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Q3

Compare and contrast the President's power to pardon in India and in the USA. Are there any limits to it in both the countries? What are 'preemptive pardons'?

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2025 · GS II · 10 marks · Indian Constitution

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

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Maru Ram (1980)

Held that the President's mercy power is exercised on the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers, not as a personal royal remainder.

Epuru Sudhakar (2006)

Opened judicial review of pardon for mala fides, irrelevant considerations and similar vices.

Exception in US Article II

No presidential pardon in cases of impeachment, and no reach into state criminal law.

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