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The Ayodhya Tragedy In Retrospect And Prospect

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The Ayodhya tragedy has created an ominous climate of fear and uncertainty about the status and role of minorities in the emerging dispensation, and as significantly, if not more, about the future of secularism and democracy in India.

The volume is a carefully edited compendium of the views and analyses, reactions and responses of a cross-section of eminent scholars and media persons, national newspapers and periodicals and the statements and viewpoints of those actively interested or engaged in the Mandir-Masjid dispute.

For the benefit of analysts, researchers and inquisitive general readers, the material has been chapterized and listed issue-wise. The analytical introduction adds to the utility of the volume, which is of more than mere academic or topical importance.

Secularism under Siege would have a unique appeal and special relevance for all those interested in Indian history and politics. It is essential reading for those committed to democracy and secular nationalism.

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