**Indian Judges of the International Court of Justice**

**The International** Court of Justice (ICJ) is the principal judicial organ of the United Nations (UN). It was established in June 1945 by the Charter of the United Nations and began work in April 1946.

**Benegal Narsing Rau 1952-53**

* Sir Benegal Narsing Rau, CIE, (26 February 1887 – 30 November 1953) was an Indian civil servant, jurist, diplomat and statesman known for his key role in drafting the Constitution of India. He was also India's representative to the United Nations Security Council from 1950 to 1952.
* B. N. Rau was appointed as the Constitutional Adviser to the Constituent Assembly in formulating the Indian Constitution in 1946.
* Rau was invited by the Ministry of External Affairs to stand for election to the International Court of Justice towards the end of 1951, and began service towards 1952. He served for about a year, before succumbing to ill health while being treated in Zurich in 1953.

**Maharaj Sri Nagendra Singh 1973-88**

* Maharaj Sri Nagendra Singh (Dungarpur, 18 March 1914 – The Hague, 11 December 1988) was an Indian lawyer and administrator who served as President of **the International Court of Justice from 1985 to 1988**.
* Singh was awarded the **Kama award** in 1938, and in 1973 he received the **Padma Vibhushan** from the **Government of India**.

**Raghunandan Swarup Pathak 1989-91**

* Raghunandan Swarup Pathak, (R. S. Pathak) (25 November 1924 – 17 November 2007) was the 18th Chief Justice of India.
* Pathak was made a judge at Supreme Court of India in 1978 and became its 18th Chief Justice on 21 December 1986. He is remembered as a judge who was a man of the middle and was able to bring relative peace to the Court. He served as Chief justice for two and a half years during which time a dozen judges were appointed to the Court.
* Pathak was elected a judge of **the International Court of Justice** and served in that position from 1989 to 1991. He was elected in "**casual election**" that was held following the death of M. Nagendra Singh, an Indian judge who was then serving his second term at the **International Court.**

**Justice Dalveer Bhandari 2012-**

* Dalveer Bhandari (born 1 October 1947) is an Indian member of the **International Court of Justice** and was a judge of the Supreme Court of India.
* Justice Bhandari was nominated by the Government of India as its official candidate in January 2012. The vacancy arose after the resignation of sitting Court Judge Awn Shawkat Al-Khasawneh from Jordan on being appointed as Prime Minister. In the elections held on 27 April 2012, Bhandari secured 122 votes in the United Nations General Assembly against 58 for his rival, Florentino Feliciano, who was nominated by the Government of the Philippines.
* In 2014, President of India conferred Bhandari with **Padma Bhushan**, third highest civilian award in India.