

# ON THE LOOM OF TIME

Portrait of My Life and Times



## Certificate of Honour

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I joined as a lecturer in 1960, and was selected within two years to become a Post-graduate Lecturer in English at the Magadh University, Gaya. I joined the Indian Revenue Service in 1964, and retired, after a career of 35 years of blameless service to our nation, from the post of the Chief Commissioner of Income-tax. Though I was enrolled as an Advocate in 1977, I commenced working as an Advocate at the Supreme Court on the very morrow of my retirement on 31 March 1998. I have gratefully acknowledged my debt to my days in the IRS in the Chapter 18 ('On My Retirement'). This Certificate of Honour seems to me a climax of joy for which I am indebted to all. The words of Lord Bacon come to mind expressing my gratefulness to the learned profession:

"I hold every man a debtor to his profession; from the which as men of course, do seek to receive countenance and profit; so ought they of duty to endeavour themselves by way of amends to be a help and ornament thereunto."

Shiva Kant Jha