

❖ Constitution Day of India (Samvidhan Divas)

1. Overview

Constitution Day is observed on 26 November every year to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India.

The Constituent Assembly adopted the Constitution on 26 November 1949.

The Constitution came into effect on 26 January 1950, celebrated as Republic Day.

Constitution Day started being officially celebrated in 2015 to honor *Dr. B. R. Ambedkar* and to promote awareness about constitutional values.

2. Significance of Constitution Day

Honors the Constitution of India and its makers.

Recognizes the contribution of *Dr. B. R. Ambedkar*, Chairman of the Drafting Committee.

Spreads awareness about core constitutional values: **Justice, Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity.**

Schools and institutions across the country read the Preamble and hold awareness programs.

❖ 3. Preamble of the Indian Constitution

Full Text:

THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA

PREAMBLE

WE, THE PEOPLE OF INDIA, having solemnly resolved to constitute India into a ³[SOVEREIGN SOCIALIST SECULAR DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC and to secure to all its citizens:

JUSTICE, social, economic and political;

LIBERTY of thought, expression, belief, faith and worship;

EQUALITY of status and of opportunity;

and to promote among them all

FRATERNITY assuring the dignity of the individual and the ⁴[unity and integrity of the Nation;

IN OUR CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY this twenty-sixth day of November, 1949, do HEREBY ADOPT, ENACT AND GIVE TO OURSELVES THIS CONSTITUTION.

4. Meaning of Key Words in the Preamble

Sovereign

India is independent and free to make its own decisions without external influence.

Socialist

Aims to reduce inequality and ensure social and economic justice.

Secular

The State treats all religions equally and does not uphold any official religion.

Democratic

Government is elected by the people and operates through their participation.

Republic

The head of the State is elected, not appointed by heredity.

5. Objectives of the Preamble

The Preamble outlines:

Source of authority: We, the people of India

Nature of the State

Goals:

- Justice
- Liberty
- Equality
- Fraternity

Vision : The guiding philosophy behind the Constitution of India