

Several sources were used to create the constitution. Its drafters included provisions from earlier laws including the Government of India Act 1858, the Indian Councils Acts of 1861, 1892, and 1909, the Government of India Acts 1919 and 1935, and the Indian Independence Act 1947 while keeping India's needs and circumstances in mind.

From Constitution of the United States

- Preamble
- Fundamental Rights
- The federal structure of government
- Electoral College
- Independence of the judiciary and separation of powers among the three branches of the government
- Judicial review
- President as Supreme Commander of Armed Forces
- Equal protection under law

From Government of India Act 1935

- Federal Scheme
- Emergency Provisions
- Public Service Commissions
- Office of Governor
- Judiciary
- Administrative Details

From Irish constitution (Ireland)

- Directive Principles of State Policy
- Nomination of members to Rajya Sabha
- Method of Election of President

British constitution

- Parliamentary form of government
- The idea of single citizenship
- The idea of the Rule of law
- Writs
- Institution of Speaker and his role
- Lawmaking procedure
- Procedure established by Law

Australian constitution

- Freedom of trade and commerce within the country and between the states
- Power of the national legislature to make laws for implementing treaties, even on matters outside normal Federal jurisdiction
- Concurrent List

French constitution

- Republic and the ideals of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity in the Preamble
- Constitution of South Africa
- Procedure for amendment
- Election of Rajya Sabha members

Constitution of Japan

- Procedure Established by Law

Constitution of Soviet Union (USSR)

- Fundamental Duties under Article 51-A
- A Constitutionally mandated Planning Commission to oversee the development of the economy

Constitution of Germany

- Emergency powers to be enjoyed by the Union
- Suspension of Fundamental Rights during an emergency.

Constitution of Russia

- Fundamental Duties
- Idea of Social, Economic, and Political Justice in Preamble