

## Book Review

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Electionomics is insightful and historically tickling. The book has been written by well known advocate of Supreme Court of India Mr. Vivek Narayan Sharma who exhibits strong legal and spiritual intellect. His book Electionomics presents the unique amalgamation of Law, Court Judgments, Statistics and Mythology. The book starts and finishes the epic Mahabharata in the Prologue and then becomes unputdownable as Dhritrashtra and Sanjay continue their dialogues on current Democratic and Election Scenario. The narrative of the ancient mythological characters makes the insights of current Election Process extremely engaging and satirical.

The complicated process and loopholes of the Election Process and Politics are explained with phenomenal ease. The use of Quotes, Law, Judgments, Statistics and Bhagwad Geeta Shlokas is perfectly woven and gives a consistent structure to the book. After reading the book, one can attain clarity and understanding on the incremental number of Members of Parliament (MPs) with

criminal background, the prevailing lawlessness during elections, use of social media, Indian sentiments, money, dynastical mileage etc. along with the grassroot realities and compulsions behind these complex scenarios. If Pulwama attack and its electoral consequences unsettle you, you must read the book for that deep insightful analysis of the sentiments of the countrymen.

The Law related to Elections and Democratic process is well brought out from all the statutory books, such as the Constitution of India, the Representation of People Act, Indian Penal Code and Information Technology Act and many others. The selected 100 court judgments of Indian courts are extremely relevant and highlight Indian Judiciary System that works tirelessly for improving the Indian Democracy. Every loophole or complication of the Democracy has been taken to Indian Courts and been addressed with great progression. The role of Election Commission exercised, partially exercised or unexercised has been duly pointed out in the book. The speciality of the book is its simplicity. It works like a quick-course on Indian Democracy right from its basic legal structure, to its implementation, loopholes and suggestive vision.

The Author appears to have used Krishna's voice through the dialogues between the authentic characters of Dhritrashtra and Sanjay, who witnessed Lord Krishna in Mahabharata. The pattern is enticing and commendable. One can find it ingeniously humorous as to the way Law and Court Judgments vis-à-vis Shlokas of Shrimad Bhagwad Geeta have been applied to current situations. The narratives presented in the book are strong, meaningful and bang on target. The book presents chaotic circumstances but reposes faith in the Arjuns of Indian Society, who through their good deeds benefit and upgrade the society. Reading the book perfectly brings and bewilders the ancient characters of Mahabharata. The reaction of antique,

spiritual and kingly Maharaja Dhritrashtra to the current circumstances deliver eye-opening and out-worldly analysis. The equation of Sanjay and Dhritrashtra is also very captivating.

Electionomics is not only a must read but is a treasure and bookkeepers delight and is a readymade

reference of all the relevant legal provisions and judgments pertaining to Election Law. A must read for all students of Law, Civils Services aspirants, Mass Communication and anyone who wants to live with awareness about the current democratic machinery of India.