

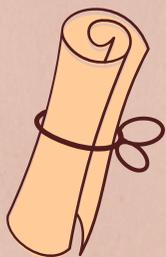
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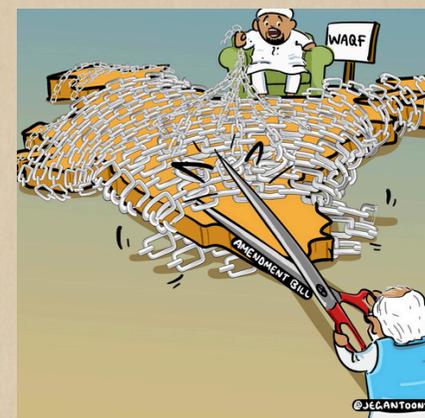
✦ The Constitution has 284 signatures. Each member signed two versions- Hindi and English handwritten copies- making it a unique dual-signed document.

✦ Though 'Jana Gana Mana' is the national anthem, it is not mentioned anywhere in the Constitution. Its status comes from statutory recognition under the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971.

✦ The original handwritten Indian Constitution has 22 illustrations by Nandalal Bose and his Shantiniketan team, depicting India's heritage, from the Indus Valley and epics like the Ramayana and Mahabharata to freedom struggle events and cultural diversity.

RE: WAQF
(AMENDMENT) ACT, 2025

2025 SCC OnLine
SC 1978

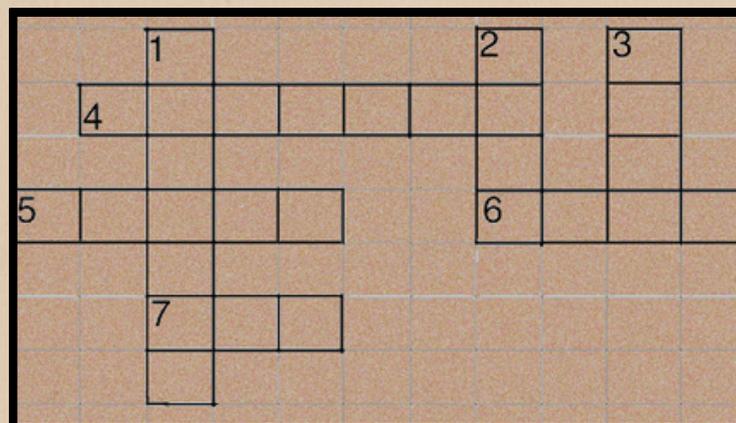


In Re: Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025 (order dated 15 September 2025), the Supreme Court addressed, multiple constitutional challenges to the recent amendments. The Court refused a blanket stay but granted targeted interim relief. It stayed Section 3(1)(r) (five-year practice of Islam condition for creating waqf) until proper rules are framed, holding that the absence of procedure made it vulnerable to arbitrariness under Article 14. It also suspended provisions empowering Collectors to adjudicate encroachment disputes, noting that such quasi-judicial powers

in executive hands threatened separation of powers and due process (Art. 21). At the same time, the Court upheld the prospective deletion of "waqf by user", protecting earlier waqf properties while recognising Parliament's intent to curb misuse. On the sensitive issue of board composition, it permitted non-Muslim members but capped their numbers, and directed that CEOs "as far as possible" be Muslim, to preserve Articles 25-26 rights of the community. The ruling illustrates judicial restraint, maintaining the presumption of constitutionality, while ensuring that minority rights, property rights under Article 300A, and procedural fairness are not compromised.



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Quiz-Whiz Answer Key (August 2025).

- (1) Uttarakhand High Court
- (2) Sindhi
- (3) 42nd Amendment Act, 1976
- (4) Directive Principles of State Policy
- (5) Article 343

Across

- [4] The introduction that outlines the philosophy of the Constitution.
- [5] Article I declares that India shall be a '____ of States'.
- [6] A solemn promise taken by the President of a Judge.
- [7] What is established by statute or legislation.

Down

- [1] A numbered section or clause of the Constitution.
- [2] The President's power to refuse assent to a bill.
- [3] A formal written order from a Court, like Habeas Corpus.

Significant Days of the Month

Teachers' Day
(5th September)

International Democracy Day
(15th September)

World Ozone Day
(16th September)

International Peace Day
(21st September)