

BORROWED FEATURES



INDIAN POLITY

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- **Our Constitution came into force on 26 Jan 1950.**
- **Indian Constitution is unique in its content and spirit.**
- **Total expenditure for making constitution was 64 Lakhs.**
- **Our leaders referred constitutions of 60 countries.**
- **We've borrowed several features from 10 of those Countries.**

SALIENT FEATURES OF OUR CONSTITUTION

- **Longthiest Written Constitution**
- **Drawn from Various Sources**
- **Blend of Rigidity and Flexibility**
- **Federal System with Unitary Bias**
- **Rule of Law**

SALIENT FEATURES OF OUR CONSTITUTION

- **Parliamentary Form of Government**
- **Synthesis of Parliamentary Sovereignty and Judicial Supremacy**
- **Integrated and Independent Judiciary**
- **Fundamental Rights**
- **Directive Principles of State Policy**

SALIENT FEATURES OF OUR CONSTITUTION

- **Fundamental Duties**
- **Indian Secularism**
- **Universal Adult Franchise**
- **Single Citizenship**
- **Independent Bodies**

SALIENT FEATURES OF OUR CONSTITUTION

- **Emergency Provisions**
- **Three-tier Government**
- **Co-operative Societies**

- **Indian Constitution is the most detailed constitution of the world while compared to others.**
- **(American Constitution has only seven articles, Australian Constitution 128 articles, Indian Constitution originally consisted of 395 articles which have now increased to 448 articles.)**

- **There are various provisions borrowed from other nations but they are absorbed in the Indian Constitution to suit its polity and governance.**
- **They are not exactly copied.**

1. Britain (UK)

- i. Parliamentary form of government**
- ii. Rule of Law**
- iii. Legislative Procedure**
- iv. Single Citizenship**
- v. Cabinet System**
- vi. Prerogative writs**
- vii. Parliamentary Privileges**
- viii. Bi-cameralism**
- ix. Comptroller & Auditor General**

2. USA

- i) Impeachment of the president**
- ii) Functions of president and vice-president**
- iii) Removal of Supreme Court and High court judges**
- iv) Fundamental Rights**
- v) Judicial review**
- vi) Independence of judiciary**
- vii) The preamble of the constitution**

3. Canada

- i. Federation with a strong Centre**
- ii. Vesting of residuary powers in the Centre**
- iii. Appointment of state governors by the Centre**
- iv. Advisory jurisdiction of the Supreme Court.**
- v. Union list**
- vi. State list**

4. Japan

- Procedure established by law.

5. Australia

- Concurrent list
- Joint sitting
- Trade and commerce

6. Ireland

- i. Directive Principles of State Policy**
- ii. Nomination of members to Rajya Sabha**
- iii. Method of election of the president**

7. Germany (Weimar)

- Suspension of Fundamental Rights during emergency**

8. South Africa

- i. Procedure for amendment in the Indian Constitution**
- ii. Election of members of Rajya Sabha**

9. France

- i. Republic**
- ii. Ideals of liberty, equality and fraternity**

10. Soviet Union (USSR)

- i. Fundamental duties**
- ii. Ideals of justice in the Preamble**

Government of India Act of 1935

→ The Government of India Act contributed the following to the Constitution of India:

1. Federal Scheme
2. Office of the governor
3. Judiciary
4. Public Service Commissions
5. Emergency provisions
6. Administrative details



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