

Samvidhaan Hatya Diwas

Why In News

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that **celebrating 'Samvidhan Hatya Diwas'** on **June 25** will remind us what happens when the Constitution of India is trampled upon. **On the social media platform X**, he wrote, "This is also a day to pay tribute to all those who suffered due to the excesses of the Emergency. Congress started this dark period in Indian history."



All You Need To Know

- **Union Home Minister Amit Shah's** post on X called out Indira Gandhi — grandmother of Rahul Gandhi, who has been championing the cause of 'Saving Constitution' – for having a "dictatorial mindset, strangled the soul of Indian democracy".
- Last month, addressing a joint sitting of both Houses of Parliament, **President Droupadi Murmu invoked the Emergency of 1975**, calling it "the biggest and darkest chapter of **direct attack on the Constitution.**"
- **On June 25, 1975, then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi** imposed the Emergency, leading to widespread persecution and suppression of media. On this day, the Emergency was declared by keeping the Constitution aside.



- This decision was taken by the then **Prime Minister Indira Gandhi** and with **this the people of independent India** became slaves of the government. The freedom of the common people was abolished and the government started deciding how many children they would have, what they would say, what they would watch.



- Leave aside the common people, **for 21 months all the leaders of the opposition** were either imprisoned or were absconding. Indira Gandhi had become **very powerful by imposing the Emergency**.
- **Parliament, court, media, no one had the power to speak** against her. Today the central government has decided to celebrate this date as Constitution Hatya Diwas.
- The resolution apart, soon after taking charge as the Lok Sabha speaker, Om Birla in a statement said, "This House condemns the decision to impose the Emergency in 1975." He called the decision to impose Emergency "dictatorship".

Congress Response

- **Congress General Secretary Jairam Ramesh** has reacted on behalf of the party to this decision of the Central Government.
- He wrote on X, " PM is once again trying to make a **headline full of hypocrisy**. But he had imposed an **undeclared Emergency for ten years** before he suffered a decisive personal, political and moral defeat at the hands of the people of India on June 4, 2024 - a day that will go down in history as **Modi Mukti Diwas.**"



- "This is the same Prime Minister who has **systematically attacked the Constitution of India** and its principles, values and institutions. This is the same Prime Minister whose ideological **family rejected the Constitution** of India in November 1949 on the grounds that it was not inspired by the Manu Smriti."
- "This is the same Prime Minister for whom **democracy means** only the demochair."