

Introduction to Our Constitution

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Key Concept

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Quick Revision Notes

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Practice Questions

- 1 Research Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's role in the Constitution.
- 2 Discuss the significance of January 26.
- 3 Research what 'secular' means in the Constitution.
- 4 Discuss why India is called a democratic republic.
- 5 List three things the Constitution covers.
- 6 Explain the Constitution's importance in your own words.