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## Constitution Anita Gets Bail Basic Structure Constitutionalism

On 12 June 1975, for the first time in independent India's history, the election of a prime minister was set aside by a high court judgment. The watershed case, *Indira Gandhi v. Raj Narain*, acted as the catalyst for the imposition of the Emergency. Based on detailed notes of the court proceedings, *The Case That Shook India* is both a significant legal and a historical document. The author, advocate Prashant Bhushan, provides a blow-by-blow account of the goings-on inside the courtroom as well as the manoeuvrings outside it, including threats, bribes and deceit. As the case goes to the Supreme Court, we see how a ruling government can misuse legislative power to save the PM's election. Through his forceful and gripping narrative, Bhushan vividly recreates the legal drama that decisively shaped India's political destiny. | Shortlisted for the Tata Literature Live Non-fiction Book of the Year Award and Hindu Prize for Non-fiction | We think of the Indian Constitution as a founding document, embodying a moment of profound transformation from being ruled to becoming

a nation of free and equal citizenship. Yet the working of the Constitution over the last seven decades has often failed to fulfil that transformative promise. Not only have successive Parliaments failed to repeal colonial-era laws that are inconsistent with the principles of the Constitution, but constitutional challenges to these laws have also failed before the courts. Indeed, in numerous cases, the Supreme Court has used colonial-era laws to cut down or weaken the fundamental rights. The Transformative Constitution by Gautam Bhatia draws on pre-Independence legal and political history to argue that the Constitution was intended to transform not merely the political status of Indians from subjects to citizens, but also the social relationships on which legal and political structures rested. He advances a novel vision of the Constitution, and of constitutional interpretation, which is faithful to its text, structure and history, and above all to its overarching commitment to political and social transformation. Aadil reaches for timeless spiritual truths while simultaneously exploring ways to ground them in daily life. A shorter essay addressed to teachers of yoga follows each main chapter. Each page includes quotations

supporting the ideas expressed. A definitive, analytical and meticulous account of the present state of the nation - from a constitutional perspective - by one of India's most respected legal luminaries. An ardent defender of the Constitution of India, Fali Nariman has today attained the status of an outstanding lawyer who strongly believes in the rule of the law and stands by his convictions. In this timely volume, the author highlights crucial issues that the legislature, the executive, judiciary, the bar and the common people have to deal with virtually on a day-to-day basis. His main focus is on corruption at various levels and in 'hallowed' institutions, including the judiciary. The author contends that the legislative and executive wings of the government - the elected representatives of the people - were (and are) expected to provide for the welfare of the people. He points out that they have failed miserably simply because making of laws is not enough; applying and enforcing laws - which are also the primary duties of the government - have left much to be desired. Consequently, it is the judiciary that tells the government when and how to distribute excess food, what crops to grow and what not to grow, which

economic projects are good for the country and which are not, and what fuel should be used in our vehicles and whether 2G/3G licences should be allotted only through auctions! The judiciary is hence accused of overreach! The contents also throw light on other important subjects such as: the implications of reservations for certain sections of the population (including minorities); the true purpose and significance of the Constitution; Centre-State relations; and whether the Constitution has benefited the common people over the years. This is a book that is absorbing as well as thought-provoking that will make the readers put on their thinking caps. The gripping story of an explosive turning point in the history of modern India

On the night of June 25, 1975, Indira Gandhi declared a state of emergency in India, suspending constitutional rights and rounding up her political opponents in midnight raids across the country. In the twenty-one harrowing months that followed, her regime unleashed a brutal campaign of coercion and intimidation, arresting and torturing people by the tens of thousands, razing slums, and imposing compulsory sterilization on the poor. Emergency

*Chronicles* provides the first comprehensive account of this understudied episode in India's modern history. Gyan Prakash strips away the comfortable myth that the Emergency was an isolated event brought on solely by Gandhi's desire to cling to power, arguing that it was as much the product of Indian democracy's troubled relationship with popular politics. Drawing on archival records, private papers and letters, published sources, film and literary materials, and interviews with victims and perpetrators, Prakash traces the Emergency's origins to the moment of India's independence in 1947, revealing how the unfulfilled promise of democratic transformation upset the fine balance between state power and civil rights. He vividly depicts the unfolding of a political crisis that culminated in widespread popular unrest, which Gandhi sought to crush by paradoxically using the law to suspend lawful rights. Her failure to preserve the existing political order had lasting and unforeseen repercussions, opening the door for caste politics and Hindu nationalism. Placing the Emergency within the broader global history of democracy, this gripping book offers invaluable lessons for us today

as the world once again confronts the dangers of rising authoritarianism and populist nationalism. Collection of contributed papers presented at the event, *Revisiting Kesavananda Bharati*, organized by Centre for Public Law, ILS Law College, Pune, India on Jan. 16, 2010; includes invited papers; festschrift for Indian lawyers, Nani Palkhivala and H.M. Seervai. The judiciary has been the one sturdy dyke that has saved us from the excesses of rulers. But recent events remind us of the cracks that have formed: the quality of individuals apart, even the institutional arrangements that had been put in place to preserve the purity and independence of the institution--the collegium, conventions governing the way cases are to be assigned among judges--have frayed. These cracks provide a dangerous opportunity to political rulers to suborn this institution also. Through actual cases and judgments--of subordinate courts, High Courts, the Supreme Court--Arun Shourie enables us to see how frail and vulnerable this 'last pillar standing' has become. A judge who by a brazen manipulation of facts lets a prominent politician off ... Events and a judgment that let the convicted choose the

prosecutor who is to conduct the case against them ... Courts that turn a blind eye to life-and-death reforms even as they preoccupy themselves with trivia ... Courts that deliver ringing judgments and then do not care to look if their directions are being implemented ... Courts that disregard their own judgments on penalizing persons for perjury, for dragging out cases ... Courts that do not think through the consequences, even the predictable consequences of their judgments ... Judges who prevaricate, who look the other way when some of their own fraternity come under a cloud ... A judge who is manifestly unbalanced, judges whose knowledge of the most elementary facts of science is laughable, a judge whose prose even the Supreme Court is unable to comprehend--all of them continue to hand down rulings that affect the fortunes and lives of thousands ... Judges who disregard well-settled principles to such an extent that their colleagues are compelled to make their grave misgivings public...And the non-bailable warrants that are issued for the arrest of Anita, Arun Shourie's ailing wife, for evading summons that were never served, summons that were ostensibly issued for



their having built a house that was never built, on a plot they did not own... Through the meticulous examination that is a hallmark of his writing, Arun Shourie leads us through judgments and instances--some hilarious, so many infuriating--and points to things that each of us--judges, lawyers, laypersons like us--can do to retrieve this most vital of institutions. On the life and work of eminent Indian jurist and lawyer, Nani Ardeshir Palkhivala, b. 1920--. Contributed articles on the life and work of Nani Ardeshir Palkhivala, b. 1920, an eminent Indian lawyer. *Before Memory Fades* by Fali S. Nariman is a revelatory, comprehensive and perceptive autobiography - candid, compelling and authoritative. Internationally admired and respected, Fali S. Nariman is a senior advocate of the Supreme Court of India. He began his career at the Bombay High Court in November 1950, and has since been active in the legal profession. Over the years, he has held several prestigious posts at both the national and international levels. He became a Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) in November 1999. He is the recipient of the Padma Bhushan (1991) and the Padma Vibhushan (2007). Starting with his formative years,

when he had the good fortune to interact with many eminent judges and advocates, Fali S. Nariman moves on to deal with a wide variety of important subjects, such as, the sanctity of the Indian Constitution and attempts to tamper with it. crucial cases that have made a decisive impact on the nation, especially on the interpretation of the law, the relationship between the political class and the judiciary, the cancer of corruption and how to combat this menace, the author outlines measures to restore the now-low credibility of the legal profession, he also delineates his role in several high-profile cases. In recognition of his track record, the Government of India nominated him to the Rajya Sabha. He describes the highlights of his tenure there. Both members of the legal profession and the lay reader will find the contents informative and useful. Speeches and lectures delivered by the author on various occasions; chiefly on the legal and political developments of India. Contributed articles. Contributed articles.

Commemoration volume to Nani Ardeshir Palkhivala, 1920-2002, an eminent Indian lawyer and diplomat; contributed articles. In Talking of Justice, eminent jurist Leila

Seth discusses several critical issues that she has engaged with in a legal career spanning over fifty years - violence against women, the nurture of the girl child, the need for a uniform civil code, women's rights, prisoners' rights, gender sensitization of the judiciary, and judicial administration, among others. From the landmark Justice Verma Committee (2012-2013), on which she suggested amendments to the law as well as speedier trials and more effective punishment for all those accused of sexual assault and violence against women, to her experience as a member of the 15th Law Commission of India (1997-2000), to her appointment as the one member commission to enquire into the custodial death of Rajan Pillai (1995-1997), Leila Seth shares her insights on some of the most substantive and contentious matters facing the nation today. Keenly observed and elegantly argued, *Talking of Justice* goes deep into the laws of the land that need to be reviewed and revised, and offers suggestions for protecting the rights of the people, especially those who are marginalized and vulnerable. Rookie lawyer Ranjeev C. Dubey slogs his way through the corridors of Delhi's trial courts and

realizes that the legal system is anything but fair. He stumbles upon a strange world of corruption, sleaze, adultery, eloping couples and clients willing to pay for legal services 'in kind'. He survives the 'killing field' of litigation for twelve long years, biding his time. When he gets an offer to join a law firm, Dubey believes he has finally arrived. But has he? The world of Indian corporate law is one of intense power-play and the merciless pursuit of revenue. In this sinister world of destructive politicking, Ranjeev becomes enemies with the big sharks who own the law firm. What follows is an explosive showdown. In this dark, racy memoir, the now-well-known corporate lawyer exposes the world of the black robes with his trademark wit and leaves you wanting more. If you had to read only one book about the world of lawyers and the Indian legal system, *Legal Confidential* would have to be it! Who was Shah Bano and why was her alimony pertinent to India's Secularism? Does the fundamental right to life include the right to livelihood and shelter? Where there is the right to live, is there also the right to die? How did Bhanwari Devi's Rape help define sexual harassment at the workplace? Here are the

Supreme Court's ten pivotal judgements that have transformed Indian democracy and redefined our daily, lives. Exploring vital themes such as custodial deaths, reservations and environmental jurisprudence, this book contextualizes the judgements, explains key concepts and maps their impacts. Written by one of India's most respected lawyers, *Ten Judgements That Changed India* is an authoritative yet accessible read for anyone keen to understand India's legal system and the foundations of our democracy. this book contains select quotations classified subjectwise under various chapters from his writings and speeches over six decades of his working life. the book introduces the man through his thoughts and ideas with the aim of inspiring readers, particularly the youth. 'An outstanding effort' - Chief Justice Venkatachaliah 'An extraordinary book' - Fali S. Nariman 'Unputdownable' - Ashok Desai First published in 2001, *Courts and Their Judgments* soon became a pioneering work on the subject. It raised important questions on the functioning of our judiciary - questions that continue to be as relevant today. Do judges merely enforce and interpret the law? Or do they at times

*interpolate words into statutes, even into the Constitution? Where does interpretation end and rewriting commence? How is it that in one judgment a court declares that it is the right of ministers to determine how far and in what direction a criminal investigation shall be carried, and in another the same court, indeed the same judge, decides to as good as monitor an investigation? How is it that in some cases a court delves into detailed facts that do not just bear on the case, but on why a law was passed, and in another the same court lays it down as a principle that facts need not be considered once the legislature has passed a law? The failure of other institutions to discharge their duties has compelled the courts to step far outside their traditional role. In doing so, have they stretched the law and Constitution too far? Has the intervention been effective? Courts and Their Judgments looks at judicial activism through some brilliantly argued cases and at the need for and pitfalls of such overreach. With its searing answers, evidence, dissection of judgments on these and other issues, the book remains a must-read for strengthening the country. Eightieth birthday commemorative volume*

*Lawyer par excellence, renowned public speaker, philanthropist and distinguished ambassador, Nani Ardeshir Palkhivala was in public life for over five decades. His post-budget speeches in Bombay since 1958 have drawn national attention. Considered to be one of the world's top ten lawyers, he was once described by former prime minister Morarji Desai as India's finest intellectual. The profile at the beginning of this volume, penned by the editors, L.M. Singhvi, M.R. Pai and S. Ramakrishnan, brings together for the first time little known episodes from Nani Palkhivala's early years, as also instances of his legendary memory, kindness, humility and generosity. The selections that follow, from his best published writings and lectures, show to good effect his multi-faceted personality and understanding of Indian business and society. They are on subjects as diverse as religion, freedom and democracy, the Indian Constitution, judicial reforms, the Indian economy, socialism, and education. There are also pieces on historical figures and contemporaries who have strongly influenced him. Some of the correspondence that Palkhivala has had with K.R. Narayanan, Indira Gandhi, Sanjay Gandhi, V.P. Singh, Dr*

Manmohan Singh, Justice H.R. Khanna, Swami Ranganathananda and others has been included, along with rare photographs from the Palkhivala family album. All these offer a warm and full portrait of an individual who has spent his life in pursuit of excellence. Candid, provocative and forceful, the pieces in this volume reflect a mind that possesses a remarkable moral and intellectual integrity and a rare clarity of vision. Harish Salve failed his CA exam twice. Mukul Rohatgi was unable to secure a place at the Law Faculty, Delhi University. Rohinton Nariman was trained to become a Parsi priest. *Legal Eagles* examines the lives and times of India's top seven lawyers, who fought some of the country's landmark courtroom battles. Tracing their journey from their childhood days to the present, the book highlights the important milestones of their careers, their victories and failures, their influences, and their work ethic and role models, demonstrating that the path to success is paved with determination, grit and challenges. Journalist Indu Bhan gives a ringside view of the most significant case handled by each of these lawyers, including the Vodafone tax case, Coalgate and the 2G spectrum



controversy, among others.

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