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## **BASIC General Knowledge**

#### IMPORTANT RIVERS AND PLACES OF ORIGIN

**GANGA**: Gangotri (Uttarakhand)

**INDUS**: Mansarovar (Tibet)

NARMADA: Maikal Hills, Amarkantak (MP)
TAPT/TAPTI: Satpura Range, Betul (MP)
MAHANADI: Nagri Town (Chhattisgarh)
BRAHAMPUTRA: Chemayungdung (Tibet)

**SUTLEJ**: Mt Kailash (Tibet)

**BEAS**: Rohtang Pass (Himachal Pradesh)

**GODAVARI**: Nasik (Maharashtra)

**KRISHNA**: Mahabaleshwar (Maharashtra)

**CAUVERY**: Brahmagiri Hills, Coorg (Karnataka) **SABARMATI**: Udaipur, Aravalli Hills (Rajasthan)

**RAVI**: Chamba (Himachal Pradesh)

**PENNER**: Nandi Hills, Chickballapur (Karnataka)

## **GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL RESIDENCE**

- 1. American President White House
- 2. Brazil President Alvorada
- 3. Britain Prime Minister 10, Downing Street
- 4. Canada Prime Minister 24 Sussex Drive
- 5. French President Elysee Palace
- 6. Germany President Bellevue Palace
- 7. Indian President Rashtrapathi Bhavan
- 8. Indian Prime Minister No. 7, Race Course Road
- 9. India Governor's Raj Bhavan
- 10. King & Queen of Britain Bekkingham Palace
- 11. Kongo President Marbil Palace
- 12. Nepal King Narayan Hithi Palace
- 13. Pakistan President Ivane Sadan
- 14. Pope Vatican Palace
- 15. Russia President Kremlin

- 16. Spain King Royal Palace
- 17. South Korean President -Blue House
- 18. Srilankan President -Temple Trees.

## COMMITTEES OF CONSTUITUENT ASSEMBLY

The Constituent Assembly appointed a number of committees to deal with different tasks of constitution-making. Out of these, eight were major committees and the others were minor committees.

The names of these committees and their chairmen are given below:

## **Major Committees**

- 1. Union Powers Committee Jawaharlal Nehru
- 2. Union Constitution Committee Jawaharlal Nehru
- 3. Provincial Constitution Committee Sardar Patel
- 4. Drafting Committee Dr. B.R. Ambedkar
- 5. Advisory Committee on Fundamental Rights and Minorities Sardar Patel.

This committee had two sub-committes:

- (a) Fundamental Rights Sub-Committee J.B. Kripalani
- (b) Minorities Sub-Committee H.C. Mukherjee
- 6. Rules of Procedure Committee Dr. Rajendra Prasad
- 7. States Committee (Committee for Negotiating with States) Jawaharlal Nehru
- 8. Steering Committee Dr. Rajendra Prasad

## **Minor Committees**

- 1. Committee on the Functions of the Constituent Assembly G.V. Mavalankar
- 2. Order of Business Committee Dr. K.M. Munshi
- 3. House Committee B. Pattabhi Sitaramayya
- 4. Ad-hoc Committee on the National Flag Dr. Rajendra Prasad
- 5. Special Committee to Examine the Draft Constitution Alladi Krishnaswamy Ayyar
- 6. Credentials Committee Alladi Krishnaswamy Ayyar
- 7. Finance and Staff Committee Sinha
- 8. Hindi Translation Committee
- 9. Urdu Translation Committee
- 10. Press Gallery Committee
- 11. Committee to Examine the Effect of Indian Independence Act of 1947
- 12. Committee on Chief Commissioners' Provinces
- 13. Commission on Linguistic Provinces
- 14. Expert Committee on Financial Provisions
- 15. Ad-hoc Committee on the Supreme Court

## **Drafting Committee**

Among all the committees of the Constituent Assembly, the most important committee was the Drafting Committee set up on August 29, 1947. It was this committee that was entrusted with the task of preparing a draft of the new Constitution. It consisted of seven members.

#### They were:

- 1. Dr B R Ambedkar (Chairman)
- 2. N Gopalaswamy Ayyangar
- 3. Alladi Krishnaswamy Ayyar
- 4. Dr K M Munshi
- 5. Syed Mohammad Saadullah
- 6. N Madhava Rau (He replaced B L Miner who resigned due to ill-health)
- 7. T T Krishnamachari (He replaced D P Khaitan who died in 1948)

The Drafting Committee, after taking into consideration the proposals of the various committees, prepared the first draft of the Constitution of India, which was published in February 1948. The people of India were given eight months to discuss the draft and propose amendments. In the light of the public comments, criticisms and suggestions, the Drafting Committee prepared a second draft, which was published in October 1948.

#### STATE BIRDS – INDIA

State	Common name	Binomial nomenclature
Andhra Pradesh	Indian roller	Coracias benghalensis
<b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>	Great hornbill	Buceros bicornis
Assam	White-winged wood duck	Asarcornis scutulata
Bihar	Indian roller	Coracias benghalensis
Chhattisgarh	Bastar hill myna	Gracula religiosa peninsularis
Goa	Black-crested bulbul	Pycnonotus flaviventris
Gujarat	Greater flamingo	Phoenicopterus roseus
Haryana	Black francolin	Francolinus francolinus
Himachal Pradesh	Western tragopan (Jujurana)	Tragopan melanocephalus
Jammu and Kashmir	Black-necked crane	Grus nigricollis
Jharkhand	Asian koel	Eudynamys scolopaceus
Karnataka	Indian roller	Coracias benghalensis
Kerala	Great hornbill	Buceros bicornis
Madhya Pradesh	Asian paradise flycatcher	Terpsiphone paradisi
Maharashtra	Yellow-footed green pigeon	Treron phoenicoptera
Manipur	Mrs. Hume's pheasant	Syrmaticus humiae
Meghalaya	Hill myna	Gracula religiosa peninsularis
Mizoram	Mrs. Hume's pheasant	Syrmaticus humiae
Nagaland	Blyth's tragopan	Tragopan blythii
Odisha	Indian roller	Coracias benghalensis
Punjab	Northern goshawk	Accipiter gentilis
Rajasthan	Great Indian bustard	Ardeotis nigriceps
Sikkim	Blood pheasant	Ithaginis cruentus

Tamil Nadu	Emerald dove	Chalcophaps indica
Telangana	Indian roller	Coracias benghalensis
Tripura	Green imperial pigeon	Ducula aenea
Uttarakhand	Himalayan monal	Lophophorus impejanus
<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	Sarus crane	Grus antigone
West Bengal	White-breasted kingfisher	Halcyon smyrnensis
Puducherry (UT)	Asian koel	Eudynamys scolopaceus
Lakshadweep (UT)	Sooty tern	Onychoprion fuscatus
Delhi(NCT)	House sparrow	Passer domesticus

## FAMOUS SCIENTISTS AND THEIR INVENTIONS, DISCOVERIES

**Archimedes**—Invention of the famous Archimedean law, discovery of the principles of lever and specific gravity.

Avogadro—An Italian scientists known for Avogadro's hypothesis.

Bacquarrel—Radio-activity of uranium.

Baird J.L.—Television.

Benjamin Franklin—Lightning conductor.

Bhabha H.J.—Research in cosmic rays and quantum theory.

**Binet**—Intelligence tests.

Bose, J.C.—Crescograph.

Bose, S.N.—Discovery of nuclear particles 'Boson'.

**Bohr**—Electron Theory, Atomic structure.

**Bunsen**—Spectroscope.

Bushwell—Submarine.

**Carothers**—Nylon Plastics.

**Cavendish**—Discovery of hydrogen, rare gases, chemical composition of water.

Charles Darwin—Theory of Evolution; Origin of Species.

Curie, Madame—Radium.

**Dalton**—Law of partial pressures; Atomic theory; laws of chemical combination; the law of multiple proportions.

**Democritus**—(Greek Philosopher)—Atomic theory.

**Dewar**—Thermos flask.

#### PIONEERS IN MECHANICAL INVENTIONS AND DISCOVERIES

Austin—Motor car.

Baird J.L.—Television.

**Bell, Graham**—Telephone.

Broquet—Helicopter.

**Gutenburg**—Printing Press.

**Colt**—Revolver.

Daimler—Gas engine, Automobile.

Davy—Miner's Safety Lamp.

**Diesel**—Internal combustion.

Edison—First electric bulb and gramophone.

Faraday—Dynamo.

Frank Whittle—Jet propulsion.

Franklin Benjamin—Lightning conductor.

**Lippershe**—Telescope.

James Puckle—Machine Gun.

**Hoe**—Rotary Printing Press.

James Watt—Steam engine (1769).

Macmillan—Bicycle (1842).

Mergenthaler—Linotype.

Montgolfer—Balloon (1883).

R.A. Watson Watt—Radar.

Sholes—Typewriter.

**Stephenson**—Railway engine.

**Swinton**—Military tank.

Torricelli—Barometer.

W. & O. Wright—Aeroplane.

Waterman—Fountain pen.

Whittle, Frank—Jet propulsion.

**Zeis**—Lenses, Camera.

## MEDICAL INVENTIONS AND DISCOVERIES

**Banting**—Insulin (a cure for diabetes).

Bernard Christian—Replacing the human heart.

**Brahmchari, U.M.**—Cure of Kala-a-zar fever.

Domagk—Sulpha drugs as bactericides.

Fleming Alexander—Penicillin (in 1929).

**Harvey**—Circulation of blood.

**Hahnemann**—Founder of Homeopathy.

**Hopkins. F.G.**—Vitamin D.

Jenner—Smallpox Vaccination.

Koch Robert—Tubercle Bacillus.

Lainnec—Stethoscope.

Lister, Lord—Antiseptic surgery.

Pasteur Louis—Treatment of rabies; cure of hydrophobia.

Ronald Ross—Malaria parasite.

Salk Jonas E.—Anti-polio. Vaccine.

**Simpson and Harrison**—Chloroform.

Wakesman—Streptomycin.

#### **GEOGRAPHICAL DISCOVERIES**

Amundsen—Discovered South Pole in Dec. 14, 1911.

**Armstrong, Neil A.**—(U.S.A.) First person to set foot on the moon on July 20, 1969.

**Cabot Sebastian**—Discovered New Found land in 1497.

Columbus Christopher—Discovered America in 1492 and South America in 1498.

Copernicus—Discovered solar system in 1540. He propounded the astronomical system which bears his name.

**Edmund Hillary**—Conquered Mt. Everest on May 29, 1953, along with Sherpa Tenzing. Ferdinand de Lesseps—Conceived the plan of the Suez Canal on which work was completed in 1969.

**Henry Hundson**—Discovered Hudson Bay in 1610.

**Kepler**—Discovered the Laws of Planetary Motion in 1609.

**Magellan**—Sailed round the World in 1519.

Marco Polo—A Venetian Traveller who explored China (in 1272) India. South—eastern countries.

**Peary, Robert**—Discovered North Pole in 1909.

**Tabei Mrs. Junko**—She is the first-ever woman to climb Mt. Everest on May 16, 1975.

Tasman—Dutch navigator, discovered the Tasmania Island and New Zealand in 1649.

Vasco-De-Gama—The Portuguese sailor rounded the Cape of Good Hope and discovered sea route to India and reached Calicut (now Khozikhode) in 1498

#### CHIEF CROPS AND STATES PRODUCING

- ... **Barley**—U.P., Rajasthan, Bihar, Punjab and Haryana.
- ... Cardamom—Kerala, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.
- ... Cashewnut—Kerala, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Goa and Odisha.
- ... Coffee—Karnataka, Tamil Nadu (Nilgiri Hills) and Kerala.
- ... Cotton—Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Punjab, U.P., Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh.
- ... Gram and Pulses—U.P., Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Maharashtra and Karnataka.
- ... **Ground nut**—Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh.
- ... **Jute**—Asom, West Bengal, Bihar and Odisha.
- ... Maize—U.P., Bihar, Punjab and Rajasthan.
- ... Rice—West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Bihar, Tamil Nadu, U.P. and Odisha.
- ... Rubber—Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andman and Nicobar.
- ... Saffron—Jammu and Kashmir State.
- ... Sugarcane—U.P., Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Bihar, Haryana, Punjab and Gujarat.
- ... Tobacco—Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, U.P., West Bengal, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka.

... Wheat—U.P., Punjab, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Maharashtra.

#### TOWNS ASSOCIATED WITH INDUSTRIES AND FACTORIES

- ... Agra (U.P.)—Marble, leather, carpets, stoneware.
- ... Ahmedabad (Gujarat)—Cotton Textiles.
- ... Aligarh (U.P.)—Locks, cutlery and dairy industry.
- ... Ambernath (Maharashtra)—Machine Tools Prototype Factory.
- ... Ankleshwar (Gujarat)—Oil fields.
- ... Bangaluru (Karnataka)—Cotton textiles, toys, carpets, motors, Hindustan Aircraft, Telephone and Machine tools.
- ... Bareilly (U.P.)—Resin industry, Bamboo wood work, Match Factory.
- ... Batanagar—Shoes Bhilai (Chhattisgarh)—Steel.
- ... Bokaro (Jharkhand)—Steel plant.
- ... Mumbai—Cotton textiles, cinema, woollen goods etc.
- ... Kolkata (West Bengal)—Jute, Electric bulbs and lamps.
- ... Chitranjan (West Bengal)—Locomotive.
- ... Chhindwara (M. P.)—Coal, Lime-stone.
- ... Churk (U.P.)—Cement.
- ... Cochin (Kerala)—Ship-building, coffee, coconut, oil, coirmat rubber.
- ... Cyberabad (Andhra Pradesh)—Electronics Computer etc. Information Technology.
- ... Dalmianagar (Jharkhand)—Cement.
- ... Delhi—D.D.T., Textiles and Housing.
- ... Dhariwal (Punjab)—Woollen goods.
- ... Digboi—Petroleum.
- ... Durgapur (West Bengal)—Steel.
- ... Firozabad (U.P.)—Glass.
- ... Guntur (A.P.)—Cotton manufacture.
- ... Gwalior (M.P.)—Pottery.
- ... Jaipur (Raj.)—Embroidery, pottery, brassware.
- ... Jalahalli—Machine Tools Factory and Electronics.
- ... Jamshedpur (Jharkhand)—Iron and Steel goods.
- ... Jharia (Jharkhand)—Coal.
- ... Katni (M.P.)—Cement.
- ... Kalamassery (Kerala)—Hindustan Machine Tools.
- ... Khetri (Rajasthan)—Copper.
- ... Ludhiana (Punjab)—Hosiery.
- ... Moradabad (U.P.)—Utensils, Calico-printing.
- ... Mysore (Karnataka)—Silk.

- ... Narora (U.P.)—Atomic Power Unit.
- ... Nangal (Punjab)—Fertilizers.
- ... Nepanagar (M.P.)—Newsprint.
- ... Neyveli—Lignite. Nunamati—Oil-refining.
- ... Perambur (Tamil Nadu)—Integral Coach Factory.
- ... Pimpri (Maharashtra)—Penicillin Factory.
- ... Pinjore (Haryana)—Hindustan Machine Tools.
- ... Rana Pratap Sagar (Rajasthan)—Hydro Power Plant.
- ... Rawatbhata (Raj.)—Atomic Power Plant near Kota.
- ... Raniganj (West Bengal)—Coal mines.
- ... Renukoote (U.P.)—Hindustan Aluminium works.
- ... Rourkela (Odisha)—Steel, Fertilizers.
- ... Rupnarainpur (West Bengal)—Cables.
- ... Saharanpur (U.P.)—Mangoes, Cigarette factory, paper mill.
- ... Sindri (Jharkhand)—Fertilizers.
- ... Singareni (Andhra Pradesh)—Coal.
- ... Singhbhum (Jharkhand)—Copper.
- ... Srinagar (Kashmir)—Woollen Shawls, silks, wood work embroidery.
- ... Surajpur (Haryana)—Cement factory.
- ... Surat (Gujarat)—Textiles. Sholapur (Maharashtra)—Cotton textiles.
- ... Tarapur (Maharashtra)—Atomic Power Plant.
- ... Tiruchirapalli (Tamil Nadu)—Cigar.
- ... Titagarh (West Bengal)—Paper and Jute.
- ... Trombay (Maharashtra)—Atomic Reactors, Fertilizers, oil refineries, Uranium Thorium Factory.
- ... Vijaypur (M.P.)—Fertilizers.
- ... Vishakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh)—Ship building, Iron and Steel and Oil refinery.
- ... Zainkot (Jammu and Kashmir)—Hindustan Machine Tools (Watches).

## **AIRPORTS IN INDIA**

- ... Amritsar international airport Punjab
- ... Indira Gandhi international airport New Delhi
- ... Lokpriya Gopinath Bordolio international airport Guwahati
- ... Sardar Vallabhai Patel international airport Gujarat
- ... Netaji Subash Chandra Bose international airport Kolkata
- ... Chhatrapati Shivaji international airport Mumbai
- ... Hyderabad Airport Hyderabad
- ... Goa Airport Goa
- ... Chennai international airport Chennai
- ... Cochin international airport Cochin
- ... Veer Savarkar international airport Port Blair
- ... Rajiv Gandhi international airport Hyderabad

#### **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE**

- ... Lok nayak jai prakash international airport Patna, bihar
- Swami Vivekananda airport Raipur, chattisgarh
- Calicut international airport Kozhikode, kerala
- Devi Ahilyabai holkar international airport Indore,m.p.
- Dr. Babasaheb ambedkar Nagpur, Maharashtra
- Gandhi nagar international airport Nasik, Maharashtra
- Tulihal international airport Imphal, Manipur
- Sri guru ram dass jee international airport Amritsar, Punjab
- Tiruchirapali international airport Tamilnadu
- Lal bahadur shastri international airport Varanasi
- Bagdogra international airport Silguri, west Bengal

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