

SALIENT FEATURES OF THE INDIAN CONSTITUTION

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- ◉ LENGTHIEST WRITTEN CONSTITUTION
- ◉ BLEND OF RIGIDITY AND FLEXIBILITY
- ◉ FEDERAL SYSTEM WITH UNITARY BIAS
- ◉ PARLIAMENTARY FORM OF GOVERNMENT
- ◉ SYNTHESIS OF PARLIAMENTARY SOVEREIGNTY AND JUDICIAL SUPREMACY
- ◉ INTEGRATED AND INDEPENDENT JUDICIARY
- ◉ FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS
- ◉ DIRECTIVE PRINCIPLES OF STATE POLICY
- ◉ FUNDAMENTAL DUTIES
- ◉ SINGLE CITIZENSHIP
- ◉ EMERGENCY PROVISIONS

PREAMBLE OF THE CONSTITUTION

KEYWORDS IN THE PREAMBLE

- ◉ SOVEREIGN
- ◉ SOCIALIST
- ◉ SECULAR
- ◉ DEMOCRATIC
- ◉ REPUBLIC
- ◉ JUSTICE
- ◉ LIBERTY
- ◉ EQUALITY
- ◉ FRATERNITY

FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS

**THE FUNDAMENTAL
RIGHTS ARE
ENSHRINED IN THE
PART III OF THE
CONSTITUTION**

ARTICLE 12 -35

RIGHT TO EQUALITY (14-18)

- ◉ 14-Equality before law and equal protection of law
- ◉ 15-Prohibition of discrimination on the grounds of religion ,race,caste, sex, place of birth
- ◉ 16-equality of opportunities in matters of public employment
- ◉ 17-Abolition of untouchability and prohibition of its practice
- ◉ 18-Abolition of titles except military and academic

RIGHT TO FREEDOM (19-22)

- ◉ 19-Freedom of speech and expression, assembly, association, movement, residence, and profession
- ◉ 20-protection in respect of conviction for offences
- ◉ 21-protection of life and personal liberty
- ◉ 21A-Right to elementary education
- ◉ 22-protection against arrest and detention in certain cases

RIGHT AGAINST EXPLOITATION(23-24)

- 23- Prohibition of traffic in human beings and forced labour
- 24-Prohibition of employment of children in factories

RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF RELIGION(25-28)

- 25-freedom of conscience and free profession, practice and propogation of religion.
- 26-freedom to manage religious affairs
- 27-freedom from payment of taxes for promotion of any religion
- 28-freedom from attending religious instruction or worship in certain educational institutions

CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS(29-30)

- 29-protection of language,script,and culture of minorities
- 30-rights of minorities to establish and administer educational institutions

RIGHT TO CONSTITUTIONAL REMEDIES (ARTICLE 32)

- ◉ Right to move the supreme court for the enforcement of fundamental rights including the writs of habeas corpus, mandamus, prohibition, certiorari, quo war-rento

FUNDAMENTAL DUTIES

- ◉ To abide by the constitution and respect its ideals and institutions, the National Flag, and the National Anthem
- ◉ To cherish and follow the noble ideals that inspired the national struggle for freedom
- ◉ to uphold and protect the sovereignty, unity, and integrity of India
- ◉ To defend the country and render national service when called upon to do so
- ◉ To promote harmony and the spirit of common brotherhood amongst all the people of India transcending religious, linguistic and regional or sectional diversities and to renounce practices derogatory to the dignity of women

- ◉ To value and preserve the rich heritage of the country's composite culture
- ◉ To protect and improve the natural environment including forests, lakes, rivers, and wildlife and to have compassion for living creatures
- ◉ To develop scientific temper, humanism and the spirit of inquiry and reform
- ◉ To safeguard public property and to abjure violence
- ◉ To strive towards excellence in all spheres of individual and collective activity so that