

# Indian Polity Notes for UPSC

The Indian Polity UPSC Notes provided here are extensive and clear all the major doubts one has regarding the topics and sub-topics of Polity Notes.

The topics one needs to study to prepare the Polity Notes include:

## Evolution of the Constitution

- The Company Rule (1773-1858)
  - [Regulating Act, 1773](#)
  - Amending Act, 1781
  - [Pitt's India Act, 1784](#)
  - Amending Act of 1786
  - Charter Act, 1793
  - [Charter Act, 1813](#)
  - [Charter Act, 1833](#)
  - [Charter Act, 1853](#)
- The Crown Rule (1858-1947)
  - [Government of India Act, 1858](#)
  - [Indian Councils Act, 1861](#)
  - Indian Councils Act, 1892
  - Indian Councils Act, 1909
  - [Government of India Act, 1919](#)
  - [Simon Commission](#)
  - [Government of India Act, 1935](#)
  - [Indian Independence Act, 1947](#)
- Drafting and Sources of Indian Constitution)

## Salient Features of the Indian Constitution

- Constitution and Types
- Types of Political System
  - Types of Political System
  - Types of Government
  - [Parliamentary form of government](#)
  - Features of Semi-Presidential System
- [Types of Majorities as per the Indian Constitution](#)
- [Preamble and Values in the Constitution](#)
- [Amendment of the Constitution](#)
- Doctrine and Terms

## Major Features and Amendments of the Constitution

- (125th Amendment) Bill, 2019
- Role of Convention under the Constitution
- Comparison between [Judicial Review](#) and Parliamentary Supremacy
- System of Government: Parliamentary & Presidential System
- Salient features of the Constitution
- Keshvananda and Bharti Case Judgement

- The Philosophy of the Constitution
- The Constitution ([103rd Amendment](#)) Act, 2019
- Sources of the Constitution
- [42nd Amendment Act](#)
- [44th Amendment Act](#)

## System of Governance

- [Center-state Relations](#)
  - Sarkaria Commission's Opinion on Legislative Relations
  - Administrative Relations
  - Delegation of Union Functions to the States
  - Sarkaria Commission's Opinion on Administrative Relations
  - Financial relations
  - National Integration Council
- Inter-State Relation
  - Inter-state water dispute
  - Inter state councils
  - Inter-state trade and commerce
  - Zonal Councils
- Special Provisions for some States
  - Provisions for Maharashtra and Gujarat, Nagaland, Assam, and Manipur
  - Provisions for Jammu and Kashmir (Article 370) (now abrogated)
- Types of Emergencies
  - National Emergency
  - Constitutional/State Emergency /President's Rule
- Financial Emergency

## Union Executive Polity Notes for UPSC

- [President](#)
  - Eligibility
  - Election, Manner of Election
  - Impeachment of the President
  - Powers of the President
    - Executive powers (Article 53)
    - Legislative Powers
    - Financial Powers
    - [Ordinance Issuing Power \(Article 123\)](#)
    - Judicial/Pardoning Power

- Military, Diplomatic and Emergency Powers
- [Veto Power](#)
- Vice President
  - Qualification
  - Conditions of Office
  - Term of Office
  - Election, Removal and Vacancy
  - Functions of the Vice-President
- The Prime Minister
- Union Council of Minister

## Union Legislature

- Organization of Parliament
  - Qualifications and Disqualifications for being a Member of Parliament (Article 84)
  - Sessions of Parliament
  - Collective Privileges of the House
  - Houses of the Parliament
- Parliament, Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha
  - Presiding Officers of the Parliament
  - Powers & Functions of the speaker
  - Deputy Speaker
  - The panel of Chairpersons of Lok Sabha
  - Chairman of Rajya Sabha
  - Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha
  - The panel of Vice-Chairpersons of Rajya Sabha
  - Chairman and Deputy chairman of the Council of States
- Legislative Procedure and Committees of Parliament
  - Legislative Procedure in Parliament
  - Ordinary Bill
  - Money Bill
  - Financial Bill
  - [Constitution Amendment Bill](#)
  - Lapsing of Bills
  - Annual Financial Statement: Budget (Article 112)
  - Demand of Grants
  - Appropriation Bill
  - [Parliamentary committees](#)

## Judiciary Notes for Polity

- The Supreme Court
  - Chief Justice of India
  - Appointment of Supreme Court Judges
  - Qualifications for Supreme Court Judges
  - Removal of a Supreme Court Judges
  - Process of Impeachment
  - Ad hoc and Retired Judges
  - Salaries and allowances of Supreme Court Judges
  - Chief Justices of India (Since 1951)
  - Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court
  - Judicial Independence
  - Judiciary Executive Relations
- The High Court Subordinate Courts & Lok Adalats
  - [The High Courts](#)
  - Jurisdiction of the High Courts
  - Subordinate Courts
  - Gram Nyayalayas Act, 2008
  - Alternative dispute Resolution
  - Lok Adalat
  - All India Judicial Service
  - E-governance in Judiciary
  - Judicial Impact Assessment
  - Judges Standards and Accountability Bill, 2010
  - National Legal Services Authority (NALSA)

## Union and its Territory

- ARTICLE 1-4
  - The State Reorganization Commission(SRC) 1953
  - [Delimitation Commission](#)

## Fundamental Rights Polity Notes

- [Evolution Objectives And Features of Fundamental Rights](#)
- Article 12 and Article 13
- [Right to Equality](#)
- [Right to Freedom](#)
- Right against Exploitation
- Right to Freedom of Religion
- Cultural and Educational Rights
- [Right to Constitutional Remedies](#)
- FR's other dimensions
  - Article 33
  - Article 34

- Article 35
- Article 35A

## Fundamental Duties UPSC Polity Notes

- Article: 51A
  - Features
  - Relation between Fundamental Rights and Fundamental Duties
  - [List Of Fundamental Duties](#)
  - 86th Constitutional Amendment Act 2003: RTE
- Recent Developments
  - Fundamental Duties – Awareness Campaigns are the Duty of the Center
  - National Anthem - Mandatory in Cinema Halls - Article 51(a)
  - Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971
  - Triple Talaq Issue
  - [Uniform Civil Code](#)
  - [MGNREGA: Right to Work](#)
  - Making Aadhar mandatory

## Directive Principles of the State Policy Polity Notes

- [Evolution, objectives, and features of DPSPs](#)
- Directive Principle Outside Part IV

## Significant Provisions of the Constitution

- The preamble of the Constitution
- [Citizenship](#)
- Major Debates/ Issues around Fundamental Rights:
  - Freedom of Press and Censorship
  - Free Speech: Rights & Limits and Hate speech
  - Data protection: Privacy Vs. Innovation
  - [Sedition-Law- Comprehensive public discussion regarding Section 124A of the Indian Penal Code 1860](#)
  - [Right To Information Act 2005.](#)
  - 'Living wills'/ Euthanasia
  - Restriction on the entry of women into places of worship
  - Reservation in India
  - Reservation in promotion
  - Constitutionality of Article 35A
- Special Status of Jammu and Kashmir
- Official Language

## Constitutional and Non-Constitutional Bodies

- Constitutional Bodies
  - [Finance Commission](#)
  - [Comptroller and Auditor General of India](#)
  - [Attorney-General of India](#)
  - Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)

- State Public Service Commission (SPSC)
- Joint State Public Service Commission (JSPSC)
- National Commission For SCs
- National Commission For STs
- Special Officer for Linguistic Minority
- The Advocate General (Article 165)
- Non Constitutional
  - [Central Information Commission](#)
  - State Information Commission
  - [Lokpal and Lok Ayukta](#)
  - [National Human Rights Commission](#)
  - State Human Right Commission
  - [CVC \(Central Vigilance Commission\)](#)

## Citizenship Polity Notes

- Constitutional provisions of citizenship
- Citizenship Act, 1955
- The Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2016
- Concept of dual citizenship
- Rights and Duties of Citizens
- Pravasi Bhartiya Divas
- Non-Resident Indians

## Major Dynamics of Polity

- Electoral System in India
- Electoral Reforms Since 1988
- Salient features of the Representation of People Act, 1950
- Types of Political Parties
- Party System in India
- Political Parties in India
- [Pressure Groups](#)

## Governance and Major Schemes of the Government

- Governing Institutions in India
- Role of SHG, NGOs, Civil Society
- Social Sector Bills
  - Child Labour (Prohibition and Amendment) Bill, 2016
  - [Protection of Children from Sexual Offenses \(POCSO\)](#)
  - Maternity Benefit Bill, 2016
  - Pre-Conception & Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PNDT) Act
  - Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill, 2016
  - Rights of Persons with Disabilities Bill, 2014 with more Benefit
  - The Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Act
  - Domestic Violence Act, 2005 - SC WidensAmbit
  - Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights)Bill 2016
  - The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act
  - Mental Health Care Bill, 2013

- Anti Trafficking Bill with Stringent Penalty
- HIV and AIDS (Prevention and Control) Bill- 2014 - Amendments
- Welfare Schemes
  - Vanbandhu Kalyan Yojana
  - Swachh Bharat Abhiyan
  - Nai Manzil Scheme
  - Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Urban
  - Agriculture and Rural Development
  - Nai Roshni Scheme
  - Skill Development Initiative Scheme
  - Smart Cities Mission
  - [Atal Innovation Mission](#)
  - [National Health Mission](#)
  - National Ayush Mission
  - Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana
  - Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana
  - Digital Gudda Guddi Board
  - Accessible India Campaign (Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan)
  - Beti Bachao Beti Padhao
  - Self-Employment & Talent Utilisation (SETU)
  - [Ujjawala Scheme](#)
  - [Atal Pension Yojana](#)
  - National Skill Development Mission
  - Mission Indradhanush
  - Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana- Gramin
  - Janani Suraksha Yojana
  - Disability
  - Social Security
  - Housing for all by 2022
  - Sukanya Samridhi Yojana
  - Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana
  - SC/ST
  - Start-Up India Scheme
  - NFHS-4 survey
  - Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana
  - [Amrut \(Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation\)](#)
  - Mid-Day Meal Scheme
  - Padhe Bharat Badhe Bharat
  - USTAAD Scheme (Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development)
  - Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakram
  - GIAN (Global Initiative Academic Networks)
  - [Stand up India Scheme](#)
  - SWAYAM (Study Webs of Active –Learning for Young Aspiring Minds)
  - Gram Uday Se Bharat Uday Abhiyan
  - Deendayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana
  - Jan Aushadhi Scheme
  - Hriday - National Heritage City Development and Augmentation Yojana
  - Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana
  - [Panchayati Raj](#)
  - Shyama Prasad Mukharjee Rurban Mission

- Women and Child Development
- Rural and Urban Development
- Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana
- Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana
- National Student Start-up Policy
- Miscellaneous schemes
  - INSPIRE (Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research)
  - Bharat net Project (National Optical Fibre Network)
  - Indian Community Welfare Fund (ICWF)
  - [Digital India](#)
  - SAKAAR
  - PRAGATI (Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation)
  - Ganga Gram Yojana
  - Khelo India
  - Namami Gange Project (Integrated Ganga Conservation Mission Project)
  - Digilocker

## Separation Of Power

- Power Sharing
- Inter-State Council vs. National Development Council.
- NITI Aayog: The new 'think-tank' to replace Planning Commission.
- Foreign Policy of India

## Statutory, Regulatory, and Various Quasi-Judicial Bodies

- [Role of NITI Aayog](#)
- Inland Waterways Authority of India
- [SEBI](#), [CBI](#), Planning Commission, [NDC](#), PMO
- Inter-State River Water Dispute: Cauvery dispute
- TRAI, IRDA
- 7th Pay Commission Report and Repercussions
- Medical Council of India
- Forward Markets Commission
- Biodiversity Authority of India
- National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission
- Press Council of India
- State Information Commission
- 14th Finance Commission: Analysis
- [AFSPA](#)
- [ARC Report](#)
- Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority

## Recent Bills and Acts

- Fugitive Economic Offenders Bill, 2018
- Draft Emigration Bill, 2019
- Triple Talaq Ordinance
- The Right of Children to Free & Compulsory Education (Amendment) Act, 2019



- The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill, 2016
- The Indian Institute of Information Technology (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (autonomy of institutes)
- [Citizenship \(Amendment\) Bill](#)
- Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018
- Lokpal & Lokayukta Amendment Act, 2016
- Data (Privacy & Protection) Bill, 2017
- Consumer Protection Bill, 2018
- [103rd Constitutional Amendment Act](#)

## International Relations Polity Notes UPSC

- India's Foreign Policy
  - India-Myanmar Relations
  - [India-China Relations](#)
  - India-Pakistan Relations
  - India-Afghanistan Relations
  - India-Russia Relations
  - India – Saudi Arabia
  - India – UAE Relations
  - India-Nigeria Relations
  - India-EU Kingdom Relations
  - Asia-Pacific Region
  - India-France Relations
  - India-Bangladesh Relations
  - India-Sri Lanka Relations
  - India Iran Relations
  - India – Israel Relations
  - India-Maldives Relations
  - India and Bhutan
  - [India-USA Relations](#)
  - India-South Africa Relations
  - [SAARC](#)
  - India-Kenya Relations
  - India-Sudan Relations
  - [India-ASEAN Cooperation](#)
  - India – Nepal Relations
  - India-Germany Relations
  - India-South East Asia Relations
  - India-Vietnam
  - Indo-Japan Relations
  - India – South Korea Relations
  - India-United Kingdom Relations
  - NAM (Non-Alignment Movement): Relevance
  - Israel and Palestine Relations
  - Indo-Australia Relations
- [Indian Diaspora](#)