

Struggle for Democracy

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This happened in India in 1975-1977.

Indira Gandhi, the prime minister of India lost the election and suspended democracy and introduced the Emergency rule for two years. The people were not allowed to speak against the prime minister. It was a time of great difficulty for the country.

My grandfather was a university lecturer and a social activist who opposed the Emergency. He organised secret meetings and gave out posters about the disallowing

of democracy. Many of his friends were put in jail for speaking against the prime minister. He was hiding from the police by living in hotels and secret places.

He had to live away from his young family for two years. It was a dangerous time for the family and him. Once democracy was put back he could live a normal life. His party won the next election in 1977 and people throughout the country celebrated the return of democracy. The new prime minister was Morarji Desai.

This was his great contribution to Indian history.