



The Republican Trends in Ancient India

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Munshiram Manoharlal Publishers Pvt Ltd, New Delhi, 1969. Hardcover. Book Condition: New. First. The world had been told for a pretty long time that India taught the West the mystery of life and death yet she had not known herself how to live an organised life, socially and politically. In the first half of the present century distinguished scholars like Dr. K.P. Jayaswal, Bhandarkar, N.N. Law and others along with few western Indologists like Oldenberg and Rhys-Davids stepped forward to prove that this country had seen not only great monarchies and empires but had experienced various types of non-monarchical states as well. The present work is a venture towards clarification of some of the earlier opinions expressed in a nationalistic fervour. With the aid of scriptural, literary, historical and numismatic evidences it has been proved by the authors that very advanced forms of republics and many of its variations functioned here. Contrary to the common belief that they were all democratic-republics or oligarchies, it has been successfully established that they were mainly aristocratic-republics, with their special features. Besides, republican trends featured prominently in the education system, trade guilds and even in the rural life with its agricultural problems. This book...

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