



## OUR CONSTITUTION

### Fundamental Rights and Duties



#### Preamble to the Constitution of India

**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.**

Questions on the Preamble to the Constitution:

1. What do you think **socialist** means? Give an example of a characteristic of a socialist republic, and another characteristic of a non-socialist republic, so that we can see what the difference is.
2. What do you think **secular** means?
3. What do you think **democratic** means?
4. Seema is ten years old. She has two brothers, 12 and 9 years old. Both brothers go to school, but she doesn't – she cleans peoples' houses each day. Her brothers do not earn anything, but she earns Rs 300 per month. Do you think Seema has **equality of status**, **liberty of faith**, **liberty of opportunity**, and **economic justice**? Explain why or why not.
5. Give an example of a case where someone is not getting **social justice**.
6. Give an example of a case where someone is not getting **economic justice**.
7. Give an example of a case where someone is not getting **political justice**.
8. Give an example of a case where someone does not have **liberty of opportunity** but does have **liberty of faith and worship**.
9. Give an example of a case where someone does not have **equality of status**.
10. Give an example of how the government could promote **fraternity** among people in Chandigarh.
11. Try to rewrite the Preamble to the Constitution using simpler words.