



Profile – Aditya Pratap



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Education:

- B.A. LL.B. (Hons.)
NALSAR University of Law,
Hyderabad.

College:

Gurukul Academy, Lucknow

School:

St. Mary's ICSE, Mumbai

Professional Memberships:

- The Bar Council of Maharashtra and Goa
- The Bombay Bar Association

Interests:

- History
- Technology
- Travelling
- Public Speaking

An alumnus of the prestigious NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad, Aditya Pratap joined the bar in 2013. Since then, he has developed an integrated expertise involving both, civil and criminal law, with general litigation being his area of practice. He appears before the Bombay High Court, City Civil and Sessions Court, Magistrates Courts, the National Green Tribunal as well as the Supreme Court.

Cases Argued:

- ***Sunil Kumar Chugh vs. Union of India (2014-15)*** - Penalty of Rs. 3 Crore imposed on Developer for constructing without Environment Clearance and depriving residents of parking and other areas.
- ***Food in Multiplexes Case:*** The Bombay High Court directed the Government of Maharashtra to frame a policy to allow cinemagoers to carry their own food inside multiplex. Multiplexes violate the right to life under Article 21 by denying people to carry their own food and instead, force them to purchase junk food at exorbitant prices. The issue of illegal vending and supply of food inside the cinema auditorium is also under consideration.
- ***Anti-Corruption Cases:*** The Special Judge (Anti-Corruption) rejected the closure report filed by the Anti-Corruption Bureau, Mumbai in the Hiranandani Powai Land Scam and directed further investigation. In another case, FIR was registered against Raheja Builders and Municipal Officers for giving Occupancy Certificate (OC) to a building on the basis of false documents.
- ***Rani Poddar vs. Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai (2014-16)*** – Stayed the illegal demolition of public drinking water fountains being attempted by the MCGM without authority of law. Civil suit filed in City Civil Court, Mumbai to this effect.

Articles and Columns:

- [Can RERA overturn 'forced consent' agreements procured by builders for changing project plans?](#)
- [The Kamala Mills Tragedy And Misuse Of DC Regulation 64 – Violation Of Law Under The Guise Of 'Relaxation Of Conditions';](#)
- [A landmark judgment for environmental jurisprudence;](#)
- [Justice must be a fundamental right;](#)

- ***Raheja Green CHS vs. State of Maharashtra (2014-15):*** FIR registered against Mumbai Builder under Section 52 of the MRTP Act, 1966 for construction in violation of approved plans.
- ***Anil Bhatia vs. Shree Shivdham CHS (2014-15):*** Case filed in Cooperative Court against illegal disconnection of water supply – full restoration ordered with compensation for harassment suffered. In addition, criminal prosecution initiated under Section 430 of the IPC.
- ***Gorakhnath Gupta vs. State of Maharashtra (2016-17):*** FIR ordered against railway officials for committing forgery by which a suicide case was shown as an accidental death – police investigation reopened.

Television Appearances:

- [Builders cannot play the victim card: Aditya Pratap – The News;](#)
- [When does the building fall under RERA Rules?](#)
- [Urban Reality – Languishing NGT;](#)

- **Articles and Columns:** In addition to litigation, Aditya also writes diverse articles on Real Estate, Infrastructure and Environment Law. He has written for Accommodation Times, Housing.com, Track2Realty and Down To Earth (Centre for Science and Environment), and TERI (The Energy and Resources Institute);

Awards:

- Received award for Best Legal Advisor at the Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival held in Mumbai in 2018;

- **Speeches:** Aditya has spoken at numerous conferences and seminars on law and allied issues. He was a speaker at the Real Estate Roundtable organised by Track2Media in Mumbai on 6th October, 2017 to discuss the housing sector in the post-RERA era. He has spoken at numerous conferences and seminars organised throughout the country.

Charitable Initiatives:

- Trustee of the RannSamar Foundation, a charitable trust conducting numerous social welfare and legal awareness programs in Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh;

- **Television:** Appeared in Television Debates on Mirror Now, Zee Business, CNBC Awaaz & TV 18 on national and urban issues such as events leading to passing of the Real Estate Regulation Act, the Adarsh Scam, Police cases and important public developments.

In addition to his professional work, Aditya takes active interest in matters pertaining to society and regularly participates *in pro bono* activities aimed at enhancing public awareness of law.