

**Political Science** is an important topic asked in General Awareness. It is asked in various Defence Exams such as CDS, AFCAT, Air Force Group X & Y etc.

Here we will enlighten you about the Preamble of the Indian Constitution, there formation and further give you a quiz to boost your exam preparation.

## The Preamble of the Indian Constitution

The preamble to the Indian Constitution is a brief introductory statement setting out the constitution's guiding objective, principles and philosophy.

*It provides the Constitution's guidelines and explains the objectives in two ways:*

1. structure of the governance
2. ideals to be achieved in independent India.

*The preamble gives an idea of the following:*

1. Nature of the Indian State
2. Objectives of the state
3. Date of its adoption

### Nature of the Indian State:

1. Sovereignty: India is sovereign internally and externally – externally free from the control of any foreign power and internally, it has a free government that is directly elected by the people and makes laws governing the people. No outside power can dictate India's government.
2. Socialist: "Socialism" is an economic philosophy in which ownership of state os in production and distribution. India adopted a Mixed Economy, where private production will also take place apart from the state.
3. Secular: The characteristics of secularism envisaged in the Preamble are to mean that the State will have no religion of its own and that all persons will have equal rights to freedom of conscience and the right to profess, practice and propagate the religion of their choice freely.
4. Democratic: It enlightens that the people have their free will in electing their representative who will be answerable to them.
5. Republic: Unlike a monarchy in which the head of state is appointed for a lifetime or until he abdicates from the throne on the hereditary basis, a democratic republic is an entity in which the head of state is elected, directly or indirectly, for a fixed tenure.

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## Objectives of Indian State:

1. **Justice:** In terms of basic rights to food, clothing, housing, participation in decision - making and living with dignity as human beings, justice promises to give people what they are entitled. The Preamble covers all these social, economic and political dimensions of justice.
2. **Liberty:** The Preamble mentions freedom of expression and thought. Through fundamental rights, these freedoms were guaranteed in the Constitution.
3. **Equality:** Equality is regarded as the essence of modern democratic ideology. In the Preamble, the constitution makers placed the ideals of equality in a place of pride.
4. **Fraternity:** With the background of India's multilingual, multicultural and multi-religious society and with the country's division in mind, the Constitution's framers were deeply concerned with the unity and integrity of our newly independent country. There was a need for different religions, linguistic, cultural and economic groups to coexist harmoniously. The inclusion in the Preamble of phrases such as ' personal dignity, ' ' personal brotherhood ' and 'national unity and integrity ' highlights such a need.

## Date of adoption:

- The Constitution's adoption date is November 26, 1949. But most of the constitutional articles entered into force on January 26, 1950. Article 394 provides those articles which came into force on 26 November 1949.

## Important facts related to Indian Constitution:

- The preamble page was designed and decorated by renowned painter Beohar Rammanohar Sinha of Jabalpur, along with other pages of the original Constitution of India.
- The preamble originally described India as a "sovereign democratic republic" state. The forty - second amendment in 1976 changed this by adding socialist and secular words to read "sovereign socialist secular democratic republic."



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