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## PREFACE

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This volume brings together the papers presented at a seminar on *The Tribal Situation in India*. In these papers, and also in the succinct summary of the discussions, the reader will find perceptive analyses of the various strands in the complex processes of the adjustment of India's tribal population to the idiom of an emerging nation. It is to be hoped that this volume will contribute towards a realistic and sympathetic appraisal of the contemporary situation in a sensitive, vulnerable, and potentially explosive part of Indian society.

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