

Preface

This volume contains a selection of papers presented at the Seminar on "Indian Constitution : Trends and Developments" organised jointly by the Indian Law Institute and the University of Nagpur at Nagpur from January 21 to 23, 1978. The Seminar was interdisciplinary in nature with judges, law teachers and political scientists as participants.

The proclamation of internal emergency in 1975 had set the pace for significant constitutional developments. The Forty-second Amendment, which ushered in drastic changes in civil liberties, judicial review of legislation and administrative action, amending process and centre-state relations, was enacted into law. The Janata Party which formed the government at the Centre after the general elections of 1977 began the process of restoring civil liberties to the people and undoing the damage done to the Constitution by the Forty-second Amendment Act. The Seminar discussed many issues which have become important in the post-emergency period. This volume is divided into four parts :

- (i) The politics of constitutional change.
- (ii) Preventive detention without trial and emergency powers.
- (iii) Pressures on Indian federalism.
- (iv) Indian judiciary and the administrative process.

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