

## **Service is Divine**

**Hon'ble Mr. Justice Madan Mohan Punchhi**

**Former Chief Justice of India**

I was a Judge in the Court for almost a decade ( 24<sup>th</sup> October 1979 to 6<sup>th</sup> October 1989 ). Thereafter, on elevation I joined the Supreme Court of India at New Delhi. Priorily, I was practicing at the Bar. I hardly had any occasion to notice and remember any activity that old, which could be inserted in this small note. But, I have some memories of the general atmosphere, both at the Bench and the Bar.

'The sign of the educated man is humility that he has not been able to know the vast unknown that still remains to be explored. The educated man must realize that he has more obligations than privileges, more duties than rights... The educated man should be delighted to serve, and not desire to dominate. For, service is the best way to use one's skills, intelligence, strength and resources.'

"Sri Sathya Sai Baba of Puttaparthi"

The qualities above mentioned were definitely in vogue and visible to be seen between majority of the Bar and bench and happily those qualities continue to be practiced in the Courts of the day as well, though percentages may have differed. This sustains the system from all angles.