

The great legal luminary

An Insight Into The Bona Fide Journey Of Senior Advocate Vikas Singh

Pic: Ravinder Gusain, GT Network

Known for his cogent pitches in courtroom, **Vikas Singh, Senior Advocate and President of the Supreme Court Bar Association & Former Additional Solicitor General of India, Supreme Court of India**, is a noteworthy figure in the field of law. In addition to a remarkable legal career, Vikas Singh is a visiting faculty member of the Parliament of India, where he imparts his invaluable insights to the country's lawmakers. To acknowledge his contribution in the legal area, he was conferred with honorary doctorate degree in Convocation 2022 at AUUP. GT reporters did not miss the opportunity to delve into his vast legal acumen, and took note of some of his experiences.

From chemistry to law

I studied chemistry because my father thought that science would give me an insight into different analytical abilities, which in turn, would be beneficial for me in near future. So, I studied science and thereafter, worked in a company for nine years. At this point, I was nowhere connected to law. But soon I decided to quit and before putting in my papers, I familiarised myself with the



Senior advocate Vikas Singh with GT reporters

legal world. Gradually, I appeared for practice sessions and realised that I can do it. It was indeed a very unique start which made me closer to what I really aspired to do.

Different characters

Any lawyer who wishes to be successful must understand the pain of his client. But at the same time, one should be detached from the outcome of the case. It's almost similar to acting in a film. You get into a

character, understand that character and then get out of it as soon as the filming ends. And lawyers do this on a daily basis, and sometimes there are as many as ten cases in a day. We do different characters and we come out of the characters because if we don't come out of it, it will be emotionally wrecking.

Favourite moments

I've had some really strong cases on the division and decentralisation of power. There

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have been situations where I've stood up to the Chief Justice of India and expressed how a particular matter does not fall under his jurisdiction. In fact, in 2005, when I stated something similar to a bench of the Chief Justice of India, they were all shell-shocked because they hadn't experienced something like this before. Perhaps, I was the first attorney general to stand up for what is rightfully the law and express the same fearlessly in front of everyone.

Message for Amitians

I would say, "Put your heart into whatever you wish to do." For I believe, money is not the only metric of success. You should enjoy your work and try to improve the lives of others around you. And when you accomplish the same, no one can stop you from becoming successful. 🇮🇳

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Book Review

A flight of fantasy

Book: King of Scars

Author: Leigh Bardugo

Published On: January 29, 2019

Genres: Young Adult, Fantasy



Synopsis: Set in the enchanting and vivid world of Ravka, the book follows young king Nikolai Lanstov across a magical journey to find a cure for inner demons and deal with the burdens of leading a war-torn country. The book is full of breathtaking visuals, enchanting rituals, betrayals, overcoming one's demons, royal disguises and acts of war. The reader experiences these through the eyes of Nikolai as he tries to fix himself before his demons devour him, legendary wind summoner and regal Zoya Nazyalensky who has issues of her own, soft-spoken though courageous Isaak Andreyev, and charismatic undercover spy Nina Zenik who is struggling to cope with the loss of her true love and deal with her newfound powers.

Why is it worth reading: The beautiful imagery used by the author creates a world

larger than life. All the characters in the novel, including the secondary characters, have engaging and compelling storylines. The alliances formed in the book are captivating. Moreover, the circumstances in which young king Nikolai finds himself and how he deals with them are awe-inspiring and a pleasure to read. He leads a country too long at war and shallow in its coffers while dealing with every obstacle in his path, showing that charisma, optimism, and wits have a way out of any sticky situation.

Iconic quote: "Most of us can hide our greatest hurts and longings. It's how we survive each day. We pretend the pain isn't there, that we are made of scars instead of wounds."

Rating: 4.5/5

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A game of numbers

Our Love-Hate Equation With Mathematics

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The quadratic formula, the mind-boggling concepts of trigonometry, and other endless concepts comprise the beautiful world of numbers called mathematics. This uninvited guest at the party of life is like a relative who gives you gifts that you never really understand, leaving you with mixed feelings of appreciation and bewilderment. It may be a utopian world for those who like to engulf their mind in the world of the number system. All of us share these strong feelings of both love and hatred with this numerical enigma. Remember those days when we marvelled at the magic of numbers, when addition and subtraction were easily solved. Sadly, as we grew up, we were acquainted with the fact that mathematics was no longer just about BODMAS. With the alphabet becoming a part of it, our beloved playground suddenly turned barren. Most students feel that brackets, caret, and Pi, have held them hostage. For them, the playground of math transformed from a happy place to Satan's own private property. Playing with those



squiggly symbols is not everyone's cuppa. "Mathematics isn't for the weak-hearted," they say, and we are mere humans, too scared to traverse through difficulties. But a person willing to enter the gates of this utopia and cross Satan's Garden can surely ace it. Mathematics is a subject that demands time and focus. We all must give this numeric world a try and have a fair shot at entering that pretty landscape beyond. It may vex us, challenge us, or sometimes even make us question our sanity, but it is also the reason that buildings stand tall and we're able to send missions to Mars. 🇮🇳