

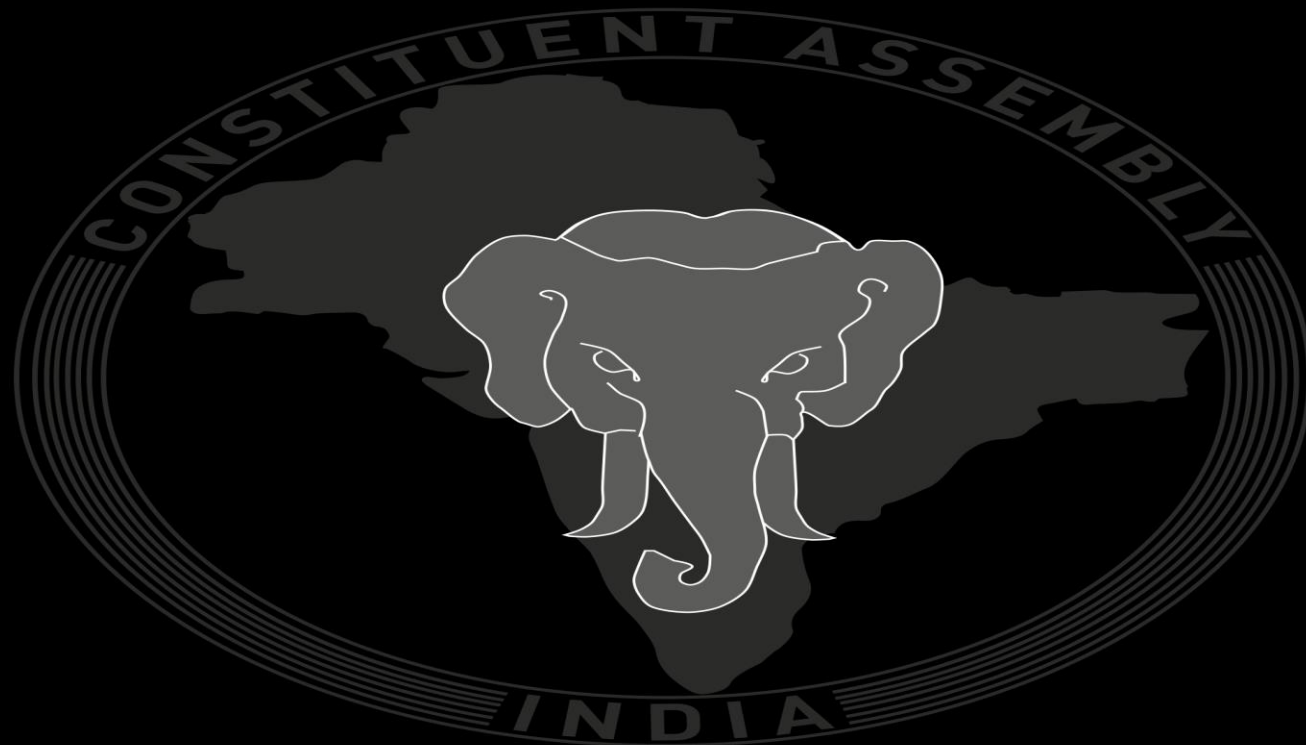
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CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY

- A constituent assembly means a convention or an assembly set up by the people of a country for the purpose of framing a constitution.



EVOLUTION OF THE IDEA OF CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY IN INDIA

- The idea of a Indian constituent assembly was put forward for the first time by M.N Roy in the newspaper Indian patriot in 1927.
- In 1934 the Indian National Congress for the first time officially demanded for a Constituent Assembly.
- In August 1940 (August offer) the demand for the constituent assembly was accepted by the British government .
- The constituent Assembly was set up as per the recommendation of the cabinet mission plan.

STRUCTURE OF C CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY (1946)

- Total Seat – 389 Out of which 296 seats allotted to the British India and 93 seats allotted to the Indian princely states.



Composition of Constituent Assembly

Initial Members

389

296
(British
India)


93 (Representatives
of Princely States
nominated by Rajas)

292 (11
Governor's
province)

4 (Chief
Commissioner's
Province)

VARIOUS COMMITTEES

- **Drafting Committee-** Dr B R Ambedkar (Chairman), N Gopalswami Ayenger, AK Ayyar, MD Saadullah, K M Munshi, N Madhav Rau, TT Krishnamachari.
- **Union Constitution Committee-** Jawaharlal Nehru (Chairman).
- **Provincial Constitution Committee-** Sardar Patel (Chairman).
- **Union Power committee-** Jawaharlal Nehru (Chairman).
- **Rules of procedure committee-** Dr Rajendra Prasad (Chairman).

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- It's first meeting was held on 9 December 1946 with Sachidanand Sinha as the interim President.
 - The constituent assembly took almost 2 years 11 months and 18 days to complete its history task of drafting the constitution for independent India.
 - The constituent assembly adopted the constitution of India on 26 November 1949.
 - The constitution came into full operation with effect from 26 January 1950.

