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This book offers an innovative approach to studying 'judicial activism' in the Indian context in tracing its history and relevance since 1773. While discussing the varying roles of the judiciary, it delineates the boundaries of different organs of the State — judiciary, executive and legislature — and highlights the points where these boundaries have been breached, especially through judicial interventions in parliamentary affairs and their role in governance and policy. Including a fascinating range of sources such as legal cases, books, newspapers, periodicals, lectures, historical texts and records, the author presents the complex sides of the arguments persuasively, and contributes to new ways of understanding the functioning of the judiciary in India.

This paperback edition, with a new Afterword, updates the debates around the raging questions facing the Indian judiciary. It will be of great interest to students and scholars of law, political science and history, as well as legal practitioners and the general reader.

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Review

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— **V. N. Khare**, Former Chief Justice of India

Ranjan deserves congratulations for this extensive work that has finely shaped into a readable form, making it useful to law and non-law persons. The 'quotable quotes' collected in the volume have enriched it, as also made it more authentic.

— **Mahendra P. Singh**, Chairman, Delhi Judicial Academy

This book is rich in the range of themes and issues, while being reader-friendly. The term 'judocracy' is very striking. Ranjan brings an honest citizen's perspective on the working of the apex court.

— **Upendra Baxi**, Emeritus Professor of Law, Universities of Warwick and Delhi

Justice, Judocracy and Democracy in India: Boundaries and Breaches is . . . compulsory reading for every lawyer and judge in India . . . The book is highly provocative, extremely readable and critical of the judiciary.

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[A] great contribution by the author and a value addition to the existing legal literature. Simplicity, clarity and coherence in the language; citation of very interesting but not so well known facts; insightful quotes and presentation of arguments in a persuasive manner encourage the reader to complete the book in one go . . . The book deserves to be read by everyone interested in law and politics. It is a must read for judges and policy makers.

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Sudhanshu Ranjan is a senior television journalist based in New Delhi, India.

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