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Preface to the Fifteenth Edition

Dr. A.C. Kapur's classic text has been edited and enlarged by me in order to make the book more useful to students and other readers interested in the subject. A general critique of the various political systems and a discussion of their respective political traditions have been added to enrich the institutional approach of the original author of the book.

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Preface to the Fourteenth Edition

For compelling reasons the fourteenth edition of this book is made available in the market after a lapse of near about two years. The unpredictable rise in the cost of production compelled the Publishers to advise reduction in the volume of the book if its price was to be kept at the old level. There was no option but to agree and it was an arduous and time consuming process to prune the subject-matter without detriment to the text itself and, at the same time, to incorporate the recent changes and development and their constitutional impact on the working of the government concerned.

Perestroika and glasnost, the twin reforms, which Mikhail Gorbachev initiated in the 1980s to restructure the Soviet Society by combining economic reforms with political changes resulted into the disintegration of the Soviet Union and the demise of Communism for all practical purposes in the land of the Soviets. The Constitution of the erstwhile USSR has, consequently, been omitted.

Efforts have been made all through to keep the text up-to-date.

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Preface to the First Edition

This book is an attempt to explain the working of the governmental systems as obtainable in England, United States of America, Switzerland, USSR and India, and has been designed to meet the needs of students appearing for University and various competitive examinations. Efforts have been made to keep the text as nearly abreast of the times as the rapid changes in events in every country have permitted. Endeavour has, also, been made to make comparative study of the forms, structure and organisation of modern constitutional governments. Wherever possible case-law has been cited. In fact, no book on Constitutions can serve a useful purpose, whether it is meant for the legal profession or statesmen and parliamentarians or students of Political Science and Comparative Governments unless it is adequately supplemented by judicial decisions. A Constitution is what the judges make it. Chief Justice Hughes of the Supreme Court of the United States observed, "The Constitution is what the Supreme Court says of it".

I have tried to consult the best available sources of information in respect of the various subjects dealt within the book and I take this opportunity of acknowledging my indebtedness to the renowned authorities from whom I have borrowed so profusely and drawn the inspiration for preparing this book.

With a view to encouraging students to read as widely as possible, I have placed at the end of each Chapter a selected bibliography dealing with the subject treated in the chapter, and have cited many additional authorities in the footnotes.

My cordial thanks are due to Shri R.L. Niroda, Secretary, Pepsu Vidhan Sabha, for permission to make use of his Secretariat Library, and Shri Thakar Das Jand, Librarian, Mahendra College and his assistants for their unfailing courtesy in making available library books at all odd hours. My wife helped me, as usual, in pushing the book through the press.

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