

INDIAN CONSTITUTION

Indian constitution, the supreme law of India, is an official document stating the fundamental political code, structure, procedures, powers, duties of government institutions and citizens of India.

The Indian constitution, the longest written constitution in the world, consisting of 395 articles during adoption, was penned down by Prem Behari Narain Raizada, with the chief architect being B.R.Ambedkar.

Since its inception, the constitution has undergone various amendments, sometimes to overhaul the issues present and to finally end up trumping itself each time. The outset of our constitution can be dated way back to 6th December 1946, with the constitution finally coming into force on 26th January 1950. The constitution was drawn from a number of sources with the paramount intention of addressing India's needs and conditions. As of January 2020, there have been 104 amendments of the constitution of India, comprising of 3 types, with the first type being the amendment that can be passed by majority in each house of Parliament of India, the second being the amendment that can be effected by the parliament through special majority in each house and the third type requiring ratification by at least one half of the State Legislatures along with special majority in each house of the Parliament.

Few of the conspicuous and useful amendments are- The 86th Amendment Act, 2002, proffering free and compulsory education to children between 6 and 14 years; The 61st Amendment Act, 1989, decreasing the voting age from 21 to 18 for both Lok Sabha and Legislative Assemblies election; The 17th Amendment Act, prohibiting the acquisition of land under personal cultivation unless the market value of the land is paid as compensation, and many more. All these amendments have ameliorated the lives of Indian citizens, if not all but at least a few.

Indian constitution is revered by the citizens of India and it is our responsibility, as Indian citizens, to abide by this mandate, utilizing the current 6 fundamental rights provided to us, and working for the amelioration of our beloved nation, India. Let the pride of India be with all of us. Jai Hind!

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