FOREWORD

“Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high,
Where the knowledge is free,
Where the world has not been broken up into fragment by narrow walls,
Where words come out from the depth of truth.
Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection,
Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way into the dreary desert sand of dead habits;
Where the mind is led forwards by thee into ever-widening thought the action.
Into that heaven of freedom, my father, let my country awake”.

These lines from the famous book ‘Geetanjali’ of Gurudev Sh. Ravindra Nath Tagore, visualize the emergence of a nation in which the values of peace, honesty and the culture will reach at their acme. It is with this vision that our freedom fighters fought for the independence of our nation. Fortunately they are not alive to see the fruition of their dreams because India as a nation is now known for shortsightedness, avarice and opportunism.

Our constitutional fathers drafted the constitution with a view to ensure dispensation of justice to all so that all kinds of individual and collective activities could bring peace, progress and prosperity. In order to achieve these objectives, three organs of the state were created. Out of these organs, the judiciary was given the place of pride with ample powers so as to protect the life and liberty of the people and through them the
whole nation. But the Justice Delivery System as a whole could not fulfill the expectations due to variety of reasons particularly the never-ending wait for the causes of the people to be heard, lack of means to access to justice, and the prevailing sense of uncertainty in decision-making by the courts.

The need of the hour necessitates that all of us must come together to fight against the evils which are disturbing the fibre of the Justice Delivery System. Let us all take oath to work together for the success of this mission. There is:

“Much to cast down, much to build, much to restore;
Let the work not delay, time
and the arm not waste.”

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