



# HUMAN RIGHTS IN INDIA

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**SOME ISSUES**

The present volume is an attempt to focus attention on some key human rights issues related to some systemic reforms like the police and judiciary and effective protection of the rights of disadvantaged and vulnerable groups. It brings under critical scrutiny the judiciary, which in spite of its selective activism in making fundamental rights more meaningful in facing what Justice (Retd) V.R. Krishna Iyer calls an imminent breakdown of the system. A discussion of the National Police Commission's Report underlines the vital need for a complete reorganisation of the Police for democratic governance.

The book takes note of increasing realisation of people's right to information which according to Justice (Retd) V.M. Tarkunde is a basic tenet of democracy. The other side of the coin, i.e. the people's right to privacy and reputation also receives full examination.

Among the vulnerable groups, contributors have examined the inadequacy of legislation of Women, the condition of the Christian minority and Bohras and hitherto neglected areas of the rights of the elderly. The book devotes two chapters on Human Rights Education whose importance is being increasingly realised in the country.

In the section on Appendices the book includes useful texts of the draft bills on right to information and some of the Amnesty International's Reports on India and Stockholm Plane of Action Against Torture.

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