



Preamble to the Indian Constitution

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What is a Preamble?

- A preamble is an introductory statement in a document that explains the document's **philosophy and objectives**.
- In a Constitution, it presents the **intention of its framers**, the **history behind its creation**, and the **core values and principles of the nation**.
- The preamble basically gives idea of the following things/objects:
 - **Source of the Constitution**
 - **Nature of Indian State**
 - **Statement of its objectives**
 - **Date of its adoption**

History of the Preamble to Indian Constitution

- The ideals behind the Preamble to India's Constitution were laid down by **Jawaharlal Nehru's Objectives Resolution**, adopted by the Constituent Assembly on January 22, 1947.
- Although not enforceable in court, the Preamble states the objectives of the Constitution, and acts as an aid during the interpretation of Articles when language is found ambiguous.

Components of Preamble

- It is indicated by the Preamble that the **source of authority** of the Constitution lies with the **people of India**.
- Preamble declares India to be a **sovereign, socialist, secular and democratic republic**.
- The objectives stated by the Preamble are to **secure justice, liberty, equality to all citizens and promote fraternity to maintain unity and integrity of the nation**.