

PREFACE

At the outset, I like to share with you a short story. In ancient times, a king placed a boulder on a roadway. Then he hid himself and watched to see if anyone would remove the huge rock. Some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it. Many loudly blamed the King for not keeping the roads clear, but none did anything about getting the stone out of the way. Then a peasant came along carrying a load of vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded. After the peasant picked up his load of vegetables, he noticed a purse lying on the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the King indicating that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway. The peasant learned what many of us never understand! Every obstacle presents an opportunity.

There will be ups and downs in life. One should neither become over joyous in good times nor curse the destiny for bad times. What is important is to maintain equilibrium and never lose confidence in oneself. Be clear about your goal in life. Make sincere and honest efforts to achieve your goal, taking success and failures in your stride. Accept challenges and turn these to opportunities. This will indeed lead you to success from campus to corporate.

Giving sermons is the easiest thing and I don't wish to indulge in it. My endeavour is to share what I learnt through rumble and tumble of life. Detailed life map is not what this book has to offer. Instead, it is a humble attempt to give you a compass and show you how easy and reliable it is to use it. The journey of life requires focus, determination, discipline and guts. It does not just happen. Although, success attained by many people may appear effortless but that is far from true. This book places before you my experience of over 60 years of life and I will feel satisfied and contented if this can be of some utility in laying foundations of successful careers of budding young professionals. Wish you happy reading and careers full of achievements.