

# On Equality!

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- The Indian Constitution recognises every person as equal.
- This recognition of equality includes some of the following provisions in the constitution:
  - 1) First: that every person is equal before the law. What this means is that every person, from the president of the country to Kamta, a domestic worker, has to obey the same laws.
  - 2) Second: no person can be discriminated against on the basis of their religion, race, caste, place of birth or whether they are male or female.
  - 3) Third: every person has access to all public places including playgrounds, hotels, shops and markets. All persons can use publicly available wells, roads and bathing ghats.
  - 4) Fourth: untouchability has been abolished.
- Government implements equality through two ways:
  - ① By making law.

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To run programs and schemes to help disadvantaged community.

- Mid day meal !

- i This refers to the programme introduced in all government elementary schools to provide children with cooked lunches.
- ii Tamil nadu was the first state in India to introduce this scheme.
- iii In 2001 the supreme court asked all state governments to begin this programme in their school within six months.

- Midday meal positive effects?

- i These include the fact that more poor children have began enrolling and regularly attending school.
- ii Teachers reported that earlier would often go home for lunch and then not return to school but now with the midday meal being provided in school.

Q Explain Civil Right Movement?

Ans Civil Right Movement was a reform movement launched by Martin Luther to abolish discrimination against African American. He was a struggle for social justice that took place mainly during the 1950's and 1960's for blacks to gain equal right under the law in United States.

Q Explain Civil Right Act 1964.

Ans The Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibited discrimination on the basis of race, religion or national origin. It also stated that all schools would be open to African-American children and that they would no longer have to attend.

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## Civics

### Ch-1 = Inequality

Q1 In a democracy why is universal adult franchise important?

Ans Universal Adult Franchise → It means that all adults (Age - 18 years) have right to vote. Universal Adult Franchise is important because

i) All people get equal opportunity to choose their representative.

ii) It promotes equality.

iii) It is necessary for a democratic country.

Q2 Reward the box on Article 15 and State two ways in which this Article addresses Inequality?

Ans Prohibition of discrimination on grounds of religion, race, caste, gender or place of birth.

ii) The State shall not discriminate against any citizen on grounds only of religion, race, caste, gender, place of birth of any of them.

iii) No citizen shall, on grounds only of religion, race

Caste, gender, place of birth or any of them, be subject to any disability, liability, restriction liability, restriction or condition with regard to

- a) access to shops, public, restaurants, hotels and places of public entertainment or
- b) the use of wells, tanks, bathing ghats, roads and places of public resort maintained wholly or partly out of state funds or dedicated to the use of the general public.

Q3 What do you understand by the term all person are equal before the law? Why do you think it is important in a democracy?

Ans The term 'All' person are equal before the law:-

- i) It means that all person will be equal before law will be equal applicable on a beggar of country as well as on the president of country. There will be no discrimination faced according to the law.

It's important because

- i) It promotes the provision of equality in democracy.

Q) All ~~privileged~~ citizens are treated equally and are provided with equal opportunities and dignity.

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## \* Glossary !

- **Universal adult franchise:** This is a very important aspect of democratic societies. It means that all adult those who are 18 and above have the right to vote irrespective of their social or economic background.
- **Dignity:** The refers to thinking of oneself and other person as worthy of respect.
- **Constitution:** This a document that lays down the basic rules and regulation for people and the government in the country to follow.
- **Civil Right movement:** A movement that began in USA in 1950. In which African - American people demanded equal right and an end to racial discrimination.
- ii According to the rights of person with Disabilities Act 2016 person with disabilities have equal right and

that the government should make possible their full participation in society.

- iii) The government has to provide free education and integrates children with disabilities into mainstream school.
- iii) This law also states that all public places including buildings, school etc. should be accessible and provide with ramps.

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