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Indian Constitution- historical underpinnings and evolution

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- Government of India act 1858
- Indian council act 1861
- GOI act of 1909
- GOI act of 1919
- Simon commission
- GOI act 1935
- Independence act 1947
- Composition and formation of constituent assembly
- Communal awards
- Nehru report
- Evolution of structural aspect , philosophical and political aspect of constitution
- Sources of Indian constitution
- Committees of constituent assembly
- Important debates of constituet assembly (debate on secularism; untouchability; governor powers; judicial review etc)

Salient features of constitution like

- Lengthiest written constitution(factors responsible for elephantine size of constitution)
- Rigidity and flexibility
- Federal system with unitary bias

- Parliamentary form of government
- Parliamentary sovereignty vs. judicial supremacy
- Integrated and independent judiciary
- India is a secular state
- Universal adult franchise (comparative study of UAF granted by USA, UK, INDIA)
- Single citizenship
- Three tier government

Amendments

- Procedure for amendments
- Types of amendments
- Amenability of fundamental rights
- Important amendments (7th, 42nd, 44th, 73rd, 74th, 100, 101st)
- Important pending amendments (123rd, 108th etc)
- Comparison of amendment procedure under the Indian constitution with others

Preamble of constitution

- History of preamble
- Basic Ingredients of preamble
- Idea of justice (social, economic and political) in Indian constitution
- Preamble as part of the constitution (important cases and their verdicts)
- Influence of preamble on various judgements
- Comparison of preamble with other constitutional preambles
- Amendability of preamble
- Why is it considered as the soul of Indian constitution?

Basic structure.

- Ingredients of basic structure
- Origin and evolution of concept of basic structure in India
- Judicial activism in defining and extending the definition of basic structure (various cases and their impact)

- Need to enlarge scope of basic structure

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