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Lesson no 16. Our Rights and Duties

Learning Objective: Understanding the concept of Constitution.

Skills: Development of commitment towards the fundamental values and principles of one's country.

Introduction

A constitution is a set of rules that guides how a country, state, or other political organization works. The constitution may tell what the branches of the government are, what powers they have, and how they work. It may also state the rights of citizens. The government's other laws are not allowed to disagree with its constitution. The constitution may be amended, or changed, but this is generally more difficult to do than passing an ordinary law.

India is headed by the Constitution of India. It is written document that contains the rules and laws of the country. It was prepared by the **Drafting Committee** headed by the **Dr. B.R.Ambedkar**. The Constitution of India came into effect from **26 January 1950**. This day is celebrated as **Republic Day** of India.



A democratic country needs a constitution because

- in a democracy, people choose their representatives and the leaders might misuse their powers. Constitution safeguards the citizens against this.
- in a democracy, the constitution ensures that the dominant group does not use power against less powerful groups.
- the constitution guarantees fundamental rights to the citizens for their social, economic, and political welfare.

The **Fundamental Rights** are defined as basic human freedoms which every Indian citizen has the right to enjoy for a proper and harmonious development of personality. These rights universally apply to all citizens, irrespective of race, place of birth, religion, caste, creed, colour or sex.

The **Fundamental Duties** are defined as the moral obligations of all citizens to help promote a spirit of patriotism and to uphold the unity of India.

Homework:

Q 1. Describe how the Constitution of India was created.