



BOOK REVIEW OF LANDMARKS IN INDIAN LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL HISTORY: EDITION 2012

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The book under review is a valuable and important publication for those who are engaged in the legal research & profession. The importance of the book lies in the fact that it embodies in itself all the latest and constitutional developments. In the beginning of the book a list of landmark years in the Indian legal and Constitutional history is given which adds to its utility. The book has been divided into 21 Chapters with appendices and a comprehensive bibliography at the end, which makes it very useful.

The book under review covers two aspects- 1) Legal and 2) Constitutional. While discussing both the above aspects the author has made a sincere effort to high light all those important events which have some bearing on the Indian legal and Constitutional developments.

The theme of the book is to trace and discuss the origin and development of legal institutions in India since the advent of the English people in our country. That is why much emphasis has been laid on the development of English judicial principles, procedures and ideologies.

Like other authors, the author of the book under review has also referred to Manu, Brihaspari, Naarad and Kautilyas in Chapter I. Chapter XII of the book also contains a brief account of development of ancient Hindu and Muslim Criminal law.

Here I would like to say that the utility of the book would have been certainly increased if the author had given a detailed account of 'Ancient Indian Jurisprudence'. I hope that in the subsequent edition of the book, the author will take notice of the above fact as it is high time to remove the defects of present day judicial system by replacing them with our old and native judicial institutions.

Chapter 20 of the book embodies some latest constitutional developments. The author has made an attempt to compare the Dicey's concept of 'Rule of Law' with the 'Rule of Dharma'. He has also mentioned the latest improvement in this regard made by the Indian Law Institute. Further the author has very ably discussed the impact of some recent court cases on the Indian society. Cases like, S. P. Gupta v. Union of India (1982), A. S. Rao v. State of A. P. (1981), Air India v. Nargesh Meerza (1981), M. C. Mehta v. Union of India (1987), Ratlam Municipality case and Shah Bano's case at appropriate place are some outstanding features of the book.

At the end of the book under review five appendices given by the author, are very useful to the law students and teachers. Though a good number of books are available on the subject, but the book under review has its place amongst them.



The book is handy. The language of the book is simple but attractive. It is nicely printed and reasonably priced. Binding and getup is elegant.

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