

## Making of the Constitution

- Demand for Constitution: Swaraj (self-rule) ka demand 1935 ke Govt of India Act ke baad strong hua.
- Constituent Assembly:
  - Idea by M.N. Roy (1934)
  - Proposed by INC (1935)
  - Finally accepted by British in 1940 (August Offer)
  - Constituent Assembly formed in 1946 under Cabinet Mission Plan.
- Members:
  - Total: 389 members (after partition: 299 members)
  - President: Dr. Rajendra Prasad
  - Vice-President: H.C. Mukherjee
  - Drafting Committee Chairman: Dr. B.R. Ambedkar
- Time Taken: 2 years, 11 months, 18 days
- Total Cost: ₹64 Lakh
- Adopted on: 26 Nov 1949
- Enforced on: 26 Jan 1950

👉 SSC Point: Drafting Committee Chairman → Dr. B.R. Ambedkar

## Salient Features of the Constitution

- World's Largest Written Constitution
- Blend of Rigidity + Flexibility
- Parliamentary System of Government
- Federal system with unitary bias
- Independent Judiciary
- Fundamental Rights & Duties
- Directive Principles of State Policy
- Secular State
- Universal Adult Franchise
- Single Citizenship
- Emergency Provisions

👉 SSC Point: India ka Constitution Unitary + Federal features dono rakhta hai.

## Union & Its Territory

- Articles 1 to 4
- Article 1: "India, that is Bharat, shall be a Union of States."
- Types of Territories:
  - States
  - Union Territories
  - Territories acquired by India
- Parliament power: New states create kar sakti hai, boundaries change kar sakti hai.

👉 **SSC Point: Article 1 → India = Union of States**

## **Citizenship**

- Articles 5 to 11
- Single Citizenship (Indian only) – UK/USA jaisa dual nahi.
- Citizenship acquire karne ke 5 ways (Citizenship Act, 1955):
  1. By Birth
  2. By Descent
  3. By Registration
  4. By Naturalization
  5. By Incorporation of Territory
- Parliament decide karta hai citizenship laws.

👉 **SSC Point: Citizenship related sab laws → Parliament banata hai**

## **Fundamental Rights (Part III, Art. 12–35)**

- Total: 6 Rights
  1. Right to Equality (Art. 14–18)
  2. Right to Freedom (Art. 19–22)
  3. Right against Exploitation (Art. 23–24)
  4. Right to Freedom of Religion (Art. 25–28)
  5. Cultural & Educational Rights (Art. 29–30)
  6. Right to Constitutional Remedies (Art. 32)
- Originally 7 Rights the (Right to Property removed in 1978 – 44th Amendment).

👉 **SSC Point: Right to Constitutional Remedies → *Heart & Soul of Constitution***

## **Directive Principles of State Policy (Part IV, Art. 36–51)**

- Inspired from: Ireland
- Aim: Welfare State
- Not enforceable in court (non-justiciable)
- Example: Equal pay for equal work, free education for children < 14 years, promote international peace.

👉 **SSC Point: DPSPs → Non-justiciable**

## **Fundamental Duties (Part IV-A, Art. 51A)**

- Added by: 42nd Amendment (1976)
- Source: USSR (Russia)
- Total Duties: 11
- Example: Respect Constitution, National Flag, promote harmony, protect environment, etc.

👉 **SSC Point: Fundamental Duties = 11**

## **Amendment of the Constitution**

- **Article 368** → Deals with Amendment process
- **3 Types of Amendments:**
  1. **Simple Majority** → e.g., change in citizenship laws
  2. **Special Majority** → e.g., Fundamental Rights changes
  3. **Special Majority + States' consent** → e.g., Federal features
- **Total Amendments till now: 100+**

👉 **SSC Point: Amendment procedure → Art. 368**

## **Parts of Constitution**

- **Originally: 22 Parts**
- **Present: 25 Parts**
- **Examples:**
  - **Part I** → Union & Territory
  - **Part II** → Citizenship
  - **Part III** → Fundamental Rights
  - **Part IV** → DPSPs
  - **Part IVA** → Fundamental Duties

👉 **SSC Point: Fundamental Duties = Part IV-A**

## **Articles**

- **Originally: 395 Articles**
- **Currently: 470+ Articles**
- **Important Articles:**
  - **Art. 1** → India as Union of States
  - **Art. 12–35** → Fundamental Rights
  - **Art. 36–51** → DPSPs
  - **Art. 51A** → Fundamental Duties
  - **Art. 368** → Amendment of Constitution

## **Schedules**

- **Originally: 8 Schedules**
- **Now: 12 Schedules**
- **Important:**
  - **1st** → Names of States & UTs
  - **3rd** → Oaths & Affirmations
  - **7th** → Union, State, Concurrent Lists
  - **8th** → 22 Official Languages
  - **10th** → Anti-Defection Law

- **12th → Municipalities (added by 74th Amendment)**

👉 **SSC Point: 8th Schedule → 22 Languages**