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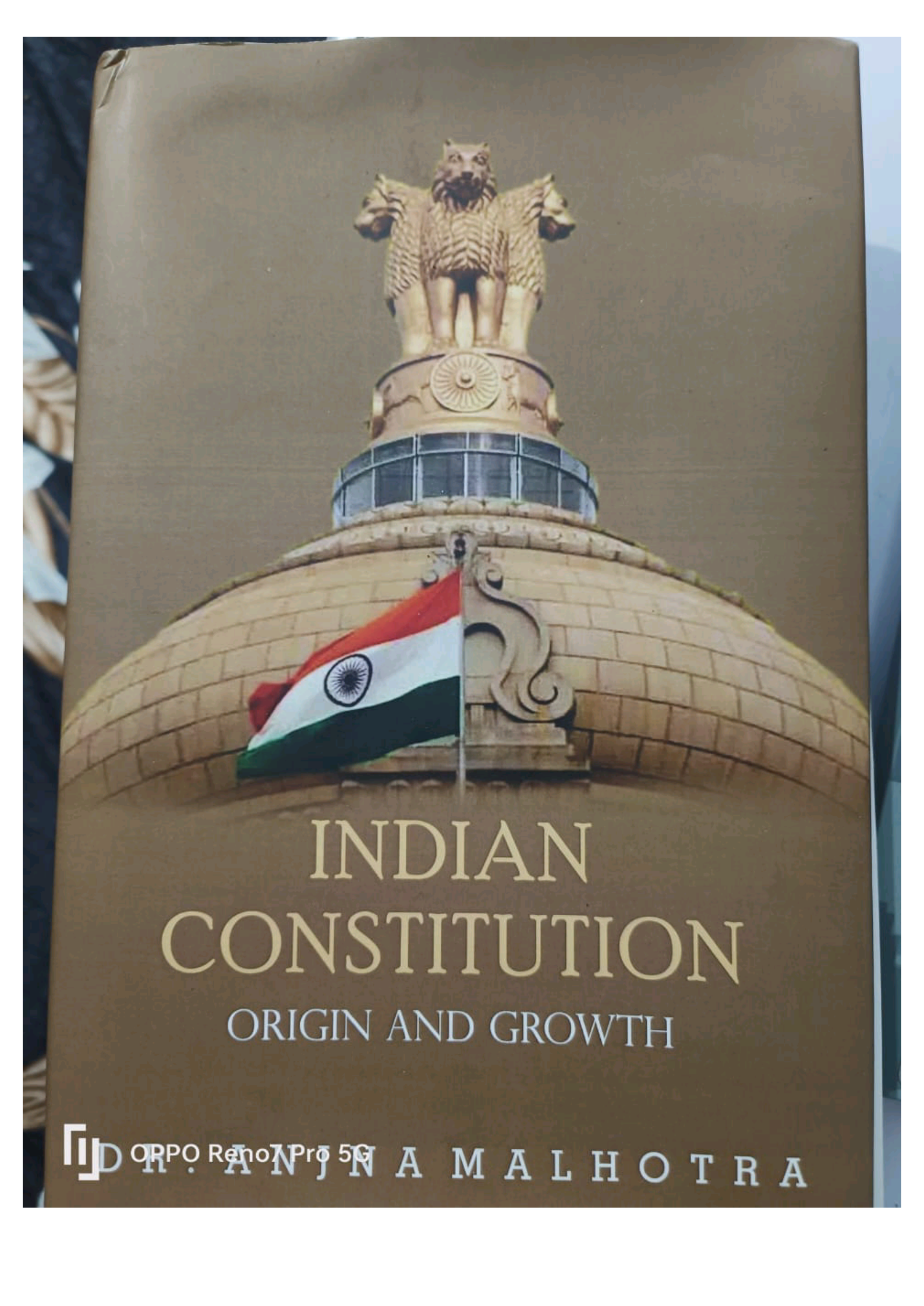
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### I. INTRODUCTION

Starting from traditional and ethical surrogacy to commercial surrogacy, reproductive role of surrogate mother has significant psychological, social, theoretical and politico-legal implications which have been amplified by such open use of commercial surrogacy. Separation of sex and procreation is not new in India.<sup>1</sup> Saga of Mahabharata is full of stories narrating charitable surrogacy. With the advent of new technology and because of extreme poverty charitable surrogacy has taken the shape of commercial surrogacy. Today commercial surrogacy is worth 15,000 Cr. (\$2.3 billion). Law Commission described it as "a gold pot". Every year 25,000 children are born to surrogate mothers.


India has emerged as a fertility tourism hotspot. The factors behind the phenomenal rise in surrogacy in India are cheap technology, skilled doctors, availability of cheap donors and surrogates, social acceptance and lack of regulation. Moreover, surrogacy has emerged as a preferred option because of complicated adoption procedures. The debate becomes most important because of the new trends where fertile and young career-oriented married women increasingly resorting to





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## Local Government Institution in India

*Dr. Anjna Malhotra*

Local Government Institution is an ancient institution with a new concept. It gave importance to the individuality of man's group activities reflecting the spirit of liberty. It is an integral part of body politics of a country, recognized or created under law for the management of local affairs of a human settlement with geographical boundaries. As Laski said that we cannot realize the full benefit of democratic government unless we begin by the admission that all problems in their incidence require decisions at the place, and by the persons by whom the incidence is most deeply felt.<sup>1</sup>

Local governments are multi dimensional. Panchayats and municipal corporations are organized social entities with a feeling of oneness. In political terms these are concerned with the governance of a special local area, constituting a political subdivision of a nation, state or other major political units. In the performance of its functions these institutions





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