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## FOREWORD

FIR is the starting point of investigation into any criminal case. It is therefore, the most vital piece of document in the investigation portfolio. The Police Department is envisaged and created to prevent and control crime. However, unless a proper investigation is carried out, sufficient evidence is marshalled and effective prosecution in Courts is ensured, the criminal justice system can not be effective.

I have observed that in many cases, when the FIR is not properly recorded some lacunae are left. This often happens due to lack of proper training and inefficient department processes. FIRs should be registered in police stations fairly for all and without pressure. Moreover, there is an urgent need for the Magistracy to also conform closely with the process of recording an FIR.

In the market, there have been many books written on FIRs by practicing professionals. This book authored by Dr. Dewakar Goel, an accomplished writer on many subjects, is special for it has in-depth insights and practical guidance for officers of law. The book covers all the latest case laws in a language easy to understand, crisp and lucid. I heartily congratulate the author for another milestone in his writing career and recommend this book to my fellow police officers, defence counsels and public prosecutors. I am sure this book will be well received and appreciated by the professionals in the criminal justice ecosystem.

  
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During my long career as bureaucrat at various positions right from District Magistrate and now as Additional Chief Secretary, I got opportunity to monitor the the police working as law enforcement agency. I found that F I R plays a very important role as vital contact point for public to police for redressal of their grievance and for action against crime. It is important for every police officer and law officer to know law specially provisions of Cr. PC, IPC and Evidence Act since these laws come in practice for their day to day working. At times, it becomes difficult rather impossible for these officers to refer or read bulky law books because of their hectic work schedule.

Here, I found that my friend Dr. Dewakar Goel has taken a great initiative by writing a reference book on F I R. Dr. Goel has already written more then 18 books on different topics. While I was perusing this book on F I R, I found he has not only covered F I R but has given the knowledge about nature of law. Legal processes and rule of law as the basis in the begining of book. This unique book deals with detailed procedural aspects of F I R such as modes, sources, procedure, deficiencies and admissibility etc. A separate chapter has been dedicated to Zero F I R.

The latest court rulings and live case studies are great value addition to this book. This book is a guide and help book for police personnel as well as public at large. I take pleasure in recommending this book to all police academies in different states where the laws are taught in view of its usefulness.

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'FIR' is the most important, debated, discussed and deliberated topic in the life of a Police Officer, advocates dealing with criminal cases, prosecution and judiciary.

Dr. Dewakar Goel comes from a Police family, so it is but natural to evoke 'natural curiosity' in him to understand the term in its correct perspective.

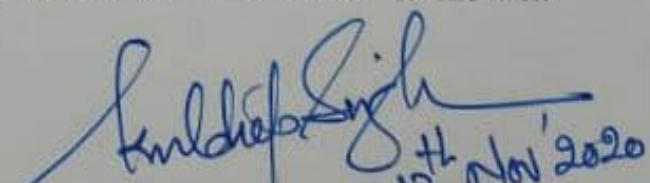
He has deliberated the topic in detail, has divided the Book in eleven Chapters; discussed every Chapter and has supported it with settled case-laws at the end of each Chapter.

Interestingly, the first Chapter 'Nature of Law- Historical perspective'; Ninth Chapter 'Zero FIR' and Tenth Chapter 'Criminal action exempted from punishment' evoked my curiosity to go through it, word by word.

I found these, as well as other Chapters very lucid, easy to understand, comprehend and form a clear opinion about the subject dealt with.

I am hopeful that the Book will be highly useful to Police Officers in their basic training, in Police Stations, Libraries and for scholars for their research work.

I wish Dr Dewakar Goel 'Best of my wishes' and 'Best-seller' to the well researched Book.

  
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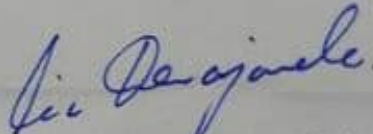
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It was indeed a pleasant surprise when I was placed with the details in my hand of Dr. Dewakar Goel's book which was called 'FIRST INFORMATION REPORT Concept Procedure and Practice'. It is rare to find an author who isolates a topic so specific and then goes into great detail in describing its importance, its concept, procedure and practice. By doing so, Dewakar has done a singular service to the profession and this is a book which I really look forward to studying and reading in great detail. Dewakar, who has been known to me for over 40 years, has spent his time very usefully and is now the author of over 18 books. Look forward to reading more and more of them.

  
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Dewakar has penned books on wide variety of subjects- but with a common thread- the thread of utility. Usefulness of his book to the reader has been his touchstone and this work is another golden step in that effort.

As someone who looked after law and order as a young officer in the field, I would like to state the importance of proper FIR again and again. On that rests the efficacy of criminal justice system.

A loose FIR can give unfair advantage to an accused. His work clearly spells out the points that need to be kept in mind to have a tight FIR for justice delivery. His language is simple and he addresses Janata Janardan straight. The book is all set to gain popularity.

  
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Dear Dr. Dewakar,

I, being a cop, trained and worked in that milieu, have come across many books, essays in journals and discourses on laws, process of law and procedures related to policing in India, but never could I find something that feels like a treatise on the subject. Dr. Dewakar Goel's book 'F I R' falls in that category of a book, which can easily be termed as a 'Treatise'.

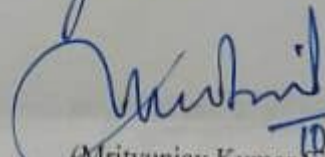
I know Dr. Goel as a poet and a sensitive litterateur since 2004 and enjoyed his friendly connect even when we could not meet frequently, but I always saw him working arduously on something or the other of varied hue and interest.

This book, 'F I R', comes to me as a surprise from someone, who has seen police and the policing in India, from outside the system. And that is why, it does not perhaps venture to assess the limitations, and thereby, shortfalls faced in adhering to, all that ought to be ideally done.

The first two chapters are a treat to the reader which precisely tells us the historical development of the concept of Law and the FIR, on which rests the whole edifice of criminal investigation system. There is a universality of intent in the book.

I am sure the book will be a very good training material for both, the basic training, as well as refresher courses of the police. I not only wish all success to the Book, but also recommend it to the readers for its supreme quality of research and fluid narrative.

With best wishes: *and warmest regards.*

  
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When we are aggrieved and seek help from police, FIR is the most common word that comes to our mind. As common citizens, we are not aware of the technicalities of FIR format. Perhaps, a common man or woman doesn't even know that he/she is supposed to get a copy of the FIR, free of cost, as per the law.

2. Police officers are, at times, unaware of many facets related to the FIR as enumerated in various Acts. Further, most of our police functionaries working at the police station need working knowledge of the FIR registrations.

3. In this context, Dr. Dewakar Goel's book gives complete details about FIR and its legal provisions. This can be a very useful guide for both police officials and our citizens. No doubt, this book will act as a ready reckoner in our day to day working also.

4. I place on record my sincere appreciation to Dr. Dewakar Goel, Advocate of the Supreme Court, for this excellent piece of work and wish him success in his future endeavours also.

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### **FOREWARD**

During my long career as a police officer at various positions right from Assistant Commissioner of Police to Director General of Police, I have experienced that officers-in-charge of police stations need to have updated knowledge of Cr.P.C., I.P.C. and Evidence Act, to comply with legal provisions relating to F.I.R. In their hectic working schedule it is not possible for many police officers to keep law books with them all the time for reference. It is a matter of great pleasure that my friend Dr. Dewakar Goel has taken initiative to write this book exclusively to cover A to Z on F.I.R., which was most needed in view of court rulings and amendments. I am aware that Dr. Goel has written over 18 books on different topics, which have been well appreciated by readers, however this book is unique and rare specially when he wrote it in his capacity as an Advocate of Supreme Court.

The directive of the Supreme Court in the case of Lalita Kumari vs. State of UP has made it mandatory to register F.I.R. for every information relating to commission of cognizable offence. I am sure that this book will prove it as a ready reckoner for police officers and will be helpful in day to day working. They will not have to go for law books since all important aspects have been covered in this book. The live case studies and court rulings with every chapter are great value additions.

I would like to recommend this book not only for police personnel but for common man also since they also need to know about procedural aspects of F.I.R. and their rights of private defence as elaborated in this book.

  
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