

# Constitution Day of India (Samvidhan Divas)

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## 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:

WE, THE PEOPLE OF INDIA, having solemnly  
resolved to constitute India into a  
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 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