

Need for a Constitution

Chapter 10: The Constitution of India — An Introduction · Topic 1

Key Concept

A constitution provides a framework for government, defining the roles and powers of different branches, preventing any single group from having too much power.

It protects citizens' fundamental rights, like freedom of speech and equality, ensuring the government cannot violate these basic rights arbitrarily.

A constitution also provides stability and continuity, offering clear rules for governance that remain even as individual leaders and governments change over time.

Without a constitution, a country might face arbitrary rule, unclear laws, and a higher risk of abuse of power, making constitutions essential for fair, stable governance.

Quick Revision Notes

- A constitution establishes how a country is governed.
- It defines roles and powers of government branches.
- It prevents any single group from having too much power.
- It protects citizens' fundamental rights.
- Fundamental rights include freedom of speech and equality.
- A constitution provides stability and continuity.
- Rules remain even as leaders change.
- Without a constitution, arbitrary rule and abuse of power are more likely.

Practice Questions

- 1 Discuss why a constitution is important for a country.
- 2 Research one fundamental right in India's constitution.
- 3 Explain what could happen without a constitution.
- 4 Discuss how a constitution provides stability.
- 5 Research when India's constitution was adopted.
- 6 Explain in your own words why power should be limited.