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SALIENT FEATURES OF CONSTITUTION

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1. Preamble
2. Longhiest written constitution
3. Drawn from various sources
4. Blend of Rigidity and flexibility
5. Federal system with unitary bias
6. A Secular state
7. Parliamentary form of government
8. Fundamental rights
9. Directive Principles of state policy
10. Fundamental duties
11. Synthesis of Parliamentary Sovereignty and Judicial Supremacy
12. Integrated and Independent Judiciary
13. Universal Adult Franchise
14. Single Citizenship
15. Independent Bodies
16. Emergency provisions
17. Three-Tier Government]



Provisions of the constitution and their source

Major part of the our constitution has taken from Government of India act , 1935

SL.No.	Sources	Features Borrowed
1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government of India Act – 1935 	Federal Scheme office of Governor Judiciary, Public service Commission Emergency provisions administrative Details
2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independence of Judiciary Judicial Review President as the Executive Head President as Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces The Vice-President as the ex-officio Chairman of the Council of States Fundamental Rights Preamble Removal of Supreme Court and High Court Judges 	USA Constitution
3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Law making procedures Rule of Law System of single citizenship Parliamentary system with ministerial responsibility 	UK Constitution
4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federation with ministerial responsibility Distribution of powers between the Union and the States and placing residuary powers with the Centre 	Canadian Constitution

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointment of state governors by the centre 	
5.	Directive Principles of state policy, Method of Election of the President Nomination of members to the Rajya Sabha by the President	Irish Constitution
6.	Emergency and its effect on Fundamental Rights	Weimar Constitution of Germany
7.	Concurrent List, Provision regarding trade, commerce and intercourse and joint sitting of the two houses of parliament	Australian Constitution
8.	Constitutional Amendments	South African Constitution
9.	Fundamental Duties and the ideal of Justice (social, Economic and political) in the Preamble	Russian Constitution
10.	Republic, Liberty, Equality, Fraternity	French Constitution
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NOTES: Part VII (dealing with Part – B states) was deleted by the 7th Amendment Act (1956). On the other hand, both Part IV-A and Part XIV-A were added by the 42nd Amendment Act (1976), while Part IX-A was added by the 74th Amendment Act (1992), and part IX-B was added by the 97th Amendment Act (2011).