

**INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE\*****Election of a Member of the International Court of Justice**

The following information is communicated to the press by the Registry of the International Court of Justice:

The Court has been informed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations that on Tuesday 18th April 1989 the United Nations General Assembly and Security Council, in accordance with Article 10 of the Statute of the Court, elected Mr Raghunandan Swarup Pathak (India) to be a Members of the Court.

Judge Pathak has been elected to fill the vacancy left by the death on 11th December 1988 of Judge Nagendra Singh (India). His term of office thus extends until 5th February 1991.

A short biography of the new Members of the Court is annexed hereto.

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Following the election of Judge Pathak, the composition of the Court is now as follows:

President	Jose Maria Ruda (Argentina)
Vice President	Keba Mbaye (Senegal)
Judges	Manfred Lachs (Poland)
	Taslim Olawale Elias (Nigeria)
	Shigeru Oda (Japan)
	Roberto Ago (Italy)
	Stephen M Schwebel (America)
	Sir Robert Jennings (United Kingdom)
	Mohammed Bedjaoui (Algeria)
	Ni Zhengyu (China)
	Jens Evensen (Norway)
	Nikolai K Tarassov (USSR)
	Gilbert Guillaume (France)
	Mohamed Shahabuddeen (Guyana)
	Raghunandan Swarup Pathak (India)

Judge Raghunandan Swarup Pathak

(Member of the Court as from 18th April 1989)

Born 25th November 1924 at Bareilly (UP), India; son of Mr Gopal Swarup Pathak (former Vice President of India) and Mrs Prakashwati Pathak, married Asha, three sons.

Educated Allahabad University; BSc (1945), LLB (1947), MA (Political Science) (1948), Diploma of Proficiency in the French and German languages (1946), Sastri Medal in International Law.

Enrolled as Advocate in the Allahabad High Court, 1948; in the Supreme Court of India, 1957; Additional Judge, 1962-1963 and Judge 1963-1972 of the Allahabad High Court; Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court, 1972-1978; Judge, Supreme Court of India, 1978-1986; Chief Justice of India from 21st December 1986.

Honorary Bencher, Gray's Inn, London; President, Indian Law Institute; President, Indian Society of International Law; President International Law Association (Regional Branch) India; Editor-in-Chief Indian Journal of International Law; Chairman, All India University Professor's International Law Research Group, since 1969; Member of the Enforcement of Human Rights, International Law Association, London; Member Advisory Board, United Nations University Project; "International Law, Common Patrimony and Intergenerational Equity" The Hague (1984), Rio de Janeiro (1985), Strasbourg (1986), Goa (1988); Chairman, World Congress on Law and Medicine, New Delhi (1985); Member of Chief Justice's International Panel on Genetic Technology, Thirteenth Conference on Law of the World, Seoul (1987); Member of the Journal Intellectual Property in Asia and the Pacific, Geneva; Honorary President, World Peace Through Law Center, Washington DC; President, Indian Council of Legal Aid and Advice; Patron-in-Chief, Committee for Implementing Legal Aid Schemes; Pro-Chancellor, University of Delhi, Visitor, National Law School of India, Bangalore, and President, India International Rural Cultural Centre.

Has participated in Indo-Soviet International Law Conferences, Delhi (1978), Moscow (1983), Delhi (1985), Moscow (1987); Indo-FRG International Law Colloquia, Delhi (1983), Heidelberg (1984); Fourth International Appellate Judges' Conference and the Third Commonwealth Chief Justice's Conference, Kuala Lumpur (1987); Conference of Chief Justices, San Francisco (1987) and Fourth International Conference on "Law of Computers", Rome (1988).

Invited to participate in Conference on Constitutionalism, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, United States of America (1989); International Congress on Environmental Law, Rome (1989); Indo-British Legal Forum, London; Fourteenth World Congress in Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy, Edinburgh (1989), and Fourteenth Biennial Conference on the Law of the World, organised by the World Peace Through Law Center at Beijing (1989).