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## INDIA'S CONSTITUTIONAL ORIGINS

The Constitution of India, 1950 was shaped over a long historical period by several political and legal processes: British colonial legislation, aspirational political documents produced by the freedom movement and finally the Constituent Assembly debates.

This history is an invaluable guide to understanding Indian constitutional and political values and provides sharp insights into contemporary political controversies – from cow slaughter to the death penalty.



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