The Membership & Subscription management software at SCBA has been upgraded with enhanced features and is currently operational on 7 PCs. The new web-based customized software offers options for both staff and members to view subscription and other details online.

### **SCBA OFFICE**

Room No. GE-81 has been allotted to SCBA and will be merged with the SCBA office. The need for additional office space to create a better environment has long been recognized. Repair work will commence during the summer vacation.

### **SCBA Arbitration and Consultation Room**

**Dr. Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, Chief Justice of India**, in the august presence of Companion Hon'ble Judges of Supreme Court of India, inaugurated the SCBA Arbitration and Consultation Room on the Ground Floor, M.C. Setalvad Chambers Block, with a new look on 11.01.2024.

### **SCBA Consultation Room**

On February 5, 2024, the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India inaugurated SCBA's New Consultation Room-III near the Bar Lounge on the ground floor. This step was taken to provide convenience to the members of the bar

### **Libraries**

Additionally, space has been allocated on the 8th floor of 'D' Block, Additional Building Complex for the new library. It will feature bookshelves, designated reading areas, and e-library workstations.

A CCTV camera has been installed at the main entrance of SCBA Library No.I to strengthen security measures.

At the R.K. Garg Research Library, existing lights have been replaced with LED lights, and the carpet has been upgraded to create a more conducive environment.



### **Digital Display Board**

Another digital display board has been installed in the Bar Lounge, and the one in Library No.2 has been replaced due to malfunctioning. Additionally, digital display boards have been installed on each floor of the D Block, Additional Building Complex.

### **Voter Identity Card Camp**

A camp for Voter Identity Card registration/modification was organized from March 20 to March 22, 2024, in collaboration with the Election Commission of India at the Supreme Court premises, for the benefit of our members.

### **Wheelchair**

The Executive Committee of the Supreme Court Bar Association expresses its sincere gratitude for the generous donation of 25 wheelchairs on April 5, 2024, from the Stock Holding Corporation of India Ltd. This donation will be invaluable in times of need. The wheelchairs have been strategically placed at all relevant locations within the SCBA premises and at all entry gates of the Supreme Court in both High Security and Low Security Zones

### **Canteen**

Hon'ble Dr. Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, Chief Justice of India, inaugurated a canteen on October 5, 2023, at the Ground Floor of E-Block, Additional Building Complex, Supreme Court of India, for the convenience of the members.

### **Mitti Cafe**

Hon'ble Dr. Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, Chief Justice of India, inaugurated the 'Mitti Café' in the august presence of companion Hon'ble Judges of the Supreme Court of India, on November 10, 2023

### **Ambulance**

An Ambulance (ALS) is stationed at 'D' Block, Additional Building Complex, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi, ensuring 24x7 availability for emergencies.



### **Whatsapp Messages**

The Supreme Court Registry has announced and launched a new I.T. service, providing automated WhatsApp messages by the Supreme Court of India. This service enables access to cause lists, receipt of filing and listing-related messages, as well as orders and judgments through mobile phones. The WhatsApp (WABA) number of the Supreme Court of India for this service is **87676-87676**. We express our gratitude to the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India for granting this service to the members of the bar.

### **E-Filing Module Program**

In response to the challenges encountered by Members and their Clerks with the new E-Filing module, SCBA collaborated with the Registry to conduct an orientation on the 'Working of the New E-Filing Module' on September 11, 2023, at the Multipurpose Hall, Block-C, Additional Building Complex, Supreme Court.

### **FTTH Network for Broadband**

MTNL has installed FTTH network for broadband facility in the Lawyers' Chamber Block, Additional Building Complex, and other areas in the Supreme Court of India. This facility enables seamless access to the internet without any interruption.

### **Mobile Connectivity in Additional Building Complex of the Supreme Court of India.**

Due to poor mobile connectivity in the Additional Building Complex of the Supreme Court of India, TCIL has implemented an In-Building Solution (IBS) to enhance the mobile services of Airtel and Vodafone.

### **Development of Visitor's Waiting Lounge**

A Waiting Lounge has been developed for the Govt. Officers/visitors/litigants near Public Relations Office in the Main Building of the Supreme Court of India.



### **Beautification of surrounding areas in the Lawyers Chambers Block**

Efforts are underway to beautify the abandoned areas within the M.C. Setalvad Lawyers Chambers Block and C.K. Daphtary Lawyers Chambers Block. Various repair, development, illumination, and floral works are being carried out to enhance their appearance.

### **Facility of Free Wi-Fi**

As part of the e-initiatives in the Supreme Court of India, free Wi-Fi access is provided for Advocates, Litigants, Media persons, and other stakeholders visiting the Supreme Court of India. Initially, this facility is available at the Chief Justice's Court, Court Nos. 2 to 5 including the corridor and Plaza in front, both waiting areas in front of the plaza canteen, and Press Lounge-I & II. Subsequently, this facility has been extended to all the Court Rooms and adjoining areas. Further extensions are planned for Bar Library-I & II, Ladies Bar Room, and Bar Lounge in a phased manner.

### **Washrooms**

Washrooms in the M.C. Setalvad Lawyers Chambers and C.K. Daphtary Chambers Blocks have been renovated to enhance their facilities and aesthetics.

### **Canteen**

Upon our request, Room No.1 has been redesigned to accommodate a canteen facility on the ground floor of the 'E' Block Additional Building Complex. This facility will cater to the needs of Advocates, Litigants, and other stakeholders visiting the Supreme Court of India.

### **Waiting Area**

The waiting area for Court Nos. 1 to 5 near the Plaza Canteen has been renovated for the comfort and convenience of Advocates.

### **Air-conditioners**

Four new air conditioners have been installed for Library No.4 to replace the old ones that were not functioning properly. I express my sincere gratitude to Shri Tushar Mehta (Sr.), Solicitor General of India, for his generous contribution towards this endeavor.



### **Water Dispenser**

Two new water dispensers have been donated by Shri Shiv Pati Pandey, Advocate for Library No.1.

### **Bus Service**

Through the collaborative efforts of the Supreme Court Bar Association and the New Delhi Bar Association, a dedicated AC bus service for commuting advocates has been initiated. This service operates from the Supreme Court Metro Station Bus Stop to Patiala House Court Gate No. 1 Bus Stop, Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium Bus Stop, Delhi High Court, and back to the Metro Station.

### **PROGRAMME**

#### **Independence Day Celebration**

75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day was celebrated on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 in the Supreme Court lawns. **Hon'ble Mr. Justice D.Y. Chandrachud**, Hon'ble Chief Justice of India was the Chief Guest and **Hon'ble Mr. Arjun Ram Meghwal**, Union Minister for Law and Justice, was the '**Guest of Honour**'. On this occasion Hon'ble Chief Justice of India and Hon'ble Law Minister planted trees.

#### **Constitution Day**

The Supreme Court Bar Association and the Supreme Court of India jointly celebrated Constitution Day on November 26, 2023, at the Auditorium, C-Block, Additional Building Complex, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi.

Hon'ble Ms. Droupadi Murmu, President of India, Hon'ble Dr. Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, Chief Justice of India, and Hon'ble Mr. Arjun Ram Meghwal, Union Minister of State (I/C) for Law and Justice graced the occasion. President Ms. Droupadi Murmu also unveiled the statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in the Supreme Court Lawn.

Supreme Court Bar Association celebrated Constitution week from 26.11.2023 to 30.11.2023. On 30.11.2023, Supreme Court Bar Association at Auditorium, C-Block, Additional Building Complex, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi. Hon'ble Dr. Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, Chief Justice of India, Hon'ble Mr. Arjun Ram Meghwal, Union Minister of State (I/C) for Law and Justice graced the occasion.



On this occasion, the SCBA honored members of the Bar who have completed 50 years of practice at the Bar. Additionally, the Bar recognized members who have published/authored books, as well as advocates who secured a rank in the Advocate-On-Record Examination held in December 2022

### **Farewell Function**

The Supreme Court Bar Association hosted Farewell functions to honor the following Hon'ble Judges upon their retirement.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice K.M. Joseph  
Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ajay Rastogi  
Hon'ble Mr. Justice V. Ramasubramanian  
Hon'ble Mr. Justice Krishna Murari  
Hon'ble Mr. Justice S. Ravindra Bhat  
Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjay KishanKaul  
Hon'ble Mr. Justice Aniruddha Bose  
Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.S.Bopanna on 17.05.2024

### **Felicitation Function**

The SCBA organized a felicitation function to honor the following Hon'ble Judges, who have been appointed as Hon'ble Judges of the Supreme Court of India.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra  
Hon'ble Mr. Justice K.V. Viswanathan  
Hon'ble Mr. Justice UjjalBhuyan  
Hon'ble Mr. Justice SarasaVenkatanarayana Bhatti  
Hon'ble Mr. Justice Satish Chandra Sharma  
Hon'ble Mr. Justice Augustine George Masih  
Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sandeep Mehta  
Hon'ble Mr. Justice PrasannaBhalachandraVarale

### **Birth Anniversary**

On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri, the Supreme Court Bar Association organized a Cleanliness Drive and garlanded the statues of Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri on October 2, 2023.



## **DIWALI UTSAV**

SCBA celebrated "**Diwali Utsav**" on **10.11.2023** in SCBA Bar Lounge Room, which was inaugurated by **Hon'ble Dr. Justice D.Y. Chandrachud**, Chief Justice of India in the august presence of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjay KishanKaul, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Surya Kant, Hon'ble Mr. Justice VikramNath, Hon'ble Mr. Justice J.K. Maheshwari, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra, Hon'ble Mr. Justice K.V. Viswanathan and Hon'ble Mr. Justice UjjalBhuyan, Judges of Supreme Court of India.

## **Guru Parv**

The birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev celebrated on 24.11.2023. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjay Karol and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajesh Bindal, Judges, Supreme Court of India graced the occasion.

## **Christmas Celebrations**

The Supreme Court Bar Association organized a function to celebrate Christmas at the Litigants Canteen, adjacent to the A.K. Sen Chambers Block, Supreme Court premises, New Delhi, on December 25, 2023. The Hon'ble Dr. Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, Chief Justice of India, was the Chief Guest on this occasion.

## **FESTIVE SEASON PROGRAM**

SCBA celebrated the Lohri, Makar Sankranti, Pongal, Bihu, Uttrayan, Makara Villaku and Guru Purab, on 15.01.2024 at Cafeteria for Litigants, adjacent to A.K. Sen Chambers Block, Supreme Court premises, New Delhi.

**Hon'ble Mr. Justice AhsanuddinAmanullah** was the '**Chief Guest**' for this occasion.

## **Holi Milan**

A Holi Milan and HasyaKaviSammelan were held on March 22, 2024, in the Supreme Court Lawns, where the following renowned poets participated

Shri Gajendra Solanki  
SardarPratapFaujdar  
Dr. Vishnu Saxena  
Shri ManzarBhopali  
Ms. Gauri Mishra  
Shri SundarKataria  
Shri SurajmaniTripathi  
Ms. Ana Dehlvi



**Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhushan Ramkrishna Gavai, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vikram Nath, Hon'ble Mr. Justice M.M. Sundresh, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjay Karol, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ahsanuddin Amanullah, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra, Hon'ble Mr. Justice K V Viswanathan, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sandeep Mehta, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Prasanna Bhalachandra Varale, Judges, Supreme Court of India** graced the occasion.

### **Id-ul-Fitr (Eid Milan)**

The Supreme Court Bar Association celebrated Id-ul-Fitr (Eid Milan) on April 18, 2024, in the Cafeteria for Litigants near the A.K. Sen Chambers Block, Supreme Court premises, New Delhi. The event was graced by the presence of Hon'ble Judges of the Supreme Court, including Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhushan Ramkrishna Gavai, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Surya Kant, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vikram Nath, Hon'ble Ms. Justice Hima Kohli, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjay Karol, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ahsanuddin Amanullah, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajesh Bindal, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra, Hon'ble Mr. Justice K.V. Viswanathan, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ujjal Bhuyan, and Mr. Justice Augustine George Masih.

### **BLOOD DONATION CAMP**

On the occasion of Swami Vivekananda Jayanti, the Indian Red Cross Society organized a blood donation camp, where 71 members and others voluntarily donated blood, contributing to this humanitarian service. The Blood Donation Camp was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Dr. D.Y. Chandrachud, Chief Justice of India, in the august presence of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Aniruddha Bose, Hon'ble Ms. Justice Hima Kohli, Hon'ble Mr. Justice P.S. Narasimha, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ahsanuddin Amanullah, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajesh Bindal, and Hon'ble Mr. K.V. Viswanathan, Judges of the Supreme Court of India. Additionally, the portrait of Swami Vivekananda was garlanded by the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India and his companion Judges, Supreme Court of India.

### **Mediation Training Program**

The Mediation and Conciliation Project Committee (MCPC) of the Supreme Court of India recently organized a 20-hour refresher program for members of the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) who had already completed the 40-hour Mediation Training Program (MTP). The SCBA members participated actively and successfully completed the program. We extend our best wishes to everyone for their future endeavors. Additionally, we have contacted the MCPC to arrange a new program for Bar members as soon as possible.



## **National Conference**

SCBA hosted the "National Conference on Advocates Protection Bill" on January 27, 2024. We extended invitations to bar leaders from various regions across the country, seeking their valuable support and insights to safeguard the interests of the legal fraternity.

## **Lecture**

SCBA organized a lecture series on various topics, featuring presentations by prominent speakers aimed at benefiting our members. Below are the details:

**Hon'ble Mr. Justice S. Ravindra Bhat, Judge, Supreme Court of India** delivered a lecture on the topic "**Supreme Court Practice and Procedure**" on 21.11.2023.

**Hon'ble Mr. Justice Aniruddha Bose, Judge, Supreme Court of India** delivered a lecture on the topic "**Justice Delivery System & Role of Lawyers**" on 12.10.2023.

**Shri B.C. Thiruvengadam**, Senior Advocate, International Arbitrator, Mediator & Master Trainer, delivered a lecture on the topic "The Mediation Act, 2023 and the Legal Profession" on March 11, 2024. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjay Karol, Judge of the Supreme Court of India, presided over the function.

**Dr. Awadhesh Pandey**, Senior Consultant, Department of Radiology & Nuclear Medicine, National Heart Institute, New Delhi delivered a Lecture on the topic of "**How to cure/reverse Diabetes and Blood Pressure.**"

## **Health Camp**

The Supreme Court Bar Association and the Rotary Club of Delhi Humanity collaborated to organize a Cancer Detection and Health Camp on December 12, 2023, in the Supreme Court Lawn, New Delhi. The service partners for this health camp were Fortis Escorts, Okhla, New Delhi, Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute and Research Centre, and Centre for Sight. Hon'ble Dr. Justice D. Y. Chandrachud, Chief Justice of India, inaugurated this Health Camp.



### **Interaction**

The SCBA libraries and other areas were graced with visits from the following Hon'ble Judges and dignitaries, who interacted with the members of the bar:

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjay Karol  
Hon'ble Mr. Justice K.V. Viswanathan  
Hon'ble Mr. Justice UjjalBhuyan  
Hon'ble Mr. Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra

### **Delhi Government Health Dispensary**

Hon'ble Minister of Health and Secretary (Health), Government of NCT of Delhi visited on 15/09/2023 for inspecting the Delhi Government Health Dispensary near UCO Bank in Supreme Court premises.

### **SPORTS ACTIVITIES**

#### **Badminton and Table Tennis Tournaments**

The 3rd Amarendra Sharan Memorial Badminton Tournament and Table Tennis Tournament was inaugurated on November 4, 2023, at the DDA Squash and Badminton Stadium, Siri Fort Road, near Gargi College, New Delhi. A large number of SCBA members participated in various age groups.

The event was graced by the presence of Hon'ble Judges of the Supreme Court of India, including Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjiv Khanna, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Surya Kant, Hon'ble Mr. Justice VikramNath, Hon'ble Mr. Justice M.M. Sundresh, and Hon'ble Mr. Justice K.V. Viswanathan. Additionally, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Purushaindra Kumar Kaurav and Hon'ble Mr. Justice Saurabh Banerjee, Judges of the High Court of Delhi, also attended the event.

Trophies were presented to the winners and runners-up on the final day of the tournament.

#### **Cricket Tournament**

**SCBA Annual Cricket Tournament 2024** commenced on **10.02.2024**, at the Modern School, Barakhamba Road, New Delhi, wherein 26 teams participated. **Hon'ble Mr. Justice P.S. Narasimha, Hon'ble Mr. Justice DipankarDatta, Hon'ble Mr. Justice K.V. Viswanathan**, Judges, Supreme Court of India, **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Anish Kumar Gupta**, Judge, High Court of Allahabad, **Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sibho Shankar Mishra**, Judge, High Court of Orissa and **Hon'ble**



**Mr. Arjun Ram Meghwal**, Union Minister of State for Law and Justice (I/C), inaugurated the said tournament.

I am delighted to inform you that the SCBA Women's Cricket Tournament final was played between **Sonia Mathur-XI and Pradeep K. Rai-XI** on 20.04.2024 at Modern School, Barakhamba Road, New Delhi, wherein Sonia Mathur-XI won the final match by 9 wickets.

Another final match in the men's category for those over 50 years was played between **Pradeep K. Rai-XI and Brijender Chahar-XI** on 20.04.2024 at Modern School, Barakhamba Road, New Delhi, wherein Brijender Chahar-XI won the final match by 10 wickets.

In the final match between **Vikas Singh-XI and Amarendra Sharan-XI**, Vikas Singh-XI emerged victorious, lifting the trophy after securing the final match by 8 wickets. **Hon'ble Mr. Justice M.M. Sundresh, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjay Karol, and Hon'ble Mr. Justice K.V. Viswanathan** presented trophies to the mentors, teams, and players on this memorable occasion.

#### **Badminton Court**

**Hon'ble Dr. Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, Chief Justice of India**, inaugurated the Badminton Court in D-Block, Additional Building Complex, Supreme Court of India, on **21.03.2024** for the Ld. Advocates and other stakeholders

#### **SCBA Lawn Tennis Tournament**

The SCBA Lawn Tennis Tournament was held from April 5, 2024, to April 7, 2024, at R.K. Khanna Tennis Stadium, 1 Africa Avenue, near Deer Park, New Delhi, with participants from various age groups. The tournament was inaugurated by the esteemed Hon'ble Mr. Justice H.R. Gavai, Judge of the Supreme Court of India.

Prizes were distributed to the winners and runners-up by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Dipankar Datta, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjay Karol, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ahsanuddin Amanullah, and Hon'ble Mr. Justice K.V. Viswanathan, all esteemed Judges of the Supreme Court of India, on this memorable occasion.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our Sports Sub-Committee for their tireless efforts in organizing these tournaments. Their cooperation was instrumental in ensuring the success of the events.



Lastly, I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the players and members for their enthusiastic participation, which significantly contributed to the tremendous success of these tournaments.

## **ELECTION/GENERAL BODY MEETING**

### **GSICC Elections**

The election for the Gender Sensitization Internal Complaints Committee under Regulation 4(2) to elect two representatives of the Supreme Court Bar Association was conducted by secret ballot on April 9, 2024, in SCBA Library-1. Following the completion of the election process, the Election Committee declared the results. Mr. SoumyajitPani (Ballot No.7) and Ms. SakshiBanga (Ballot No.1), Advocates and members of SCBA, were elected to the said committee.

Subsequently, representations were received from Ms. Nina Gupta, Advocate (Ballot No.5). In response, the Election Committee decided to recount the votes with the consent of Ms. SakshiBanga (Ballot No.1), who had been declared elected on April 9, 2024. At the conclusion of the recount on April 19, 2024, both candidates received an equal 408 votes, resulting in a tie between them. The matter has been forwarded to the Secretary General to take appropriate action.

### **Special General Body Meeting**

As per the orders dated April 23, 2024, of the Hon'ble Supreme Court passed in Diary No.13992/2023 in C.A. No.3401-3402/2003, the Supreme Court Bar Association held a Special General Body Meeting on April 30, 2024, in SCBA Library-1 by secret ballot to pass certain resolutions. The overseers committee comprised of Mr. V. Giri (Sr.), Mr. S.B. Upadhyay (Sr.), and Ms. PavaniMahalakshmi (Sr.).

The Resolution Nos. 1, 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B, 4, 5, and 6 were placed in the Special General Meeting, and all have been rejected by the SGM.

### **SCBA Election-2024**

The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has issued an order dated May 2, 2024, to conduct the Supreme Court Bar Association Election 2024-2025, which will be held on May 16, 2024. Additionally, the Elections Committee has been constituted, consisting of Mr. Jaideep Gupta (Sr.), Ms. Meenakshi Arora (Sr.), and Mr. Rana Mukherjee (Sr.).



## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

During the year the present Executive Committee has held 8 **E.C.** meetings. I thank all the Executive Committee Members for their sincere contribution towards the smooth and effective functioning of the Bar.

### **Meeting**

The Executive Committee met the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India on 10.01.2024 to put forward various issues relating to the Bar.

The issues regarding urgent listing of matters, filing/ registry/ 1b section, app / portal, court and court premises related issues, additional building complex + Supreme Court compound chambers + setalvad + C.K. Daphtary chambers were discussed with Secretary General on **26.05.2023.**

## **NEW MEMBERS**

During the year 1782 Advocates were enrolled as Temporary members of the SCBA. This year also 556 Temporary members were granted permanent membership of the SCBA in the Executive Committee meetings.

## **REMEMBRANCE**

3 Full Court references were held on 24.08.2023, 04.04.2024 and 08.05.2024 respectively in the Court of Hon'ble the Chief Justice of India in memory of our Hon'ble Members who were great legal luminaries and path breaking in their own right in the judicial system and the bar, namely:-

1.	Shri Anoop V. Mohta, Senior Advocate
2.	Shri Shanti Bhushan, Senior Advocate
3.	Shri S.C. Maheswari, Senior Advocate
4.	Shri Fali S. Nariman, Senior Advocate
5	Shri K.P. Dandapani, Senior Advocate
6.	ShriR.D. Agrawala, Senior Advocate
7.	Shri D.K. Agarwal, Senior Advocate
8.	Shri Bhagwan Datta, Senior Advocate



SCBA has lost 38 its members during 17.05.2024 to 10.05.2024.

### **PRESS RELEASE**

The Executive Committee of Supreme Court Bar Association expressed its heartfelt condolences to the families of persons who have lost their lives in the tragic train accident at Balasore, Odisha.

### **RESOLUTION**

The Supreme Court Bar Association strongly condemned the inhumane and violent act of police on advocates in Hapur, Uttar Pradesh, where the women advocates were also not spared from the brutality. The lathi charge on the advocates, who were protesting peacefully against the alleged high-handedness of the police, is a clear violation of their rights and the rule of law.

### **Court Cost For Advocates Welfare Fund**

This year we received cost to the tune of **Rs.21,23,000/-** imposed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India which is being utilized in the Advocates Welfare Schemes.

### **Donations**

We thank all Hon'ble Members who came forward and extended their helping hands to donate funds to the SCBA. The details are given as below:-

<b>SUPREME COURT BAR ASSOCIATION(2023-2024)</b>		
<b>DONATION RECEIVED FROM MEMBERS DURING F.Y. 2023-2024</b>		
<b>S.NO</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>AMOUNT(RS.)</b>
1	Salve,Harish N.(Sr.)	15,00,000.00
2	Executors of Late RKP Shankardass Deceased	5,00,000.00
3	Mehta,Tushar (Sr.)	5,00,000.00
4	Venugopal,K.K.(Sr.)	3,50,000.00
5	Lekhi,Aman (Sr.)	3,00,000.00
6	Singh,Chander Uday (Sr.)	2,00,000.00
7	Ramakrishnan Viraraghavan (Sr.)	55,000.00



8	Mathur,Sonia (Mrs.) (Sr.)	50,000.00
9	Guru Krishna Kumar,S. (Sr)	50,000.00
10	Bhattacharyya,Dipak	45,000.00
11	Parekh,P.H. (Sr.)	33,000.00
12	Hooda,Narender (Sr.)	25,000.00
13	Rangam,A.V.	11,000.00
14	Saxena,Vipin Kumar	10,000.00
15	Kishor,Vandana (Ms)	10,000.00
16	Ray,Gaurav	10,000.00
17	Varma,M.L.(Sr.)	7,500.00
18	Rachana Joshi Issar (Ms.)	5,000.00
19	Rao,A.D.N. SR.	5,000.00
20	Aggarwal,Parveen Kumar	5,000.00
21	Sridhar Potaraju (Sr.)	5,000.00
22	Guntur,Pramod Kumar	5,000.00
23	Sangal,Bharat (Sr.)	3,000.00
24	SHALU SHARMA	3,000.00
25	Sundri (Ms)	2,000.00
26	Abhijit Chattopadhyay	2,000.00
27	Singh,Murli Manohar	2,000.00
28	Mishra,Svarit Uniyal	2,000.00
29	Goel,Rahul	1,500.00
30	Monga,Anu (Ms.)	1,500.00



31	G.S.PATHAK NON MEMBERS	1,100.00
32	Singh,Mata Prasad	1,100.00
33	Sah,Jitendra Kumar	1,100.00
34	Kaushik,Shekher	1,000.00
35	Gaffar,Abdul	1,000.00
36	Chauhan,Kamlesh Kumar	1,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>37,04,800.00</b>

### **FINANCIAL HELP**

Supreme Court Bar Association extended their helping hands to donate funds to its members at the time of need. The details are given as below:-

<b>SUPREME COURT BAR ASSOCIATION</b>					
<b>FINANCIAL HELP TO MEMBERS</b>					
<b>2023-2024</b>					
S. NO.	NAME	MNO.	CH NO.	DATE	AMOUNT(RS)
1	Bandyopadhyay,Shyamal K.		1774	18.04.23	15,000.00
2	Srivastava,Ram Kumar				50,000.00
3	Pranesh	P-00213	1775	18.04.23	50,000.00
4	Kumar,Arun	K-00325	1785	10.05.23	50,000.00
5	Pandey,Vijay Shankar	P-00276	1786	13.05.23	50,000.00
6	MRS. SMITA AGARWAL WIFE OF LATE AMIT AGRAWAL	G-01116	1788	01.07.23	50,000.00



7	Ahmad,Tashriq	A-00534	1790	26.07.23	50,000.00
8	Gopi Chand	G-00101	1791	27.07.23	50,000.00
9	Chitra,K.R. (Ms.)	C-00344	1798	04.09.23	25,000.00
10	Ravi,Chand	R-0436	1797	06.09.23	50,000.00
11	Chakravortty,Manas Kumar	C-00288	1799	27.09.23	40,000.00
12	Yadav,Brijesh Kumar	Y-00005	1800	03.10.23	50,000.00
13	Singh,Vijay Pratap	S-00775	3244	11.10.23	60,000.00
14	Kumar,Amit	K-01254	3243	13.10.23	3,25,000.00
15	Husain,Mumtaz	H-00034/OS	1803	30.10.23	50,000.00
16	Sahu,Ramnesh Kumar	S-04274	3293	28.11.23	61,000.00
17	Chandra,Bikash	C-00255	1804	13.12.23	1,56,300.00
18	Usmani,Naushad Alam	U-00059	1805	15.12.23	25,000.00
19	Dwivedi,Pradeep Kumar	D-00434	3353	15.01.24	7,05,000.00
20	Khan,Mohd. Saeed	K-00226/OS	3355	24.1.24	25,000.00



21	Mahato,Nityananda	M-01309	1815	05.02.24	50,000.00
22	Ray,Subratha	R-00796	3403	04.03.24	50,000.00
23	Mohapatra,Minati Rani (Ms.)	M-01079	1807	22.03.24	30,000.00
24	Lalit Kumar				34,500.00
25	Deepak Kumar				28,500.00
<b>TOTAL FINANCIAL HELP</b>					<b>21,30,300.00</b>
<b>SCBA GENERAL ASSISTANCE</b>					
1	MRS. KAVITA DUBEY WIFE OF LATE SHRIKANT DUBEY	D-00146/OS	1781	27.04.23	1,00,000.00
2	MRS. KAMINI KUMARI WIFE OF LATE PRAKASH KUMAR	P-00455	3052	01.05.23	5,17,500.00
3	MATA PRASAD FOR HIS WIFE DEATH	S-00449	1784	02.05.23	50,000.00
4	MRS. MANJU SHARMA WIFE OF SHRI HARI OM SHARMA	S-00218	1811	05.05.23	1,00,000.00
5	MRS. SMITA AGRAWAL WIFE OF SHRI LATE AMIT GARG				67,000.00
6	MRS. LAXMI SHASTRI WIFE OF LATE RAJENDRA KUMAR SHASTRI	S-00676	1796	14.08.23	1,00,000.00
7	MS.SAVITA DEVI WIFE OF LATE RAKESHWAR VERMA	V-00374	1813	28.08.23	1,00,000.00
8	MS. PRIYNKA CHAUHAN WIFE YOGENDRA KUMAR SINGH				1,00,000.00
					<b>11,34,500.00</b>



### **Communication with Supreme Court Registry**

Letter dated 26.05.2023 for the extension of the Ladies Bar Room due to lack of seating spaces.

SCBA/Registry/31/2023/

26.05.2023

The Secretary General  
Supreme Court of India  
New Delhi.

Sir,

I would like to inform you that the Ladies Bar Room is currently experiencing overcrowding, resulting in a lack of seating spaces for lady members of our bar. In order to address this issue and provide a better working environment for our lady members, we kindly request for an extension of the Ladies Bar Room into the Registrar Room. This expansion would allow us to create more space and accommodate our lady members adequately. Further, it is also necessary to extend the ladies washroom to the outer ladies washroom located adjacent to the aforementioned room.

Therefore, you are kindly requested to pay attention to these emergent issues and instruct the concerned department to find out appropriate solutions and possibilities of work that can be done in this summer vacation.

Sd/-  
**ROHIT PANDEY**  
Hony. Secretary  
9810224587

Letter dated 01.06.2023 for providing necessary facilities in the Additional Building complex.

SCBA/Registry.31/2023

Dated 01.06.2023

The Secretary General  
Supreme Court of India  
New Delhi

Sir,

On our visit to the Additional Building Complex along with the Registrars on May 31, 2023, we have identified several issues which require immediate attention and unattended the same may result into serious adversities:



1. Due to the inconvenience faced by the members while traveling through tunnel towards the chamber block because of its long passage, a complimentary shuttle service (Golf Cart) and Travelators along with the identification and development of additional short and direct passage towards Chambers block.
2. Proper signages need to be marked/painted in the Additional Building Complex as members and visitors gets confused due to lack of signages.
3. Requirement of seating arrangements and drinking water in tunnel upto the chamber blocks for advocates and other visitors, particularly for the elderly persons, which may be highly needed in case of emergency.
4. Requirement of proper air circulation / ventilation in the corridors and restrooms of chamber block, causing an unpleasant and suffocating environment due to heat and odour.
5. Requirement of mirrors, cleanliness in toilets and corridors of Chamber Blocks, Additional Building Complex. Further, requirement of taps/faucets outside the restrooms for the purpose of hand wash and dispensing drinking water.
6. Closed/locked several emergency exits in Chamber Block, Additional Building Complex which may result in to high casualty in case of emergency.
7. Mobile network in the parking area in basement of Additional Building Complex is poor, which may result into serious mis-happening in case of emergency.

Therefore, you are requested to issue necessary directions to the concerned officials to take note of the aforementioned issues and pursuant take needful steps at the earliest.

**Sd/-**  
**ROHIT PANDEY**  
Hony. Secretary  
9810224587

Letter dated 02.06.2023 regarding providing online facility to deposit Chamber rent, maintenance.



SCBA/Registry/31/2023/

Dated:02.06.2023

The Secretary General  
Supreme Court of India  
New Delhi

Sir,

Chamber rent, maintenance, etc. are being paid by Cheque / Demand Draft to the Supreme Court. We want that as an online facility has been given for depositing e-filing fees, etc. similarly chamber rent, maintenance payment, etc should also be taken online which will save time and lead to paperless environment.

Therefore, we request you to kindly instruct the concerned department to find out the possibility to give online payment facility to the chambers allottees which will make it easier for them.

Sd/-  
**ROHIT PANDEY**  
Hony. Secretary  
9810224587

Letter dated 15.06.2023 regarding renovation of parking from M.C.Setalvad Chambers Block to ISIL.

SCBA/Registry/31/2023/

Dated:15.06.2023

The Secretary General  
Supreme Court of India  
New Delhi

Sir,

I am writing this letter to bring to your kind notice that the parking area, starting from M.C.Setalvad Chambers Block to ISIL, up to V.R.Krishna Menon Bhawan, requires renovation/ upkeep. The area has not been renovated for a long time. The pedestrian path is broken, garbage and debris are scattered all around, and the in-roads need maintenance.



Additionally, there is a need for beautification of the said area by planting trees and flower pots.

You are therefore requested to instruct the concerned department to undertake the renovation work on this area on urgent basis.

**Sd/-**  
**ROHIT PANDEY**  
Hony. Secretary  
9810224587

CC:  
The Assistant Registrar (AG), Supreme Court of India, New Delhi

Letter dated 03.07.2023 regarding disparity in Service & Maintenance charges of Old Chambers & D Block Chambers.

SCBA /Registry.31/2023

Dated 03.07.2023

The Secretary General  
Supreme Court of India  
New Delhi

Sir,

I am writing to discuss a matter of disparity regarding the service and maintenance charges levied on the chamber allottees.

As it stands, I have noticed a significant discrepancy in the service and maintenance fees between the Old Chambers Blocks and the D Block of the Additional Building Complex. Currently, the charges for the former are Rs.13,680/-, whereas the latter is levied with a higher fee of Rs.16,848/- This results in an additional burden of Rs.3,168/- for the chamber allottees of D Block.

Such differentiation, it appears, leads to a disparity that might not be equitable for all allottees. The question that arises is why such a differential exists, and on what basis these service and maintenance charges are determined.

In light of the above, I kindly request you to issue appropriate directions to the concerned department to reconsider the service and maintenance charges for the chamber allottees of the D Block in the Additional Building Complex and make these charges the same as the Old Chambers Blocks, which is Rs.13,680/-.



**Sd/-**  
**ROHIT PANDEY**  
Hony. Secretary  
9810224587

Letter dated 04.07.2023 regarding increasing the timing of Section 1B for interaction/enquiry.

SCBA/Registry.31/2023

Dated 04.07.2023

The Secretary General  
Supreme Court of India  
New Delhi.

Sir,

It has come to our notice that Section 1-B is open for lawyers' interaction/enquiry only from 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM. This is an extremely short window, especially because the lawyers are in Courts at that time attending to their matters. The practice in Supreme Court especially with regard to Section 1-B (Filing Section) was always that the lawyers and clerks could go at any time to Section 1-B between the working hours of the Court if they had some urgent matter for registration/verification.

You are, therefore, requested to instruct the concerned officials that lawyers and clerks should be allowed in Section 1-B at any time between 10 AM to 5 PM as has always been the practice and not only during the limited time which is the situation presently.

**Sd/-**  
**ROHIT PANDEY**  
Hony. Secretary  
9810224587

Letter dated 01.08.2023 about Supreme Court Circular dated 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023 regarding Designation of Senior Advocates for extension of time for updating/ substituting/ withdrawing the applications.

SCBA/CJI.9/2023

August 1, 2023

**Dr. Justice D. Y. Chandrachud**  
The Hon'ble Chief Justice of India  
Supreme Court of India



New Delhi - 110001

**Ref:** Supreme Court Circular dated 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023 regarding  
Designation of Senior Advocates

**Sub:** Extension of time for updating/ substituting/ withdrawing the  
applications

Respected Sir,

I am writing this letter with regard to Supreme Court Circular dated 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023 pertaining to Designation of Senior Advocates.

Vide the said Circular, Advocates/ Advocates-on-Record who had applied for Senior Designation in response to Notices dated 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022 and 7<sup>th</sup> May 2022, were given time until 7<sup>th</sup> August 2023 to submit additional information/data or fresh applications for updating/ substituting / withdrawing their applications.

In this regard, I request you to kindly extend the time granted for updating/ substituting/ withdrawing their applications until 18<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at the request of the Members of the Bar.

Your kind indulgence in this matter will be highly appreciated.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,  
Sd/-

**ROHIT PANDEY**  
Hony. Secretary

Letter dated 02.08.2023 regarding issues pertaining to the Registry related to Mentioning, E-Filing and Listing.

SCBA/Registry/31/2023

Dated : 02.08.2023

The Secretary General  
Supreme Court of India  
New Delhi

**Sub:** Issues pertaining to the Registry related to Mentioning, E-Filing and Listing.

Respected Sir,



I am writing this letter in furtherance to our with regard to the following issues discussed by the SCBA Executive Committee with you.

**1. Mentioning of Miscellaneous Fresh Matters before Hon'ble Chief Justice of India:**

Earlier Miscellaneous Fresh Matters for urgent listing were mentioned before Hon'ble Chief Justice of India immediately upon receipt of the Diary Number in the said case. Now, as per the new Circular dated 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023 of the Supreme Court of India, the mentioning in Miscellaneous Fresh Matters is permitted only after completion of the verification process by the Registry. As you are aware, there is no fixed timeline for completing the verification process. There is a considerable delay in verification process of a large number of matters. Due to this, the process of urgent mentioning of Miscellaneous Fresh Matters is getting delayed which is causing great inconvenience to the litigants and member of the Bar. It also delays the listing of the matters.

Therefore, we request you to kindly permit mentioning of all matters upon assigning of the Diary Number or, in the alternative, after registration of the matter i.e. upon receiving the Special Leave Petition Number.

**2. Mentioning of after notice and regular matters before concerned Benches of Hon'ble Judges of Supreme Court:**

As per past practice, oral mentioning of after notice and regular matters pending before a concerned Bench was permitted directly before the concerned Bench. The procedure has now been changed by Circular dated 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023 and at present a matter pending before a particular Bench, can be mentioned only upon submitting submission of mentioning proforma alongwith letter of urgency before the Mentioning Officer.

Therefore, we request you to kindly permit oral mentioning of all after notice and regular matters pending before a particular Bench without prior submission of mentioning proforma alongwith letter of urgency.

**3. Issues pertaining to new E-Filing Portal:**



There are several issues faced by the bar members in operating the E-Filing Portal. Main issues are:

- i. Defects not reflecting in the e-filing portal even though the defects are marked by the dealing assistance. Due to this the 'cure defects' option is not activated and defects cannot be cured in timely manner.
- ii. After defects are cured by a concerned AOR, there is considerable delay in the time taken by a dealing assistance to verify the same and upload any further defects. Hence curing / re-curing of defects re-notified is difficult unless one chases the dealing assistant in person.
- iii. There is no option for payment of deficit court fees. Further; physical payment of the deficit court fee is not reflected in the system in timely manner. This delays curing of defect process as well as the registration and verification process.
- iv. Unable to locate documents filed through new e-filing portal.

It is also noticed that dealing assistants themselves are not fully trained to operate the new e-filing portal therefore resolution of issues is further delayed. Further, on daily basis there are new technical glitches in the new portal which should be rectified immediately for smooth functioning of the e-filing portal.

We request you to kindly resolve the issues pertaining to e-filing portal and also circulate a walk-through video and a standard operating procedure which can explain the working of the e-filing portal in a simple manner for the benefit of the Bar.

#### **4. Delay in listing of matters:**

The Supreme Court website does not give a proper indication on when a particular matter is going to be listed. Often the tentative date reflecting on the website keeps changing and Advocates have to chase the listing branch on daily basis for listing of their matters which should have been listed in a routine and systematic manner. We request you to kindly look into the adhoc pattern of listing and organize the same at the earliest to reduce difficulties faced by the litigants and members of the Bar.

We request you to kindly process these requests on an urgent basis.

Yours sincerely,



Sd/-  
**ROHIT PANDEY**  
Hony. Secretary  
9810224587

Letter dated 08.08.2023 regarding renovation of areas inside Supreme Court Compound and Chamber Blocks.

SCBA/Registry/31/2023

Dated : 08.08.2023

The Secretary General  
Supreme Court of India  
New Delhi

**Sub:**Renovation of areas inside Supreme Court Compound and Chamber Blocks.

Sir,

I am writing this letter pursuant to the visit with the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India to review areas inside Supreme Court Compound and Chamber Blocks. In this regard, we request to kindly provide a update on the following issues highlighted to the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India:

**1. Entry point at Gate-D of Supreme Court.**

As requested, there needs to be a separate entry for ladies and gents. First of all, as the security entry point is very narrow, at a time only one person can pass through the security. Therefore there is a need to have 2 security entry points. Further, there is no separate security entry queue for ladies, hence ladies queue is held up.

**2. Entry point of the high security zone near R. K. Garg Chamber Block.**

- i. The entry room through which the proximity card holders and daily pass entries are permitted, is in a run-down state. The wires in the said room are exposed and the entries are congested.
- ii. Air conditioners are not working.



- iii. The area where ladies are frisked is also clogged and disorganised.

Therefore this area needs urgent renovation.

### **3. Areas in and around Setalvad Chamber Block.**

- i. The exit gate at the back end of Setalvad Block needs to be widened. Presently, it is very narrow and congested.
- ii. Canteen needs to be renovated and modernised. Also, a separate area, platform outside the canteen, may be allotted for running a coffee house (existing CCD).
- iii. The reception area needs renewal at the earliest. The area is not getting utilised as it is unusable.

### **4. Areas in and around Daphtary Chamber Block.**

- i. Right of way (only for pedestrians use) from Daphtary Chamber Block towards Supreme Court may be permitted through Indian Law Institute. You may kindly consider construction of an overbridge.
  - ii. The ground floor and basement of Daphtary Chamber Block are not connected internally. Therefore, a provision for staircase from ground floor to basement from near the lift area needs to be created urgently.
  - iii. In the canteen, there is no provision for chimneys. Also, gas pipeline needs to be provided for, right now the gas cylinders are being used which is hazardous.
  - iv. Area behind the Chamber block is currently unused. The same may be converted into open badminton courts.
5. There is a lot of clutter / litter in the area outside M.C. Setalvad and C.K. Daphtary Blocks. The said area needs to be put in order and beautified.

We request you to kindly process these requests on an urgent basis.

Sd/-  
**ROHIT PANDEY**



Hony. Secretary  
9810224587

Letter dated 14.08.2023 regarding request for clarification in the new guidelines for Senior Advocate designation

SCBA/CJI.9/2023

Dated 14.08.2023

**Hon'ble Dr. Justice D.Y. Chandrachud**

Chief Justice of India  
Supreme Court of India  
New Delhi.

Sub: Request for clarification in the new guidelines for Senior Advocate designation that requirement for recommendation from Hon'ble Judge is not required in old applications and shall be applicable only for new applications

Your Lordship,

As per the new guidelines dated 17.07.2023 for designation of Senior Advocates issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, any person below the age of 45 years, is required to seek a letter of recommendation from a sitting Judge of the Supreme Court or the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India.

There are a number of candidates below the age of 45 years who had applied almost a year ago. At that time, these Rules/Guidelines were not there. These applications have been pending for over a year. Those candidates, whose applications were already pending prior to the coming of the new Rules, should not be required to seek any recommendation letter as they have applied almost a year ago when the said Rules was non-existent.

Given the deadline for such applicants to file an updated form is 19.08.2023, I would request Your Lordship to instruct the Registry to issue a clarification that such applicants who had applied over a year ago when the Rules were not in existence, are not required to obtain the said Recommendation Letter. It may be clarified that this Rule would be applicable to applicants who are applying for the first time pursuant to the new Rules.

Yours sincerely,



Sd/-  
**(Dr Adish C Aggarwala)**  
**President**

Letter dated 01.09.2023 regarding providing essential amenities on each floor, i.e., 2nd, 4th, 6th and 7th floors of 'D' Block in the Additional Building

SCBA/Registry.31/2023/

Dated 01.09.2023

The Secretary General  
Supreme Court of India  
New Delhi

Sir,

As you are aware, on each floor, specifically the 2nd, 4th, 6th and 7th floors of 'D' Block in the Additional Building Complex, there exists a mini hall. We had previously requested the provision of a Tea/Coffee Kiosk, a Photocopier machine, a typing pool, and a waiting area within each of these mini halls in vide SCBA letter dated 24.06.2023. It is imperative to note that these amenities hold great significance for the members/advocates who occupy chambers within the 'D' Block of the Additional Building Complex.

Therefore, we kindly request you to issue the necessary instructions to the concerned department to facilitate the provision of electricity connections, vendor counters, and sofas/chairs within the aforementioned mini halls at the earliest convenience. This is essential in order for us to proceed with the appointment of vendors.

Sd/-  
**ROHIT PANDEY**  
Hony. Secretary  
9810224587

Copy to:

The Assistant Registrar (AG), Supreme Court of India, New Delhi

Letter dated 16.01.2024 sent to registry to reconsider regarding Circulars dated 05.12.2023 and 22.12.2023 which pertain to discontinuing the practice of circulating letter for adjournment issued by the Supreme Court Registry.

SCBA/Registry.31/2024

Dated 16.01.2024



The Secretary General  
Supreme Court of India  
New Delhi

Sir,

I write to you with regard to Circulars dated 05.12.2023 and 22.12.2023 which pertain to discontinuing the practice of circulating letter for adjournment issued by the Supreme Court Registry. In this regard SCBA had sent letter dated 05.12.2023 and 24.12.2023, highlighting the grievances of the Bar Members. Subsequently, the Executive Committee of SCBA had also met the Hon'ble Judges Committee on 05.01.2024, wherein SCBA expressed concerns of the Bar Members and also gave suggestions.

In this regard, Executive Committee of SCBA kindly requests the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India and the Hon'ble Judges of the Committee to consider the concerns raised by SCBA before releasing the SOP. We further request the Hon'ble Judges Committee to kindly share draft SOP in advance to avoid any ambiguities and impediments.

With your invaluable assistance, I would like to request the timely release of the SOP, keeping in mind the best interests of the Bar.

**Sd/-**  
**ROHIT PANDEY**  
Hony. Secretary  
9810224587

Letter dated 27.02.2024 to allocate a new space where locker-almirahs can be installed, aimed at addressing the backlog.

SCBA/Registry.31/2024

Dated 27.02.2024

The Secretary General  
Supreme Court of India  
New Delhi

Sir,

As the number of members increases each year, there is a growing demand for lockers by members where they can store their files and



belongings. However, the current dedicated area allocated for locker-almirahs is not sufficient to accommodate new ones.

In consideration of the members' needs, I kindly request your attention to allocate a new space where additional locker-almirahs can be installed to address this backlog.

Therefore, I urge you to issue necessary directives to the concerned department to address this matter promptly and earmark a new location for the placement of locker-almirahs.

Sd/-

**ROHIT PANDEY**

Hony. Secretary

9810224587

Copy to:

The Assistant Registrar (AG), Supreme Court of India, New Delhi

Letter dated March 7, 2024, regarding the extension of AYUSH center facilities to Members-Advocates and Staff of SCBA as well.

SCBA/Registry/31/2024/

Dated 07.03.2024

**Hon'ble Dr. Justice D.Y. Chandrachud**

Chief Justice of India

Supreme Court of India

New Delhi -110001.

Respected Sir,

I, on behalf of the Executive Committee of Supreme Court Bar Association, congratulate Hon'ble the Chief Justice of India and the Supreme Court Administration on setting up of the much needed AYUSH Centre in the Supreme Court for the benefit of its staff.

AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy) centers have been instrumental in providing holistic healthcare services to various sections of society. These centers offer different types of traditional and alternative medical treatments that have proven to be effective in promoting health and wellness. In this line, Ayush Centre is running in the Supreme Court premises and Supreme Court Staff getting benefits from this centre.



I herewith fervently request Your Lordship to extend the AYUSH facility to Members-Advocates and Staff of the Supreme Court Bar Association as well, which will be in the best interest of the Supreme Court fraternity.

Therefore, your kind indulgence is requested to issue instructions to the concerned department to extend AYUSH center facilities to Members-Advocates and Staff of SCBA as well.

**Sd/-**  
**ROHIT PANDEY**  
Hony. Secretary  
9810224587

Letter dated March 7, 2024, concerning the installation of CCTV cameras on every floor of the M.C. Setalvad Chambers Block and C.K. Daphtary Chambers Block to enhance security through surveillance.

SCBA/Registry/31/2024/

Dated 07.03.2024

The Secretary-General  
Supreme Court of India  
New Delhi

Sir,

I am writing this letter for installation of CCTV cameras on every floor of the M.C. Setalvad Chambers Block and C.K. Daphtary Chambers Block to enhance security through surveillance. The incidents of theft are increasing in the said blocks, causing concern among members. In such circumstances, CCTV cameras could significantly improve the security system and provide a safer environment for our members and others.

Therefore, I kindly request you to look into this matter and issue instructions to the concerned department to address this problem promptly.



Sd/-  
**ROHIT PANDEY**  
Hony. Secretary  
9810224587

CC

The Assistant Registrar (Admn.G.), Supreme Court of India, ND.

Letter dated 26.04.2024 regarding setting up a kiosk with BSES for applying for new electricity connections members for member who have been allotted chambers recently in the 'D' Block of the Additional Building Complex.

SCBA/Registry/31/2024/

Dated 26.04.2024

The Secretary General  
Supreme Court of India  
New Delhi

Sir,

I would like to inform you that members who have been allotted chambers recently in the 'D' Block of the Additional Building Complex at the Supreme Court are requesting the undersigned to set up a kiosk with BSES for applying for new electricity connections in the said block. It would be very helpful to the chamber allottees in applying for electricity connections.

Therefore, you are requested to instruct the concerned department to take note of this request and explore the possibility of setting up a kiosk for this purpose for one week in the 'D' Chambers Block of the Additional Building Complex, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi.

Thanking you,

Sd/-  
**ROHIT PANDEY**  
Hony. Secretary

CC:

The Assistant Registrar (AG), Supreme Court of India, New Delhi

Letter dated 26.04.2024 regarding installation of statues commemorating Dr. Rajendra Prasad Babu, the 1st President of India, and Mr. Justice H.J. Kania, the 1st Chief Justice of India, in the Supreme Court premises.



SCBA/CJI.9/2024

Dated 26.04.2024

**Hon'ble Dr. Justice D.Y. Chandrachud**

Chief Justice of India  
Supreme Court of India  
New Delhi-110001.

Respected Sir,

I am writing to bring to Your Lordship's kind notice the proposal for installing statues commemorating Dr. Rajendra Prasad Babu, the 1st President of India, and Mr. Justice H.J. Kania, the 1st Chief Justice of India, in the Supreme Court premises. These statues would serve as a true tribute to both distinguished figures and are proposed to be installed on the sides of Gates "C" and "D," where the small park is being beautified.

On behalf of the Executive Committee of SCBA, I would be grateful if Your Lordship could consider this request and issue necessary instructions to the concerned department to explore the possibility of installing the said statues in the mentioned parks.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

**Sd/-**  
**ROHIT PANDEY**  
Hony. Secretary  
9810224587

Letter dated 03.05.2024 sent to MCPC to review and amend Office Order 05.01.2024 so that all mediators are fairly compensated for their work.

SCBA/Election.81/2024

Dated 03.05.2024

Mr. Santosh Kumar,  
OSD (Registrar) & In-Charge, MCPC  
Mediation and Conciliation Project Committee (MCPC),  
Supreme Court Mediation Center,  
Supreme Court, New Delhi.



Subject: the order dated 05.01.2024 passed by MCPC

Sir,

I am writing to you regarding the Office Order issued on 05.01.2024 by the Mediation and Conciliation Project Committee (MCPC) of the Supreme Court, particularly concerning the payment of incentives for mediators.

The current policy is unfair to mediators because it only compensates them after they have successfully completed two cases. This means they might not receive payment for their hard work and expenses if cases do not settle. Additionally, new mediators must handle at least five cases before receiving compensation for their first one, and they only receive an incentive after completing two successful cases. This setup makes it difficult for them to receive fair compensation for their efforts.

I strongly urge the MCPC to review and amend Office Order 05.01.2024 so that all mediators are fairly compensated for their work, regardless of the outcome of each case. By addressing this issue, the MCPC can ensure fairness in the mediation process and demonstrate their appreciation and support for our mediators.

Yours sincerely,  
Sd/-

**ROHIT PANDEY**

Hony. Secretary  
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**A V G & COMPANY**  
**CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS**

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**TO**  
**THE MEMBERS OF,**  
**SUPREME COURT BAR ASSOCIATION (REGD.)**  
**1, Tilak Marg, New Delhi - 110001**

We have audited the attached Balance Sheet of **SUPREME COURT BAR ASSOCIATION (REGD.)**, as at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2024 and also the Income Expenditure Account for the year ended on that date annexed there to. These financial statements are responsibility of the management of the Society. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in India. Those Standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amount and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Subject to our audit note, we report that:

1. We have obtained all the information and explanation which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of the audit.
2. In our opinion, the office of the above named Society has kept proper books of account so far as appears from our examination of the books.
3. The Balance Sheet and income & expenditure account dealt with by this report are in agreement with the books of account.
4. In our opinion and to the best of our information given to us, the said accounts together with the schedules annexed thereto and accounting policies and notes appearing thereon give a true and fair view in conformity with the accounting principles generally in India:
  - a. In the case of the Balance Sheet, of the state of affairs of the above named Society as at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2024 and
  - b. In the case of the Income and Expenditure account of the excess of Income over Expenditure of its accounting year ending on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

**FOR A V G & COMPANY**  
**Chartered Accountants**

*(Signature)*  
**(VANDANA GAURIA)**

**Partner**

**M.NO**

**522636 FRN**

**025158N**

**Place: New Delhi**

**Dated : The 06/05/2024**

*UDIN - 24522636BK CXLU6956*





**SUPREME COURT BAR ASSOCIATION (REGD.)**  
**1, Tilak Marg, New Delhi – 110001**

**AUDIT NOTE IN CONNECTION WITH STATUTORY AUDIT OF SUPREME COURT BAR ASSOCIATION FOR FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2024**

**A. STATUTORY AND LEGAL COMPLIANCES**

**1. Income Tax Act, 1961**

- a. The approval/order granted under section 80G(5)(iv) is valid upto A Y 2026-2027 vide order dated 04/04/2022, URN AAFTS1715BF2021001. Association has been granted registration u/s 12 AA of Income Tax 1961 vide certificate No S- AAFTS1715BE20212 valid upto Assessment Year 2026-2027
- b. All deductions and compliances under chapter XVII – B are being made on a timely basis.

**2. ESI and P.F**

- a. The association has neither taken registration under ESIC act nor any amount has been deducted out of payments to employees/contractual labour. Therefore, no contribution to ESIC fund has been made by the association.
- b. In case of Provident fund, liability has been duly deposited with the authorities.

**3. Pending Court Cases/Grant in Aid/Other Laws**

- a. Legal cases are pending in various courts. Liabilities for these cases have not been ascertained, pending final judgment of the Court.
- b. A Grant in Aid received from Government of India – in the year 1999-2000, for the purpose of construction of Golden Jubilee Auditorium to mark the Golden Jubilee celebration of Supreme Court of India. The construction of the auditorium has not been commenced and the said grant money has been put into the fixed deposits (with scheduled bank) and interest earned thereon has not been considered as income instead has been added to the original amount of the Grant and treated as a liability. The grant including interest amounts to Rs 5,80,25,317.00  
Ministry of Law and Justice (Department of Legal Affairs) vide its letter No F. No. B. 13017/4/199-Admn III (LA) Dated 04.07.2019 had sought information regarding the utilization status and the amount pending utilization as well as, in case of a change in the purpose of utilization, a detailed estimate of such proposal which SCBA wants to undertake. As informed to us, SCBA is pursuing this matter with the Government of India, for the permission for change in purpose for the utilization of said grant.





## **B. Review of Ledger Accounts**

### **1. Earmarked Funds, Financial Aid Funds And Donations**

Funds/Donations/Grants received by the organization for specific purposes, which were partly used or not used during the financial year or outstanding from previous years, are retained as earmarked funds. However, there are many grants that have been unutilized since many past years, which should be transferred to the corpus fund of the society.

Financial Aid, Donations & sponsorships to support specific members and staff members and activities other than earmarked funds alongwith any associates expense, if any, have been shown in Income & Expenditure account.

The organization gives financial aid to its needy members and their families and needy employees. The donations received and donations disbursed have been shown in Income & Expenditure account. During the year, the organization has also donated its shuttle bus (vehicle) to another charitable organization, depreciated value of this bus has been reduced from Capital Fund and Fixed Assets as it was acquired through a specific donation.

### **2. Fixed Assets**

Fixed Assets are stated at cost of acquisition or construction less accumulated depreciation/amortisation and impairment losses, if any. Cost includes material cost, inward freight, taxes and expenses incidental to acquisition and installation, up to the point the asset is ready for its intended use. Borrowing costs during the period of construction is added to the cost of eligible assets. Capital Work in Progress is recognized to the extent of advance payment, in case of partial delivery of assets. Assets given as donation to other institutes has been shown as deletion in Fixed Assets schedule.

Additions during the year have been vouched by a verification of the vouchers maintained and authenticated by the concerned officials.

Physical verification of assets is the responsibility of the management. According to the information and explanations given to us, no material discrepancies were noticed on such verification.

### **3. Gratuity and Leave Encashment**

We have been informed that gratuity and leave encashment are paid to the employees at the time of retirement and accounted for on cash basis. No provision has been made in respect of gratuity and leave encashment due to the employees of SCBA.

In compliance to AS 15, actuarial valuation should be carried out and provision of liability for gratuity should be accounted for in respect of all its employees and disclosure be made in notes to accounts.





#### 4. Sundry Creditors for Goods & Services & Sundry Receivables

Creditors for goods & services included some vendors whose payments are unpaid since more than 2 years, balances not payable anymore due to reason whatsoever have been written off in the books of accounts and stated as Balances written off under Schedule 14, Other Income.

Certain amounts were standing as recoverable from members and other vendors since more than 2 years, which were irrecoverable have been written off in the books of accounts and netted off with Balances written off for amount not payable, as above, shown under Schedule 14, Other Income.

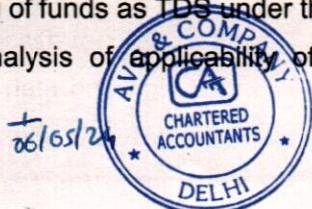
#### 5. Court Costs

The Association has received court costs – awarded by the Supreme Court – on various occasions during the year. During the year, the Association received Rs 21,23,375.50/- as court costs for advocate welfare and library upgradation. Court cost received for advocate welfare has been shown as income in the income and expenditure account and been utilized for the administrative expenses and advocate welfare schemes of the Association. Court cost received for library upgradation has been shown as earmarked funds.

#### 8. Internal Controls

We suggest SCBA to strengthen the internal controls system in respect of following areas:

- a) Digitization of amounts due & received from members on various accounts including annual subscription fees etc and integration of such records with the accounting software. Regular verification of list of amount due from members.
- b) Vouchers & cheques should be consistently & mandatorily generated/printed through the accounting software to improve manpower cost & establish internal controls. Cheques to be prepared only after obtaining approval of the designated officer. Digital payments must be promoted and cash receipts and payments must be stopped.
- c) Digitization of data base of each member of the association especially PAN of each member to ensure compliance with the various provisions of the Income Tax Act, 1961.
- d) Financial support in the form of loans was granted to the needy members as part of Covid 19 relief measure. A sum of Rs 235,000/- is outstanding on account of such loans since the year ended 31.03.2024.
- e) An advance of Rs 4,00,187/- is pending with The Oriental Insurance Company Ltd, efforts should be made to recover the same.
- f) The organization must endeavor to increase its charitable expenditure to fulfill the requirements of Section 11 & Section 12 of the Income Tax Act 1961.
- g) The organization must apply for a certificate of lower deduction of tax from its interest income to avoid blocking of funds as TDS under the Income Tax Act 1961.
- h) A detailed analysis of applicability of Goods & Service Tax must be undertaken to ensure





compliance

- i) Donation received in kind must be duly documented and supported with invoices and donation receipts from/to donors.
- j) Proper records should be maintained for fixed assets, library books and other assets and a record for the movements must be created, including digitisation of fixed asset register and periodic physical verification and reconciliation of fixed assets alongwith using a barcoding system for allocating a unique identification number.
- k) Audit of Library books to ascertain lost and mutilated books. Periodic physical verification of the books is needed to ascertain the actual number of books/documents in the possession of the library. Digitization of library books, records, information and ease of access of information by members is required.
- l) Access controls, revenue generation & recognition from facilitation of cubicles, libraries and other facilities, including maintenance of logs of unpaid facility usage charges & stopping the issue of manual receipts for any service by the organization. Prepaid cards along with smart access controls can be implemented to check any revenue loss.
- m) At present, accounting system being followed is hybrid. License fees, Commission and Bank interest are accounted for on accrual basis and income other than the above on cash basis. Expenses have been accounted for on mercantile basis. Method of accounting must be changed to either cash basis or mercantile basis of accounting.
- n) The Association accepts security deposit from its members for use of library books. A reconciliation of security deposit should be carried out to ascertain security deposit liability as on date. Amount received from non-existing members should be either written off or returned.

FOR A V G & COMPANY  
Chartered Accountants

*Vandana Gauria*  
(VANDANA GAURIA)

Partner

M.NO 522636

FRN 025158N

Place: New Delhi

Dated : 06/05/24

UDIN - 24522636 B K C X L U 6956





**SUPREME COURT BAR ASSOCIATION (REGD.)**  
**1, TILAK MARG, NEW DELHI - 110001**  
**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH, 2024**

	Schedule No.	AS AT 31.03.24 Amount (Rs)	AS AT 31.03.23 Amount (Rs)
<b><u>SOURCES OF FUNDS</u></b>			
Capital Fund	1	287,390,269.50	237,926,786.28
Earmarked Funds	2	18,563,934.34	18,206,934.34
Financial Aid Fund	3	290,200.00	698,200.00
Total		306,244,403.84	256,831,920.62
<b><u>APPLICATION OF FUNDS</u></b>			
Fixed Assets (Net Block)	4a	4,013,044.53	4,575,843.54
Capital Work in Progress	4b	275,000.00	
<b><u>Current Assets, Loan and Advances</u></b>			
Current Assets	5	384,055,201.31	327,246,101.08
Loans & Advances	6	2,356,091.00	2,336,759.00
		386,411,292.31	329,582,860.08
Less: Current Liabilities and Provisions	7	84,454,933.00	77,326,783.00
Net Current Assets		301,956,359.31	252,256,077.08
Total		306,244,403.84	256,831,920.62
Significant Accounting Policies and Notes to Accounts	20		

Schedules referred to above form an Integral part of the Balance Sheet.

For AVG & Company  
Chartered Accountants  
FRN: 025158N

*Vandana Gauria*  
Vandana Gauria  
Partner  
M.No.: 522636  
UDIN 24522636BK CXLUG956  
Place: New Delhi  
Date: 06/05/2024



For Supreme Court Bar Association

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**SUPREME COURT BAR ASSOCIATION (REGD.)**  
**1, TILAK MARG, NEW DELHI - 110001**  
**INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31.03.2024**

	Schedule No.	YEAR ENDED 31.03.24 Amount (Rs)	YEAR ENDED 31.03.23 Amount (Rs)
<b>INCOME</b>			
Subscription/Fees	8	29,319,724.00	28,126,977.00
Interest Income	9	12,416,827.00	11,417,200.67
Hire Income	10	5,373,661.00	3,232,823.00
Income from Distribution	11	11,630,950.00	14,910,423.00
Income from Law diaries, Calenders, Welfare stamps, Directories	12	165,255.00	199,071.00
Donation & Financial Aid Received	13	4,112,900.00	1,519,688.00
Other Income	14	6,277,154.50	6,300,835.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>69,296,471.50</b>	<b>65,707,017.67</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Salary and Benefits to staff	15	28,064,580.00	30,880,879.00
Administration Expenses	16	5,173,618.27	5,289,332.24
Depreciation	4	513,469.04	402,503.17
Advocate Welfare Expenses	17	6,180,435.00	7,013,769.00
Donation & Financial Aid Expenses	18	3,163,800.00	4,034,600.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	19	3,408.00	70,054.98
<b>Total</b>		<b>43,099,310.31</b>	<b>47,691,138.39</b>
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>		<b>26,197,161.19</b>	<b>18,015,879.28</b>
Significant Accounting Policies and Notes to Accounts	20		

Schedules referred to above form an Integral part of the Balance Sheet.

For AVG & Company  
Chartered Accountants  
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**SUPREME COURT BAR ASSOCIATION (REGD.)**  
01.04.2023-31.03.2024  
**SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF THE BALANCE SHEET**

**Schedule -1**  
**Capital Fund**

	AS AT 31.03.24 Amount (Rs)	AS AT 31.03.23 Amount (Rs)
Opening Balance	237,926,786.28	201,582,401.10
Add:		
Excess of Income & Expenditure Account	26,197,161.19	18,015,879.28
Life Membership Fees	5,309,436.00	2,635,500.00
Admission fees	18,467,400.00	16,170,600.00
Less: Depreciation on Assets acquired through earmarked Donation	271,388.51	477,594.11
Less: Donation from Capital Fund	239,125.46	-
<b>Capital Fund</b>	<b>287,390,269.50</b>	<b>237,926,786.28</b>

**Schedule -2**  
**Earmarked Funds**

Pulwama Attack Fund	202,500.00	202,500.00
Late Shree Kumarmangalam Fund	125,000.00	125,000.00
Lawyers Facility Fund	1,123,398.00	1,123,398.00
Mukesh Goswami Memorial Fund	10,000.00	10,000.00
Prime Minister Relief Fund	52,100.00	52,100.00
SCBA Calamity Relief Fund	2,631,897.00	2,631,897.00
Donation for Covid 19 - General	-	-
Donation for Covid 19 Grant Scheme 2019	-	-
SCBA Group Life Insurance Fund	320,856.84	320,856.84
Court Cost for Library Upgradation	12,386,837.50	12,029,837.50
Library Books Fund	1,707,555.00	1,707,555.00
Staff Welfare Fund	3,790.00	3,790.00
	<b>18,563,934.34</b>	<b>18,206,934.34</b>

**Schedule -3**  
**Financial Aid Fund**

Financial Aid	290,200.00	698,200.00
	<b>290,200.00</b>	<b>698,200.00</b>



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**SUPREME COURT BAR ASSOCIATION (REGD.)**  
01.04.2023-31.03.2024  
**SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF THE BALANCE SHEET**

**Schedule-5**

**Current Assets**

**Cash and Bank balances**

	AS AT 31.03.24 Amount (Rs)	AS AT 31.03.23 Amount (Rs)
Cash in hand	8,522.00	39,180.00
With Scheduled Banks		
-in saving & current accounts*	(588,905.60)	(264,514.34)
-in FD (including Sweep Fds and accrued interest)	319,187,482.36	266,237,806.42
Grant in aid FDRs (including accrued interest)	57,647,585.00	54,047,910.00
Closing Stock (Advocate Welfare Stamp)	337,500.00	270,000.00
Commission Accrued not Due	-	135,000.00
Advances recoverable in cash or in kind or for value to be received	7,463,017.55	6,780,719.00
	<u>384,055,201.31</u>	<u>327,246,101.08</u>

\* Balance with scheduled banks has been reduced to extent of cheques issued but not presented upto 31.03.2024. Most of these cheques have been presented for clearing and have been cleared upto the date of finalisation of the books of accounts and some cheques are yet to be presented for clearing.

**Schedule -6**

**Loans & Advances**

Loans to staff	2,356,091.00	2,336,759.00
	<u>2,356,091.00</u>	<u>2,336,759.00</u>

**Schedule -7**

**Current liabilities**

Expense payable	1,579,233.00	315,573.00
Duties & Taxes Payable	533,667.00	18,859.00
Security deposits from others	130,600.00	130,600.00
Security (Library books)	20,649,055.00	18,365,055.00
Grant in Aid (from Ministry of Finance)	58,025,317.00	54,425,642.00
Medical Care Centre	200,085.00	200,085.00
SCBA Auditorium Trust	52,411.00	52,411.00
SCBA Trust	44,003.00	44,003.00
DK Gupta Medical Exp-F.S.Nariman	24,554.00	24,554.00
Medical Aid to Dr.Lingaiah	60,342.00	60,342.00
Advance payment from Members	148,600.00	184,600.00
Sundry Creditors for goods & services	3,007,066.00	3,505,059.00
	<u>84,454,933.00</u>	<u>77,326,783.00</u>



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**SUPREME COURT BAR ASSOCIATION (REGD.)**  
01.04.2023-31.03.2024  
**SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF THE BALANCE SHEET**

**Schedule -8**  
**Subscription/Fees**

Membership Subscription

AS AT 31.03.24 Amount (Rs)	AS AT 31.03.23 Amount (Rs)
29,319,724.00	28,126,977.00
<b>29,319,724.00</b>	<b>28,126,977.00</b>

**Schedule -9**  
**Interest Income**

Interest on FD  
Interest on Savings Accounts

12,397,517.00	11,321,581.67
19,310.00	95,619.00
<b>12,416,827.00</b>	<b>11,417,200.67</b>

**Schedule -10**  
**Hire Income**

Licence Fee  
Locker Rent  
E Library Usage Charges  
Auditorium/Conference Room/Cubicle Usage/Printing Charges  
Arbitration Room Receipts  
SCC Usage Charges

67,000.00	22,750.00
614,000.00	400,000.00
165,903.00	102,061.00
3,966,603.00	1,951,815.00
66,500.00	333,635.00
493,655.00	422,562.00
<b>5,373,661.00</b>	<b>3,232,823.00</b>

**Schedule-11**  
**Income from Distribution**

Stickers  
I-Cards & Library Card  
Membership Forms

6,504,150.00	10,168,323.00
1,316,800.00	1,306,100.00
3,810,000.00	3,436,000.00
<b>11,630,950.00</b>	<b>14,910,423.00</b>

**Schedule -12**  
**Income from Law Diaries, Calenders and Welfare Stamps**

Income from Law diaries and Calenders  
Income from Advocate Welfare Stamps

30,255.00	64,071.00
135,000.00	135,000.00
<b>165,255.00</b>	<b>199,071.00</b>



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**SUPREME COURT BAR ASSOCIATION (REGD.)**  
01.04.2023-31.03.2024  
**SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF THE BALANCE SHEET**

**Schedule -13**

**Donation & Financial Aid Received**

	AS AT 31.03.24 Amount (Rs)	AS AT 31.03.23 Amount (Rs)
Donation for Support to SCBA Staff and other workers	100,500.00	223,600.00
Donation for Advocate Welfare	4,012,400.00	226,000.00
Donation for Covid 19 Schemes	-	3,000.00
Donation - Others	-	1,067,088.00
	<b>4,112,900.00</b>	<b>1,519,688.00</b>

**Schedule -14**

**Other Income**

Miscellaneous Receipts	263,013.00	41,335.00
Bank Charges	42,900.00	53,000.00
Court Cost	1,766,375.50	2,738,000.00
Readmission Fees	250,000.00	280,000.00
Event Participation, Nomination & Sponsorship Fees	3,480,000.00	3,188,500.00
Other Recoveries	675.00	-
Balances Written Off (Net)	474,191.00	-
	<b>6,277,154.50</b>	<b>6,300,835.00</b>

**Schedule -15**

**Salary and Benefits to staff**

Salary to staff	16,815,904.00	17,295,699.00
Bonus to staff	1,172,581.00	1,207,243.00
Employers Share in Provident Fund & Administration Charges	1,815,052.00	1,804,190.00
Leave Travel Allowance	205,475.00	216,960.00
Uniform to staff	311,350.00	655,615.00
Incentive to Staff	880,157.00	937,277.00
Gratuity	271,343.00	1,390,514.00
Leave encashment	111,692.00	592,924.00
Interim Relief	6,455,851.00	6,776,057.00
Diwali Gifts to Workforce	25,175.00	4,400.00
	<b>28,064,580.00</b>	<b>30,880,879.00</b>



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**SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF THE BALANCE SHEET**

**Schedule -16**

**Administrative Expenses**

	AS AT 31.03.24 Amount (Rs)	AS AT 31.03.23 Amount (Rs)
Audit Fee & Expenses	120,000.00	160,000.00
Newspaper Advertisement Exp	49,683.00	56,221.00
Bank charges	9,807.47	17,614.24
Conveyance	227,769.00	301,392.00
Hiring Charges	250,147.00	194,403.00
Election expenses	667,765.00	418,901.00
Insurance of Library Books	7,671.00	7,671.00
Vehicle Insurance	-	40,204.00
Library expenses	78,840.00	109,600.00
Newspaper & periodicals	-	37,329.00
Postage & Telegram	48,113.80	39,909.00
Printing & Stationery	785,165.00	754,718.00
Professional Fees	145,000.00	105,000.00
Purchase of I-card	172,040.00	192,486.00
Repairs & Maintenance	148,296.00	100,200.00
Membership & Subscription (Publications)	901,071.00	807,092.00
Communication expenses	928,573.00	935,776.00
Office repair, running & maintenance exp	111,179.00	442,463.00
EPF Interest & Penalty	-	4,069.00
Typing & photostats	89,998.00	76,788.00
Software & Website Expenses	432,500.00	487,496.00
	<b>5,173,618.27</b>	<b>5,289,332.24</b>

**Schedule -17**

**Advocate Welfare Expenses**

Others	56,457.00	51,264.00
Medical Camp Expenses	-	123,555.00
Expense towards Running of Shuttle Bus (Net)	116,773.00	7,225.00
Farewell and other Functions (net)	2,501,526.00	3,150,169.00
Sports & cultural expenses	3,505,679.00	3,681,556.00
	<b>6,180,435.00</b>	<b>7,013,769.00</b>



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**Schedule -18**

**Donation & Financial Aid Expenses**

Financial Assistance to SCBA Staff Members and others  
 Financial Aid to members

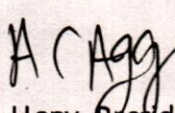
AS AT 31.03.24 Amount (Rs)	AS AT 31.03.23 Amount (Rs)
63,000.00	283,100.00
3,100,800.00	3,751,500.00
<b>3,163,800.00</b>	<b>4,034,600.00</b>

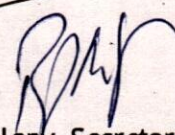
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
**Miscellaneous Expenses**

Misc Petty Expenses  
 Cause List exp

408.00	37,054.98
3,000.00	33,000.00
<b>3,408.00</b>	<b>70,054.98</b>

  
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SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF THE BALANCE SHEET  
F Y 2023-2024

Schedule-4  
4a Fixed Assets

Particulars of Assets	Rate of Depreciation	WDV as on 01/04/2023	Additions		Discarded/ sale during the	Total	Depreciation for the year	WDV as on 31.03.2024
			upto 30.09.2023	after 30/09/2023				
Library Books	40%	157,168.96	-	-	-	157,169	62,867.58	94,301.38
R.K.G. Library	40%	213.81	-	-	-	214	85.52	128.29
Office Equipments	15%	313,440.94	16,594	19,100	-	349,135	50,937.74	298,197.20
AC	15%	402,263.97	-	-	-	402,264	60,339.60	341,924.38
AC (through Donation)	15%	57,420.69	-	-	-	57,421	8,613.10	48,807.58
AC for Library*	15%	42,359.85	-	-	-	42,360	6,353.98	36,005.88
Library 2*	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Furniture for Library 2*	10%	77,699.33	-	-	-	77,699	7,769.93	69,929.40
Computer for New Library*	40%	4,790.02	-	-	-	4,790	1,916.01	2,874.01
Computer Software for New Library*	40%	593.46	-	-	-	593	237.39	356.08
Furniture for New Library*	10%	77,484.10	-	-	-	77,484	7,748.41	69,735.69
Library Books for New Library*	40%	5,491.84	-	-	-	5,492	2,196.74	3,295.10
Software for New Library*	25%	498,838.03	-	-	-	498,838	124,709.51	374,128.52
Printer for New Library*	15%	30,964.92	-	-	-	30,965	4,644.74	26,320.18
AC for C K Daphtary E Library*	15%	24,302.13	-	-	-	24,302	3,645.32	20,656.81
Computer for C K Daphtary E Library*	40%	125,038.08	-	-	-	125,038	50,015.23	75,022.85
Printer for C K Daphtary E Library*	15%	31,047.63	-	-	-	31,048	4,657.14	26,390.48
Furniture Fittings for C K Daphtary E Library*	10%	490,306.91	-	-	-	490,307	49,030.69	441,276.22
Shuttle Bus*	30%	239,125.46	-	-	239,125	-	-	-
Computer for P N Lekhi E Research Library*	40%	18,895.68	-	-	-	18,896	7,558.27	11,337.41
Printer for P N Lekhi E Research Library*	15%	6,034.39	-	-	-	6,034	905.16	5,129.23
Air Purifier	15%	290,531.40	-	-	-	290,531	43,579.71	246,951.69
Software for Library	25%	182,124.66	-	-	-	182,125	45,531.16	136,593.49
Canteen Equipments	15%	15,374.51	-	-	-	15,375	2,306.18	13,068.34
Furniture & Fixtures-New Chamber Library	10%	116,237.89	-	-	-	116,238	11,623.79	104,614.10
Furniture & Fixtures- Library 1	10%	88,646.40	-	-	-	88,646	8,864.64	79,781.76
Furniture & Fixtures	10%	750,852.42	-	-	-	750,852	75,085.24	675,767.18
Computer Software	40%	979.51	-	-	-	980	391.80	587.71
Line Software	40%	491.76	-	-	-	492	196.70	295.05
Computers	40%	528.56	-	-	-	529	211.43	317.14
Lockers	15%	393,324.20	412,490	-	-	805,814	120,872.13	684,942.07
E-Library (Computer facilities)	40%	87.61	-	-	-	88	35.04	52.56
Sound System & Accessories	15%	9,250.00	-	-	-	9,250	1,387.50	7,862.50
Printer & Scanner	15%	81,173.72	13,000	-	-	94,174	14,126.06	80,047.66
Barricades	15%	1,649.69	-	-	-	1,650	247.45	1,402.24
Trolleys	15%	24,122.15	-	-	-	24,122	3,618.32	20,503.83
Podium	15%	2,573.73	-	-	-	2,574	386.06	2,187.67
UPS	15%	14,415.14	-	-	-	14,415	2,162.27	12,252.86
<b>Total</b>		<b>4,575,843.54</b>	<b>442,084.00</b>	<b>19,100.00</b>	<b>239,125.46</b>	<b>4,797,902.08</b>	<b>784,857.55</b>	<b>4,013,044.53</b>

4b. Capital Work in Progress

Particulars of Assets	Rate of Depreciation	WDV as on 01/04/2023	Additions		Discarded/ sale during the	Total	Depreciation for the year	WDV as on 31.03.2024
			upto 30.09.2023	after 30/09/2023				
Capital Work in Progress - Software Under Development		-	-	275,000	-	275,000	-	275,000.00
<b>Total</b>		-	-	<b>275,000.00</b>	-	<b>275,000.00</b>	-	<b>275,000.00</b>

\* Depreciation on Assets purchased from Donation funds has been set off against donation received for the purpose and shown in the capital fund



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**SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF THE AUDITED ACCOUNTS AS AT 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2024**

**SCHEDULE – 20**

**SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

1. The accounts are prepared on a going concern basis as per the historical cost convention.

**2. Recognition of Income & Expenses**

- a. Income from License Fees, Commission and Bank Interest are accounted for on accrual basis.
- b. All other incomes are accounted for on receipt/cash basis.
- c. Expenses are accounted for on accrual basis.

**3. Fixed assets**

Fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Cost includes original cost of acquisition including incidental expenses related to such acquisition and installation. Fixed Assets are recognized as assets after delivery of the assets. Capital Work in Progress is recognized to the extent of advance payment given upon fulfillment of part/stage wise delivery conditions.

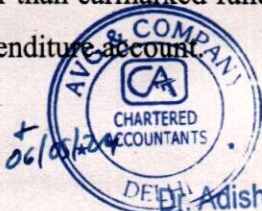
**4. Depreciation**

Depreciation on all fixed assets is provided on written down value method at the rates and in manner prescribed under Income Tax Act 1961 and the rules made there under. Depreciation on assets purchased through specific donation has been charged from the date they were put to use. Depreciation on such assets has not been charged to Income & Expenditure account; instead it has been set off against the donation received specifically.

**5. Accounting for donation and financial aid**

Donations and court cost received for specific activities are accounted for under head “Capital Funds” or Earmarked Funds and shown in the Balance Sheet.

Donations and financial aids received to support specific members, staff members and activities other than earmarked funds, along-with associated expenses, if any, have been shown in Income & Expenditure account.



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## NOTES TO ACCOUNTS

1. The additions to the fixed assets during the year have been physically verified. Fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation and includes original cost of acquisition including incidental expenses related to such acquisition and installation. Discrepancies, if any, have been appropriately dealt with in the financial statements. Assets given as donation to other institutes has been shown as deletion in Fixed Assets schedule. During the year, the organization has received delivery of a software which is under test run and additional features are still being added, hence it has been recognized as a capital work in progress till all required features are added.
2. Creditors for goods & services included some vendors whose payments are unpaid since more than 2 years, balances not payable anymore due to reason whatsoever have been written off in the books of accounts and stated as Balances written off under Schedule 14, Other Income. Similarly, receivables were standing in the books of accounts since more than 2 years, balances irrecoverable due to reason whatsoever have been written off in the books of accounts and stated as Balances written off under Schedule 14, Other Income.
3. Contingent liabilities not provided for in respect of:  
Legal cases are pending in various courts. Liabilities for these cases have not been ascertained, pending final judgment of the Court.
3. Gratuity and leave encashment is paid to employees at the time of retirement and accounted for on cash basis. There is no accounting policy for provision in respect of accrual of gratuity and leave encashment liability.
4. An embezzlement of cash committed by some employee of Association came to the notice of Executive Committee during 2006-07. The matter is under police investigation and prosecution and pending final judgment of the Hon'ble Court.
5. A Grant in Aid received from Government of India – in the year 1999-2000, for the purpose of construction of Golden Jubilee Auditorium to mark the Golden Jubilee celebration of Supreme



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Court of India. The construction of the auditorium has not been commenced and the said grant money has been put into the fixed deposits (with scheduled bank) and interest earned thereon has not been considered as income instead has been added to the original amount of the Grant and treated as a liability.

Ministry of Law and Justice (Department of Legal Affairs) vide its letter No F. No. B. 13017/4/199- Admn III (LA) Dated 04.07.2019 had sought information regarding the utilization status and the amount pending utilization as well as, in case of a change in the purpose of utilization, a detailed estimate of such proposal which SCBA wants to undertake. SCBA is pursuing this matter with the Government of India, for the permission for change in purpose for the utilization of said grant.

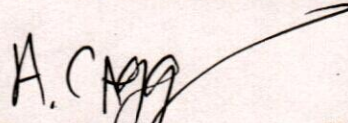
6. The Association has not registered itself under the ESIC act and hence no deduction or contribution being made under ESIC.
7. Association has been granted registration u/s 12 AA of Income Tax 1961 vide certificate No S-AAFTS1715BE20212 valid upto Assessment Year 2026-2027. Association has claimed its income as being accumulated or set apart for specified purposes and therefore not made any provision for income tax (current & deferred) in its books of accounts.
8. Previous year figures have been regrouped or rearranged wherever considered necessary and to the extent possible.

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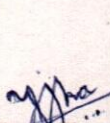
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