

Preamble Removed from new NCERT Textbooks

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The <u>National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)</u> has dropped the <u>Preamble</u> to the Constitution from several Class 3 and 6 textbooks issued in 2024.

■ The NCERT has clarified that the organisation is now focusing on various aspects of the Indian Constitution, including the <u>Preamble</u>, <u>fundamental duties</u>, <u>fundamental rights</u>, and the <u>National Anthem</u> for holistic development as per <u>National Education Policy 2020</u>.

Preamble:

- The Preamble to the Constitution is a reflection of the core constitutional values that embody the Constitution. It highlights that:
 - India to be a <u>Sovereign</u>, <u>Socialist</u>, <u>Secular</u>, <u>Democratic Republic committed to Justice</u>, <u>Equality</u> and <u>Liberty</u> for the people.
 - It aims to promote fraternity to maintain the unity and integrity of the nation.
 - The **source** of authority of the Constitution lies with the **people** of India.
 - It was adopted on 26th November, 1949.
- In the <u>Kesavananda Bharati Case</u>, 1973 and <u>Union Government Vs LIC of India</u>, 1995, the <u>SC</u> held that the Preamble is an **integral part** of the Constitution.
- The Preamble does **not grant substantive rights** and is **not enforceable** in the courts.

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