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Hon'ble the Chief Justice, Hon'ble Judges, Chairman, Bar Council of Delhi, Ld. Addl. Solicitor General, President, Delhi High Court Bar Association and esteemed friends.

The news of gruesome murder of Mrs Swarana Mahajan and Ms. Anuratha Mahajan came as thunder bolt on Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> March. The shock was so immense and the feeling that came across the mind was that such an act could neither be of a man made by God nor of a beast of jungle, Mrs Swaran Mahajan and Ms Anurtha Mahajan had always been helpful to the down trodden and needy and were always on the forefront for the cause of woman lawyers in particular and will be always remembered for their contributions.

Mrs Swarana Mahajan daughter of an illustrious father Beli Ram Dhawan of Dera Ismail Khan who was a Public Prosecutor, rose and earned far more laurels for herself and her family by her deeds, even beyond what was dreamt of by her father.

Mrs Swaran Mahajan was an avowed combination of traditions, values, high morals and progressive thinking. After graduating from Christ Church College in Simla, she did her M.A. in English from Indrapastha College. Beside being fully committed to her married life and children she spared time for further education and completed her LL.B. from Kanpur University. Her knowledge of law further helped her to fulfill her commitment for the down trodden and the less fortunate. A fine blend of values, knowledge and talent she was a great singer and painter.

One of the most respected members of the Supreme Court and High Court Bar Associations we would often look towards her for her guidance. As president of several leading women's organizations. She fought for rights of women lawyer, any meeting of women lawyers was incomplete without her participation.

As the mother, so the daughter. Ms Anuratha Mahajan had all the traits of her mother. Having completed her graduation from Delhi University Anuratha did her LL.B from Kanpur and followed her mother's footsteps. The daughter was a step ahead in fighting for the cause of the women's rights and never hesitated in helping the needy and poor. We will all remember Anuratha for her strong views, total commitment to her cases and her dedication to her family and friends.


Mrs. Swarana Mahajan and Ms. Anuratha Mahajan were a rare example of umbilical union. They lived together, thought together at the same wavelength and acted together, in death also they did not part company.

Friends, we are here not only to condole their death or to condemn the dastardly crime but we all have to rise to the occasion by giving our active participation in ensuring that no such incident happens in future, not only to our fellow colleagues but to any human being.

The loss to Mr. Sanjiew Mahajan is irreparable.

I pray to the Almighty to bestow enough courage and strength to the bereaved family to bear the loss.

May I request my Lord Hon'ble the Chief Justice to convey the heart felt condolence to the bereaved family on behalf of the Govt. of NCT of Delhi, on behalf of my colleagues representing Government of Delhi and on my own behalf.

  
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