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Professor (Dr.) N. R. Madhava Menon

The Father of Modern Indian Legal Education is no more. Professor (Dr.) N.R. Madhava Menon passed away late night.

Professor Menon was a living legend during his lifetime and has now become a permanent shining and guiding star for all of us who are engaged in promoting and strengthening Indian Legal Education. He completed 60 years as a law teacher this year and was a motivating factor and moving spirit in setting up centres of excellence in the field of Legal Education including the iconic National Law School of India University, Bangalore.

One can say with daring certainty that no one can equal the contribution made by Professor Menon single handedly to promote legal education in India.

The Bar Association of India had a close relationship with Professor Menon and many joint activities including conferences and seminars were held under the guidance of Professor Menon in respect of issues and concerns regarding legal education in the Country.

Similarly, Society of Indian Law Firms (SILF) and Menon Institute of Legal Advocacy and Training (MILAT) founded by Professor Menon jointly instituted Law Teachers Day which is celebrated every year in the first week of September. Eminent Legal Educationists not only from India but also from SAARC countries are honoured and recognized by presentation of awards.

Professor Menon was the first recipient of the Distinguished Jurist Award when he completed 50 years as a law teacher, 10 years ago.

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when Fali Nariman, way back in 1996 observed that jurists like Professor Menon should be elevated directly to the Supreme Court of India.

I request on behalf of the Bar Association of India and Society of Indian Law Firms, the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India to have a full Court reference to recognize the unique, historic and invaluable contribution made by Professor (Dr.) N.R Madhava Menon in the field of Legal Education thereby ensuring excellent standards for the legal profession and the Judiciary and in respect of administration of justice.

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