

Ch:CONSTITUTIONAL DESIGN (Notes)

READ THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH THOROUGHLY AND TRY TO UNDERSTAND.

Democratic Constitution in South Africa

- **Nelson Mandela, the South African leader of African National Congress, fought a long battle against Apartheid.**
- **Imprisoned for 28 years (1964–1992) emerged as the First President of the Republic of South-Africa.**
- **People struggled against the horrible discrimination practised against them by the white minority rulers.**
- **Apartheid finally defeated in 1994 and a new constitution made in 1996.**
- **Black leaders appealed fellow blacks to forgive white.**
- **Remarkable constitution, forgot past sufferings, sought co-operation of all the races which make S. Africa based on equality, democratic values and social justice.**

Do We Need a Constitution?

- **Every country drafts its own constitution.**
- **A constitution of a nation is the set of written laws accepted by people living together in a country.**
- **It generates trust and co-ordination.**
- **It specifies how a government should be constituted.**
- **It lays down limits on the powers of the government.**
- **It expresses the aspirations of the people about creating a good society.**

Making of the Indian Constitution

- **The process began during the national struggle for freedom.**
- **First draft 1928, then 1931. Moti lal Nehru and 8 leaders demanded in the draft : universal adult franchise, social justice, right to freedom and liberty.**
- **Participation in Provincial Legislatures helped Indians in framing their constitution.**

- **Leaders inspired by French Revolution, British parliamentary system and the Bill of Rights of the US.**
- **They also learnt what the British were denying Indian citizens.**

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