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# PREAMBLE OF THE CONSTITUTION

- ❖ The American constitution was the first to begin with a preamble.
- ❖ It refers to the introduction to constitution.
- ❖ The Preamble of the Indian Constitution is based on the 'Objective Resolution' drafted and moved by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and adopted by the constituent Assembly.

## TEXT OF THE PREAMBLE :

The preamble in its present form reads:

"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"

- ❖ Adopted on 26 November 1949 and amended only once in 1976.
- ❖ People is the source of preamble.

## KEY WORDS OF PREAMBLE:

- ❖ Sovereign, Socialist, Secular, Democratic, Republic, Justice, Liberty, Equality, Fraternity.

## PREAMBLE RELATED CASES:

a) BERUBARI UNION: (1960)  
Supreme Court said "Preamble is not a part of constitution".



**b) KESAVANANDA BHARATI CASE**

**: (1973)**

“Preamble is a part of the constitution”  
(without altering the Basic structure)

**c) LIC OF INDIA CASE : (1995)**

“Preamble is the Integral Part of  
Constitution” (without altering the Basic  
structure of the constitution).

**AMENDABILITY OF THE PREAMBLE**

- ❖ The Preamble has been amended only once so far, in 1976, by the 42<sup>nd</sup> Constitutional Amendment Act, which has added three new words – Socialist, Secular and Integrity – to the Preamble. This amendment was held to be valid.

