

Sri Pitambar Acharya, born on January 15, 1965, hails from a lower-middle-class family and has risen to become a distinguished Senior Advocate at the Orissa High Court in Cuttack. His remarkable journey is a testament to his resilience and determination. He completed his M.A. in Political Science from Utkal University with first division in 1987, graduating with honors and distinction. With over three decades of legal experience, Sri Acharya was designated as a Senior Advocate in 2011, recognized for his profound expertise and unwavering dedication to the legal profession. His ascent from humble beginnings to a prominent position in the legal field serves as an inspiration to many aspiring lawyers.

His legal career began in 1991 when he joined the High Court Bar as an associate advocate under the mentorship of Mr. Gangadhar Rath, a former Advocate General of Orissa. Since then, he has successfully conducted over 10,000 cases encompassing a wide array of legal domains, including Constitutional, Civil, Criminal, Corporate, Cooperative, Education, and Banking Laws. He has also appeared before the Supreme Court of India and various High Courts, handling pivotal cases that have shaped legal precedents.

His excellence in debate and oratory has earned him numerous accolades, including the Sri Ramchandra Bhanja Deo Gold Medal and the Vice-Chancellor's Cup from Utkal University. He has been recognized as the best debater at both B.J.B. College and Utkal University for several years and has received various awards for his contributions to the field of law. These accolades include the "Odisha Keshari Samman-2008" for outstanding contributions to law and was also awarded with Nyayajyoti Samman, 2012" by Samma Institute of Urdu Education, recognition by Rotary International for significant contributions in the legal field, was also awarded by Cuttack Credit Cooperative Limited in 2012 for significant contributions in law and multiple awards for his exemplary performance in debates and elocution competitions. Recently he received the prestigious "Chelitola Samman" Odisha's one of the prestigious awards from Chelitola Cultural Academy, a branch of Sarala Sahitya Sansad for his outstanding contribution towards law in 2024.

Sri Acharya's leadership qualities were evident during his time as President of the B.J.B. College Students' Union in 1984, as well as his subsequent role as President of the Utkal University Law College Students' Union in 1987. He was also the General Secretary of the B.J.B. College Students' Union in 1982, demonstrating early on his ability to lead and inspire others.

Throughout his illustrious career, Sri Acharya has been a standing counsel for several notable organizations, including the State Election Commission of Orissa, the Orissa Legislative Assembly, and various government undertakings. He has represented prestigious corporate entities such as Indian Oil Corporation Ltd., Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd., Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd., and GAIL India Ltd., among others.

In addition to his legal practice, Sri Acharya has played a prominent role in leadership and social activities. He contested the 2019 General Assembly Elections from Hinjili as the Bharatiya Janata Party candidate against former Chief Minister Shri Naveen Pattnaik. He has held significant positions within the Bharatiya Janata Party, serving as the State Vice President, Spokesperson, and State Head for Legal & RTI Services. His commitment to the legal community was further exemplified by his election to the Orissa State Bar Council in 2008 till 2013.

Sri Pitambar Acharya resides in Cuttack, where he continues to be an influential figure in the legal community, dedicated to upholding justice and serving society through his extensive knowledge and expertise in law. He assumed the prestigious constitutional post of The Advocate General of Odisha on 19th July 2024 by the Governor of Odisha under Article 165 of the Constitution of India.