## **PREFACE**

The book Valiant Victims and Lethal Litigation is the logical sequel to the two anthologies earlier published by the Indian Law Institute on the Bhopal litigation, namely Mass Disasters and Multinational Liability and Inconvenient Forum and Convenient Catastrophe. It puts together the arduous litigational journey in the Indian courts. Proceedings at different stages of judicial process before the District Court, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh High Court and the Supreme Court are detailed elaborately. The trilogy on the Bhopal case, it is hoped, will provide basic primary materials for researchers, legal scholars and activists all over the globe for intensive study of this massive toxic tort litigation of the twentieth century.

The incisive introduction by Professor Upendra Baxi highlights the complexity of the Bhopal litigation in terms of the dynamics of judicial process.

Professor Baxi had designed this volume when he was Director (Research) of the Institute. After he ceased to hold the office, he continued his work on it as a labour of love for the Institute and his commitment to secure justice to the Bhopal victims. Ms. Amita Dhanda, Assistant Research Professor worked with Professor Baxi untiringly in assembling the numerous legal documents and putting them together. The Institute records its appreciation to Professor Baxi and Ms. Dhanda for their help in the production of the book.

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