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**In the case of Stray Dogs, I gained international recognition: Justice Vikram Nath of the Supreme Court observed.**



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Justice Vikram Nath of the Supreme Court stated on Saturday that although he was well-known for his contributions to the legal community, the stray dogs case had now brought him international fame in addition to India.

He conveyed his gratitude to the Chief Justice of India (CJI) for giving him the stray dog case.

"Up until now, I have only been well-known in the legal community for the small amount of work I do, but I am grateful to the stray dogs (case) for introducing me to the entire civil society, both domestically and internationally. And I'm grateful that my CJI gave me that case," he added.

Justice Nath was speaking at a gathering to discuss Kerala's escalating problems with wildlife-human conflict.

Judges from the Supreme Court and High Court attended the conference, which was organized by the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) and the Kerala State Legal Services Authority and it took place in Thiruvananthapuram.

He mentioned in his address that he was asked about the issue of stray dogs by a number of the presidents of different legal societies who were present at a recent event.

Additionally, I've been getting notes stating that, in addition to dog lovers, dogs are sending me blessings and well wishes. I have their well wishes in addition to the blessings and well wishes of everyone. Our courts have upheld the public trust doctrine, reminding us that natural resources are not the property of state, but a trust to be protected for present and future generations," he said.

After a bench of Justices **JB Pardiwala** and **R Mahadevan** ordered Delhi's municipal officials to start collecting stray dogs from all locations and to set up shelters within eight weeks, the issue of stray dogs gained attention.

However, a three-judge panel led by Justice Nath was given the case after strong protests by dog lovers and animal rights groups.

The August 11 ruling was changed by the three-judge panel on August 22.

Following deworming and vaccination, the canines from dog shelters will be released, according to an order by the bench of Justices Nath, Sandeep Mehta, and NV Anjaria.