



## Samvidhaan Hatya Diwas

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Recently, the declaration of 25<sup>th</sup> June as **Samvidhaan Hatya Diwas** serves as a poignant reminder of the period when the [Constitution of India](#) was undermined, particularly during the [Emergency imposed in 1975](#).

- The Prime Minister of India emphasised that this day will pay homage to all those who suffered from the excesses of the Emergency. It serves as a tool for educating citizens about their rights and the significance of the Constitution in protecting democracy.
- The Emergency was a period from **25<sup>th</sup> June 1975 to 21st March 1977**, when then PM Indira Gandhi's government used **special provisions in the Constitution** to impose significant executive and legislative changes in the country.
  - The declaration of Emergency **centralises power, allowing the Union to direct state governments**, bringing them under the complete control of the Centre, effectively creating a **unitary system**.
  - India has declared a National Emergency **three times**. The first was from 1962 to 1968 during the [India-China war](#), the second was in 1971 during the [Indo-Pakistan war](#), and the third was from **1975 to 1977 due to political instability**.
- **Emergency Provisions in Constitution:**

Articles	Subject Matter
<b>Article 352</b>	Proclamation of Emergency
<b>Article 353</b>	Effect of Proclamation of Emergency
<b>Article 354</b>	Application of provisions relating to the distribution of revenues while a Proclamation of Emergency is in operation
<b>Article 355</b>	Duty of the Union to protect States against external aggression and internal disturbance
<b>Article 356</b>	Provisions in case of failure of constitutional machinery in States
<b>Article 357</b>	Exercise of legislative powers under proclamation issued under Article 356
<b>Article 358</b>	Suspension of provisions of Article 19 during Emergencies
<b>Article 359</b>	Suspension of the enforcement of the rights conferred by Part III during Emergencies
<b>Article 360</b>	Provisions as to Financial Emergency

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