

Important Articles and Amendments of the Indian Constitution

A compact last-minute table of 50 high-frequency Articles, 20 major Constitutional Amendments and the conventional borrowed-features memory map.

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Accuracy note: each Article is deliberately shortened. Clauses, exceptions, provisos, judicial interpretation and commencement conditions must be read in the current official Constitution text.

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1. Fundamental framework and Fundamental Rights

Article	One-line exam cue
1	India, that is Bharat, a Union of States
3	Formation of new states; alteration of areas, boundaries or names
5-11	Citizenship at commencement; Parliament's citizenship power
12	Meaning of 'State' for Part III
13	Laws inconsistent with Fundamental Rights
14	Equality before law and equal protection
15	Prohibition of specified discrimination
16	Equality of opportunity in public employment
17	Abolition of untouchability
18	Abolition of titles, subject to listed exceptions
19	Six freedoms of citizens, subject to reasonable restrictions
20	Protection in respect of conviction for offences
21	Protection of life and personal liberty
21A	Free and compulsory education for ages 6-14
22	Protection against arrest and detention; preventive-detention rules
23	Prohibition of trafficking and forced labour
24	Prohibition of child employment in factories, mines and hazardous work
25-28	Freedom of religion
29-30	Cultural and educational rights
32	Constitutional remedies in the Supreme Court



2. Directive Principles, duties and Union institutions

Article	One-line exam cue
39A	Equal justice and free legal aid
40	Organisation of village panchayats
44	Uniform civil code directive
48A	Environment, forests and wildlife directive
50	Separation of judiciary from executive
51A	Fundamental Duties
52	President of India
54	Election of President
61	Impeachment of President
72	President's pardoning power
74	Council of Ministers to aid and advise President
76	Attorney-General for India
79	Constitution of Parliament
80	Composition of Council of States
81	Composition of House of the People
85	Sessions, prorogation and dissolution
110	Definition of Money Bill
112	Annual financial statement
123	President's ordinance power
124	Supreme Court



3. Courts, federal bodies and elections

Article	One-line exam cue
141	Law declared by Supreme Court binding on all courts
148	Comptroller and Auditor-General
226	High Court writ jurisdiction
263	Inter-State Council
279A	GST Council
280	Finance Commission
300A	Property only by authority of law
315	Union and State Public Service Commissions
324	Election Commission
326	Adult suffrage

Fast distinction

Article 32 is itself a Fundamental Right and provides Supreme Court remedies. Article 226 gives High Courts a wider writ jurisdiction for Fundamental Rights and for other purposes.



4. Twenty major Constitutional Amendments

Amendment	Year	High-yield change
1st	1951	Adjusted speech restrictions, protected specified reform laws and inserted the Ninth Schedule.
7th	1956	Reworked the constitutional map for states and Union territories after reorganisation.
24th	1971	Affirmed Parliament's constituent power to amend the Constitution, including Part III.
26th	1971	Ended recognition of former rulers and abolished privy purses.
36th	1975	Made Sikkim a full state of the Union.
42nd	1976	Added Socialist, Secular and integrity to the Preamble, inserted Fundamental Duties and made broad structural changes.
44th	1978	Added emergency safeguards and moved the right to property to Article 300A.
52nd	1985	Inserted the Tenth Schedule on disqualification for defection.
61st	1988	Lowered the voting age under Article 326 from 21 to 18.
69th	1991	Created the National Capital Territory framework for Delhi with a Legislative Assembly and Council of Ministers.
73rd	1992	Added Part IX and the Eleventh Schedule for Panchayats.
74th	1992	Added Part IXA and the Twelfth Schedule for Municipalities.
86th	2002	Inserted Article 21A and changed Articles 45 and 51A for elementary education.
91st	2003	Limited the size of Councils of Ministers and tightened anti-defection consequences.
101st	2016	Created the constitutional framework for GST, including the GST Council under Article 279A.
102nd	2018	Gave constitutional status to the NCBC and inserted Articles 338B and 342A.
103rd	2019	Enabled reservation for economically weaker sections through Articles 15(6) and 16(6).
104th	2020	Extended SC/ST legislative seat reservation and ended Anglo-Indian nomination provisions at Union and state levels.
105th	2021	Restored state and Union-territory power to prepare their own SEBC lists.
106th	2023	Inserted provisions for one-third reservation for women in the Lok Sabha, state assemblies and Delhi assembly, subject to the constitutional commencement mechanism.



5. Borrowed-features memory map

This is a conventional study classification. The Constitution is an original legal text produced through debate and adaptation, not a pasted collection of foreign provisions.

Source often cited	Features commonly associated in exam preparation
United Kingdom	Parliamentary government, cabinet responsibility, rule of law, legislative procedure, single citizenship
United States	Fundamental Rights, judicial review, presidential impeachment, Vice-President, independence of judiciary
Ireland	Directive Principles, method of presidential election, nominated members of the Rajya Sabha
Canada	Federation with a strong Centre, residuary powers, appointment of state Governors by the Centre
Australia	Concurrent List, freedom of trade and commerce, joint sitting of the two Houses
Germany (Weimar)	Emergency-era suspension model for certain rights
Former USSR	Fundamental Duties and the ideal of social, economic and political justice
France	Republic and the ideals of liberty, equality and fraternity
South Africa	Amendment procedure and election method for Rajya Sabha members
Japan	The expression 'procedure established by law'



6. Four recall drills

Drill	Closed-book task
Rights ladder	Write Articles 14, 19, 21, 21A and 32 from memory, then state one protection under each.
Institutions ladder	Match CAG, Finance Commission, Public Service Commissions and Election Commission with Articles 148, 280, 315 and 324.
Emergency ladder	Add Articles 352, 356 and 360 from the full revision map and distinguish national, state and financial emergencies.
Local government ladder	Connect the 73rd and 74th Amendments with Parts IX and IXA and the Eleventh and Twelfth Schedules.

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