

Important Information for my Readers

1. This book deals with many of the topics which are of great contemporary relevance. I intend to write short 'Notes and Updates' on some of these on my website www.shivakantjha.org, or on my blogs <http://ontheloomoftime.wordpress.com/> and <http://shivakantjha.wordpress.com/>. This is my wish, not a commitment.

2. Over years, I wrote articles and comments on topics as dissimilar as literature, law, commerce, polity, sociology, culture and the nuclear deal. These are cast and organized in the folders listed up on the Home-page of my website mentioned above. The 2012 Web edition of *Judicial Role in Globalised Economy* (published in 2005), can be accessed at my website (www.shivakantjha.org).

3. I have donated all my rights and interests in this book to the 'Draupadi Devi Gopi Kant Jha Charitable Trust' that I had founded in 2001 in the memory of my parents whose contributions to India's Struggle for Freedom were great, and would come up in the Chapters 3 and 4 of the book.

4. The entire royalty from the First Edition of this book, received from the Publishers, would go as the Trust's contribution towards public charity.

5. On reading this book, my readers would come to know certain ideas close to my heart. I read the text of the fast changing times with fascinating apprehensions. I feel we are at a crossover point exploring the possibilities of paradigmatic changes ahead. I request my readers to send their comments and suggestions so that I can enrich my ideas, and correct myself.

6. On reading point 1, my wife smiled but her smile failed to conceal her taunting thought. I could see what she had in her mind. I have nothing to defend myself. I would quote what the sparrow said in the prayer with which Lord Hailsham of Marylebone ended his autobiography, *A Sparrow's Flight* :

Father, without whose word no sparrow falls,
Hear this, Thy weary sparrow, he calls.
Mercy, not justice, in his contrite prayer,
Cancel his guilt, and drive away despair

7. I end this NOTE expressing my wish in the words of Lord Denning with which he chose to end the Preface to his *Leaves from my Library*: "In any case please do read the book and, if you feel like it, write and tell me how you get on. I will try to reply, but at my age I had better say, for all our sakes, *D V (Deo volente)* God willing." There is one difference. Lord Denning wrote that on his 87th birth anniversary: I write it after completing my 77th year.

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