

Preamble

- It is the preface or the introduction of the Constitution. It is an integral part of the Constitution. The interpretation of the Constitution is based on the spirit of the Preamble.
- The **Objective Resolution**, drafted and moved by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and adopted by the Constituent Assembly, ultimately became the Preamble.
- The idea of the Preamble was borrowed from the Constitution of the USA.
- The words, Socialist, Secular and Integrity were added by the 42nd Constitutional Amendment Act in 1976.

The Preamble

“WE, THE PEOPLE OF INDIA, having solemnly resolved to constitute India into a SOVEREIGN, SOCIALIST, SECULAR, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC and to secure to all its citizens:

JUSTICE, Social, Economic and Political LIBERTY of thought, expression, belief, faith and worship;

EQUALITY of status and of opportunity; and to promote among them all FRATERNITY assuring the dignity of the individual and the unity and integrity of the Nation; IN OUR CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY this twenty-sixth day of November, 1949 do HEREBY ADOPT, ENACT AND GIVE TO OURSELVES THIS CONSTITUTION.



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