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What can France learn from the Indian Constitution's approach to secularism?

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2019 · GS II · 10 marks · Indian Constitution

Indian Constitution - historical underpinnings, evolution, features, amendments, significant provisions and basic structure.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

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Articles 25-28

Freedom of religion, including management of religious affairs, subject to public order, morality, health and other rights.

Article 30

Right of religious and linguistic minorities to establish and administer educational institutions.

Article 25(2)

Lets the State regulate secular activity linked to religion and provide for social welfare and reform.

S.R. Bommai v. Union of India (1994)

Held secularism to be part of the basic structure and a limit on State power and party practice.

French laïcité (1905 law)

Separation of churches and the State in France; later school and public-space laws on religious symbols sharpened a strict public neutrality.

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