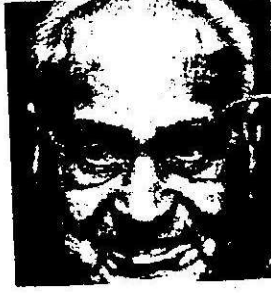


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Noted jurist
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Noted jurist and former Governor M. Rama Jois, 89, passed away on Tuesday morning. He was suffering from age-related ailments and suffered a cardiac arrest, sources close to the family said. He is survived by his wife and two children.

Born in 1931 in Shivamogga, Mr. Jois studied Law in Shivamogga and Bengaluru, and enrolled as an advocate in 1959. He was arrested during the Emergency and spent time in Bangalore jail with the former Prime Minister late Atal Bihari Vajpayee and BJP leader L.K. Advani, among other political prisoners. He was posted as a judge of the Karnataka High Court in 1977. He was later appointed as the Chief Justice of the Punjab and Haryana High Court.

Post retirement, Mr. Jois identified himself with the BJP and was made Governor of Bihar and later Jharkhand by the NDA government in the early 2000s. However, he had very short stints as Governor. He was subsequently elected to the Rajya Sabha from the State on a BJP ticket. Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa expressed his condolences.