

SPEECH OF HON'BLE THE ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE ON THE OCCASION OF THE 2011 INTERNATIONAL AIR LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION.

It is indeed a matter of great pleasure to be present on this occasion. Occasions like the present is an opportunity to interact with the young, on whom the future rests. The subject of the debate that will shortly unfold enhances the interest of people like us, who are steeped in resolving problems thrown by the conventional laws. I congratulate and compliment the Sarin Foundation and the Laiden University for its efforts to provide clinical legal education through Air Law Moot Court Competitions that was launched last year in New Delhi.

The Sarin Foundation has been built up over the years in the memory of late Shri Harbans Lal Sarin and late Shri Ranjit Lal Sarin. Late Shri Harbans Lal Sarin had a long and successful tenure in the bar and had been a source of inspiration for many, particularly, the young generation, who aspire for a career in legal practice. Late Harbans

Lal Sarin, who was a giant in the Punjab and Haryana Bar, could be a role model for all of us. His voluminous practice built up in the true traditions of the legal profession carries a strong message that the legal practice can only be built up by hardwork and sincere efforts to uphold the law and not merely by protecting the interest of the client.

Late Shri Ranjit Lal Sarin left the world early at the age of 37 years. However, his accomplishments and achievements within the short span are amazing. The memory of the two noble souls has been successfully kept alive by the foundation through its multifarious activities, which I understand include the contribution in the field of Blood donation. Specific mention must be made of a Public Interest Litigation initiated by the Foundation in the matter of a road accident where eventually the High Court had monitored the four laning of the Delhi-Ambala Highway and is presently monitoring the progress of the six laning Highway.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Occasions like the present one do not come everyday. Though the youth numerically accounts for 35% of the total population, opportunities of mental training and discipline, beyond the classrooms of the Colleges and Universities, are few and far between. The Moot Court Competition organised for the day is one such rare opportunity where apart from analysing the issues in the hypothetical Gaius Volcano Case, the interaction that will take place will afford all participants an opportunity to think while on their legs and respond to the myriad situation with spontaneity. This is a quality that every aspiring legal practitioner must inculcate in a large measure.

Ladies and gentlemen let me end and not stand between you and Justice Singhvi whom we are all eagerly waiting to hear.