

LATE SHRI. SOMNATH SITARAM DHUMAL
alias DADASAHEB KASAR VAKIL, MALEGAON
(District: Nashik)



Name :	Late Adv. Somnath Sitaram Dhumal (Kasar)
Date of Birth :	09 /10/1905
Death :	26/04/1993 at the age of 87 Years.
Place of Birth :	Malegaon
Qualification :	M.A. (Philosophy) First Class First; L.L.B.
Matriculation :	After Primary School Education from Malegaon, he had to travel to Dhule by Bullock Cart for studying till Matriculation. After completing his Matriculation, he worked with his father in the Copper, Brass utensils business for three years. But due to his passion for studies, he fled his house and gone to Pune for Completion of his further studies(M.A., L.L.B.)
College :	M.A. - S.P.College, Pune L.L.B.- Pune.
Languages known :	Marathi, Hindi, English, Sanskrit
Special Interest :	" <i>Sanskrit Subhashite</i> "
Thesis (in M.A.) :	Mysticism in the Life of Sant.Tukaram
Service :	Professor of Philosophy in Deccan College in Pune(for Approx. One Year)
Profession as a lawyer:	<p>Started his practice as a Lawyer in Malegaon in the Year 1933 and worked till 1980(47 Years). After completing 75 years of his life, he stopped active practice as a Lawyer, but continued to give Legal advice to his clients for free. When the clients insisted for taking fees, he used to ask them to put any amount in a Donation box (kept on the table) as per their wish. Latter he donated the amount collected in the donation box for social work of "Vanavasi Kalyan Ashram". Maintained a very good library of Legal books, as well as Religious, educational and philosophical books. His sharp grasping power & intellect was always experienced when he used to argue for a case. When he used to cross-examine or was in argument, the Judges, clients and everyone present in the courtroom used to pay keen attention to him. He used to keep a complete brief of his cases, and important points written in "<i>Modee</i>" dialect ready in his briefcase. Many judges before whom he worked, learned many things from him. He always insisted that the client should be advised in legal matters, only after deep study of Law. <i>Simplicity, Straight forwardness and politeness</i> were his key virtues. He often told that "<i>When the Lawyers present their cases before a good Judge, the quality of work of Lawyers goes up and when Judges run cases of Good Lawyers the quality of work of Judges goes up</i>".</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Adv.Vinay Jaikhedkar.</p>
Social Work :	- He took active part in the formation of Malegaon Education Society and the Z.P.Kakani Vidyalay, Malegaon.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Used to be associated with <i>Bhagawant Vyayam Shala</i>, Malegaon due to his affection for Exercises. - Worked as a President of Kakani Vachnalay(Library); - Worked as a president of his Kasar Samaj; - Taught Law in the Law College in Malegaon for 7-8 Years and was the most sought after professor in the college; - Started to work for Rastriya Swayamsevak Sangh (R.S.S.) since 1939 in Malegaon. Was “Shahar Sangh Chalak” of Rastriya Swayamsevak Sangh (R.S.S.) till his death. - Was imprisoned in the year 1948 after the killing of Mahatma Gandhi for eight months (due to his association with R.S.S.) - Was again faced the fear of imprisonment during <i>Emergency</i> in 1975, but was kept free by police after a State Minister from Malegaon submitted an undertaking that Peace will not be at all in danger if he is kept free. - He used to play active part in making peace during and after communal riots (between Hindu & Muslims) as majority of his clients were Muslims. - Was closely associated with Vishwa Hindu Parishad and Gayatri Pariwar, Haridwar. - He attained a respectable level in his spiritual progress.
Family :	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Six Daughters and Two sons; - Elder son Padmakar worked as a Judge (1974-2001) & retired from District Judge Cadre, now living a peaceful life in Nashik. - Younger son Anil is still active in his Industrial venture(which is the market leader in Poultry Industry in India) with both domestic and foreign customers; - One of his daughters Hira has even completed her Phd. and retired as a Principal of Nagpur University B.Ed. college from Nagpur. - One of his son in laws (Shri.R.L.Bhinge)was a Inspector General of Police, Maharashtra; - Another son in law (Shri. Balraj Aher)worked as a Registrar of Nagpur University, - Other son in laws also served in various Government and private organizations on respectable positions, - Many grand-children of Shri. Dadasaheb (many Doctors, Engineers, Entrepreneurs, Architects, Consultants, etc.) are active and famous in their respective fields in India & abroad and are carrying his Grand legacy forward.

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