

**THE CONSTITUTION OF  
INDIA  
PREAMBLE**

**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 <sup>2</sup>[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.**

1. Subs. by the Constitution (Forty-second Amendment) Act, 1976, Sec. 2, for "Sovereign Democratic Republic" (w.e.f. 3.1.1977)

2. Subs. by the Constitution (Forty-second Amendment) Act, 1976, Sec. 2, for "Unity of the Nation" (w.e.f. 3.1.1977)

Are you an owner of India or just a citizen?

We Indians are ingenious individuals; But collectively, portray a herd-instinct, a feudal submissiveness to leaders often along caste/communal lines. Our ideologies sprout from the deep-rooted Macaulayism planted in the Education system. The misconceptions about the basic structure, culture and governance of India are so rigid that it leads to stunted development in all walks of life. So here's a myth-buster!

The Indian Constitution enshrines a sovereign, socialist, secular, democratic & republic setup. The words that begin

the Preamble – 'We, the people of India', clearly indicate the source of the Constitution, coupled with the closing words – 'Hereby adopt, enact and give to ourselves this Constitution' state the ultimate sovereignty of - the people of India. Thus the governance is, of the people, by the people and for the people! It is our majority Will that elects the government, which in turn functions for the People! Therefore, by virtue of being an Indian, 'we the people' are very much the owners of our country!

Sadly, in course of time many of us have forgotten these basics, assuming that, at the tip of the societal pyramid is the government or its officials who rule us and that the common people are at the baseline. However, it is time to debunk this myth and remember that, the baseline is the very foundation of the pyramid, i.e it is the common people who have the power, which they willingly delegate to their representatives to form a government and be able to run the show for them!!

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