



Veenapani Jha reading the *shlokas* of the *Bhagavad-Gita* on the rows of edicts at the Geetai Mandir at Wardha, near Nagpur



We two (Veenapani Jha & Shiva Kant Jha)



Smt. Veenapani Jha, President of the Draupadi Devi-Gopi Kant Jha Charitable Trust at 'Veenapani Bhawan', Laxmipur- Balbhadrapur, Laheriasarai (Bihar)



Shiva Kant Jha, his daughter Anju Jha Coudhary, Advocate, and John Cary Sims, Professor of Law at McGeorge School of Law, Sacramento, USA attending the 43rd Congress of the International Association of Lawyers at New Delhi



Hon'ble Mr. Justice D.P. Wadhwa,
a former Judge of the Supreme Court of India, releasing
Shiva Kant Jha's *Judicial Role in Globalised Economy* (2005).



B. Satya Narayan Reddy (1927 – 2012) and Shiva Kant Jha

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and a former Governor of Uttar Pradesh, Odisha and West Bengal



[Veenapani offering *aargh* at the Chhath festival at Juhu Beach, Mumbai]

लाया था रश्मि रथ पै स्वर्ग की छटा ले
पर व्यंग भाग्य का यह, घिर आई वह घटा से
वीरानियों में जिसने अमन का गीत गाया
अब लग रही किनारे अपनी व्यथा कथा से
मिट्टी के धर्मरथ पै तेरी करुण कृपा से
मकरंद बन किया जो आशियाँ को रोशन
बीते क्षणों का मतलब है खोजती लगन से
उम्मीद आरमों पै तिरती यह स्वर्णकाया¹

¹ Worshipping the Sun God by offering sacred water mixed with milk, rice, and some flower petals.

² Had come with sublime glow on the beam's chariot, but Destiny cast its cloudy canopy; Had sung the vernal melody with happiest theme, even on the sandy dunes in life's far-flung desert.; (Sorry, dear deader, I cannot translate the rest of the lines I had composed, as I cannot bear to relive the feelings they express.)



The Force that sustained me, the Light that led me.

जीवन का मैने सौंप दिया सब भार तुम्हारे हाथों में
उद्धार पतन अब मेरा है सरकार तुम्हारे हाथों में

(Binduji in *Mohan-Mohini*)

[My massive heart-attack, in 1989, brought me to the brink; and my wife into the veil of ceaseless tears. My friends had written me off as a spent squib. The photograph portrays us as we were in the Madras Mail on way to Madras in search of medical remedy at the Apollo Hospitals.]



ऊर्ध्वमूलमधः शाखमश्वत्थं प्राहुरव्ययम्.....अश्वत्थः सर्ववृक्षाणां देवर्षीणां च नारदः
(The Gita Chap. 15)

I waded through my most dreary moments just looking at the sprawling peepal tree that we could see through the window both when admitted at the hospital in Madras, and when residing at the Saraf Chambers at Nagpur. When my heart wrenched, and hope faltered, I could hear Krishna's *bansuri* in the rustle of the leaves.



Veenapani meditating on the radiant glow of
an earthen *pradeep* : sweetness and light



TARA
Tara, my love, my deity, my soul's song.



Veenapani Jha meets Mrs. Indira Gandhi,
the then Prime Minister of India

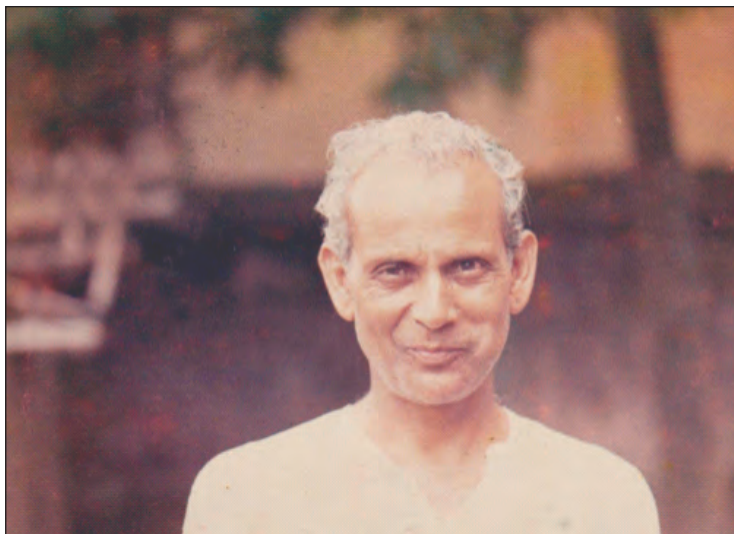


Veenapani Jha & Shiva Kant Jha at the Taj Mahal, Agra, in 1978.

What I had felt then gave me an insight into what might have sustained V.D. Savarkar in the Cellular Jail at Andman while undergoing 50 years of rigorous imprisonment without hope of being ever set free. When I visited that cell in 1998, I stood outside wondering how he could maintain his poise, fervour, and poetic sensibility over the 11 years of the grueling distress. But my mind turned a teacher. I saw massive peepal trees and banyan trees at a distance. Savarkar could have seen them from his cell itself. He must have maintained his equilibrium and creativity just by gazing most of the times at the trees whose dense twigs and leaves might have appeared to him the bowers in which Krishna might have manifested Himself providing him Light and Delight. My reading of the lines of the Kamla stotam that Savarkar had etched, with a tiny hook on the plastered wall, helped me understand the force that might have sustained this hero. It was Krishna.



Addressing the National Seminar on treaty-making power of the Government, organized on July 21, 2007 by National Working Group on Patent Laws (NWGPL). The Seminar was inaugurated by the Former Prime Minister Shri I. K. Gujral, and was presided over by the Former Chief Justice of India Shri J. S. Verma. Special address was delivered by Shri D. Raja, M.P. Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi, M.P. delivered the Valedictory address.



My father-in-law late Shri Hem Narayan Jha.