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Q10

How the Indian concept of secularism different from the western model of secularism? Discuss.

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Articles 25-28

Constitutional cluster on freedom of religion, including the state's power to regulate and reform.

Laïcité

French model of a strongly secular public sphere, especially in state schools.

US separation

First Amendment tradition of no establishment and free exercise, a classic western wall.

Principled distance

Idea that the Indian state may help or restrict religious practice by constitutional principle, not by a fixed wall.

Personal laws

Religion-based family laws that continue under a secular constitution, unlike a single western civil code in many states.

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