

Free India's Constitution Adopted By Assembly

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Amidst scenes of spontaneous joy and animation, the Constituent Assembly today adopted Free India's Constitution almost unanimously, the only dissenting voice heard being that of Maulana Hasrat Mohani, the colourful erstwhile Muslim League leader.

As the President, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, affixed his signature to three special leather-bound volumes of the Constitution, the historic and memorable occasion was filmed by an army of cameramen, who surrounded the floodlit presidential rostrum.

The proceedings opened with a crisp announcement from the Deputy Prime Minister, Sardar Patel, who declared, amidst thunderous cheers, that all the nine Indian States, including Hyderabad mentioned in the first schedule, had accepted the Constitution.

Emphasising that the success of the Constitution depended on the men who controlled and operated it, Dr. Rajendra Prasad said: "India needs today nothing more than a set of honest men who will have the interest of the country before them. I have no doubt that when the country needs men of character, they will be coming up and the masses will throw them up."

The President concluded with a sublime note: "Let us launch on this new enterprise of running our independent Republic with confidence, with truth and non-violence, and above all with heart within and God above."

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